

ROWING QUEENSLAND LIMITED

BY - LAWS

1.0 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

1.1 The Chairman of this Company shall:

- (a) Preside over the Annual General, General and Special General Meetings of the Company and the Meetings of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Be responsible to the Company in General Meeting for the conduct and workings of the Board and the Officers appointed by the Company and for the maintenance, preservation and adherence to the Rules and By-Laws of the Company and the interpretation thereof.
- (c) Be the official spokesperson for the Company and represent it at any function, meeting or occasion at which the representation of the Company shall be deemed to be desirable by the Company or by the Board thereof.
- (d) Have full authority, as shall be deemed desirable by the Company or by the Board of Directors thereof to make representations and to act on behalf of, or express the view of the Company or of the Board on any matter to any public or other authority.

1.2 The Deputy Chairman of this Company shall:

- (a) Preside over all Annual General, General or Special General Meetings of the Company or the Meetings of the Board of Directors in the absence of the Chairman.
- (b) In the absence of the Chairman, represent the Chairman of the Company at any function, meeting or occasion at which the representation of this Company shall be deemed to be desirable by the Company or by the Board thereof.

1.3 The Secretary of this Company shall:

- (a) Summon all Meetings of the Company and of the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution.
- (b) Be responsible for the taking, recording and distribution of the Minutes of all Annual General, General or Special General Meetings of the Company and Meetings of the Board.
- (c) Be responsible for the custody of and keep all the records and papers of the Company and produce all or any of them as and when required by the Company or by the Board.
- (d) Conduct correspondence on behalf of the Company and on behalf of the Board.
- (e) Prepare the Annual Report of the Company.
- (f) Carry out all such other usual and proper secretarial work as may be rendered necessary by the Rules and in and about the affairs, management and operations of the Company and of the Board.

1.5 The Directors of the Board shall:

- (a) Use their best endeavors to maintain and promote the objects of the Company.
- (b) Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors unless prevented by illness or granted leave of absence by the Board, and at such meetings diligently and impartially apply their administrative and rowing experience to resolve any question coming before the Board for decision.
- (c) Undertake and complete such duties, enquiries and reports as shall be requested of them by the Board.

OTHER OFFICERS

1.6 THE SELECTORS and COACHES

The Selectors appointed by the Company shall select such representative rowers and coxswains for such interstate and/or international races as they shall be directed by the Board from time to time. The Selectors and crew coaches will be appointed by the Board, following the calling of nominations.

The appointed selectors and coach's term will commence following their appointment and conclude following the completion of the National Championships and/or international races for which they were appointed.

1.7 THE REGATTA SECRETARY

The Regatta Secretary of the Company shall:

- (a) Collate the applications from Clubs desirous of holding regattas in the ensuing season and from such applications draw up and present to the Racing Programme Committee a suggested Programme of regattas and races for the ensuing season.
- (b) Be responsible to and work in co-operation with the Company staff for the conduct of all Regatta draws held for regattas conducted by the Company and report such irregularities as may occur and make such recommendations to the Board as he/she shall deem desirable in respect of the conduct of such Regatta draws.
- (c) Be responsible to the Board for the conduct and control of Rowing Queensland Ltd State Championship Regattas.

1.8 DELEGATES TO OTHER ROWING OR SPORTING BODIES

Delegates appointed by this Company or by the Board thereof to any other Rowing or Sporting Body shall:

- (a) Represent the policies and decisions of the Company to that Body as faithfully and accurately as possible.
- (b) Make known to that Body any particular decision or policy of the Company as directed and vote upon any question or motion as directed by this Company or the Board thereof.
- (c) Use their best endeavors to ensure that the policies and decisions of the Company are adequately presented to such Body.
- (d) Report to the Board following each meeting which they attend advising the business discussed and the decisions taken, particularly as they affect the Company.

1.11 TEAM MANAGER

(a) The Manager (if any) of any representative crew or team shall be appointed by the Board and shall thereupon undertake and be responsible for all business arrangements in connection with such crew or team and shall, as soon as it may reasonably be prepared, furnish to the CEO a full report in relation to the activities of such crew or team.

(b) The Manager shall carry out such tasks and prepare such reports as he/she shall be requested to do by the CEO on his/her appointment or thereafter.

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3.0 **REGATTA REGULATIONS**

3.1 AMATEURS

An Amateur competitor is one who practices the sport without obtaining or having in the past obtained from it any material gain. With the consent of the Company a competitor or coxswain may receive reimbursement of expenses incurred and any loss of profit or salary resulting from training for and competition in regattas organised by FISA or the Rowing Australia Limited or State Rowing Associations or regattas approved by them.

3.2 AMATEURS - MEETINGS

Any person who is not an amateur within the meaning of these Rules shall not hold any office on the Company or on the Board, except the Office of Selector.

3.3 AMATEURS - COMPETING INTERSTATE

Any competitor or crew competing with the authority of the Company in any race against any competitor or crew from any other State or Country shall not lose his/her or their amateur status by reason of the status or composition of any competitor or crew from such other State or Country.

3.4 REINSTATEMENTS - AMATEURS

Any person having forfeited his/her status as an amateur and wishing to be reinstated as such shall make application to the Board of the Company giving the particulars in the form as in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules and his/her application shall be dealt with subject to the following provisions:

(a) Applicants shall make a statutory declaration in the form in the Sixth Schedule of these Rules. The Board may call for further and such other evidence as it thinks fit and may require same verified by statutory declaration.

(b) The applicant, if called upon shall attend the Board meetings at which his/her application is being considered or may be personally examined by anyone appointed by the Board.

(c) The Certificate referred to in Clause (f) of this By-Law shall not be issued to any person, unless such person has absolutely refrained from professional sporting activities for a period of twelve months preceding the date of such Certificate.

(d) The Board shall have power to reinstate any person who has not knowingly, willfully or negligently infringed his/her amateur status even if the specified time has not elapsed, provided that it is proved to the Board that the applicant has not competed at

or in a recognised proved professional competition nor infringed his/her amateur status on more than one occasion.

(e) In the event of an application under this By-Law being deferred for a fixed time the reinstatement of the applicant shall be guaranteed on the expiry of such time provided no infringement of the Rules of the Company occurs in the meantime and that no information comes to the knowledge of the Board that may cause it to reconsider its previous decision. Applicants must, however, furnish to the Secretary of the Company fresh verified particulars in the form in the Fifth Schedule hereto at the expiration of such time. No reinstatement shall take effect until finally passed by the Board.

(f) Upon the granting of an application the Secretary shall issue to the applicant the Company's certificate in the form in the Seventh Schedule to these Rules, but should the information supplied to the Board by the applicant in accordance with this Rule be afterwards found to be incorrect in any particular the right is reserved by the Board to reconsider the application or to withdraw the certificate.

(g) Each case shall be decided by the Board on its merits and at least three-fourths of those present shall vote in favor of such reinstatement before it can be granted.

3.5

REGATTAS AND RACES

(a) REGATTA CALENDAR

The Board may appoint a sub-committee, which contains the Regatta Secretary plus any other suitably qualified representatives from Member Clubs, Schools and Company staff.

The duties of such sub - committee shall be:

- (i) Allot regatta dates for all regattas conducted under the auspices of the Company;
- (ii) Consider applications from Clubs and schools desirous of hosting regattas in the ensuing year;
- (iii) Allocate regattas;
- (iv) Submit the program to the Board for approval; and
- (v) Present program to the Member Clubs.

(b) NOTICE OF REGATTA

The notice of a Regatta conducted under the auspices of the Company, shall be sent from the Company to the regatta secretary of each Member Club, each School Association Member and School in Queensland, via a method determined by the Board, from the Company, at least 6 weeks before the date of the Regatta and must contain the following items:

- (i) The place, time(s) and the date(s) of the Regatta.
- (ii) The programme of races. (Where applicable the order of races shall be as laid down by the Company.)
- (iii) The amount of entry fees.

- (iv) The closing date and time for entries.
- (v) The address for entries and correspondence.

(c) POSITIONS AT THE START

- (i) Positions at the start in other than handicap events shall be drawn for immediately after the closing of entries.
- (ii) Lane No 1 should be on the left hand side of the starter in the Start Tower looking towards the Finish.
- (iii) The Regatta Secretary for the day shall be responsible to draw stations for the finals of races rowed in heats. The Regatta Secretary may only make public the draw for any final after the last of the heats for that particular race has been rowed.
- (iv) When a race drawn in heats is started as a final, due to withdrawals, the starting positions of the crews shall be the crew originally drawn No. 1 in the first heat in No. 1 position; the crew drawn No. 1 in the second heat in No. 2 position and so forth.
- (v) In the case of a handicap race, the crew starting from scratch shall start from a position closest to the Starter's or Aligner's position and all other crews in sequence to the limit crew which shall start from the position furthest from the Starter's or Aligner's position. If two or more crews are allotted the same handicap, their relative positions will be drawn by the handicapper.
- (vi) No crew may start in a position or heat other than that drawn for as above except as the Board or the Umpire/Referee shall in exceptional circumstances so determine.

3.6 RACES - CLASS OF BOATS

All races may be rowed in boats of free construction.

3.7 REGATTA ENTRIES

- (a) The Member Clubs, School Association Members and schools to this may only compete in such events as are governed by the Rules and Laws of Boat Racing adopted by the Company, and for the holding of which events the approval of the Company has already been had and obtained in terms of By-Law 3.5, except with the permission of the Board.
- (b) No Club which is not a Member Club or School Association Member or a School shall be allowed to compete at any regatta or race under the control of the Company except by permission of the Board.
- (c) No races will be approved by the Company at any regatta or other function unless the entries at all races held at such regatta or function are restricted to competitors who are members of a Member Club or School Association Member or a School except by permission of the Board.
- (d) Entries for all races under the control of this Company shall be made as determined by the Board.

- (e) No person who is not a registered participant of the Company shall enter or be entered in any regatta conducted by the Company except in the following case:
 - 1) Races for which any crew not comprised of registered participants of the Company has first had and obtained the permission of the Board or CEO to compete.
- (f) The Board may refuse any entry without being called upon to give reason to doing so.
- (g) If a crew desires to withdraw from a race, notice thereof shall be given by a representative of the Club concerned, not later than thirty minutes before the starting time of the race, to the Umpire/Referee who shall enter such withdrawal in the Withdrawal Register.
- (h) In the event of a crew's removal, disqualification or withdrawal from a race the entrance fee will not be returned except that should any changes in the advertised order of events necessitate withdrawals then such entrance fees will be refunded if requested at least four days prior to regatta. Should such withdrawal leave only one crew/sculler in the event, the race will not be rowed unless it is a State Championship.
- (i) If only one crew enters for a particular Championship event then the entry fees shall be refunded and the event not rowed.
- (j) Any false declaration concerning name or status of an oarsperson will result in the exclusion of the crew concerned from the race for which it has entered.
- (k) No competitor may race for two different clubs at the same regatta, but a competitor may represent his/her state and his/her club and his/her school at a regatta. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a coxswain may steer for any number of clubs or schools at a regatta.

3.8 COMPOSITE CREWS

- (a) Crews comprising representatives of more than one Club/School may race in events in each weight or age division that are open to all competitors in that weight or age division except youth eight, youth four and youth quad scull for both men and women. Clubs/Schools whose members comprise such crews must lodge consent in writing to such members so competing with the Secretary prior to entering any such crews for the first time. All such consents are subject to approval by the Board.
- (b)
 - (i) Crews competing in regattas shall consist of no less than 50% membership from one club
 - (ii) Not more than three (3) clubs may be represented in a crew
- c) Any composite crew not complying with By-Law 3.8(b) shall be allowed to compete but shall not be considered in the final allotment of the event or premiership points.

Brisbane Winter Racing Series (BWRS)

BWRS Composite Rules are as follows;

1. 50% one club, max 3 clubs
2. Requests outside of this will only be considered from Clubs who have twelve (12) or less registered Competitive male/female members.

3.9 RACING COLOURS

(a) Each Member Club, School Association Member or School shall register its racing colours including blade colours and racing uniform with the Company which shall maintain a register of all such colours and uniforms. Any changes in Registered Colours or uniforms proposed by any Member Club, School Association Member or School must be submitted in writing for approval by the Board at least two months prior to the proposed date of change. No crew shall be eligible to compete in any regatta or race held under the auspices of the Company until the Board have approved the racing colours and racing uniform of the Club for which that crew is competing in accordance with this Rule.

(b) All competitors shall wear the registered racing uniform of their Member Club, School Association Member or School as approved by the Board during all regattas conducted under the auspices of this Company.

3.10 TROPHIES

(a) Any Member Club, School Association Member or School or this Company conducting a regatta under the auspices of the Company may present to the winners of each event or divisions of each event held at such regatta (except as hereinafter provided) a trophy of suitable style and quality which should be presented at the regatta at which it was won.

(b) For all State title events the Company may award a suitable trophy to each successful competitor and the Company may award a Championship Trophy to the Club for which each successful crew or sculler competes and to the coach of each successful crew or sculler and in the event of an Interstate crew winning any such event this Company may also award a Championship Certificate to each competitor, the coach and the Club of the first finishing crew from a constituent member club of this Company in such event.

For all State Championships the Company may award, Second and Third place pennants or certificates to such crews or scullers and their coach(s).

3.11 TRANSFERS

A Participant (means a member of a Member Club for whom a fee has been paid to Rowing Queensland) who is eligible for membership in more than one category of membership may only be registered in one category at any time but may transfer between clubs, subject to the payment of a transfer administration fee determined by the Board.

The transfer administration fee is set at \$25.00 and is effective from 1 April 2015. All such applications for transfer shall be referred to the CEO who shall give a decision thereon, in accordance with this By-Law. No transfer fee is applicable for participants

transferring from regional areas to metropolitan or vica versa or transferring between regional clubs

Such decision shall be final and it shall not be incumbent upon the CEO to give reasons for its decision.

The CEO shall consider the following circumstances relating to each application.

- (A) Whether the applicant for transfer
 - (a) is financially indebted to any Member Club,
 - (b) has previously transferred from one Member Club to another such Member Club,
 - (c) (i) last competed for a school, college or university and is now no longer a member of such institution;
Or (ii) has left any such institution and/or has left one such institution and is currently attending another such institution.
- (B) Whether the Club from which the Participant is transferring and/or the Club to which the competitor proposes to transfer makes any objection whatsoever to the transfer and the reasons for any such objection.
- (C) Whether the applicant's transfer would be:
 - (a) detrimental to the interests of the sport of Rowing;
 - (b) contrary to the furtherance of the objects of this Company;
 - (c) contrary to the content or spirit of the Rules and By-Laws of this Company.
- (D) The status of the applicant as determined by By-Law 4.

3.12 PREMIERSHIP POINTS

(a) Queensland Premiership

All Member Clubs shall be eligible to compete in the Queensland Premiership.

Races in the State Championship Regatta as per clause (c) below will count towards the Queensland Premiership.

Queensland Premiership Regattas will be awarded to Member Clubs, based on application on the basis that two thirds of Queensland Premiership Regattas will be held south of Sarina. The North Queensland Championship regatta will be included amongst the Queensland Premiership Regattas awarded to Northern Clubs. The State Championship Regatta will not be included in the calculation of the allocation of Queensland Premiership Regattas.

The application process will be in the manner determined by the Board. In the case where no application is received to host a regatta, the Board may allocate the regatta.

(b) North Queensland Premiership.

All Member Clubs north of Sarina shall be eligible to compete in the North Queensland Premiership.

North Queensland Premiership Regattas will be awarded to Member Clubs north of Sarina based on application. This will include all Queensland Premiership Regattas (including the North Queensland Championship Regatta) awarded to such Clubs plus any additional regattas approved by the Board awarded to such Member Clubs.

- (c) Points awarded at Queensland Premiership Regattas and North Queensland Premiership Regattas for Elite, Elite Lightweight, Senior B (including Under 23 and Under 22), Senior B Lightweight, Youth (including Under 21 and Under 20), Junior (including Under 19 and Under 18) and all Group 1 to 4 races including State and Regional Championships will count towards the relevant Premiership(s).
- (d) Events at the Queensland Masters Championship will only count towards the Hinchy Trophy.
- (e) Should a crew comprising members of more than one Club gain points in any Premiership competition, such points shall be allocated on a pro rata basis to the Clubs whose members comprise the crew, excluding the coxswain.

In the event of crews from Member Clubs competing with other crews in any race for which points are given, the points shall be awarded in accordance with the order in which the crews from affiliated Clubs finish.

- (f) In all cases points shall be awarded in accordance with the final result of the race.
- (g) Points at Queensland Premiership Regattas and North Queensland Premiership Regattas shall be awarded as follows:-

	1x/2x/2-	4-/4+/4x	8+
First	9	13	17
Second	5	7	9
Third	3	4	5
Unplaced	1	1	1

- (i)
 - (i) Should only one or two boats start and finish in any one race, the points will be awarded as above subject to (ii) below.
 - (ii) Should all crews/scullers entered in an event represent one club and only one crew/sculler finishes no points will be awarded. In the case of composite crews this will apply where the majority of the members of all crews represent the same club.
- (j) State Championship races may be held for such classes of boat as the Board shall determine provided that in each season not more than one championship race shall be held for the same class of boat in the same category except School Championships which will be restricted to one championship race in each class of boat in each category each School year.
- (k) The Hinchy Trophy for State Championship Races
 All Member Clubs shall be eligible to compete for the Hinchy Trophy.
 Points will be awarded as per (e), (f) and (g) above for all Queensland State Championships except School Championships.

3.13 TROPHIES

The Clubs winning the State Premierships shall be presented with a suitable Pennants appropriately inscribed.

3.14 CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

- (a) All State Championship races shall be conducted on a non-tidal Course as designated by the Board and must be buoyed in accordance with the Laws of Boat Racing.
- (b) All State Championship races except those conducted at the Queensland Masters Championship Regatta, Queensland Schools Championship Regatta for both men and women, shall be conducted at the Queensland State Championship Regatta. Notwithstanding other references in the Rules, By-Laws and Laws of Boat Racing, this Queensland State Championship Regatta must always be conducted on a non-tidal course with a held start facility (if available) and the FISA recognised albedo buoy system (if available). Provided course conditions can be complied with to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall appoint the venue of the event from year to year.
- (c) All Masters State Championship races for both men and women shall be conducted at the "Queensland Masters Championship Regatta". Competitors must comply with By Law 4.1(n). Provided course conditions can be complied with to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall appoint the venue of the event from year to year.
- (d) All Queensland Schools Championship Races for both schoolboys and schoolgirls shall be conducted at the Queensland Schools Championship Regatta. Competitors must comply with By Law 4.1(a). Provided course conditions can be complied with to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall appoint the venue of the event from year to year.
- (e) To follow the requirements of the Rowing Australia National Selection Policy and Event Requirements all Lightweight single scull events at the Queensland State Championship Regatta shall be restricted to plus 6% of the lightweight crew average limits described in By-Law 4.1 (k), this being 74.2 kilograms or less for males and 60.4 kilograms or less for females. For events in which the class of boat numbers more than one competitor the maximum weight of any crew member shall be as previously described at plus 6%, and the average weight of all crew members must not exceed plus 4% of the lightweight limits described in By-Law 4.1 (k), that being 72.8 kilograms for males and 59.3 kilograms for females.

3.15 RACE DISTANCES

(a) Championship Races

All Championship Races shall be held over the same distance as the equivalent National Championship. Where there is no equivalent National Championship the distance shall be determined by the Board.

(b) All Other Races

Unless otherwise decided by the Board race distances will be as follows:-

The following School Championship races shall be held over 2000 meters:

- (i) Boys and Girls, Open, Year 11 and Under 17 events.

The following School Championship races shall be held over 1000 meters:

- (i) Boys and Girls Year 10, Year 9, Year 8, U16, U15 and U14 events

At all Premiership regattas, the race distance, for competitors shall be as follows (however may be varied by the Board)

Group 1 – Min – 1000m, Max 2000m

Group 2 – Min – 500m, Max 2000m

Group 3 – Min – 500m, Max 1500m

Group 4 – Min - 500m, Max 1000m

Group 5 – Min - 500m, Max 1000m

4.0 STATUS OF COMPETITORS

4.1 Competitors shall be divided into the following classes although they are to be a minimum age of twelve for each class:

(a) SCHOOL

A school competitor is one who is attending a secondary school as a full time day student and is representing his/her school. This definition also applies to the coxswain of a school crew.

School competitors may be divided into Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and School Open categories.

(b) UNDER 14

A competitor ceases to be Under 14 on 31 December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of thirteen. This definition also applies to the coxswain of a Junior - Under 14 crew.

(c) UNDER 15

A competitor ceases to be Under 15 on 31 December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of fourteen. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 15 crew.

(d) UNDER 16

A competitor ceases to be Under 16 on 31 December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of fifteen. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 16 crew.

(e) UNDER 17 – also known as JUNIOR “B”

A competitor ceases to be Under 17 on 31 December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of sixteen. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 17 crew.

(f) UNDER 18

A competitor ceases to be Under 18 on 31 December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of seventeen. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 18 crew.

(g) UNDER 19 – also known as JUNIOR

A competitor ceases to be Under 19 on 31 December of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of eighteen. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 19 crew.

- (h) UNDER 20
A competitor ceases to be Under 20 on 31 December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of nineteen. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 20 crew.
- (i) UNDER 21 also known as YOUTH
A competitor ceases to be U 21 on 31 December of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of twenty. This definition also applies to the coxswain of a Youth crew.
- (j) UNDER 23 also known as SENIOR "B"
A competitor ceases to be Under 23 on 31 December of the calendar year he/she reaches the age of twenty-two. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 23 crew.
- (k) LIGHTWEIGHT
Elite Lightweight and Senior B Lightweight races are restricted to male competitors weighing 72.5 kilograms or less and female competitors weighing 59 kilograms or less in the case of single sculling races and in all other classes of boat to male competitors weighing 72.5 kilograms or less and female competitors weighing 59 kilograms or less provided that the average of all members of the crew in which such competitor races (excluding the coxswain) does not exceed 70 kilograms in the case of male competitors and 57 kilograms in the case of female competitors.
- Lightweight rowers shall be weighed in racing uniform, by a person duly appointed by the Organizing Committee conducting the regatta, not less than one (1) hour and not more than two (2) hours before the starting time appearing in the program for their first race on each day of racing.
- If a rower has races in other events on a day of racing, the weight recorded for the first event may be applied to qualify for subsequent events.
- Rowers may re-weigh after their weigh-in for their first event on a day of racing, within the time limits applicable to that event. This weight may also be carried forward for any other races in which the rower competes on that day of racing.
- (l) ELITE (Group 1) also known as "Senior A"
All competitors (male and female) shall be eligible to compete in Elite category.
- (m) ROWING QUEENSLAND SCORE (RQS)
All competitors seeking to enter Group 5, Group 4, Group 3 or Group 2 races at regattas conducted under the auspices of the Company, must obtain from the Company a Queensland Rowing Score. The Rowing Score is a number that represents a competitors rowing ability and is allocated to each individual by the Company. To receive a Rowing Score, the individual must comply with By-law 3.7(e).

The Rowing Score is a number with a maximum score of 4.000 and a minimum score of 0.000. The number is calculated to three decimal places.

Group 1

Group 1 events are open to all competitors

Group 2

A Single Sculler may enter a Group 2 event if his/her RQS is more than 2.000. In the case of a crew the average RQS for the crew (excluding coxswain) must be more than 2.000.

Group 3

A Single Sculler may enter a Group 3 event if his/her RQS is more than 2.750. In the case of a crew the average RQS for the crew (excluding coxswain) must be more than 2.750.

Group 4

A Single Sculler may enter a Group 4 event if his/her RQS is more than 3.500. In the case of a crew the average RQS for the crew (excluding coxswain) must be more than 3.500.

Group 5

A Single Sculler may enter a Group 5 event if his/her RQS is more than 3.800. In the case of a crew the average RQS for the crew (excluding coxswain) must be more than 3.800.

Rowing Queensland Score:

The formula for the calculation of the rowing score is:

Win: = Current Rowing Score -0.2

Loss: = Current Rowing Score +0.04

A win recalculation is conducted for any competitor or a crew achieving first place result only in either a final or division of any Queensland Premiership Regatta (including the Queensland State Championship Regatta).

A loss recalculation is conducted for all competitors or crews that did not place first in the final placing in either a final or division of any Queensland Premiership Regatta (including the Queensland State Championship Regatta).

Results in Masters, Under16, Under 15, Under 14 and School races will not affect a Competitors Rowing Score.

For each regatta, a competitor's status will be that applying at the close of entries.

The determination of the classes of competitors is made each season by the Regatta Secretary of the Company.

Allocation of Score

Allocation of Rowing Score to new members with no previous Rowing experience and members with no status history

- 1. Allocate Base Score (4.000)
- 2. Any Representative History Yes (-0.750)
 No (No Change)

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| 3. | Championship Holder in any event | |
| | Yes | (-0.250) |
| | No | (No Change) |

Allocation of Rowing Score to New Members with School Rowing Experience

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| 1. | Allocate Base Score (4.000) | |
| | 2. Rowed at school in previous year | |
| | Yes | (-0.500) |
| | No | (No Change) |
| | 3. Rowed at school more than 1 year ago | |
| | Yes | (-0.250) |
| | No | (No change) |
| | 4. Won School Championship over 2000m | |
| | Yes | (-0.2500) |
| | No | (No change) |
| | 5. Competed in HOR first 8 (GPS/BSRA) | |
| | Yes | (-0.500) |
| | No | (No change) |

Allocation of Rowing Score to returning members

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| 1. | Allocate previous score | |
| | 2. Years out of the sport | |
| | Less than one year | (No Change) |
| | More than 1 year less than 3 | (+0.500) |
| | More than three years | (+0.750) |

Score adjustments – National Selection Candidates

Competitors entering a National Selection Event will have their Rowing Score reduced to 2.65 if currently higher.

A competitor may request, in writing to RQL to have their Starting Rowing Score reviewed.

(n) **MASTERS**

A competitor who reaches the age of twenty-seven years by 31 December of the year in question may compete as a Master.

Masters shall be divided into the following categories -

- (A) 27 years and over;
- (B) 36 years and over-Average;
- (C) 43 years and over-Average;
- (D) 50 years and over-Average;
- (E) 55 years and over-Average;
- (F) 60 years and over-Average;
- (G) 65 years and over-Average;
- (H) 70 years and over-average;
- (I) 75 years and over-Average;
- (J) 80 years and over-Average.

A competitor's age shall be regarded as that at 31 December in the year he/she is competing. Coxswains of veteran crews need not be veterans and weight restrictions do not apply.

Each competitor shall be responsible for his/her own health & fitness.

Every Master competitor must be in a position to prove his/her age by production of an official document (e.g. passport, drivers' license or identity card).

In multi-category Masters Races in Queensland, Rowing Australia Handicaps shall apply.

Handicaps for age categories and/or women racing against men may be varied by the Regatta Organising Committee as it sees fit from time to time or by a handicapper if appointed by the Rowing Queensland Board and such varied handicaps shall be listed in program.

- 4.2 (a) Status of competitors seeking to enter Group 5, 4, 3 and 2 races may be affected by their results in races conducted at National and International Championships and races at interstate regattas that affect the status of competitors in that State.
- (b) Competitors who are members of an Interstate Rowing Association may be permitted to enter races of the status equivalent to the status they hold in their home State.
- (c) Any Competitor wishing to dispute the Rowing Score either his/her own or that of another Competitor shall place all relevant information before the Board for final determination.
- (d) Competitor's eligibility to compete in age restricted races will not be affected by their Rowing Score.
- (e) The emergency of a representative crew of the Company having not raced shall retain his/her original status.
- (f) Handicap races will not affect the status of any competitor.
- (g) Except for a State Championship race, a competitor's Rowing Score will not be adjusted in the event of a row over.
- (h) Any Club wishing to enter a member in an event where age restriction applies must provide proof of age upon registration.

5.0 INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

5.1 INTERSTATE REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Representative crews or scullers representing the Company in any race shall only be chosen from registered participants of Member Clubs and Schools to the Company.
- (b) Every person chosen to represent the Company in any race at the expense of the Company shall within one week of receiving official notification of his/her selection from the Board pay towards the expenses of such race such amount as shall be determined from time to time by the Company.

(c) If such sum be not paid by any person within the stipulated time he/she may be debarred from competing.

5.2 The Colours and uniform of any crew or sculler representing this State shall be as follows:

(a) Sleeveless rowing zoot suit of maroon with 'Q' on left breast and in the case of the bow person, coxswain and sculler the letter 'Q' in white on the back of the zoot suit.

(b) Each representative crew member, Manager, coach, sculler and coxswain shall be entitled to wear a maroon blazer having on the pocket the Queensland Maltese Cross in light blue and immediately underneath the word "ROWING" in white and in the case of the coxswain, Manager and Coach the words COX, MANAGER and COACH respectively. The year of representation to be in white.

5.3 In the case of a representative crew or sculler winning the principal race in which it was primarily chosen to compete, each member of the crew who actually competes in that race (including the coxswain and the Coach) shall be entitled to wear a laurel wreath of gold enclosing the year of winning representation on the blazer pocket.

5.4 In the case of the Manager of a representative crew which wins the principal race in which it was primarily chosen to compete he/she shall be entitled to wear a laurel wreath of gold enclosing the year of winning representation on the blazer pocket.

6.0 AWARDS

6.1 Athletes, Coaches and Coxswains

OARSMAN OF THE YEAR

- (i) The Selectors may recommend to the Board by the Annual General Meeting each year the name of the oarsman they consider should be awarded the "Oarsman of the Year" for the previous calendar year.
- (ii) The "Oarsman of the Year" may be a sculler or an oarsman but shall not be a coxswain or a coach.
- (iii) The "Oarsman of the Year" need not have represented the State nor be an Elite oarsman but will be an oarsman or sculler who appears to the Selectors to have been outstanding in his rowing in the calendar year immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting. The criteria of selection for the award will be criteria connected with the rowing ability and achievements of the oarsman only.
- (iv) The Board shall only reject the Selectors' recommendation if, for reasons unconnected with the rowing ability of the oarsman concerned, the Board considers the oarsman recommended not be a person to whom the award should be made.
- (v) The award shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Company or other suitable occasion.

OARSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

- (i) The Selectors may recommend to the Board by the Annual General Meeting each year the name of the oarswoman they consider should be awarded the "Oarswoman of the Year" for the previous calendar year.
- (ii) The "Oarswoman of the Year" may be a sculler or an oarswoman but shall not be a coxswain or a coach.
- (iii) The "Oarswoman of the Year" need not have represented the State nor be an Elite oarswoman but will be an oarswoman or sculler who appears to the Selectors to have been outstanding in her rowing in the calendar year immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting. The criteria of selection for the award will be criteria connected with the rowing ability and achievements of the oarswoman only.
- (iv) The Board shall only reject the Selectors' recommendation if, for reasons unconnected with the rowing ability of the oarswoman concerned, the Board considers the oarswoman recommended not be a person to whom the award should be made.
- (v) The award shall be presented at a suitable ceremony determined by the Board.

COACH OF THE YEAR

- (i) The Selectors may recommend to the Board by the Annual General Meeting each year the name of the coach they consider should be awarded the "Coach of the Year" for the previous calendar year.
- (ii) The "Coach of the Year" need not have represented the State nor be an Elite Coach but will be a Coach who appears to the Selectors to have been outstanding in his/her coaching in the calendar year immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting. The criteria of selection for the award will be criteria connected with the rowing ability and achievements of the coach only.
- (iii) The Board shall only reject the Selectors' recommendation if, for reasons unconnected with the coaching ability of the coach concerned, the Board considers the coach recommended not be a person to whom the award should be made.
- (iv) The award shall be presented at a suitable ceremony determined by the Board.

COXSWAIN OF THE YEAR

- (i) The Selectors may recommend to the Board by the Annual General Meeting each year the name of the Coxswain they consider should be awarded the "Coxswain of the Year" for the previous calendar year.
- (ii) The "Coxswain of the Year" shall not be an oarsman/woman or sculler.
- (iii) The "Coxswain of the Year" need not have represented the State nor be a Elite Coxswain but will be a Coxswain who appears to the Selectors to have been outstanding in his / her coxing in the calendar year immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting. The criteria of selection for the award

will be criteria connected with the coxing ability and achievements of the coxswain only.

- (iv) The Board shall only reject the Selectors' recommendation if, for reasons unconnected with the coxing ability of the coxswain concerned, the Board considers the coxswain recommended not be a person to whom the award should be made.
- (v) The award shall be presented at a suitable ceremony determined by the Board.

6.2 QUEENSLAND ATHLETE SERVICE TO SPORT AWARD.

- (i) The State Selectors will recommend the presentation of a Service to Sport award to the Board for approval the name/names of an athlete/s who have given long and distinguished service as an athlete to Queensland State Teams.
- (ii) Athletes eligible for the award have to be Current State Team members or have been a State Team member in the previous five years. The award can be made to more than one athlete if in the opinion of the Board, the athletes are deserving of the award.
- (iii) The Committee can recommend that no award be made in a particular year

6.3 ROWING QUEENSLAND HALL OF FAME

- (i) The Board of Rowing Queensland will appoint three Trustees of the Hall of Fame who will nominate membership of the Hall of Fame to the Board for approval. The Trustees should be knowledgeable of the history of state crews and the athletes in all regions of the state.
- (ii) Induction in the Hall of Fame will require athletes to have given long and distinguished service to the Queensland State Team. Current and past athletes are eligible for membership of the Hall of Fame. International representation is not necessarily a requirement of membership.
- (iii) Multiple memberships can be made each year.

7. FINANCES

7.1 All cheques, promissory notes, bankers drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, paid by the Company, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, by any two (2) of the following Company members approved by the Board:

- a) The Chairman
- b) The Company Secretary/CEO
- c) The Sport Development Manager
- d) The Finance Administrator
- e) Another member approved by the Board

Additional Accounting Requirements

- f) The Chief Executive Officer, or other authorised officer, must:
 - g) receive all amounts paid to the Company and, if asked, immediately give a receipt for the amounts; and
- h) as soon as practicable:
 - i) deposit each amount received into the Company's account with a financial institution; and
 - j) enter the particulars of each amount received, and payments made by the Company, into the Company's accounting system.
- k) Payments of less than \$100 may be made from a petty cash account kept by the Company.
- l) Payments of \$100 or more must be made by cheque, credit card or electronic funds transfer.
- m) Credit card facilities provided to individual staff or Board members must be approved by the Board.