

DETAIL OF ALTERATIONS – SUPPLEMENTARY 2017 RA RULES REVIEW			
RULE NUMBER	OLD RULE	NEW RULE	Detail
Rule 1	...A rowing regatta is a sporting competition consisting of one or more events divided, if necessary, into a number of races, in one or more classes of boats for rowers divided, as a general rule, into different categories of gender, age or weight.	A rowing regatta is a sporting competition consisting of one or more events divided, if necessary, into a number of races, in one or more classes of boats for rowers divided, as a general rule, into different categories of gender, age or weight and/or para-rowing classification.	add para rowing as a category in the scope
Rule 8	Nil	8.16 "Provisional Classification" for para rowing at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships means provision of a medical certificate to certify that the rower fits within the para rowing eligibility criteria	Currently all para rowers, including masters para-rowers, must have a full international or national sport class status to be classified as a para-rower. This process is extremely onerous and can be expensive and should only be relevant for the Australian Rowing Championships and not for the Australian Masters Rowing Championships. The World Masters Games allowed for para rowers to be "provisionally classified" as per the definition above to compete as a para rower at the World Masters Games in 2017. This change would ensure the Australian Masters Rowing Championships is inclusive and encourages participation.
Rule 30	Para Competitors A para rower is a rower who is formally classified by a full RA, FISA or National Classification Panel and is granted an eligible sport class and sport class status. Para-rowing events are open to rowers of all ages. There are no restrictions on coxswains in respect of para-rowing eligibility, gender or age.	Para Competitors A para rower is a rower who is formally classified by a full RA, FISA or National Classification Panel and is granted an eligible sport class and sport class status. Para-rowing events are open to rowers of all ages. There are no restrictions on coxswains in respect of para-rowing eligibility, gender or age. Rowers at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships may compete in Para rowing events with a provisional classification	
Rule 51	Each member of a Club, School or Association competing in an RA Event shall wear the registered racing uniform of their club or school and other garments which must all be identical in design and colour except for permitted sponsor identifications which shall nonetheless be identical within each crew. Except as provided for composite crews, members of the same crew shall compete in identical clothing.	Each member of a Club, School or Association competing in an RA Event shall wear the registered racing uniform of their club or school and other garments which must all be identical in design and colour except for permitted sponsor identifications which shall nonetheless be identical within each crew except as allowed for in By-Laws to Rule 50. Except as provided for composite crews, members of the same crew shall compete in identical clothing.	link the regulations around advertising to the regulations
Appendix 2 - Advertising		3.3.2 The headwear of individual crew members may have two sponsor identifications each of not more than 50 sq cm in area. These identifications are reserved for the sponsor or sponsors of that crew member and may accordingly vary between crew members subject to the agreement between the rowers and their club.	to allow athletes to display personal sponsorship as per FISA
Appendix 2 - Advertising		3.4.1 The socks or leg coverings (but not both) of individual crew members may also display one sponsor identification of not more than 50 sq cm on each leg and distinctly separate from the manufacturer's identification. These may be different within a crew and, with the agreement between the individual rower(s) and their club, may be offered to sponsors of individual rowers in the crew and may accordingly vary between crew members and be different on each leg.	to allow athletes to display personal sponsorship as per FISA
Appendix 2 - Advertising		3.5 Subject to 3.3.2 and 3.4.1, the clothing of all members representing the same School, Club, Institute or State Association in a crew must be identical and uniform and, any sponsor identification must be worn on the same part of the clothing by each crew member from the same School, Club, Institute or State Association	FISA recently changed the advertising rules for international regattas to allow athletes to display a small sponsor identification on hats and socks. Allow athletes the ability to display a personal sponsor on their hats and socks at national regattas to provide them the opportunity to display this at the national championships for consistency with the FISA rules. Conflict of sponsors for national team athletes are covered in the participant agreements these athletes are bound by.
Appendix 6 - Regulation 1 - Application	RA Para-Rowing Competition Regulations apply to the National Championships, National Selection Events and all events organised and/or coordinated by RA. State Rowing Associations may choose to adopt these Regulations for State/Club activities.	RA Para-Rowing Competition Regulations apply to all events organised and/or coordinated by RA. State Rowing Associations may choose to adopt these Regulations for State/Club activities.	Removal of reference to particular events.
Appendix 6 Regulation 2 - Eligibility	To be eligible to compete, athletes must be formally classified by a full RA or FISA Classification Panel and be granted an eligible sport class and sport class status. Athletes who have not been classified by a full RA or FISA Classification Panel, or have been given a sport class status of ineligible, are not eligible to compete. Athletes with a National Review status must be reviewed in accordance with the date or event specified on their classification paperwork.	To be eligible to compete, athletes must be formally classified by a full RA or FISA Classification Panel and be granted an eligible sport class, and a national or international sport class status. Athletes who do not have a national or international sport class status, or have been given a sport class status of ineligible, are not eligible to compete. Athletes with a national or international sport class status must be reviewed in accordance with the date or event specified on their classification paperwork.	Clarify that this rule is referring to a national or international sport class status. This change would ensure the Australian Masters Rowing Championships is inclusive and encourages participation.
Appendix 6 Regulation 5 - Rowing Australia Para-Rowing Boat Classes	RA recognises the following Para-Rowing events: LTAMix1x (Including Interstate Regatta) LTAMix2x LTAMix4+ TAMix1x TAMix2x ASW1x ASM1x ASMix2x In mixed Para-Rowing events, half of the rowers in a crew shall be male and half shall be female. In the LTAMix4+, the coxswain may be either male or female. An LTAMix4+ crew may include a maximum of two rowers whose impairment is a vision impairment, only one of whom may have a sport class of LTA-B3. An LTAMix2x crew may include a maximum of one rower whose disability is a vision impairment. Intellectual Impairment (II) athletes are included in the LTA Sport Class at RA competitions.	RA recognises the following Para-Rowing events: PR3 Mix1x (Including Interstate Regatta) PR3 Mix2x PR3 Mix4+ PR2 Mix1x PR2 Mix2x PR1 Mix1x PR1 Mix2x In mixed Para-Rowing events, half of the rowers in a crew shall be male and half shall be female (excluding coxswains). In the PR3 Mix4+, the coxswain may be either male or female. A PR3 Mix4+ crew may include a maximum of two rowers whose impairment is a vision impairment, only one of whom may have a sport class of PR3-B3. A PR3 Mix2x crew may include a maximum of one rower whose disability is a vision impairment. Intellectual Impairment (II) athletes are included in the PR3 Sport Class at RA competitions.	change naming of para events to achieve consistency with updated FISA Rules
Appendix 6 Regulation 8	RA adheres and adopts the FISA Para-Rowing Standards and the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws	RA adheres and adopts the FISA Para-Rowing Standards and the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws with respect to equipment and strapping requirements.	Reword to clarify intent of the rule
Regulation 8 - Boats and Equipment (a)	a) General Aspects a.1. The FISA Standard Para-Rowing boats are mandatory for all Para-Rowing AS1x and TAMix2x events at a National level. a.2. The FISA Standard Para-Rowing boats must be designed and built to FISA specifications by a FISA approved Para-Rowing boat manufacturer as outlined on the World Rowing website. These manufacturers are Wintech, Swift, Lianqi, Emacher and Filippi. a.3. The minimum weight of RA Standard Para-Rowing boats shall be specified in Regulation 9.	a) General Aspects a.1. The FISA Standard Para-Rowing boats are mandatory for all Para-Rowing PR1 1x and PR2 Mix2x events at a National level. a.2. The FISA Standard Para-Rowing boats must be designed and built to FISA specifications by a FISA approved Para-Rowing boat manufacturer as outlined on the World Rowing website. These manufacturers are Wintech, Swift, Lianqi, Emacher and Filippi. a.3. The minimum weight of RA Standard Para-Rowing boats shall be specified in Regulation 9.	change naming of para events
Regulation 8 - Boats and Equipment (b)	b) Para-Rowing LTAMix4+, LTAMix2x and LTA1x b.1. The minimum boat for LTAMix4+ events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for 4+ events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). b.2. The minimum boat for LTAMix2x events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for 2x events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). b.3. The minimum boat for LTA1x events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for 1x events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). b.4. Athletes may use wider and heavier boats if required. b.5. Athletes may use pontoons if required.	b) Para-Rowing PR3 Mix4+, PR3 Mix2x and PR3 1x b.1. The boat for PR3 Mix4+ events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for 4+ events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). b.2. The boat for PR3 Mix2x events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for 2x events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). b.3. The boat for PR3 1x events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for 1x events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). b.4. Athletes may use wider and heavier boats if required. b.5. Athletes may use pontoons if required.	change naming of para events
Regulation 8 - Boats and Equipment (c)	c) Para-Rowing TAMix2x and TA1x c.1. The minimum boat for TA1x events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for the 1x events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). Athletes may use wider and heavier boats if required. c.2. TAMix2x boats must be designed and built to FISA specifications by a FISA approved Para-Rowing Boat Manufacturer. The hull, the pontoons where fitted, and the seat fixing are part of the standard specifications. c.3. Boats used in the TAMix2x and TA1x events have a fixed seat and may have stabilising pontoons. The seat itself is not restricted, except that the design of the seat must be compatible with the strapping regulations. c.4. TAMix2x and TA1x rowers are required to comply with the strapping requirements set out in points (e and f) of these Regulations.	c) Para-Rowing PR2 Mix2x and PR2 1x c.1. The boat for PR2 1x events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for the 1x events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). Athletes may use wider and heavier boats if required. c.2. PR2 Mix2x boats must be designed and built to FISA specifications by a FISA approved Para-Rowing Boat Manufacturer. The hull, the pontoons where fitted, and the seat fixing are part of the standard specifications. c.3. Boats used in the PR2 Mix2x and PR2 1x events have a fixed seat and may have stabilising pontoons. The seat itself is not restricted, except that the design of the seat must be compatible with the strapping regulations. c.4. PR2 Mix2x and PR2 1x rowers are required to comply with the strapping requirements set out in points (e and f) of these Regulations.	change naming of para events
Regulation 8 - Boats and Equipment (d)	d) Para-Rowing ASMix2x and AS1x d.1. The minimum boat for ASMix2x events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for the 2x events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). Athletes may use wider and heavier boats if required. d.2. Boats used in the ASMix2x and AS1x events have a fixed seat and must have stabilising pontoons. The pontoons should be fixed in position so that when the rower is seated in the balanced boat both pontoons shall be horizontal when viewed from the side of the boat and shall, at a minimum, touch the water at the same time. d.3. The seat itself for the ASMix2x is not restricted, except that the design of the seat must be compatible with the strapping regulations. d.4. The AS1x must be designed and built to FISA specifications by a FISA approved Para-Rowing Boat Manufacturer. d.5. AS1x boats have a fixed seat and must have stabilising pontoons installed, attached to the riggers at a minimum distance of 60cm from centre line of pontoon to centre line of boat. d.6. The seat itself and the rigger design of the Standard Para-Rowing AS1x are not restricted, except that the design of the rigger must allow the stabilising pontoons to be correctly fixed. d.7. ASMix2x and AS1x rowers are required to comply with the strapping requirements set out in points (e and f) of these Regulations.	d) Para-Rowing PR1 Mix2x and PR1 1x d.1. The boat for PR1 Mix2x events shall be subject to the same restrictions as those for the 2x events under the RA Rules of Racing and related By-Laws (RULE 31). Athletes may use wider and heavier boats if required. d.2. Boats used in the PR1 Mix2x and PR1 1x events have a fixed seat and must have stabilising pontoons. The pontoons should be fixed in position so that when the rower is seated in the balanced boat both pontoons shall be horizontal when viewed from the side of the boat and shall, at a minimum, touch the water at the same time. d.3. The seat itself for the PR1 Mix2x is not restricted, except that the design of the seat must be compatible with the strapping regulations. d.4. The PR1 1x must be designed and built to FISA specifications by a FISA approved Para-Rowing Boat Manufacturer. d.5. PR1 1x boats have a fixed seat and must have stabilising pontoons installed, attached to the riggers at a minimum distance of 60cm from centre line of pontoon to centre line of boat. d.6. The seat itself and the rigger design of the Standard Para-Rowing PR1 1x are not restricted, except that the design of the rigger must allow the stabilising pontoons to be correctly fixed. d.7. PR1 Mix2x and PR1 1x rowers are required to comply with the strapping requirements set out in points (e and f) of these Regulations.	change naming of para events
Regulation 8 - Boats and Equipment (e)	e) Strapping e.1. TAMix2x and TA1x Strapping Requirements – rowers shall be secured with a strap to prevent flexion and extension of the knee(s) during rowing. The strap must be secured under the seat or rails and over the thighs, as close to the knees as possible. e.2. ASMix2x and AS1x Strapping Requirements – rowers shall use a strap that must be secured to the seat back and around the torso just covering the xiphoid process (bone at the bottom of the sternum). The rower's lumbar region must remain in contact with the seat when the rower reaches forward when rowing, during training, warm up, cool down and racing. The purpose of the strapping is to prevent movement of the lumbar region away from the seat and it must be tight enough to do so. The design and placement of the seat and all straps must allow the lumbar region to be visible from the side during rowing. The straps must be attached to the seat on both sides. The point at which the strap is attached to the seat should be no lower than the top edge of the supportive portion of the strap at the front of the torso. Straps will be assessed with the rower in a static position with the spine straightened by bearing the weight of the upper body through the arms while the buttocks and back remain in contact with the seat. The rower's movement will be observed and assessed during rowing (training and racing). The supportive portion of the back rest of the seat must not be lower than the level of the attachment points of the front strap. The back of the seat may be covered with a soft material to prevent injuries, but the covering material must not be thicker than 2cm. If a bracket is attached to the strap it must not rotate at the attachment point. e.2.1. Additionally, the ASMix2x and AS1x rower shall be secured with a strap to prevent flexion and extension of the knee(s) during rowing. The strap must be secured under the seat or rails and over the thighs, as close to the knees as possible.	e) Strapping e.1. PR2 Strapping Requirements – rowers shall be secured with a strap to prevent flexion and extension of the knee(s) during rowing. The strap must be secured under the seat or rails and over the thighs, as close to the knees as possible. e.2. PR1 Strapping Requirements – rowers shall use a strap that must be secured to the seat back and around the torso just covering the xiphoid process (bone at the bottom of the sternum). The rower's lumbar region must remain in contact with the seat when the rower reaches forward when rowing, during training, warm up, cool down and racing. The purpose of the strapping is to prevent movement of the lumbar region away from the seat and it must be tight enough to do so. The design and placement of the seat and all straps must allow the lumbar region to be visible from the side during rowing. The straps must be attached to the seat on both sides. The point at which the strap is attached to the seat should be no lower than the top edge of the supportive portion of the strap at the front of the torso. Straps will be assessed with the rower in a static position with the spine straightened by bearing the weight of the upper body through the arms while the buttocks and back remain in contact with the seat. The rower's movement will be observed and assessed during rowing (training and racing). The supportive portion of the back rest of the seat must not be lower than the level of the attachment points of the front strap. The back of the seat may be covered with a soft material to prevent injuries, but the covering material must not be thicker than 2cm. If a bracket is attached to the strap it must not rotate at the attachment point. e.2.1. Additionally, PR1 athletes shall be secured with a strap to prevent flexion and extension of the knee(s) during rowing. The strap must be secured under the seat or rails and over the thighs, as close to the knees as possible.	change naming of para events
Regulation 8 - Boats and Equipment (f)	f.8. Penalty for non-compliance – The penalty for having raced with non-compliant strapping and/or in the case of an AS rower if the lumbar region of the rower does not stay in contact with the seat when reaching forward, shall be that the crew is relegated to last place in the particular race. If two or more crews in the same race have a non-compliant strap or movement, they shall all be relegated and they shall be ranked in the descending order of their finish. If the crew races again with a non-compliant strap or movement in a later round of the same event, then the penalty shall be the exclusion of the crew.	f.8. Penalty for non-compliance – The penalty for having raced with non-compliant strapping and/or in the case of an PR1 rower if the lumbar region of the rower does not stay in contact with the seat when reaching forward, shall be that the crew is relegated to last place in the particular race. If two or more crews in the same race have a non-compliant strap or movement, they shall all be relegated and they shall be ranked in the descending order of their finish. If the crew races again with a non-compliant strap or movement in a later round of the same event, then the penalty shall be the exclusion of the crew.	change naming of para events
Regulation 8 - Boats and Equipment (g)	Eyewear for Visually Impaired Rowers Rowers classified as visually impaired must wear block out eyewear at all times when on the water during training, warm up, cool down, and competition from the opening day of the course until completion of the first race of their competition. Such eyewear shall completely block out all light. All eyewear must be checked to ensure a secure fit and complete light occlusion. Examples of suitable eye wear for RA competitions include blacked out ski goggles or blacked out swimming goggles.	Delete Regulation	FISA deleted this rule in Feb 2017

Regulation 9 - Boat Weights	<p>The minimum weights of Para-Rowing boats are: LTA1x 14kg LTAMix2x 27kg LTAMix4+ 51kg TA1x 14kg – not including pontoons, seat or strapping TAMix2x 37kg – including the seat and strapping AS1x 24kg – including pontoons, seat and strapping ASMix2x 27kg – not including pontoons, seat or strapping</p> <p>Straps, paddings and other items directly related to Para-Rowing which are not part of the pontoons, seat or strapping regulations shall not be included in the weight of the boat. Equipment that replaces a part of the body (prosthesis) even if bolted, screwed, or glued directly to the boat or seat shall not be included as part of the weight of the boat.</p>	<p>The minimum weights of Para-Rowing boats are: PR3 1x 14kg PR3 Mix2x 27kg PR3 Mix4+ 51kg PR2 1x 14kg – not including pontoons, fixed seat or strapping. Must be weighed with standard sliding seat. PR2 Mix2x 37kg – including the seat and strapping PR1 1x 24kg – including pontoons, seat and strapping PR1 Mix2x 27kg – not including pontoons, fixed seat or strapping. Must be weighed with standard sliding seats.</p> <p>Straps, paddings and other items directly related to Para-Rowing which are not part of the pontoons, seat or strapping regulations shall not be included in the weight of the boat. Equipment that replaces a part of the body (prosthesis) even if bolted, screwed, or glued directly to the boat or seat shall not be included as part of the weight of the boat.</p>	change naming of para events
Regulation 10 - Length of Course	Regulation 10 – Length of the Course - For Para-Rowing events, the length of the standard course shall be 1000m straight. The Organising Committee may decide to waive the use of starting pontoons for Para-Rowing events.	The length of the standard course shall be 2000m straight. From time to time, additional races over shorter distances may be included to assist with the development of the sport. In such cases, all athletes must abide by these regulations.	FISA increased distance to 2000m as of Feb 2017
Regulation 12 - Safety of Para-Rowing Rowers	<p>AS and TA rowers may require special safety procedures which shall be agreed between RA and the RA BRO's.</p> <p>Particular care must be taken in weather conditions which may generate extreme uncontrolled body temperatures.</p> <p>Safety requirements for strapping are set out in Regulation 5.</p>	<p>Regulation 12 - Safety of Para-Rowers</p> <p>Para-competitors and crews may require special safety procedures to be adapted to ensure safety and fairness. These procedures would require prior approval by the RA para-rowing staff.</p> <p>Particular care must be taken in weather conditions which may generate extreme uncontrolled body temperatures.</p> <p>Safety requirements for strapping are set out in Regulation 5.</p>	change naming of para events
Regulation 14 - General Fairness	<p>At all times when on the water during training, warm up, cool down, and competition from the opening day of the course until completion of the final race of their competition, all athletes must row with the prescribed equipment which must be used according to the boat class described in Regulation 6 and/or classification requirements as described in the RA Classification Regulations and By-Laws. Equipment in this context refers to eyewear, strapping and pontoons.</p> <p>Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to a penalty being imposed on the crew in accordance with these Regulations, including (but not limited to), where such failure to comply is judged to have taken place during a race, relegation to last place in the particular race or exclusion of the crew. The appropriate penalty in all circumstances shall be at the discretion of the Jury.</p>	<p>At all times when on the water during training, warm up, cool down, and competition from the opening day of the course until completion of the final race of their competition, all athletes must row with the prescribed equipment which must be used according to the boat class described in Regulation 6 and/or classification requirements as described in the RA Classification Regulations and By-Laws. Equipment in this context refers to strapping and pontoons.</p> <p>Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to a penalty being imposed on the crew in accordance with these Regulations, including (but not limited to), where such failure to comply is judged to have taken place during a race, relegation to last place in the particular race or exclusion of the crew. The appropriate penalty in all circumstances shall be at the discretion of the Jury.</p>	removal of reference to eyewear.
Regulation 15 - Starting Procedure for LTAMix4+ and LTAMix2x	<p>Regulation 15 – Starting Procedure for LTAMix4+ and LTAMix2x</p> <p>The LTAMix4+, LTAMix2x and LTA1x may include athletes with a vision impairment. Therefore, at the start of each race for these events, the Starter shall give an additional verbal indication to crews as follows:</p> <p>After completing the roll call and stating the word "Attention", the Starter shall say the words "Red Flag" at the same time as he raises the red flag (or in cases where traffic lights are used, "Red Light" at the same instant that he presses the button to activate the red light). He shall then proceed with the start in the normal way.</p>	<p>Regulation 15 – Starting Procedure for PR3 Events</p> <p>The PR3 events may include athletes with a vision impairment. Therefore, at the start of each race for these events, the Starter shall give an additional verbal indication to crews as follows:</p> <p>After completing the roll call and stating the word "Attention", the Starter shall say the words "Red Flag" at the same time as they raise the red flag (or in cases where traffic lights are used, "Red Light" at the same instant that they press the button to activate the red light). The starter shall then proceed with the start in the normal way.</p>	change naming of para events
Regulation 17 - Finish of the Race for LTAMix4+ and LTAMix2x	Regulation 17 – Finish of the Race for LTAMix4+ and LTAMix2x At the finish of the race in the LTAMix4+, LTAMix2x and LTA1x events, when raising the white flag the Umpire shall clearly state the words "White Flag" for all crews to hear. Should a red flag be raised, "Red Flag" shall be clearly stated.	Regulation 17 – Finish of the Race for PR3 Events At the finish of the race in PR3 events, when raising the white flag the Umpire shall clearly state the words "White Flag" for all crews to hear. Should a red flag be raised, "Red Flag" shall be clearly stated.	change naming of para events
Regulation 18 – Responsibility for Decisions on Strapping and Movement Compliance	At RA events, RA staff will work closely with the RA Umpires to ensure all strapping and equipment are compliant with these Regulations, this includes checking equipment and strapping prior to racing and observing the strapping and movement of athletes during warm up and while racing. If an athlete is deemed non-compliant, the RA Umpire is responsible for communicating the non-compliance to the Race Umpire who shall relegate the crew to last place in that race.	<p>18.1 At RA events, RA will nominate suitably qualified people to adjudicate on strapping and equipment compliance of para competitors in place of RA Umpires (RA para-rowing staff). 18.2 RA para-rowing staff will work closely with the RA Umpires to ensure all strapping and equipment are compliant with these Regulations, this includes checking equipment and strapping prior to racing and observing the strapping and movement of para competitors during warm up and while racing.</p> <p>18.3 If a para-competitor is deemed non-compliant, RA para rowing staff are responsible for communicating the non-compliance to the Race Umpire who shall inform the finish and relegate the crew to last place in that race. If more than one crew is relegated, they shall be placed last in the same order that they were judged to finish the race.</p>	clarify roles in determining compliance.
Rule 30.4	<p>30.4 Under 21:</p> <p>30.4.1 A rower or coxswain shall be classified as an Under 21 rower until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 20.</p> <p>30.4.2 Under 21 events at the National Championships are restricted to athletes who are all the member of the one club, including coxswain.</p>	<p>30.4 Under 21:</p> <p>30.4.1 A rower or coxswain shall be classified as an Under 21 rower until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 20.</p> <p>30.4.2 Under 21 events, with the exception of the 2-, at the National Championships are restricted to athletes who are all the member of the one club, including coxswain.</p>	<p>As it stands, the rule impacts those crews competing in the U21M2- and U21W2- and vying for selection. We are aware that in some instances, due to this ruling, athletes are temporarily joining clubs for the period of Nationals so as to form the best possible combinations for the purposes of selection, and immediately reverting back to their original club post-event.</p> <p>It has been identified through the pathway network, which includes state Head Coaches, SIS/SAS Program managers and state pathway administrators, that the National Championships is the most appropriate and cost effective activity in which to conduct selection for this particular age group - this is done through the 2- as the selection boat.</p> <p>As such, the proposed solution is to allow composite crews for the U21 2- (as the selection boat) and retain the non-composite rule for all other U21 boat classes (thereby providing the opportunity to foster rowers within club programs post school).</p>