

## CHANGES TO RULES FOR OPEN CLUB RACES

Applicable for the Australian National Championships, 2012

Please read carefully

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Please be advised that the Board of Rowing Australia has approved a change to the rules/restrictions regarding Open Club races at the Australian National Championships. Please note restriction 3 of 4 restrictions that applied in the old rules, has been removed and the wording of restriction 2 clarified. **These changes will apply during the 2012 Australian National Championships in Perth.** See below.

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### **NEW RULE/RESTRICTIONS ARE:**

The athlete qualification rules for entry in the Open **Club** events (OCM4-, OCW4-, OCW2x, OCM2x) are:

1. No composite crews between clubs allowed.
2. Athletes are not eligible if they have been a member of either the National Senior A or National Under 23 team in the current or previous year.
3. No athlete shall be nominating for National Selection in the year of competition

**Note:** *These changes will apply during the 2012 Australian National Championships in Perth*

*The new rules have recognized the difficulty smaller states have in boating Interstate crews and several anomalies that may occur due to injuries of athletes during the Nationals Championships. It is also hoped that entry levels will be increased due to this change.*

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