

## **APPENDIX 7. MASTERS EVENT REGULATIONS**

Event Regulations and/or Departures from the RA Rules of Racing  
Australian Masters Rowing Championships

### **1 - Application**

These regulations apply to the Australian Masters Rowing Championships together with and not in exclusion of the Rules of Racing.

### **2 - Boat Classes (Appendix 6)**

The Australian Masters Rowing Championships offers racing in the following boat classes:

Men	1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4+, 4-, 8+
Women	1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4+, 4-, 8+
Mixed	2x, 4x, 4+, 8+

### **3 – Interstate Event Trophies (Rule 10)**

The Interstate Masters Events shall consist of the following races with their respective trophies:

- Men’s Masters Quad Scull for the Interstate Masters Championship Trophy
- Women’s Masters Quad Scull for the Veteran’s Cup
- Men’s Masters Eight for the Brian Vear Memorial Trophy
- Women’s Masters Eight for the Interstate Masters Championship Trophy

### **4 – Champion of Champion Singles**

The winning sculler in each single scull event shall be invited to compete in the Champion of Champions Single scull event (male and female). The event will be run with relevant handicaps as a straight final.

### **5 – Medals and Combining of Events**

Events with low entries may be combined into the one race with relevant handicaps; however medals shall be awarded separately regardless of how many events are included in the race. This shall not apply to the Champion Club Eight event.

### **6 – Masters Age Categories (Rule 32 and Bye-Law to Rule 32)**

A rower may compete in Masters rowing events from the beginning of the year during which he attains the age of 27. The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be that which he attains during the year of the event.

Masters rowing events shall be held in the following crew age categories:

A	Minimum age: 27 years,
B	Average age: 36 years or more
C	Average age: 43 years or more
D	Average age: 50 years or more
E	Average age: 55 years or more
F	Average age: 60 years or more
G	Average age: 65 years or more
H	Average age: 70 years or more
I	Average age: 75 years or more
J	Average age: 80 years or more
K	Average age: 83 years or more
L	Average age: 86 years or more
M	Average age: 89 years or more

The average age of a crew (excluding the coxswain) will be calculated by dividing the total number of years of age of the crew by the number of members of the crew rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Age categories do not apply to coxswains of Masters crews.

Masters rowers must be in a position to prove their age by presentation of an official document (passport or photo identity card).

### 7 - Mixed Masters Events (Rule 33)

Mixed crew events may be held for Masters crews in which half of the crew excluding the coxswain, shall be women and half shall be men. The coxswain may be of either gender.

Mixed which shall be run as handicapped divisions rather than heats and finals with medals being awarded for each division, not to each event/age category within the division.

### 8 – Rowers’ Clothing (Rule 51)

At Australian Masters Rowing Championships, members of crews shall compete in the racing uniform of their club, including composite crews i.e. composite crews are not required to wear identical uniforms.

### 9 – Crew Changes After the Close of Entries and up to One Hour Before the First Heat (Rule 59)

Clubs, Schools and Member Associations may substitute up to one half the number of rowers (as well as the coxswain, if applicable) in all crews originally entered by them.

In the case of crews at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships a substitute shall not be permitted if the age of the substituting rower would change the age category of the crew concerned.

### 10 – Conduct of Races

At Australian Masters Rowing Championships, static umpiring positions shall typically be used, in order to eliminate the nuisance of wash from motor boats. Normally, no motor boats shall follow the races, and the number of such boats on the water shall be the absolute minimum for the efficient operation and maintenance of the course and for safety.

### 11 – Progression System

<b>Australian Masters' Rowing Championships 6 Lane Progression system to determine Finalists</b>			
<b>Numbers of Crews</b>	<b>Race Type</b>	<b>Crews per Race</b>	<b>Progression for All Events</b>
<b>For Men's &amp; Women's Events</b>			
1..6	1 Final	Up to 6	
7..12	2 Heats	Up to 6	1..3 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
	1 Final	5 or 6 Crews	
13..18	3 Heats	Up to 6	1..2 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
	1 Final	6 Crews	
19..24	4 Heats	Up to 6	1..3 -> Semi Final A/B, Rest Eliminated
	2 Semi	6 Crews	1..3 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
	1 Final	6 Crews	
25..36	6 Heats	Up to 6	1..3 -> Semi Final A/B/C, Rest Eliminated
	3 Semi	6 Crews	1..2 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
	1 Final	6 Crews	

**For Mixed Events**

1..6	1 Division
7..12	2 Divisions
13..18	3 Divisions
19..24	4 Divisions
25..30	5 Divisions
31..36	6 Divisions
37..42	7 Divisions

**Notes:**

The Fairness Commission may alter The Progression at any time. In such cases ample notice will be given to competitors.

The Technical Delegate(s) in consultation with the Organising Committee & President of the Jury, will determine the Progression system to apply to each event/category