

**Masters Commission
Confirmation of Coxed v Coxless Handicaps**

Rowing Australia recommend the following handicap for coxless boats (4- and 4x-) racing in masters events against coxed boats. These are in addition to the existing aged based handicaps.

Gender	Boat	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Men	M4x-	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	9	10	10	11	12
	M4-	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	9	10	10	11	12
Women	W4x-	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	12	13	15
	W4-	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	12	13	15
Mixed	Mix 4x-	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	12	13
	Mix4-	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	12	13

This handicap would be added to or subtracted from any age-based handicaps as required.

Note that these are only relevant for 1000m racing

Background and Rationale

- The data used to determine the current handicaps for masters rowing can be extrapolated to determine the equivalent handicap within age brackets for coxless boats (4- and 4x-) when racing against coxed boats (for racing over 1000m).
- This can be added to any age-based handicap to create a total handicap to be applied at a regatta.
- The data is based on prognostic times over 1000m.
- Whilst there is not a need for this at Rowing Australia regattas, there has been a call for it at state level.