

2022 Event Requirements for Senior Australian Para-Rowing Team

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Please Note: Rowing Australia Limited (“RA”) intends to review these Event Requirements by no later than September of each year but may review and update these Event Requirements at any time, including by announcing and publishing further or varied requirements and standards from time to time prior to the relevant event or trial and the publication or notification shall take effect in accordance with the RA Selection Policy.

Background:

The Rowing Australia (RA) National Selection Policy – Senior Team (Selection Policy) outlines the broad selection criteria for all rowers and coxswains and can be viewed on the RA website at www.rowingaustralia.com.au. This document operates as an appendix to the RA Selection Policy and outlines the activities that rowers and coxswains must complete to be eligible for selection consideration for the Australian Senior Team.

All Athletes must complete all activities stipulated in these Event Requirements unless:

- expressly provided otherwise in these Event Requirements; or
- granted an exemption for Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with the Selection Policy.

Important Notes:

- Where an athlete is provided an exemption from an activity stipulated in this Event Requirement, the athlete will not be excluded from consideration for selection on the grounds that the athlete failed to satisfy that activity in the Event Requirements. Without limiting the application of the selection criteria and the discretion given to the selectors in the Selection Policy, an exemption does not entitle the athlete to participate in further or additional trials into a selected or priority boat, or a crew that has already achieved a benchmark or performance standard or prognostic.
- Travel to international events, including the World Cup series, Gavirate International Para rowing Regatta and the World Championships in the Czech Republic, is contingent on current travel restrictions and a review of the safety of travel.
- Under the Selection Policy, RA may, as a matter of policy, elect not to send a boat or boats to an event.

Specific Activity Details:

ACTIVITY	See Note(s)	2020 Senior Team - Selection Activity Dates
Closing date for completion of athlete and coach nomination forms	1	3 September 2021
Closing date for completion of coxswain CVs	2	3 September 2021
5km Ergometer Test #1	3	15 September 2021
September Domestic 5km Time Trial	4	22 - 25 September 2021
October Domestic 5km Time Trial	4	20 - 23 October 2021
5km Ergometer Test #2	3	10 November 2021
November Domestic 5km Time Trial	4	17 - 20 November 2021
December Domestic 5km Time Trial	4	10 - 12 December 2021
2km Ergometer Test	3	24 January 2022
NSW State Championships	6	11 - 13 February 2022
RA announcement of invitations to Selection Trials	7	18 February 2022
Selection Trials	7, 10	5 – 11 March 2022
World Cup Tour Team and Gavirate International Para Rowing Regatta announcement and briefing	8	12 March 2022
National Championships	9	28 March – 3 April 2022
National Team Training Camps (Multiple)	10	TBC
World Cup I, Belgrade, Serbia	10	27 - 29 May 2022
World Cup II, Poznan, Poland	10	17 – 19 June 2022
Gavirate International Para Rowing Regatta	8,10	TBC
Team announcement for World Championships	10	no later than Friday 29 July 2022
2022 World Championships, Racice, Czech Republic	10	18 – 25 September 2022

NOTES:

1) Closing date for completion of athlete and coach nomination forms:

Athletes and coaches wishing to be considered for Senior team selection must complete, by the date specified in these Event Requirements, the online nomination form found on the RA website at:

<http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/national-team-selection-information/>

An athlete that has already submitted an Expression of Interest to train at the NTC pursuant to the NTC Invitation Guidelines will be deemed to have also submitted a nomination for the National Team pursuant to these Event Requirements.

2) Closing date for completion of coxswain CVs:

Nominating coxswains must submit a coxing CV, including two coaching referees by 17:00 AEDT on the date specified in these Event Requirements to: w diplock@rowingaustralia.com.au

This CV should outline coxing history, past performance and relevant experience. Following the consideration of submitted information, coxswains may also be required to submit recordings and/or participate in a coxswain selection interview.

In selecting any coxswains, the Selectors will assess performances in the activities specified in these Event Requirements against the Selection Criteria in the Selection Policy.

3) 5km Ergometer Test #1, 5km Ergometer Test #2 and 2km Ergometer Test:

National ergometer testing is to be conducted in line with Australian Rowing Team ergometer testing protocols, available on the RA website at <http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/sports-science/rowing-testing-protocols/> and must be completed on the date specified in these Event Requirements.

Rowers who travelled as part of the 2021 Paralympic Team will not be required to complete 5km Ergometer Test #1.

4) Domestic 5km Time Trials:

Domestic 5Km time trials are to be completed in the Athlete's domestic training environment. Athletes must complete each Domestic Time Trial in either a 1x or 2- in equipment that is compliant with RA Para-Rowing Competition Regulations and FISA rules relevant to the category in which the athletes would like to be considered for national selection.

Rowers who travelled as part of the 2020 Paralympic Team will not be required to complete the activities listed in this ER for September or October 2021.

5) National 5km Time Trial:

The National Time Trial for 2021 has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. All athletes who wish to remain eligible for National Team selection must complete the December Domestic 5km Time Trial (see Note 4).

6) NSW State Championships:

All rowers nominating for National Team selection are required to compete in the NSW State Championships.

- a) Athletes must compete in a small boat within this regatta (1x and/or 2-) in equipment that is compliant with FISA rules relevant to the category in which the athlete would like to be considered for national selection.
 - i. PR1 and PR2 athletes are to compete in Para single sculls
 - ii. PR3 athletes are to compete in the PR3 pairs in combinations that are with eligible and nominating athletes only AND/OR the PR3 single
- b. Races will be conducted as part of the NSW Championship Regatta.

7) Selection Trials:

Participation at the Selection Trials will be by invitation only. RA will announce (in accordance with the Selection Policy) the list of athletes invited to the Selection Trials by no later than 5 days after the conclusion of the NSW State Championships.

In determining the athletes who will be invited to attend the Selection Trials, the Selectors will assess performances in the activities specified in these Event Requirements against the criteria in the Selection Policy.

The Selectors reserve the right at their sole discretion to choose the crew combinations, seat racing partners and the matrix of seat racing in the Selection Trials, and to conduct ergometer and such other tests as required in order for the Selectors to assess the specified selection criteria.

8) Announcement of Para-Rowing Team for FISA World Cups, FISA Gavirate International Para Rowing Regatta:

On 12 March 2022, RA intends to announce the team for the World Cup Tour. At the time of publication, the World Cups inclusive of para events were not confirmed.

9) The Sydney International Rowing Regatta (National Championships):

All athletes nominating for National Team selection are required to compete at the National Championships.

- a) Races will be conducted as part of the National Championship regatta.

10) FISA World Cups, FISA Gavirate International Para Rowing Regatta:

- a) Boats for the Australian Para-Rowing Team will be selected based upon their on-water speed, and the selectors' assessment of a boat's ability to contribute to the achievement of the objective of the Selection Policy. Selectors will take into account the selection criteria in the Selection Policy and will be giving significant weighting to the athlete's boat-moving ability and his or her individual performance data as listed in these Event Requirements.

- b) Notwithstanding anything in these Event Requirements, the Selectors have the power, in accordance with the Selection Policy, to change the composition of a boat as a result of performances at World Cup 1, World Cup II or the Gavirate International Para Regatta (as the case may be). Should the selectors choose to exercise their discretion under the Selection Policy, then that boat as modified may compete at subsequent World Cups or the World Championships (as the case may be).
- c) Notwithstanding anything in these Event Requirements, the Selectors have the power, in accordance with the Selection Policy, to change the composition of a boat as a result of performances in international competition. Should the Selectors choose to exercise their discretion under the Selection Policy, then that boat as modified may compete at the World Championships.
- d) Coaches for the Australian Para-Rowing Team will be appointed by the HPC, which has responsibility for and discretion in respect of the selection and removal at any time of coaches.
- e) The National Team Training Camps and International Preparation activities are mandatory requirements for all athletes and coaches named in the Senior Australian Para-Rowing Team. Dates for these activities will be confirmed when there is a confirmed date for the Gavirate International Para Regatta.

11) **General:**

- a) Reference to a rower or to rowers in these Event Requirements means oarsmen and oarswomen.
- b) Reference to an athlete or athletes in these Event Requirements means all eligible rowers and coxswains
- c) Reference to a crew in these Event Requirements includes a single sculler.