

**Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Incorporated  
Laws of Boat Racing**

Approved by the ACTRA Committee 15 February 2007.

**Description**

These Laws of Boat Racing are made pursuant to rule 17 of the Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Incorporated's By-Laws.

The ACTRA Laws of Boat Racing are the Rowing Australia Inc Rules of Racing and Related By-Laws as current from time to time, with the following guidance and exceptions where the ACTRA rule takes precedence over the Rowing Australia rule:

**1. General**

Except where otherwise identified, '*Rowing Australia*' and '*RA*' is to be interpreted as '**ACT Rowing Association Inc**' and '**ACTRA**' for the purpose of applying *Rowing Australia Rules of Racing and Related By-Laws* to ACTRA activities.

**2. Specific Rule Guidance, Additions and Substitutions**

**PART I – Scope**

**Rule 4 Code of Conduct**

'RA' to be interpreted as 'ACTRA'.

**Rule 5 Australian Representative Teams**

Not applicable.

**Rule 7 Definitions**

Applies, with the exception of:

7.4 '*Australian Rowing Championship regattas*' is to be interpreted as '**ACT Rowing Championship Regatta**'.

7.5 '*The Board*' is to be interpreted as '**The ACTRA Committee**'

7.7 '*RA*' is to be interpreted as '**ACTRA**'

7.8 Add: *Where no organising committee has been appointed, the ACTRA Committee shall be the organising committee for the purposes of these rules.*

7.12 '*Umpires' Committee*' is to be interpreted as '**Chairman of BROs**'

**Rule 8 RA Events**

'RA' to be interpreted as 'ACTRA'.

**Rule 9 Interstate Events**

Not applicable

**Rule 10 Trophies and Medallions**

Not applicable

**Rule 11 Prizes**

Not applicable

**PART II – Rowers and Coxswains**

**Rule 12 Eligibility and Insurance**

12.1 Not applicable  
12.2 Not applicable  
12.3 Not applicable

**Rule 14 Additional Categories**

'A Member Association' shall be interpreted as '**The ACTRA Committee**'

**PART VI – Organisation of Regattas**

**Rule 36 Authority of RA**

'RA' to be interpreted as 'ACTRA'.

**Rule 37 Duties of the Organising Committee**

By-Law 37 – Does not apply – The current ACTRA instructions on the organisation of regattas, as issued from time to time, apply

**Rule 43 Authorisation of the Member Association**

Not Applicable.

**Rule 44 Restrictions on Entries**

Applies, with the exception of:

44.3 Replace with: *Composite Crews – Clubs may enter composite crews in ACTRA events, with the exception of Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Schoolboy and Schoolgirl events, which are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school only.*

**Rule 45 Entries**

Not Applicable.

**Rule 49 Withdrawals**

Rule 49.6 – the amount of the fine is set by ACTRA as \$0.00.

**Rule 51 Crew Changes After the First heat**

'RA' to be interpreted as 'ACTRA'.

**Rule 53 Safety - General Principles**

53.2 does not apply.

**Rule 64 Adverse Weather Conditions**

64.2 does not apply

**Rule 66 The Starting Procedure**

Applies. For the purpose of providing the actual start signal with flags and voice command, this is to be accomplished by the Umpire positioned centrally behind the start line and competing boats.

Additional By-Law 4 applies as follows:

4. Rolling Start [Additional clause]

(1) In difficult wind conditions the Starter may decide to dispense with the normal start and Quick Start procedures and revert to a Rolling Start. If so, the Umpire must inform the crews that the "Rolling Start" shall be used.

(2) For the rolling start, the Aligner shall position himself in a power boat to the side and in-line with starting boats up-course of the start line. The Aligner shall direct the boats to proceed slowly down-course. Whilst aligning, the Aligner shall move with the crews down the course, issuing instructions to crews to maintain all boats in line-abreast. At the earliest opportunity after crossing the start line when boats are aligned, the Umpire shall start the race by saying:

**"Rolling Start, Attention"**

The Umpire shall then raise the red flag. After a clear pause the Umpire shall give the start by dropping the red flag quickly to one side and simultaneously saying:

**"Go"**

The pause between the raising of the flag and the start command (dropping the flag and saying "Go") shall be variable.

**Rule 76 Protests**

Applies, except that the deposit that is to accompany a protest at an ACTRA regatta shall be \$20.

**Rule 80 Composition of the Jury**

Applies, 'RA' to be interpreted as 'ACTRA'.

Rule 80.2 does not apply.

Additional By-Law applies as follows:

The Chairman of BROs shall appoint the members of the Jury for all regattas and any other races conducted under the auspices of ACTRA from current members of the Union of Boat Race Officials.

**Rule 84 President of the Jury**

'RA' to be interpreted as 'ACTRA'.

**Rule 86 Safety of Rowers**

Applies, noting that a Medical Officer is not normally appointed to attend ACTRA Events.

**PART VII - Anti-Doping Rules**

**Rule 93 Anti-Doping**

'RA' to be interpreted as 'ACTRA'.