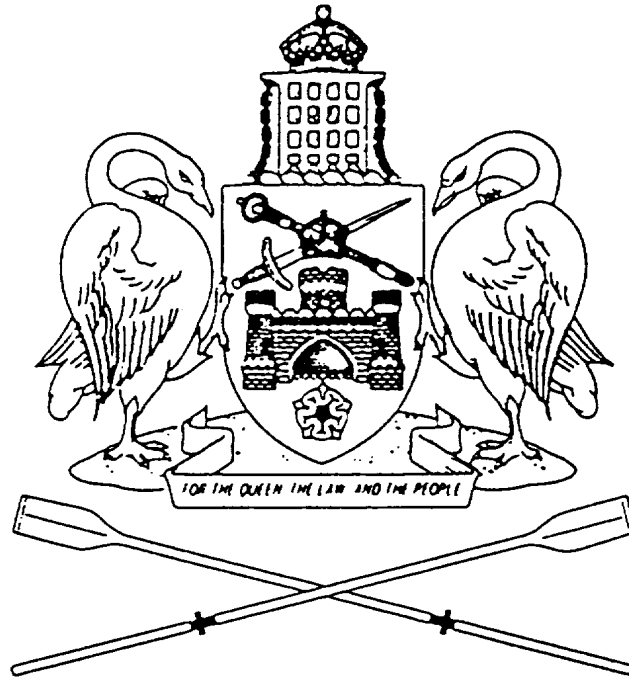


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Rule 1: WEIGHT DIVISIONS

Except as herein provided, Status Rules shall apply separately to events for each of two weight divisions:

(a) **LIGHTWEIGHT:** Restricted to male competitors weighing 72.5kg or less and female competitors weighing 59kg or less in the case of single scullers, and in all other classes of boat to male competitors weighing 72.5kg or less and female competitors weighing 59kg or less, provided that the average weight of the crew in which that competitor races (excluding the coxswain) does not exceed 70kg in the case of male crews and 57kg in the case of female crews.

Lightweight rowers shall be weighed wearing at least their racing shirt and shorts not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first lightweight event on each day of competition. If the first lightweight event is subsequently postponed or cancelled, the lightweight rower is not required to be weighed again on the same day.

(b) **OPENWEIGHT:** No restriction on the weight of competitors.

Rule 2: CLASSES OF BOAT

Except as herein provided, Status Rules shall also apply separately to races in each of the following classes of boat:

- (a) Single Sculls;
- (b) Pairs;
- (c) Double and Quadruple Sculls; and
- (d) Eights and Fours.

Rule 3.1: GRADE CLASSIFICATIONS

Competitors shall be graded into the following classifications, their eligibility for which being as set out hereunder. For the purpose of this Rule 3, the term "year" is defined as being from 1 January to 31 December inclusive.

(a) **NOVICE:** A Novice competitor is one who has not won a higher standard of race in any class of boat in either weight division. A higher standard of race shall be deemed to include Intermediate, Junior, Senior and Elite events. Such a competitor may win up to three Novice races as a rower (ie. in eights or fours or pairs) and up to three Novice races as a sculler (ie. in quadruple sculls or double sculls or single sculls) before being ineligible to enter any more Novice races as a rower or sculler, respectively. Further, if a competitor has ever competed in an Elite race, then that competitor is ineligible to compete as a Novice.

(b) INTERMEDIATE: A competitor shall be eligible to enter in Intermediate events provided that competitor has not in the current season or the season immediately preceding:

1. won an ACT Intermediate Championship (or its interstate equivalent) in that class of boat; or
2. won a Senior or Elite race (or its interstate equivalent) in that class of boat.

An Intermediate competitor may win up to three Intermediate events in that class of boat before being ineligible to enter any more Intermediate events in that class.

(c) JUNIOR: A competitor aged not more than eighteen years shall be classified as Junior. A competitor ceases to be eligible to compete in Junior races on 31 December in the year in which he/she reaches the age of eighteen years.

(d) SENIOR: A Senior competitor is one who is not eligible to compete in Novice and/or Intermediate events and has not in the current season or season immediately preceding:

1. won an ACT Senior Championship (or its interstate equivalent) in that class of boat; or
2. won an Elite race (or its interstate equivalent) in that class of boat.

A Senior competitor may win up to three Senior events in that class of boat before being ineligible to enter any more Senior events in that class.

(e) ELITE: Competition in Elite is open to all competitors. Elite status events shall be deemed to include International, National Open, National Under 23 and Interstate events (except Interstate school, youth, junior and university events)

(f) UNDER 14: A competitor aged not more than fourteen years shall be classified as Under 14. A competitor ceases to be eligible to compete in Under 14 races on 31 December in the year in which he/she reaches the age of fourteen years.

(g) UNDER 15: A competitor aged not more than fourteen years shall be classified as Under 15. A competitor ceases to be eligible to compete in Under 15 races on 31 December in the year in which he/she reaches the age of fifteen years.

(h) UNDER 16: A competitor aged not more than sixteen years shall be classified as Under 16. A competitor ceases to be eligible to compete in Under 16 races on 31 December in the year in which he/she reaches the age of sixteen years.

(i) YEAR 8: A competitor who is/will be in Year 8 at secondary school at the time the ACT Championships are conducted shall be classified as Year 8.

(j) YEAR 9: A competitor who is/will be in Year 9 at secondary school at the time the ACT Championships are conducted shall be classified as Year 9.

(k) YEAR 10: A competitor who is/will be in Year 10 at secondary school at the time the ACT Championships are conducted shall be classified as Year 10.

(l) SCHOOLBOY/SCHOOLGIRL: To be eligible to compete in Schoolboy or Schoolgirl events, a competitor must be enrolled at secondary school. A competitor ceases to be eligible for Schoolboy /Schoolgirl events from 1 January in the year in which he/she turns 19 years old. At the beginning of each season, any competitor who has competed in Schoolboy/Schoolgirl events in their most recent past season of competition shall automatically revert to no higher than Senior status.

(m) MASTERS: A competitor may compete as a Masters rower from the beginning of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 27 years, provided that during the current year he/she has not:

- (i) competed as an Australian representative or as a representative of another country in Senior A competition; or
- (ii) competed as a state/territory representative in Senior A competition.

A Masters rower shall be placed in the age category corresponding to the age that he/she attains during the year. Masters shall be divided into the following age categories:

A	27-35 years	F	60-64 years
B	36-42 years	G	65-69 years
C	43-49 years	H	70-75 years
D	50-54 years	I	75-79 years
E	55-59 years	J	80+ years

Every Masters rower must be in a position to prove his/her age by production of an official document (eg. driver's licence, birth certificate, passport). Entry forms for each Masters event shall clearly state the:

- (i) event entered;
- (ii) age category of the event (where applicable); and
- (iii) age of each competitor (excluding the coxswain).

The Executive may order Masters events to be conducted as combined category events and may, from time to time, determine methods of handicapping between the various age categories as it sees fit.

With the exception of Championship events, races shall be conducted in divisions. The Regatta Drawmaster may allow such divisions to be drawn in random order or, at his/her discretion, may cause such divisions to be seeded, having regard to the experience and standard of competitors.

Rule 3.3 CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

A competitor shall be eligible to enter a Novice, Intermediate or Senior Championship event when that competitor has held Novice, Intermediate or Senior status respectively at any stage during the current season.

Rule 4: OPEN EVENTS

Any competitor may compete in an Open event without affecting his/her status.

Rule 5: COMPOSITE CREWS

(a) A crew rowing as a composite crew may only compete in Senior, Elite, Masters and Open events.

(b) Notwithstanding the provision of Rule 5(a), entires shall not be accepted from composite crews for Championship events.

(c) School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school only.

Rule 6: ROW-OVERS

In the event of a crew participating in a row-over, it shall be awarded the appropriate points indicated in the Association's point scoring system and the status of its crew members shall remain unaffected.

Rule 7: DEAD HEATS

(a) In the event of a dead heat for first place in the final of a non-Championship event, the status of all members of the dead-heating crews shall have their status affected as described in Rule 3.

(b) In the event of a dead-heat for first place in the final of a Championship event, all dead-heating crews shall be required to re-row the race at a time determined by the Regatta Referee.

(c) All the crew members of dead heating crews in the re-row of a dead-heated Championship final shall have their status affected as described in Rule 3.

(d) Should a crew which dead-heats in the final of a Championship event refuse to take part in the re-row required by Rule 7(b), it shall take no further part in the race and

forfeit both points and prizes, but its status will remain unaffected.

Rule 8: WOMEN COMPETING IN MEN'S RACES

In the event that a women's crew competing in a men's event, wins that event, the status of its members shall remain unaffected. The first men's crew to cross the line shall be awarded the appropriate points for a win, as indicated in the Association's point scoring system, and shall have their status affected as described in Rule 3.

Rule 9: MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Minimum of three entries, and entries from at least two clubs must start and complete a race for a win in that race to have any effect on the winning crew's/sculler's status in Novice, Senior and Elite categories.

Rule 10: ROWERS FROM OUTSIDE THE ACT

Competitors from other associations, on joining an affiliated club of this Association must submit an accurate account of their rowing record as required on this Association's registration form. The Executive will then confer a suitable status upon that competitor. The decision of the Executive is to be final.

Rule 11: PENALTIES FOR ROWING OUT OF STATUS

(a) The executive may impose penalties on crews or scullers adjudged by the Honorary Recorder to be guilty of offences against the status rules of this Association.

The penalty shall be a reduction of the aggregate of competition points of the Club represented by the offending crew or sculler. The reduction in points shall equal the number of points awarded for first place in the event in which the offence occurred. In addition, any points won by the crew or sculler in the event in which the offence occurred shall be disallowed.

(b) The executive may also disqualify a crew or sculler for any period or impose a fine, not exceeding \$20.00 per crew for each violation, on the club it represents for repeated status rule violations as adjudged by the Honorary Recorder.

(c) The Honorary Recorder shall issue to the club concerned a penalty notice as soon as it is practicable after the offence is committed. If penalty notices include a fine, a duplicate shall be simultaneously sent by the Honorary Recorder to the Honorary Treasurer.

(d) Should a club fail to pay a fine so incurred within fourteen (14) days of the issue of the penalty notice, its crews may be disqualified from further competition until the said fine is paid.

(e) A written appeal to the Honorary Secretary within eight (8) days may be made and will be judged without appeal by the Executive or an appropriate sub-committee of the Executive.

Rule 12: COXSWAINS

Status Rules shall not apply to coxswains except for those competing in Junior, Schoolboy and Schoolgirl events, who shall be bound by the relevant Status Rule.