

Rowing ACT

Master's State Team Selection policy 2024

1. Objective

- 1.1. The purpose of this selection policy is to select the best possible team to represent the ACT at the Australian Master's Rowing Championships (AMRC) Interstate Regatta held 8-11 May 2024 in Lake Barrington, Tasmania. The team will comprise of the following boat classes:

Master's Women's Eight (W8+)

Master's Women's Quad (W4x)

Master's Men's Eight (M8+)

Master's Men's Quad (M4x)

Master's Women's PR3 Single (PR3W1x)

Master's Men's PR3 Single (PR3M1x)

2. ACT Master's State Team Selection Panel

- 2.1. The selection panel will be made up of three members:

- a) One board-sitting member of Rowing ACT;
- b) Two non-board-sitting, non-masters-selection-nominated member(s) of the Rowing ACT community.

3. Eligibility

Only nominees who agree to all of the terms and comply with all of the requirements of this policy may be considered for selection as a Masters ACT representative. Any nominee deemed by the board of Rowing ACT to have breached this policy or failed to comply with any of its requirements may be immediately excluded from further selection. Eligibility criteria includes;

- 3.1. Currently be financially registered as a rower or coxswain in accordance with the rules of Rowing Australia and adhere to the Rowing Australia rules of State of Origin (section 17.3, RA rules 2020);
- 3.2. Attend and be available to participate in all designated selection events outlined in section 12 unless subject to Exemption or Special Consideration in accordance with this policy;
- 3.3. Be willing to train and compete in selected crew with any other nominated athlete;

3.4. Nominees agree to abide by the [Rowing Australia Member Protection Policy](#)

3.5. Adhere to [Rowing ACT's Policy's and By-laws](#)

4. Rowers Primary Selection Criteria

4.1. Selectors will as an overriding principle seek to select the fastest Master's D grade boat/crew in line with the RA AMRC requirements. Where that is not possible the selectors will consider the fastest boat at the next grade.

4.2 Performances in selection events as outlined in section 12.

5. Rowers Secondary Selection Criteria

5.1. Current local, national or interstate performances;

5.2. Past local, national or interstate performances;

5.3. Athletes current level of skill or fitness;

5.4. Any current injuries that may impair the athlete's performance;

5.5. Crew technical compatibility;

5.6. Relevant weather conditions in relation to trialling events.

5.7. If the number of nominees equals the number of available seats in a category the selectors reserve the right to waive any further selection requirements.

6. Coxswain Selection Criteria

Coxswains will be assessed by the Panel of Selectors during training and selection on competent coxing skills and on performance at current season and/or past regattas. Coxswain selection may include, without limitation, assessment of:

6.1. Steering ability

6.2. Rower and coach input

6.2. Recent coxing race recording

7. Coach Selection Criteria

Coaches will be recommended to the Rowing ACT Board by the Selection Panel for approval. Recommendations will be based on the Panel's assessment of each applicant's record and results achieved over;

a) The immediately preceding two years, and/or;

b) The ACT State Team Selection Process.

8. Selectors Discretion

8.1. Selectors have discretion in selection of athletes, coxswains and coaches to, suspend or remove nominees from the ACT master's state team with regard to sections 4, 5, 6 and 7.

8.2. The Selectors may apply a standard which calls for a value judgment and overall assessment of the relevant criteria. In the exercise of their discretion, the Panel of Selectors are expected to bring to account those matters within the criteria that they consider to be relevant to the determination, in achieving the overall objective of the Selection Policy. When comparing Athletes' performance, the predominant function of the selectors' discretion is to determine the relevance of each of the Selection Criteria and the weight attributable to them. For the selectors to exercise their discretion prudently, judiciously and with sound judgment they are required to:

- a) Act Reasonably and justly;
- b) Act in good faith and for proper purposes;
- c) Consider the selection criteria: and;
- d) Consider the relevant materials and disregard irrelevant considerations.

9. Exemptions for Rowers and Coxswains

Exemption requests, including medical exemptions, must be submitted by email to the Panel prior to the selection event. The email address for requests is masterscoord@rowingact.org.au.

10. Special Considerations

If due to illness, injury or extenuating circumstances an athlete is unable to meet any of the requirements of this selection procedure, that athlete may still be considered for selection and requested to complete an agreed "make up " selection trial. Medical considerations will require a certificate or other communication from an independent medical practitioner. The Panel reserves the right to terminate an athlete's nomination, should the athlete not have met the selection policy criteria within a reasonable time frame.

11. Appeals

11.1. For the removal of any doubt an athlete has no right to appeal against any of the following:

11.1.1. Selection to the team;

11.1.2. The non-nomination of a boat that the athlete sought selection in;

11.1.3. The boat class that the athlete got allocated to compete in the AMRC;

11.1.4. Any determination of the athlete's eligibility as specified in section 3.

11.2. A rower or coxswain who is excluded from selection and who believes:

- a) The Selection Panel has acted in a biased fashion; or

- b) The established criteria and processes have not been followed may lodge a complaint or inquiry with the Selection Ombudsman.

The powers of the ombudsman are - to investigate the complaint or inquiry, including speaking as required to all relevant parties and to make a non-binding written recommendation to the RACT Board in relation to the complaint or inquiry, the Board must consider and decide in response to the Ombudsman's recommendations.

11.4. The Rowing ACT Board must issue its final determination within 1 week of receipt of such application. The decision of the Rowing ACT Board will be final, and no further review of the relevant selection may be sought.

12. Event Requirements

12.1 Athletes must compete in **2 out of 3** of the following events in the discipline of nomination (see note 3) to be eligible for selection.

NB: this crew does not need to comprise of other nominees.

12.2. Further seat racing if required.

Dates for these event requirements are shown below:

Event	Racing Boats (if nominated for 4x)	Racing Boats (if nominated for 8+)	Racing Boat (if nominated for 1x)	Date
ACT Open, Masters and Grade Championships	1x AND 2x OR 4x	2- AND 4- OR 4+ OR 8+	1x	2-3 March 2024
Marist/LTRC Regatta	1x AND 2x OR 4x	2- AND 4- OR 4+ OR 8+	1x	16 March 2024
ADF Regatta	1x AND 2x OR 4x	2- AND 4- OR 4+ OR 8+	1x	6 April 2024
Seat Racing if required	-	-	-	7 April 2024

Notes

1) Nomination process

Athletes, Coaches and Coxswains wishing to be considered for the ACT Master's State Team must complete the online nomination form found on the Rowing ACT website form before 1 March 2024.

2) Racing Requirements

Medium/Big boat racing requirements are as follows:

- a) Sculling nominated athletes must race in a single (1x) AND double(2x)/or quad (4x).
- b) Sweep nominated athletes must race in a pair (2-) AND four (4-)/or coxed four (4+)/ or eight (8+).

Small boat racing requirements are as follows:

- a) Sculling nominated athletes must race in a single scull (1x) event.

4) Seat Racing

- a) Seat racing will only be conducted as deemed necessary by the Selection Panel to make selection decisions that could not be assessed to a degree deemed appropriate by the Selection Panel in previous trialling processes.
- b) All nominated athletes are expected to be available for seat racing on the 7 April 2024.
- c) Seat racing would likely take the form of between two and four back-to-back 1000m races with athlete seat changes between races.