

Rowing ACT

Masters State Team Selection policy 2025

1. Objective

1.1. The purpose of this selection policy is to select the best possible team to represent the ACT at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships (AMRC) Interstate Regatta held 29 May – 1 June 2025 at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC). The team will comprise of the following boat classes:

Masters 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 sitting board member of Rowing ACT;
- b) Two non-board, 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
- 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. Crew 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 may consider the fastest boat at the next grade.

4.2 Performances in selection events as outlined in section 7.

5. Selectors Discretion

5.1. 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.

5.2. The Selectors may apply a standard which calls for a value judgment and overall assessment of the relevant criteria. 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.

6. Appeals

6.1. 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.

6.2. 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.

6.3 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.

6.4. 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.

7. Selection process:

7.1 Athletes should submit a complete D Age category crew nomination to Rowing ACT for the interested boat classes.

7.2 If more than one crew is nominated the selectors will require a race off to determine the preferred crew .