



Subject line: Rowing ACT 2025-26 Membership Registration, Affiliation and Seat Fees

Dear Club Presidents and School Heads of Rowing

I am writing today on behalf of the Rowing ACT Board to inform you of changes to the Rowing ACT Membership Registration, Affiliation and Seat Fees. These changes will be applicable for the 2025/26 Membership and Regatta season and will come into effect from July 1, 2025.

Rowing ACT is mindful of the financial pressures many are experiencing and remains committed to keeping fees as low as possible. However, we also face rising costs, and to ensure we can continue to operate sustainably, the Rowing ACT Board has approved a CPI-aligned increase across all fee categories.

Membership Registration and Affiliation Fees:

Following ACT Sport and Recreation funding changes in 2023, Rowing ACT operates without direct funding from the ACT Government, relying on membership registration and affiliation fees to support our core operations inclusive of our own membership obligations to Rowing Australia through the National Affiliation Fee. To maintain the quality of services and support provided to our members, the Rowing ACT Board has approved a 2.4% increase to both membership and affiliation fees. This adjustment aligns with the March 2025 CPI and reflects a similar increase in the Rowing Australia National Affiliation Fee.

These changes ensure Rowing ACT can continue to deliver value to members and support the growth of rowing at the community, state, and national levels. Future CPI increases to Rowing Australia's fees will be reviewed annually, including our capacity to absorb costs without compromising operations. This increase to the Membership Registration and Affiliation fees is consistent with adjustments made by other state rowing organisations of comparable size.

Seat Fees:

Rowing ACT's Seat Fees were last increased in July 2022 – following a long period of no change since 2006. In line with broader fee adjustments, the Rowing ACT board has approved a seat fee increase of 11.56%, reflective of the CPI increase since July 2022. The cost of delivering regattas continues to rise, with increases in equipment hire, medical support, asset replacement, vehicle and boat registrations, and fuel all contributing to the need for this adjustment.

The updated fee schedule for the 2025/26 season is provided below. Seat fee changes will take effect from the start of the 2025/26 regatta season, while membership and affiliation fee changes will commence on 1 July 2025.

We acknowledge the impact a fee increase can have on our community. However, these changes are essential to sustaining and growing our sport. Over the past year, the rowing community in the ACT has seen upgrades to major infrastructure, the development of new programs and delivered successful events – all made possible through the continued support and backing of our community. We look forward to building on this momentum together.

Kind regards

Sarah Davoren

Rowing ACT Executive Officer



Appendix 1: 2025-26 Rowing ACT Fees

| 2025/26 Rowing ACT Fees and Registration | | | | |
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| <i>Affiliation Fees</i> | Payable by all rowers in members clubs. A proportion of this fee is allocated to the Rowing Australia National Affiliation Fee which is payable by Rowing ACT to Rowing Australia. Coxswains, coaches and other associate members do not attract the affiliation fee. | | | |
| <i>Membership Fees</i> | Payable by all competitive rowers and coxswains | | | |
| <i>Seat Fees</i> | Payable by all rowers entered in an ACT event. Whilst the Rowing ACT Board currently does not enforce fines, they may be payable from time-to-time if offences are common | | | |
| <i>Who Pays</i> | All fees to Rowing ACT are charged directly to the club or school. It is the responsibility of the club and school to invoice their members accordingly | | | |
| | <i>Description</i> | <i>Membership Fee</i> | <i>Affiliation Fee</i> | <i>Total Payable</i> |
| <i>Senior Competitive</i> | Age 19 and over at 31 December of current year. | \$92 | \$36.50 | \$128.50 |
| <i>Junior Competitive</i> | U19 at 31 December of current membership year. | \$46 | \$36.50 | \$82.50 |
| <i>Competitive Coxswain</i> | Competitive coxswains only. Not eligible to row in any event | \$46 | | \$46.00 |
| <i>Recreational Rower</i> | May not compete in Point Score Events | | \$36.50 | \$36.50 |
| <i>Associate</i> | Coaches, officials, and non-rowing club members. Cannot compete | | | |
| <i>Supporter</i> | Parents and other friends of rowing interested in receiving rowing news | | | |
| | <i>Description</i> | <i>Seat Fees</i> | | |
| <i>Standard Regattas</i> | Winter Time Trials, Point Score Regattas, Marathon events. Excluding Coxswains | \$13.50 | | |
| <i>Championship Regattas</i> | Events designated as championship on the event calendar. Excluding Coxswains | \$20 | | |

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Rowing ACT acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters on which we live, and row and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.