

DETAIL OF ALTERATIONS – 2023 RA RULES REVIEW – November 2023

In most cases, the entire rule has not been quoted in here, only the relevant parts containing significant change

RULE NUMBER	TOPIC	OLD RULE	NEW RULE	DETAIL
Various				All references for “Penalty” changed to “Sanction” as per World Rowing
Rule 85	Appeals	<p>Appeal Time Limits and Requirements</p> <p>a) An appeal must be submitted in written form to the Board of RA on the same day as the decision being appealed, and not less than 60 minutes before the next round of the event concerned.</p> <p>b) An appeal shall be by notice in writing specifying:</p> <p>i) The name of the association/club</p> <p>ii) The decision being appealed against</p>	<p>Appeal Time Limits and Requirements</p> <p>a) An appeal must be submitted in written form to the Board of RA on the same day as the decision being appealed, and not less than 60 minutes before the next round of the event concerned.</p> <p>b) An appeal shall be by notice in writing specifying:</p> <p>i) The name of the association/club</p> <p>ii) The decision being appealed against</p> <p>iii) The grounds being relied on for the appeal</p>	
Appendix 11	Coastal Rowing Regulations			Significant changes and reordering
Appendix 12	Beach Sprint Rowing Regulations			Significant changes and reordering
Appendix 13	Regatta Roles			Reordering of duties for Control Commission Change reference of “penalty” to “sanction”
Appendix 13	Regatta Roles	Nil	<p>3.4.4 Receiving and giving decisions on objections lodged by crews against sanctions which were awarded during cool-down, training or other times and which objections, in order to be valid, must be lodged with an umpire before the crew embarks for the race to which the sanction and objection apply (Rule 76).</p>	
Appendix 13	Regatta Roles	<p>3.5.3 Unfair or unsafe conditions — The Starter shall consider whether the wind is likely to create unequal or unsafe conditions and, if directed as described below or after consulting the President of the Jury, and the Fairness Committee where applicable, shall take whatever steps may be necessary in accordance with these rules to ensure a fair and safe race. The President of the Jury shall inform the Starter of any required changes, in principle, at least two minutes before the start.</p>	<p>3.5.3 Unfair or unsafe conditions — The Starter shall consider whether the weather is likely to create unfair or unsafe conditions and, shall consult with the President of the Jury, and the Fairness Committee where applicable. The President of the Jury shall inform the Starter of any required changes, in principle, at least two minutes before a start. The Starter shall take whatever steps may be necessary in accordance with these Rules to ensure a safe race.</p>	

Appendix 13	Regatta Roles	3.5.9 Delay — Should it be necessary to delay a race (e.g. equipment breakage) or should some other unexpected event occur (e.g. lightning), the Starter shall consult, if necessary, with the Umpire and then with the President of the Jury; then inform the crews of the new starting time. The Starter shall inform the Control Commission and the Judge at the Finish of the new starting time and the President of the Jury of anything unusual. In all cases, crews must inquire from a member of the Jury regarding any changes before getting out of the boat.	3.5.9 Delay — Should it be necessary to delay a race (e.g. equipment breakage) or should some other unexpected event occur (e.g. lightning), the Starter shall consult, if possible, with the Umpire and then with the President of the Jury; then inform the crews of the new starting time. The Starter shall inform the Control Commission and the Judge at the Finish of the new starting time and the President of the Jury of anything unusual. In all cases, crews must inquire from a member of the Jury regarding any changes before getting out of the boat.	Only consult with the umpire and President if necessary.
Appendix 13	Regatta Roles	3.7.13 Where zonal umpiring is in force, the provisions of this By-Law shall refer to each of the umpires responsible for their respective zone and outside where appropriate. The extent to which zonal umpires carry out their duties shall be subject to their location and consequent ability to oversee the race.	3.7.13 Where zonal umpiring is in force, the provisions of this By-Law shall refer to each of the umpires responsible for their respective zone and outside where appropriate. The extent to which zonal umpires carry out their duties shall be subject to their location and consequent ability to oversee the race. In zonal umpiring the Umpires shall be in radio communication with each other and with the President of the Jury.	
Appendix 13	Regatta Roles	3.8.1.1 Determine the order in which the bows of the boats cross the finish line;	3.8.1.1 Determine the order in which the bows of the boats reach the finish line;	Crews only required to reach, not cross the finish line
Appendix 13	Regatta Roles	3.8.1.4 Check that the official results on the result sheet and on the scoreboard are correct.	3.8.1.4 Check that the official results on the result sheet are correct and announce 'race (number) official' which authorises publication of the official result.	Clarity to current practice
Appendix 14	By-Laws to Rule 38 – Free Construction	Nil	For all para-rowing events, athletes must meet the para-rowing equipment specifications as outlined in Appendix 6. For all coastal rowing events, athletes must meet the coastal and beach sprint rowing equipment specifications as outlined in Appendix 11 and 12	Clarity that para and coastal boat and equipment rules are under their appendix.
Appendix 14	Boats	Boat Design – All boats shall be mono-hulls, unless otherwise agreed by Rowing Australia.	Boat Design – All boats shall be displacement mono-hulls, unless otherwise agreed by Rowing Australia.	Clarification
Appendix 14	Boats	Nil	1.d Fins – A fin is a plate, with single surface with or without cross-sectional shape, affixed to the hull below the water. Any number of fins are allowed but they must be fixed and vertical on the hull. 1.e Rudders – A rudder is a rotatable surface with its axis of rotation in the centreline plane of the hull. Only one rudder is allowed.	Include details about fins and rudders

Appendix 14	Communications and Electronics	<p>a) Data Transmission – During racing (which shall mean at all times when racing “traffic rules” are in force), no communication with the crew is permitted from outside the boat using electric or electronic equipment. In addition, no data may be sent to, or received from the boat except as provided for in paragraph 5c with the exception of those outlined in Appendix 6 (Para Regulations).</p> <p>b) Allowable Data - No data may be sent to or received from the boat except as provided for below. During racing, the only information allowed to the crew in the boat shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time • Stroke Rate • Boat velocity/acceleration • Heart rate <p>This information shall be designated ‘allowable data’. This data and any information derived directly from it may be recorded during racing for later use. No other data or information may be measured, recorded or stored.</p> <p>c) Regatta Information - RA may install on each boat a device(s) for the purpose of recording or transmitting real-time race and other information which shall be owned by RA and may be used for any purpose including presentation and promotion of the event and the sport.</p>	<p>d) Data Transmission – During racing (which shall mean at all times when racing “traffic rules” are in force), no communication with the crew is permitted from outside the boat using electric or electronic equipment. In addition, no data may be sent to, or received from the boat except as provided for in paragraph 5c with the exception of those outlined in Appendix 6 (Para Regulations).</p> <p>e) Allowable Data - No data may be sent to or received from the boat except as provided for below. During racing, the only information allowed to the crew in the boat shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time • Stroke Rate • Boat velocity/acceleration • Heart rate • Distance • Stroke Count • Geographic Position <p>This information shall be designated ‘allowable data’. This data and any information derived directly from it may be recorded during racing for later use. No other data or information may be measured, recorded or stored except as provided for in paragraph 5c.</p> <p>f) Regatta Information - RA may install on each boat a device(s) for the purpose of recording or transmitting real-time race and other information which shall be owned by RA and may be used for any purpose including presentation and promotion of the event and the sport.</p>	<p>Add the data that is currently available with common equipment (stroke coach / speed coach)</p>
Appendix 14				<p>Other clarification of language, spelling and grammar</p>