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Introduction

The 2023 Australian Coastal Rowing and Beach Sprints Championships is to be held in at Mooloolaba Beach from 27 – 30 July 2023 and will incorporate the Oceania Championships.

The event is being hosted by Rowing Australia and Rowing Queensland.

Important Dates

Entries Open	9am Sunday 28 May 2023
Entries Close	Midnight AEST Monday 17 July 2023
Withdrawal Without Penalty	Midnight AEST Thursday 20 July 2023
Entry Fee Payments Due	COB Monday 24 July 2023
Course opens for training	Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 July 2023
Skippers/Competitors Meeting (compulsory)	Wednesday 26 July 2023 (for Coastal Rowing) and Thursday 27 July 2023 (for Beach Sprints)
Racing Begins	Thursday 27 July 2023

Eligibility

Entry to the event is open to all competitors who are authorised to compete by their Rowing Australia affiliated State Association or International rowing federation and who are eligible under the Rowing Australia Rules and By-laws of Racing.

Details on membership options, including event specific memberships, can be provided to you by your local club or the State Rowing Association in the state in which the rower resides. Queries for competitors who are not affiliated with a Rowing Club, should be directed to either the [state rowing association](#) or coastalrowing@rowingaustralia.com.au

Under 19: A rower or coxswain shall be classified as an Under 19 rower until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 18.

Open: Open rowing events are open to rowers of all ages.

Masters C+: Masters C+ events are open to rowers of 43 years of age or more. Age is taken as at 31 December 2023.

Para: To be eligible to compete, para rowers must have at a minimum a provisional classification in a para rowing sport class. The Para event will be PR3, however athletes are able row up a sport class to compete (i.e. PR1 or PR2 can race in PR3). The PR3 event will be an inclusion double scull, meaning that the entry will accept 1 para rower with 1 able bodied rower. 2 para rowers are also able to compete in this event.

Rules

The Australian Coastal Rowing and Beach Sprint Championships will be conducted according to the Rowing Australia Rules and By-laws of Racing & the Beach Sprint and Coastal Rowing Appendices to these Rules. These can be found at <https://rowingaustralia.com.au/ra-rules-of-racing-and-related-by-laws/>

Events – Coastal Rowing

	M1x	W1x	Mix2x	M2x	W2x	Mix4x+
U19			✓			✓
Open			✓			✓
Masters C+ (43+)			✓			✓
Para			✓			

Events – Beach Sprints

	M1x	W1x	Mix2x	M2x	W2x	Mix4x+
U19	✓	✓	✓			
Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Masters C+ (43+)			✓	✓	✓	
Para			✓			

Events – Oceania Championships – Beach Sprints

	M1x	W1x	Mix2x	M2x	W2x	Mix4x+
U19	✓	✓	✓			
Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Masters C+ (43+)						
Para			✓			

*The winners of these events will automatically win the Australian and Oceania event. Separate racing will not be conducted.

Indicative Schedule – Coastal Rowing

Racing will commence at 8am on Thursday 18 August. An indicative schedule of racing can be found at the [event webpage](#)

Doubling up in events is not encouraged in Coastal Rowing

Indicative Schedule – Beach Sprints

Racing will commence at 8am on Saturday 20 August. An indicative schedule of racing can be found at the [event webpage](#)

Progression System – Coastal Rowing

Up to 6 Crews	All crews to a Final (4km) (subject to boat availability)
6 – 12 Crews	Round 1: 2 Heats (4km) Round 2: 1 Final (4km) – First 3 crews from each heat to progress to the final (subject to boat availability)

Progression System – Beach Sprints

Round 1: Time Trial	All crews to race in the time trial and are ranked in time order
Round 2: Quarter Final	Fastest 8 crews from the Time Trial will progress to the Quarter Final
Round 3: Semi Final	Winners from each Quarter Final will progress to the Semi Finals
Round 4: Final	Winners of each Semi Final will progress to the Final

Making Entries

Entries will be taken via Rowing Manager only.

The regatta entry page can be found here: <https://rowingmanager.com/regattas/5944>

For international entries, please contact coastalrowing@rowingaustralia.com.au

Crews will be required to nominate a "Boat Handler" for their crew. This person is considered an integral part of the crew, though does not compete in the boat. Further details regarding the role can be found [here](#).

Restriction to Entries

Entries will be capped to 12 per event in the Coastal Rowing.

Entries will be capped to 20 per event in the Beach Sprints.

Entries will be capped at three entries per club for the Beach Sprint 1x and two entries per club in the Coastal Rowing 1x.

Any entries over these amounts will be placed on a waiting list. After entries close, crews on the waiting list will be added to the crew entry lists at the discretion of the regatta organisers.

Waitlisted crews will be updated in Rowing Manager if their entry is accepted.

Where there is space available in an event, late entries may be accepted from athletes already entered in the championships (pending approval). Crews with new rowers will not be accepted after the close of entries.

Rowing Australia reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to reject any entry or to move the entry to a waitlist position to ensure a diversity of entries in each event.

Entry Fees

Entry fees will be charged (per person) as follows:

\$100 for the first seat and \$50 per seat thereafter capped at \$300 for the four-day event.

Entry fees include boat and oar hire.

Conditions of Entry

- Competitors agree that they may be filmed and/or photographed during racing which may be published online.
- Competitors must be able to swim 50 metres and tread water unaided for 3 minutes in open water conditions.
- Competitors and Volunteers will be liable for any costs for ambulance transport required as a result of sickness/injury at the event.
- Competitors must complete the event waiver which will be emailed to each competitor, boat handler and coach following the close of entries. Clubs must ensure email addresses are correct in Rowing Manager.
- All Competitors must attend the skippers briefing to be eligible to compete.

Boat and Oar Hire

Boats and Oars will be provided for the event by Sykes Racing. The hire of boats and oars is included as part of the seat fee.

Crews are not able to bring their own boats but may bring their own oars to use during the event.

- Spans will be set to 158cm and cannot be changed.
- Competitors may change their feet position immediately prior to race start.
- The Sykes team will be available to manage boats and equipment at all times during racing.

Boats for Purchase

Boats used during the championships will be made available for purchase post event.

If you are interested in purchasing boats, please contact:

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Training

Specific training days will be Tuesday 25 (afternoon) and Wednesday 26 July at the venue.

Booking for boats and training sessions during these training days are available online [here](#) (see the Pre Event Training link).

Education & Come and Try

Some educational opportunities will be made available on coastal rowing in the days leading up to the event.

Some great videos area available courtesy of World Rowing [HERE](#)

Skippers / Competitors Briefing

The skippers briefing is compulsory for all crews. This will be held on Wednesday 25 July for Coastal Rowing and Beach Sprints and Thursday 26 July for Beach Sprints only, around midday nearby the venue. No crews will be permitted to race if they have not attended the briefing.

National Selection

Some beach sprints events will serve as part of the selection process for the Australian team to attend the World Rowing Beach Sprints Finals in Barletta in October. More information can be [found here](#).

For any crews wishing to compete at the 2023 World Rowing Coastal Championships (WRCC), please email an EOI to coastalrowing@rowingaustralia.com.au. Please note the WRCC are a club based and open entry event, but crews are required to be ratified and ranked by the National Federation. Rowing Australia will not contribute to the costs of attending this event, and it is not a national team based event. For more information please visit;

<https://worldrowing.com/event/2023-world-rowing-coastal-championships>

Contact

coastalrowing@rowingaustralia.com.au

Information will continually be updated at:

<https://rowingaustralia.com.au/2023-australian-coastal-rowing-and-beach-sprints-championships/>