

AUSTRALIAN
COASTAL ROWING
& **BEACH SPRINTS**
CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Introduction

The 2025 Australian Beach Sprints Championships is to be held in at Monterey Beach, NSW from 18 – 21 September 2025. The event is being hosted by Rowing Australia.

Important Dates

Entries Open	9am Friday 20 June 2025
Entries Close	Midnight AEST Monday 8 September 2025
Withdrawal Without Penalty	Midnight AEST Thursday 11 September 2025
Entry Fee Payments Due	COB Monday 15 September 2025
Course opens for training	Wednesday 17 September (from 9am)
Skippers/Competitors Meeting (compulsory)	Wednesday 17 September (TBC)
Racing Begins	Thursday 18 September 2025

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 and current members of surf clubs affiliated with SLSA and their state bodies. International rowers and surf club members are also welcome to enter.

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 17: A rower or coxswain shall be classified as an Under 17 rower until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 16.

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.

Under 21: A rower or coxswain shall be classified as an Under 21 rower until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 20.

Under 23: A rower or coxswain shall be classified as an Under 23 rower until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 22.

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 2025.

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.

Rowers who do not yet have a para or provisional classification, must contact James Loveday (Rowing Australia Para Head Coach) (jloveday@rowingaustralia.com.au) at least 4 weeks prior to the close of entries to arrange for classification.

Rules

The Australian 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 – Beach Sprints

	M1x	W1x	Mix2x	M2x	W2x	Mix4x+
U17	✓ (24)	✓ (24)	✓ (16)			
U19	✓ (24)	✓ (24)	✓ (16)	✓ (16)	✓ (16)	✓ (8)
U21	✓ (24)	✓ (24)				
U23	✓ (24)	✓ (24)	✓ (16)			
Open	✓ (24)	✓ (24)	✓ (16)	✓ (16)	✓ (16)	✓ (8)
Masters C+ (43+)			✓ (16)	✓ (16)	✓ (16)	✓ (8)
Para			✓ (16)			

Caps are shown in brackets

Indicative Schedule – Beach Sprints

An indicative schedule of racing can be found at the [event webpage](#).

Progression System

The progression system for both formats can be [viewed here](#)

Making Entries

Entries will be taken via Rowing Manager only.

The regatta entry page can be found here: <https://rowingmanager.com/regattas/6796/>

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 as indicated in the events table above. These caps are subject to change.

- 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. 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. Crews that bring their own oars are responsible for removing them from boats and the beach immediately after their race.

- Spans will be set to 158cm and cannot be changed.
- Nothing on the boats may be changed with the exception of feet /foot stretcher position which competitors may change immediately prior to race start.
- The RA team will be available to manage boats and equipment at all times during racing.

Training

Specific training days will be Wednesday 17 September 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 Thursday 17 September.

No crews will be permitted to race if they have not attended the briefing.

Contact

coastalrowing@rowingaustralia.com.au

More information and FAQ

Information will continually be updated at:

<https://rowingaustralia.com.au/australian-coastal-and-beach-sprint-championships>