

APPENDIX 7. MASTERS EVENT REGULATIONS

Event Regulations and/or Departures from the RA Rules of Racing Australian Masters Rowing Championships

1. Application

These regulations apply to the Australian Masters Rowing Championships together with and not in exclusion of the Rules of Racing.

2. Boat Classes (Appendix 6)

The Australian Masters Rowing Championships offers racing in the following boat classes:

Men	1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4+, 4-, 8+
Women	1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4+, 4-, 8+
Mixed	2x, 4x, 4+, 8+

3. Interstate Event Trophies (Rule 10)

The Interstate Masters Events shall consist of the following races with their respective trophies:

- Men's Masters Quad Scull for the Interstate Masters Championship Trophy
- Women's Masters Quad Scull for the Veteran's Cup
- Men's Masters Eight for the Brian Vear Memorial Trophy
- Women's Masters Eight for the Interstate Masters Championship Trophy

Crews entered by the State Associations for the Interstate Masters Events shall be D-Grade crews (av. age 50-54), except that where a State Association is unable to field a D-Grade crew it may enter a C-Grade crew (av. age 43-49) with the agreement of a majority on the RA Council (excluding the Councillor of the State/Territory applying for exemption).

If Council permits a C-Grade crew to compete in an Interstate Masters Event, it will start with the appropriate handicap as defined in Appendix 10 of the RA Rules of Racing and with such other conditions as Council may determine.

Nothing in this Regulation 3 prevents a State/Territory being represented in an Interstate Masters Event by an E-Grade or older crew without the benefit of a handicap.

4. Champion of Champion Singles

The winning sculler in each single scull event shall be invited to compete in the Champion of Champions Single scull event (male and female). The event will be run with relevant handicaps as a straight final.

All winners of each single scull event will be notified and can register on a first come basis (7 lanes available)

5. Champion Club Eight – for the John Whiting Trophy

The Champion Club Eight event, offered for both men and women is open to all clubs. Crews must consist of members of one club only (including the coxswain). The event will be handicapped.

6. Medals and Combining of Events

Events with low entries may be combined into the one race with relevant handicaps; however, in single gender (championship events) medals shall be awarded separately regardless of how many events are included in the race. This shall not apply to the Champion Club Eight or Mixed events.

7. Masters Age Categories

A rower may compete in Masters rowing events from the beginning of the year during which he attains the age of 27. The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be that which he attains during the year of the event.

Masters rowing events shall be held in the following crew age categories:

A	Minimum age: 27 years,
B	Average age: 36 years or more
C	Average age: 43 years or more
D	Average age: 50 years or more
E	Average age: 55 years or more
F	Average age: 60 years or more
G	Average age: 65 years or more
H	Average age: 70 years or more
I	Average age: 75 years or more
J	Average age: 80 years or more
K	Average age: 83 years or more
L	Average age: 86 years or more
M	Average age: 89 years or more

The average age of a crew (excluding the coxswain) will be calculated by dividing the total number of years of age of the crew by the number of members of the crew rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Age categories do not apply to coxswains of Masters crews.

Masters rowers must be in a position to prove their age by presentation of an official document (passport or photo identity card).

Handicaps that will apply at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships are contained in Appendix 10

8. Mixed Masters Events (Rule 33)

Mixed crew events may be held for Masters crews in which half of the crew excluding the coxswain, shall be women and half shall be men. The coxswain may be of either gender.

Mixed which shall be run as handicapped divisions rather than heats and finals with medals being awarded for each division, not to each event/age category within the division.

9. Health of rowers

Each competitor shall be responsible for their own health and fitness.

10. Rowers' Clothing (Rule 51)

At Australian Masters Rowing Championships, members of crews shall compete in the racing uniform of their club, including composite crews i.e. composite crews are not required to wear identical uniforms.

11. Conduct of Races

At Australian Masters Rowing Championships, static umpiring positions shall typically be used, in order to eliminate the nuisance of wash from motor boats. Normally, no motor boats shall follow the races, and the number of such boats on the water shall be the absolute minimum for the efficient operation and maintenance of the course and for safety.

12. Progression System

See Appendix 3 Progressions which outlines the possible progression systems for the Australian Masters Rowing Championships.

13. Lane Usage

6 Lanes Available	6 Lane Progression (no real options)
7 Lanes Available	7 Lane Progression (in general), which really only has finals of 6 so if there is a fairness issue it can be addressed in the finals to make it fairer. 6 Lane Progression where transit options are limited
8 Lanes Available	7 Lane Progression for courses subject to crosswind or which have limited transit space 8 Lane Progression for courses not subject to crosswind and where adequate transit space exists
9 Lanes Available	8 Lane Progression for courses subject to crosswind or which have limited transit space. 9 Lane Progression for courses not subject to crosswind and where adequate transit space exists.
10 Lanes Available	9 Lane Progression for courses subject to crosswind or which have limited transit space