

Rowing Australia rules and regulations in regards to assigning of rowing numbers for McVilly-Pearce pin, as approved by the Rowing Australia Board on 13 August 2015

In order to be eligible to receive a rowing number and a McVilly-Pearce pin, athletes:

- Must have competed in:
 - a recognised Championship regatta - for this purpose it is limited to Olympic Games, World Senior Championships, Commonwealth Games or FISA Senior Championships. Therefore does not include World Professional Sculling Championships, inter Dominion events or senior Trans-Tasman competitions.
 - events such as European Championships or other FISA recognised events in non-World Championship years where the event represented the equivalent of the World Championships in both representation and depth. **Events that led up to the first FISA or first World Championship are not otherwise included. For the benefit of readers the following start dates of senior championships are provided:**
 - Olympic Games – 1896
 - Empire Games – 1930
 - World Men's Championships -1962 (every four years)
 - World Women's Championships and commencement of annual World Championships – 1974
 - FISA Lightweight Men's Championships 1974
 - World Championships for lightweight men and women – 1985
 - World Championships for para rowing - 2002
 - Competed in a Championship race – excludes invitational events at a recognized Championships.
- Selected as an Australian representative by recognised body or bodies - accordingly does not include professional scullers who raced for the World Professional Sculling Championship - they were not selected by a recognised Australian Rowing Association.
- **Must have competed.** Therefore reserves or people who had to withdraw due to injury before competing are not included. The reverse is also true, if a person is replaced after the heat, both the person replaced and the person who fills in get awarded a number. The implications of this rule mean that numbers will be allocated only at the event and not beforehand. If handed out beforehand, the person will need to understand that it is conditional upon competing.
- Includes Paralympic and Para rowing Championships – we do not run a separate system for them.

The following persons are ineligible to receive a McVilly-Pearce pin:

- Athletes who competed at early lightweight women's events in St Catherines Canada which were the pre cursor of World Championships which commenced in 1985 v inclusion of European Championships in the non-World Championship years in late 1960s and early 1970s. The difference being that the European Championships were a FISA recognised regatta at which most countries participated.
- Athletes who competed para rowing events before World Championships status in 2002 (this includes exhibition/demonstration races)
- Managers, Medical Staff, reserves and other team support staff/memebers
- Australian Olympic rowers in 1908 and 1912 Olympic Games as they raced for England (usually students at universities which won the qualification races)