

Rules of Rowing – Changes

Notes on Changes from version July 2015 to version July 2017

1 Changes to Document Structure

- 1) The Definitions section has moved to after the Table of Contents but before the main document starts. Changes to individual definitions are noted below.
- 2) Version 2015 had two Scope sections: the first a point 3 under Section 1: General, and the second being its own Section 3: Scope. These have both been merged into what is now Section 2.2.1: Application. Some rewording has been done which is noted below.
- 3) The old *Section 5: Regattas and Officials* heading has been removed and the old *Section 4: Athletes and Racing* heading is now *Section 3: Rules of Racing* which contains all the rules of racing in the main body – the old sections 4 and 5.
- 4) Formatting changes to give automatic rule numbering have been introduced.
 - a. Rules that have been renumbered without textual changes are not specifically noted below
 - b. Where Rules have been merged this is noted below
 - c. Where there are textual changes to a Rule then the old rule number is provided as well as the new rule number
 - d. Note that appendices are now numbered Appendix A, Appendix B, etc. and the rules in appendices are numbered for example, Rule D.2.3
 - e. Other formatting changes are not specifically noted below except for purposes of clarity

2 Changes to Definitions

The 2015 Definitions are in Section 2. The 2017 Definitions are after the Table of Contents but before the main document starts.

1	Ballast has been replaced with Deadweight throughout the document. The definition for Deadweight is the same as for Ballast previously but some formatting changes have been introduced.
2	Dead heat The words <i>“If this occurs in a final, the boats will be placed in that position. If this occurs in the progression stages of an event, the jury shall decide on the course of action regarding progression into the next round.”</i> have been removed.
3	Deadweight replaces Ballast as noted above.
4	Event Remove the word “repêchages”.
5	Head gear 2015: Head gear means hats, caps and sweat bands. 2017: Head gear means hats or caps.
6	New term introduced: 2017: Official is a person who is nominated as such to officiate at a regatta.

3 Changes to Wording

3.1 Reference Documents

Make reference to the following documents:

RULES OF RACING 2015 final.docx	The original set of approved rules
ROR_2017-v1.0.docx	The updated / proposed rules
ROR_Changes_2015-to-2017_Tracked.docx	A Microsoft Word document where the changes are tracked and can be reviewed. Use together with the following notes.

3.2 Textual Changes

Trivial corrections and punctuation and formatting changes that do not alter any meaning are not recorded.

The following textual changes should be noted.

#	2015	2017
1	Version 2015 had two Scope sections: the first a point 3 under <i>Section 1: General</i> , and the second being its own <i>Section 3: Scope</i> . These have both been merged into what is now <i>paragraph 2.2.1</i> .	2.2.1 These Rules of Racing shall apply to all rowing and sculling races, events and regattas sanctioned by RowSA and its affiliates. National championship, national, local championship and local regattas are deemed to be subject to these rules unless: a) Approval is obtained from the South African Rowing Officials Commission (SAROC) to waive these rules and b) Participating clubs are advised to the contrary in the relevant regatta notification
2	Exceptions 3.3 ...two weeks...	Exceptions 2.3.3 ...four weeks...
3	Rule 1.2.5 Has penalty clause	Rule 1.2.5 The Penalty clause has been moved to its own clause Rule 1.3.10. See point 5 below.
4	Rule 1.2.8 oars oars	Rule 1.2.8 sweep sweep oars
5	<i>Rule 1.3 Weighing of Boats</i> and <i>Rule 1.4 Official Boat Weighing Procedure</i> have been merged into one rule 1.3. The boat weighing procedure now starts at 2017 Rule 1.3.4. There have been substantial wording changes to the boat weighing procedure. Please refer to the above 3 documents. Specifically note a new rule 1.3.9 and a new penalty clause rule 1.3.10.	
6	Rule 2.3.5 Grade 12 rowers and coxswains are not permitted to participate in any school regattas in the period September to December	Rule 2.3.5 Grade 12 rowers and coxswains are not permitted to row for a school club in regattas in the period September to December
7		Rule 2.4.1 A footnote has been added. The formulation of the age calculation for Under 23 rowers is different to that for Junior Rowers. This is correct.

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8	Rule 2.5.2 Senior rowing is open to all registered rowers, whatever their gender, weight or age.	Rule 2.5.2 The word weight has been removed. Senior rowing is open to all registered rowers, whatever their gender or age.
9	Rule 2.5.3 has been removed. Senior rowing is sub-classified by status levels defined by the maximum number of points held by the crew in the appropriate discipline.	Subsequent rules renumber accordingly.
10	Rules 2.8.4, 2.8.5 and 2.8.6 have been removed. Refer to 2015 rules for original versions.	Subsequent rules renumber accordingly.
11	<p><i>Rule 2.10 Coxswains</i> and <i>Rule 2.11 Weight Specifications</i> have been merged into one rule 2.10. A table has been introduced detailing the Gender, Weight and Age restrictions on coxswains applicable to different crews.</p> <p>There have been wording changes and renumbering of subsequent rules.</p> <p>Please refer to the above 3 documents.</p> <p>Specifically note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rule 2.10.2 Dress Code has been added - The weight restriction for a coxswain J19 remains at 50kg. For Senior female or mixed crew this increases to 55 kg to be gender neutral. 	
12	Rule 5.10.1 It is prohibited for coaches or other individuals to give instructions and advice to crews during a race	Rule 5.10.1 It is prohibited for coaches or other individuals to give instructions or advice to crews during a race
13	Rule 8.3.1 Rowers to be tested will be selected according to one of the following criteria: i. Race results (e.g. places 1st to 4th). ii. A random draw from amongst all the athletes (drawing the number of the race, the lane or the place the crew achieves in the race, then the number of the seat in the boat). iii. A combination of (i) and (ii). iv. Where doping is suspected.	Rule 8.3.1 Rowers to be tested will be selected according to any of the following criteria: a) Race results (e.g. places 1st to 4th) b) A random draw from amongst all the athletes (drawing the number of the race, the lane or the place the crew achieves in the race, then the number of the seat in the boat) c) Where doping is suspected
14	Rule 8.4.1 ... Once the rower has been introduced to the responsible person at the doping control station they have no further responsibility for the rower.	Rule 8.4.1 ... Once the rower has been introduced to the responsible person at the doping control station, the official at control commission has no further responsibility for the rower.
15	Rule 11.2.2 The organising committee shall draw up and publish a regatta notice, a provisional programme and entry forms two weeks before the regatta.	Rule 11.2.2 The organising committee shall prepare and publish a regatta notice, a provisional programme and entry forms four weeks before the regatta.
16	Rule 12.2.2 The regatta report shall be signed by the president of the jury and shall be available not later than twenty four hours after the last race	Rule 12.2.2 The regatta report shall be signed by the president of the jury and shall be available not later than two weeks after the regatta

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17	Rule 12.3.7 Where required , the PoJ shall decide on action required regarding the progression of boats involved in a dead heat in preliminary races.	Rule 12.3.7 When necessary , the President of the Jury shall decide on action required regarding the progression of boats involved in a dead heat in preliminary races.
18	Appendix A: Rules of Progression The progression tables have changed. Refer to 2017 document.	
19	Rule A2.1.4 i. Current and past junior rowers shall be awarded 3 points.	Rule B.1.4 Insert junior rowers a) Current junior rowers and past junior rowers shall be awarded 3 points.
20	Rule A2.1.7 An event is deemed to be qualifying event when four or more crews race at a national championship, national and local championship regatta and the event is not of the following:	Rule B.1.7 Insert one An event is deemed to be qualifying event when four or more crews race at a national championship, national and local championship regatta and the event is not one of the following:
21	Appendix C: The Masters Handicap System Extensive changes have been made. Refer to 2017 document.	
22	Appendix D Para Rowing Terms AS, TA and LTA have been replaced with the corresponding terms PR1, PR2 and PR3 throughout the document. Refer to "ROR_Changes_2015-to-2017_Tracked.docx" to see all the changes.	
23	Rule A4.5.5 The colour of the all straps must be a contrasting colour from the rowers' racing uniform so that it can be clearly seen.	Rule D.5.5 The colour of all the straps must be a contrasting colour from the rowers' racing uniform so that the straps can be clearly seen.
24	Rule A4.8.1 For para-rowing events the length of the standard course shall be 1000 metres straight.	Rule D.8.1 For para-rowing events the length of the standard course shall be 2000 metres straight.
25	Rule A5.8.x	Renumber to E.8.13 Wording has not changed. Subsequent rules renumber accordingly.