

## 2020/21 Re-classification Report

In accordance with the NZRA Rules of Racing 2020 Rule 13.5, NZRA received and considered applications from rowers seeking re-classification of their ability grade. This process has become simpler over time. The Panel wishes to acknowledge the Classification Rule Review Committee and the Domestic Committee for their work in assisting Rowing NZ staff with this process and the alterations to the Rules.

The Reclassification Panel consisted of Sonya Walker (Rowing NZ), Rachael Kennedy (Rowing NZ) and Jock Mackintosh (Rowing NZ Board Member)

Rowing NZ received 74 applications for reclassification. This was relatively high compared with previous years, this was believed to be due to the 2020 Aon Maadi Cup not being held. All of these applications were to move down to a lower grade.

Application	Received	Granted
Senior – Club	26	15
Club – Intermediate	46	38
Senior – Intermediate	1	
Intermediate - Novice	1	

After consideration of all applications the Panel wishes to inform clubs of the following points:

- We again received an application to go back to novice, we remind all clubs that this is not possible within the rules.
- Many applications came as a result of one good result in an 8+ which led to a rower moving up a grade. Where this was the case, if other results from throughout the season were not at a similar standard the panel looked at this favourably, particularly where they had little other success in intermediate.
- A number of applications were not approved by the Associations. Therefore, these were not considered as they had not completed the requirements.
- Some applications were received from Masters who only had Masters racing results. A comparison was drawn with similar standing masters for their regrades.
- There were a few applications whose entries into lightweight events at Nationals took them up a grade, this could have been because of the standard competing in that grade at the time. However, it should be noted that coaches should be made aware that grades can be affected by entering these sorts of events.
- Even though the date change occurred there were still a handful of requests for applications to be considered, these were not accepted as the date had already been extended considerably with the November date change.
- The Domestic Committee were also contacted regarding 11 applications in order to ensure the panels thinking was in line with their expectations.

The Panel notes the guidelines for reclassification applications will be updated next year. This will take place after the Classification Rule 13 Review Committee has completed its next review.

The RNZ Board received seven appeals against the decisions made by the Panel.