

134th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

The 134th Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. will be held on the 22nd May 2021 at the Novotel Tainui, Hamilton.

At 12.00pm the NZ Rowing Foundation will hold its AGM. The NZRA AGM will follow this at 1.00pm.

1. Welcome by the President

The NZRA President, Bill Falconer, welcomed everyone to the 134th New Zealand Rowing Association Annual General Meeting.

2. Confirmation of Delegates

Auckland	Paula Halliday	David Vallance
Bay of Plenty	Ross Morrell	Brendan Cullum
Canterbury	Alex Meates	Christine Moffat
East Coast	Ross Webb	Peter Simmons
Marlborough	Tim Babbage	David Henry
Otago	Lauren Farneden	Kirsty Dunhill
Southland	Peter Sinclair	Kevin Flutey
Waikato	Pete Yeoman	Catherine Stapleton
Whanganui	Gus Scott	Philippa Baker-Hogan
Wellington	Catherine Duffin	Andrew Carr-Smith
NZSSRA	Janey Charlton	Trudy Keys

3. Confirmation of votes available to be cast at the meeting.

Twenty-two (22) votes. Two (2) per Local Association.

4. Recognition of Other Attendees - Life Members, Board Members and Affiliates

Board Members: Thornton Williams, Jane Davel, Geoff Taylor, Virginia le bas, Hayden Dillon, Bruce Tong, Raechel Cummins, Genevieve Macky, Jock Mackintosh

NZRA Life Members: Tony Popplewell, Ivan Sutherland, Lesley Milne.

Observers: Cedric Bayly, Karl Morgan, Kaye Surgenor, Ian Seymour, Justin Wall, Victoria Jantke, Chris Klaassen, Mat Jensen, Robin Clarke, Vikki Maclean, Rob Bristow, Steve Cushing, Logan Keys, Nick Barton, Don Barron, Roger Milne, David Rodger.

5. Apologies

NZRA Life Members: Johnny Johnson, John Wylie, George Tuffin, Fred Strachan, Evan McCalman, Mike Hartley

NZRF Trustees: Murdoch Dryden, Pat Peoples, Juliette Drysdale,

Wellington/ Southland Apologies sustained

6. In Memoriam

George Paterson	Oamaru Rowing Club
Keith Hazelwood	Oamaru Rowing Club
Ron Grant	North End Rowing Club
Leslie Saywood	New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing
Association Jim Hill	Hamilton Rowing Club, Rowing NZ Life Member

Sam Seath	Wellington Rowing Club
Spot Saul	Marlborough Rowing Association
Bruce Collings	Whanganui Rowing Association
Gary Poltridge	Whanganui Rowing Association
Steven McLean	Whanganui Rowing Association
Hugo Shaw	St Peters School, Cambridge Rowing Club
Kenny Williams	Hawkes Bay

A minute of silence was respectfully observed.

7. Confirmation of Minutes from the 133rd Annual Meeting held on 15 August 2020.

Moved: *That the minutes of the 133rd Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association held on the 15 August 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

Whanganui/ Otago

CARRIED

8. Matters Arising

Clarification on location for the 2021 AGM location:

East Coast Rowing Association was to host the 2021 AGM but due to Waikato Rowing Association missing out on their hosting opportunity in 2020 due to COVID, all hosting dates were pushed back one year.

East Coast have their 150th Anniversary in 2024 and would like to host the AGM in 2024 rather than 2022.

Whanganui Rowing Association (due to host the AGM in 2023) also have a large Anniversary in the near future and would like to delay their hosting until this date as well.

Due to the above, a destination for the 2022 is unknown, and East Coast will host in 2024.

Canterbury Rowing Association asked if the minutes from the SGM held in December 2020 would be confirmed at this AGM. The minutes have been distributed but not confirmed.

The minutes will be confirmed at a later date.

Canterbury have one change to the minutes and will inform Rowing NZ of this via email.

9. Adoption of the 134th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2020.

- a) Board / CEO report - taken as read.
- b) High Performance Report – taken as read.
- c) Domestic Report – taken as read.
- d) Audit, Finance, Risk and Compliance Committee Report – Hayden Dillon to speak to the AFRCR report.

Audit, Finance, Risk and Compliance Committee Report

Hayden introduced himself – he was formally appointed to the Risk Committee Chair last year with the departure of Jerry Rickman. Hayden acknowledged the legacy that Jerry and other committee members have left in regard to the financial growth of Rowing NZ.

The accounts being reported on are to the end of December 2020. Due to the global pandemic, the 2020 Olympics were postponed to 2021, and there was cancellation of the 2020 Aon Maadi Cup, 2020 Aon Junior Regatta, 2020 Aon University Rowing Championships, and 2020 NZ Masters Rowing Championships. As such, the accounts will need to be considered in the context that almost everything that was planned was irrelevant within 3 months into the financial year. The NZRA has gone from a budgeted deficit of \$538,000 before depreciation to a cash surplus of \$1.7 m before depreciation. This is due to a combination of actions taken by Rowing NZ and actions forced upon them. It was noted that Rowing NZ building does have a very high depreciation. This is due to the requirement to fully depreciate the building over the life of the 33 year lease.

Domestic + Admin has suffered due to the impact of COVID and inability to run events. While revenue was down, overheads were reduced by around \$470,000. Domestic + Admin relies heavily on sponsorships and over this time this was down by \$350,000. Other sources of revenue were down about \$194,000.

The reduction of subs is not reflected in the annual accounts presented today; these will be reflected in the 2021 Annual Accounts. Subs make up around 20% of Domestic revenue.

Hayden thanked Gail and the team at Rowing NZ for doing an amazing job in such trying conditions.

Questions in relation to above reports received from Canterbury Rowing assoc. in collaboration with other associations – The questions below are to the various reports above firstly the Chair & CE Report. And the Chairman went through all the questions below and answered them.

Moved: ***That all reports and the 134th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2020 subject to any amendments be received.***

Canterbury/Bay of Plenty **CARRIED**

10. Annual Report of the Waiariki Rowing Club

The Waiariki Rowing Club is a legitimate vehicle for crews forms by Rowing New Zealand to compete in overseas club regatta where the rules for those regattas require that all competing athletes should represent a rowing club rather than a National Federation.

No crews competed under Waiariki Rowing club in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

11. Election of Officers

Patron: The Governor General – Dame Patsy Reddy – GNZM QSO DSTJ

Dame Patsy Reddy ends her term as Patron at the end of 2021. A motion was passed to acknowledge her tenure as the Patron of the New Zealand Rowing Association.

Moved: ***The New Zealand Rowing Association acknowledges the service of Dame Patsy Reddy as the Patron.***

Wellington / Marlborough **CARRIED**

Vice Patron: Fred Strachan – QSM

Moved: ***That Fred Strachan be elected at Vice Patron of the New Zealand Rowing Association.***

Wellington / Otago **CARRIED**

President: Ivan Sutherland

Moved: ***That Ivan Sutherland be elected at President of the New Zealand Rowing Association.***

Marlborough / Auckland **CARRIED**

12. Election of Directors

The Chair and Board thanked Annabel Ritchie for her service to the Rowing NZ Board over the last five years. Annabel has retired as an elected director taking effect in May 2021.

The Chair and Board also thanked Genevieve Macky for her work as a co-opt member of the Board for the past two years.

Jock Mackintosh will end his second, three-year term, in May 2021. Jock will be standing for reelection at this year's meeting.

There are two vacant elected director positions at this year's AGM. The following candidates are standing for election:

Genevieve Macky(Southland RA, Otago RA)
Mathew Jensen (Auckland RA, Waikato RA)
Jock Mackintosh (East Coast RA, Canterbury RA)

The candidates introduced themselves to the members before votes were cast.

Mathew Jensen was elected to the Board in the first round of voting.

Jock Mackintosh was re-elected to the Board in the second round of voting.

13. Appointments to the Board

Bruce Tong will end his first, three-year term in May 2021 as the NZ Secondary Schools Rowing Association representative on the Rowing NZ Board. The Secondary Schools Committee have nominated Bruce for reappointment.

The Board appoints Bruce Tong for a further term and seeks endorsement by the Delegates.

Moved: *That the reappointment of Bruce Tong to the Rowing NZ Board as the NZSSRA representative be endorsed.*

NZSSRA / Otago

CARRIED

14. Election of Auditor

KPMG was appointed the Association's auditor in 2020 and has indicated its preparedness to continue to serve. The Board proposes that KPMG be re-appointed for another year.

Moved: *That KPMG, having indicated its willingness to continue be reappointed as Auditors, the fee to be determined by the Board.*

Wellington / Auckland

CARRIED

15. Election of Legal Counsel

Rob Hart has indicated his willingness to continue to serve as the Association's Legal Counsel and the Board proposes that Rob Hart be appointed for the next 12-month period.

Moved: *That Rob Hart having indicated his willingness to continue be reappointed as Legal Counsel.*

Wellington / Canterbury

CARRIED

16. NZRA Levies

a) Association Levies

In 2020 the Local Association Levy was reduced to \$10.00 (+GST) due to the impact of Covid-19. The Board recommends that the Local Association Levy be returned to \$250.00 (+GST) per association for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2022.

b) Subscriptions

The Board moves that the competition licence fee be reinstated to the pre Covid-19 level for the 2021- 22 season as following:

1. Annual competition license fee \$80.00 +GST
2. Seat Levy \$1.00 +GST

Motion: *That the Association Levies be returned to \$250 +GST and the Annual Competition License fee be returned to pre-COVID levels as specified above.*

Marlborough/ Southland

CARRIED

17. Allocation of the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships

Application has been received from South Island Rowing to host the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships at Lake Ruataniwha from Tuesday 14 February to 18 February with 19 February being a spare day.

Championship and Non-Championship Event fees for the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships will be confirmed at the 2022 NZRA AGM.

Moved: ***That the application to host the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships as tabled be approved***

Southland/Whanganui

CARRIED

18. Confirmation of fees for the 2022 New Zealand Rowing Championships

Regatta hosts are required to confirm their fees one year before hosting the New Zealand Rowing Championships.

Application has been received from Karapiro Rowing Inc. for the event fees at the 2022 New Zealand Rowing Championships as follows:

<i>Championship Events:</i>		<i>Non-Championship Events:</i>	
<i>Eight</i>	<i>\$64.00 + GST</i>	<i>Eight</i>	<i>\$64.00 + GST</i>
<i>Fours/Quads</i>	<i>\$54.00 + GST</i>	<i>Fours/Quads</i>	<i>\$54.00 + GST</i>
<i>Pairs/Doubles</i>	<i>\$46.00 + GST</i>	<i>Pairs/Doubles</i>	<i>\$46.00 + GST</i>
<i>Singles</i>	<i>\$36.00 + GST</i>	<i>Singles</i>	<i>\$36.00 + GST</i>
<i>Amenity fees:</i>		<i>\$42.00 + GST per competitor including coxswains.</i>	
<i>Tent Sites:</i>		<i>\$300.00 + GST</i>	
<i>Late Entry Fee:</i>		<i>\$20.00 + GST</i>	
<i>Did Not Start Fee:</i>		<i>\$60.00 + GST</i>	
<i>Non-Notified Substitution per person:</i>		<i>\$50.00 + GST</i>	
<i>Race Protest:</i>		<i>\$50.00 + GST</i>	
<i>Late Scratching Fee:</i>		<i>\$40.00 + GST</i>	
<i>Non-progression Fee:</i>		<i>\$150.00 + GST</i>	

Note: Eights increase by \$2, Four/Quad increase by \$2, Pair/Doubles increase by \$1, and Singles decrease by \$1 from the 2020 NZ Rowing Championships (Lake Karapiro).

Amenity fees increase by \$2 per person, and tent sites change to one charge of \$300 per site compared to \$235 for a back site and \$275 for a front site from the 2020 NZ Rowing Championships (Lake Karapiro).

Wellington Rowing Association move that an amendment be made to the fees to retain the two-tiered tent site fees as \$300 for a front site and \$200 for a back site.

Moved: ***That tent sites remain two tiered at \$300 for a front site and \$200 for a back site.***

Wellington/Whanganui

CARRIED

Moved: ***That the 2022 New Zealand Rowing Championship fees and amenity fees be accepted***

Wellington/ Canterbury

CARRIED

Raised from the floor:

Wellington Rowing Association questioned the need to specify both Championship and non-Championship fees as they are the same. This would require a constitutional change. The Rowing NZ Board are to investigate making this change to the constitution and report back to the members.

Whanganui Rowing Association would like clarity around Showcase event fees. The Rowing NZ Board are to investigate this and report back to the members.

19. Allocation of the 2021 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships

Notice is given that the 2021 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships will be held on the 18 – 19 September 2021 at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel. South Island Rowing confirm the athlete entry fee of \$70.00 + GST.

As per the 2020 NZRA AGM, the master's community requested confirmation of the Masters Rowing Championships further in advance. Therefore, notice is given that the 2022 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships will be held on 17 – 18 September 2022 at Lake Karapiro, Cambridge. Karapiro Rowing Incorporated confirms a fee of \$70.00 + GST per athlete.

Moved: ***That the application to host the 2021 New Zealand Rowing Championships as tabled be approved***

Auckland / Marlborough

CARRIED

Moved: ***That the application to host the 2022 New Zealand Rowing Championships as tabled be approved***

Auckland / Marlborough

CARRIED

20. Awards

NZRA Service Awards; NZRA Volunteer Recognition and Club of the Year and other awards will be presented at the AGM dinner to be hosted by the Waikato Rowing Association at the Novotel Tainui, Hamilton.

There 2021 NZRA AGM broke for 15 minutes and resumed at 3.11pm.

21. Classification According to Ability Review

a) Classification According to Ability

The Committee established (as per Rule 13.7) to consider the definition of a Classification Race and the effect of the tests in Rules 13.3 and 13.4 met on Thursday 8 April 2021.

The committee has put forward recommendations to the Board for their consideration at the meeting on 22 May 2021. These recommendations are submitted to the delegates for ratification at the AGM. See appendix 2 for recommendations.

Moved: ***That Rules 13.3 and 13.4 as presented by the Rule 13 Classification committee in appendix 2 be adopted and ratified.***

Wellington / Auckland

CARRIED

22. Constitutional remits

22.1 NZRA Remit to amend the constitution – Notice for General Meetings.

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That the following Articles of the NZRA Constitution be updated to the following:

Explanation: Essentially these changes add an additional 2 weeks to the notice provisions throughout the Constitution. Feedback in recent years has been that Associations would like to see the agenda circulated four weeks before the meeting (as opposed to two) as this gives Association's time to discuss what is on the agenda. In order to accommodate this, other notice provisions must also be extended i.e. when Associations must submit remits (change from four to six weeks).

Article 7.8:

Nominations for life membership with appropriate supporting data shall be received by the Board not less than **six (6)** weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be presented to the meeting for consideration together with a report commissioned by the Board on any such nomination.

Explanation: This extends the date by which nominations for Life Membership must be received from four to six weeks.

Article 11.3:

RNZ shall call for nominations for the election of Officers from Local Associations not less than ten (10) weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall close **six (6)** weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting. RNZ shall distribute the nominations with a resumé of each candidate to all Local Associations not less than **four (4)** weeks before the date of each meeting...

Explanation: This extends the date by which nominations for Officers must be received from four to six, and extends date by which RNZ shall distribute resume from two to four.

Article 12.7:

RNZ shall notify Local Associations and advertise on its website vacancies created by the retirement of Directors in accordance with Clause 12.3 above and call for nominations from Local Associations for Elected Directors and nominations from individuals wishing to apply for appointment as an Appointed Director not less than ten weeks before the Annual General Meeting at which those retirements take effect. Nominations shall close **six (6) weeks** before the Annual General Meeting.

Article 12.8:

RNZ shall distribute a resumé of each candidate nominated for election to each Local Association, and shall forward the applications received for appointment as an Appointed Director to the Appointments Committee not less than **four (4) weeks** before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Explanation: Article 12 concerns directors and these changes align 12.7 and 12.8 with 11.3.

Article 19.7:

The Board shall give every Local Association not less than **ten (10) weeks** notice of the date and place of the Annual General Meeting and not less than **six (6) weeks** notice of the date and place of a Special General Meeting.

Explanation: This extends the requirement of notice for an AGM from eight to ten weeks and for an SGM from four to six weeks.

Article 20.1:

Except where this Constitution otherwise provides, no business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless notice in writing thereof has been sent to Board not less than **six (6) weeks** before the date of the General Meeting. The Board may consider and provide recommendations on all such notices.

Article 20.2:

Note less than **four (4) weeks** before the date of a General Meeting the Board shall forward an agenda to all Local Associations.

Article 26.2

Any notice of motion to amend the Constitution or Rules and Regulations may only be submitted by a member Local Association or by the Board and shall be received by the Chief Executive not less than **six (6) weeks** before the date of the General Meeting at which the motion is to be considered and shall be accompanied by a written explanation for the proposal which shall accompany the Agenda for the General Meeting.

Explanation: The changes to Article 20 and 26 amend the general notice provisions regarding business to be transacted at General Meetings.

Wellington / East Coast **CARRIED**
VOTE PASSED

22.2 Wellington Rowing Association remit – Election of Officers

In 2016 a discussion was begun about the future of NZRA's Officers. And, at the 2017 AGM, Associations agreed to a phased reduction of the number of Officers of NZRA.

The first steps were to immediately remove one Vice-President, and to restrict the offices of Vice-President and Vice-Patron to the then incumbents. It set the scene for removing those offices after the incumbents have vacated them at which point they can no longer be filled. Rowing NZ is pleased to reaffirm the office of Vice Patron remains occupied by Fred Strachan – QSM. This means, in the future, there will remain one final step to conclude the reduction process.

Meanwhile, the office of Vice-President was vacated in 2020, when Bill Falconer was elected as President of NZRA. Bill was our final Vice-President, and the role is now retired.

The following remit is put forward to complete the next step in the reduction of the number of Officers of NZRA. It removes references to Vice-President, and tidies up, Articles 11 (creation of the office), 21 (chairing General Meetings), and 33 (executing documents). It leaves a reference to Vice-President in Article 42 so those people who were awarded a Service Jacket for filling the role remain eligible to wear their jacket.

After consultation, led through President Bill Falconer, the remit also adds a description of some of the duties a President may expect to have. And of the types of person who are nominated for President. Although this is not new, because this description has not previously been recorded, the remit retrospectively extends the period for nominating a President this year.

The remit is...

THAT the existing Article 11 be replaced with an updated Article 11, which completes removal of the office of Vice-President and adds a description of the role and expectations of the President (and extends the nomination period in 2021 so Associations have time to take the updated description into account), as follows:

ARTICLE 11 – OFFICERS:

- 11.1 The Officers of RNZ shall be:
- (a) Patron;
 - (b) Vice-Patron;
 - (c) President.
- 11.2 For as long as the Governor-General of New Zealand is willing to be the Patron, RNZ shall take such steps as are necessary from time to time to retain the Governor-General of New Zealand as Patron. While the Governor-General of New Zealand is Patron the provisions in this Article for nominations, elections and term of office shall not apply to that office.
- 11.3 The President may be called upon by the Board or Local Associations to represent RNZ e.g. in relations with national or local government bodies, sponsors, benefactors. And the Board may call upon the President as a mentor to persons or groups to whom specific assignments have been given by the Board. Persons nominated for the office of President shall evidence a lengthy involvement in the sport of rowing and notable achievement on and/or off the water.
- 11.4 RNZ shall call for nominations for the election of Officers from Local Associations not less than ten (10) weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall close four (4) weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting. RNZ shall distribute the nominations with a resumé of each candidate to all Local Associations not less than two (2) weeks before the date of the meeting. Provided that:
- (a) Any person who is not the Vice-Patron shall be ineligible to be nominated or elected or appointed as Vice Patron; and
 - (b) Any person who has already served two terms as President shall be ineligible to be nominated or elected as President; and
 - (c) For the 2021 AGM, nominations for President shall remain open until two (2) weeks before the date of that meeting.
- 11.5 Officers shall be elected by Delegates at the Annual General Meeting. Officers shall assume office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected, and hold office until the conclusion of the next succeeding Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election subject to Article 11.4.
- 11.6 If no nomination is received pursuant to Article 11.4 for election of any Officer then nominations may be made at the Annual General Meeting without notice.

AND the existing Article 21 be replaced with an updated Article 21, which removes reference to a Vice-President office that will no longer exist, as follows:

ARTICLE 21 – THE CHAIRPERSON AT GENERAL MEETINGS:

- 21.1 The President shall be the chairperson at a General Meeting.
- 21.2 In the absence of the President, the chairperson of the Board shall be chairperson.
- 21.3 In the absence of the President and the chairperson of the Board, a chairperson shall be appointed by the Delegates.

AND the existing Article 33 be replaced with an updated Article 33, which removes reference to a Vice-President office that will no longer exist, as follows:

ARTICLE 33 – EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS:

- 33.1 The Common Seal of RNZ shall be retained by the Board.
- 33.2 Documents shall be executed for RNZ pursuant to a resolution of the Board:
- (a) By affixing the Common Seal witnessed by the chairperson of the Board and countersigned by the Chief Executive or a Board Member or in the alternative by any two Board Members, or
 - (b) Where the document is not required by statute or otherwise to be executed under common seal, by the President or chairperson of the Board and some other Board Member signing on behalf of RNZ.
- 33.3 The Board shall cause a register to be kept recording the use of a Common Seal.

**Wellington / Whanganui
VOTE PASSED**

CARRIED

23. RULES OF RACING REMITS

23.1 – NZRA Board remits to amend Rules of Racing

RULES OF RACING RESOLUTIONS Ratifications:

It was brought to the table that following this morning's discussion session the suggestion is that the following remits be passed as a bulk;

- Remit 1, The Major & Local Regattas as one
- Remit 3, The Lists of Events
- Remit 4, The Definition of non-resident competitor
- Remit 7, The Coxlinks Seats one
- Remit 12, Violation of Safety Rules
- Remit 13, The definitions for key terms
- Remit 14, Race protest
- Remit 15, Misrepresentation
- Remit 16, Unsportsmanlike behaviour
- Remit 18, Process to Follow before Imposing sanctions
- Remit 19, Record Keeping
- Remit 21, Zone Umpiring
- Remit 22, Masters age categories

The remaining remits will need to be discussed individually or the amendments planned for those.

Moved: That remits 1, 3, 4, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 be passed in bulk.
Bay of Plenty / Waikato CARRIED

Remit 1 - Rule 1.3

Remit 1 was passed in bulk.

That Rule 1.3(b) and 1.3(c) be amended to read:

1.3(b) **Major regatta** - conducted at venues where the facilities ~~and rules~~ are close to those of a Championship regatta, and may have local clauses added to the conditions to suit the time of this season and the ability of the crews.

1.3(c): **Local Regatta** - ~~shall include regattas~~ run by a Local Association in their area on a course that may not conform to national standards of fairness or length or straightness. Local Associations may hold their regattas at a Major Regatta Location, and still be considered a Local Regatta. ~~and Local Association's~~ may have local clauses added to the conditions to suit the time of the Season and the ability of the crews."

Explanation: Minor wording changes. The effect of the removal of the wording "and rules" in 1.3(b) is that the default for Major Regattas becomes using the NZRA Rules of Racing (rather than using rules that are

“close” to the NZRA Rules of Racing) - however regatta organisers still have the ability to add local clauses.

Remit 2 - Guiding Principles

That Rule 1.4 be amended to read:

Local clauses shall be reported to NZRA **on request** and shall maintain the guiding principles of **the welfare and safety of competitors, officials and volunteers**, and fairness.

That Rule 4 be amended to read:

1. The principles guiding the Organising Committee and the officials in charge of the regatta shall be:

a) **The safety and welfare** of all competitors, **officials and volunteers**;

b) Fairness for all competitors

Each individual competitor and team official shall act at all times in accordance with these principles.

2. Wherever possible, provisions of these rules should be interpreted consistent with each other. Where such interpretation is not possible, the more specific should prevail over the general, and provisions regarding safety shall take precedence over any other provision.

3. In situations not covered by these Rules, the Race Committee is empowered to make such decisions and to give such instructions as are necessary to carry out their responsibilities, **and to consistent with affect** the **principles purposes** described **in the principles** above.

Remit moved by Wellington / East Coast

Remit amended by Canterbury / Wellington

CARRIED

Amended remit CARRIED

Remit 3 - List of Events

Remit 3 was passed in bulk.

That Rule 7 be amended to read:

"The list of all events at the New Zealand Rowing Championships **is contained in Appendix A. shall be confirmed by the NZRA annual general meeting held in the year following the Olympic Games-regatta for the following four years; except the list of events may be confirmed at the NZRA special general meeting held in December 2020 for that Season.** NZRA shall decide the order of events."

That Appendix A be amended to read:

"The New Zealand Rowing Championships shall include the following Championship events:

Men:	Women::
Premier Single Sculls (1x)	Premier Single Sculls (1x)
Premier Coxless Pair Oars (2-)	Premier Coxless Pair Oars (2-)
Premier Double Sculls (2x)	Premier Double Sculls (2x)
Premier Coxless Four (4-)	Premier Coxless Four (4-)
Premier Coxless Quad (4x)	Premier Coxless Quad (4x)
Premier Coxed Eight (8+)	Premier Coxed Eight (8+)

The New Zealand Rowing Championships shall include the following additional events:

Men:	Women:
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<p>Senior Single Sculls (1x) Senior Coxless Pair Oars (2-) Senior Double Sculls (2x) Senior Coxless Four (4-) Senior Coxless Quad (4x) Senior Coxed Eight (8+)</p> <p>Club Single Sculls (1x) Club Coxless Pair Oars (2-) Club Double Sculls (2x) Club Coxless Four (4-) Club Coxless Quad (4x) Club Coxed Eight (8+)</p> <p>Intermediate Single Sculls (1x) Intermediate Double Sculls (2x) Intermediate Coxed Quad (4x+) Intermediate Coxed Four (4+) Intermediate Coxed Eight (8+)</p> <p>Novice Double Sculls (2x) Novice Coxed Four (4+) Novice Coxed Quad (4x+) Novice Coxed Eight (8+)</p> <p>U22 Single Sculls (1x) U22 Coxless Pair Oars (2-) U22 Double Sculls (2x)</p>	<p>Senior Single Sculls (1x) Senior Coxless Pair Oars (2-) Senior Double Sculls (2x) Senior Coxless Four (4-) Senior Coxless Quad (4x) Senior Coxed Eight (8+)</p> <p>Club Single Sculls (1x) Club Coxless Pair Oars (2-) Club Double Sculls (2x) Club Coxless Four (4-) Club Coxless Quad (4x) Club Coxed Eight (8+)</p> <p>Intermediate Single Sculls (1x) Intermediate Double Sculls (2x) Intermediate Coxed Quad (4x+) Intermediate Coxed Four (4+) Intermediate Coxed Eight (8+)</p> <p>Novice Double Sculls (2x) Novice Coxed Four (4+) Novice Coxed Quad (4x+) Novice Coxed Eight (8+)</p> <p>U22 Single Sculls (1x) U22 Coxless Pair Oars (2-) U22 Double Sculls (2x)</p>
<p>Open:</p> <p>Open Para Single Sculls (1x) Open Para Double Sculls (2x)</p> <p><i>Explanation: This makes the list of the events for the NZ Rowing Champs a part of the Rules. This would still only be changed every four years as part of a Rule Change AGM.</i></p>	

Remit 4 - Definition of Non-Resident Competitor

Remit 4 was passed in bulk.

At Rule 3, after “MNZ - Maritime New Zealand” add the following:

Non-Resident Competitor - a competitor who is not a New Zealand Citizen.

At Rule 5.2, replace “Non Resident competitors” with “Non-Resident Competitors”.

At Rule 16 replace both instances of “non-resident competitor” with “Non-Resident Competitor”.

Explanation: This adds a definition of Non-Resident Competitor (there currently is none). This will clarify the meaning of this term.

Remit 5 - Coxswains – Deadweight

That Rule 22.4(c) be amended to read:

The deadweight shall not include any article of rowing or racing equipment. ~~The maximum weight of deadweight allowed to be carried shall be 20kg."~~

Explanation: This removes the maximum deadweight allowed for coxswains to carry under the Rules. This also aligns this Rule with the NZSSRA Rules.

**Remit moved by Whanganui / NZSSRA
Remit CARRIED**

Remit 6 - Coxswains - who they can compete for at one regatta

Wellington amendment

Rule 22.8 is removed and replaced with:

A coxswain may not compete for more than one entity at any regatta, except in the following circumstances:
a) a coxswain may compete for their club and their RPC or the NZ Elite Development Squad at a regatta; or
b) a coxswain may compete for their club and their school.
However before entries close an application for dispensation may be made to the Organising Committee who may allow a coxswain to compete ~~in~~ for more than one entity."

Explanation: This allows coxswains to compete for more than one entity at any regatta in specific circumstances. One such circumstance is where they can compete for their club and their school.

**Remit moved by Wellington / Whanganui
Remit amended by Wellington / Marlborough CARRIED
Amended remit CARRIED**

Remit 7 - Coxswains Seat

Remit 7 was passed in bulk.

That Rule 29.4 be amended to read:

The steering mechanism shall not hinder egress ~~by projecting into the coxswain's enclosure.~~

Explanation: This wording has caused confusion / debate in the past, due to differing views of what 'projecting into the coxswains enclosure' means. To avoid this ambiguity this wording has been removed and this does not change the intent of the Rule.

Remit 8 - Substitutions in exceptional circumstances

That Rule 45.11 be amended to read:

"In exceptional circumstances the ~~Chief Umpire Race Committee~~ may authorise a substitution that is otherwise contrary to these rules ~~provided the crew will no longer be eligible for medals, trophies or awards.~~

Discussion was had on the floor from Waikato and Canterbury in that it relates to National Championship Regattas and a regular substitution should go through the race committee.

Amendment in Rule 45.11 to reinstate 'leave Chief Umpire' in

Remit moved by Canterbury / Bay of Plenty
Amended by Waikato / Whanganui
Amended remit CARRIED

Remit 9 - Withdrawals and Scratchings

That a new Rule be added in Section 2 after Rule 45 (and subsequent Rules are re-numbered as appropriate):

"Where it is necessary to scratch a crew from a race, advice shall be given in writing, to ~~the~~ Regatta Controller ~~by a senior member of the club~~, by the date and time nominated in the regatta conditions. The Race Committee may promote crews next in line should vacancies occur through scratchings."

Explanation: Currently there is no wording for withdrawals/scratchings which needs to be added. This is based on NZSSRA wording.

Remit moved by Wellington / Canterbury **CARRIED**
Remit amended by Wellington / Canterbury **CARRIED**
Amended remit CARRIED

Remit 10 - Safety Briefing

Canterbury Amend

That Rule 39.1.f be amended to read:

f) The date and time at which entries close and the date, time and place of the Safety Briefing/Meeting.

That the following wording be added to the end of Rule 40:

g) Club Safety Officer and contact details.

That a new Rule be added in Section 3 after Rule 49 (and subsequent Rules are re-numbered as appropriate):

50.1 Each club attending the regatta shall appoint a safety officer. The club safety officer will be responsible for advising all competitors and other members of their club of the safety provisions in place.
50.2 No later than one hour before the first race in a regatta, the Chief Umpire or the Chief Umpire's delegate shall hold a meeting for the safety officers, at which the safety provisions for the regatta shall be given.
~~Attendance by clubs wishing to compete at the regatta will be compulsory.~~
50.3 Clubs who have not been briefed with the safety provisions shall not be permitted to take part in the regatta.

Explanation: This adds a more prescriptive process into the Rules with respect to Safety Briefings. This is similar to the process in the NZSSRA Safety System.

Remit moved by BOPRA / Wellington
Amended by Canterbury / Wellington **CARRIED**
Remit 10 passed as amended **CARRIED**

Remit 11 - Masters Medals

That Rule 68.2 be replaced with the following updated version:

Medals at Masters championship events will be awarded to first ~~place second and third crews~~ for single age category events. Where age categories are combined in the same event (e.g. E-G event)

Gold medals will be ~~awarded as follows:~~

~~a) Gold medals will be~~ presented to each age category winner, except where a crew is beaten by an older age category crew (e.g. a F crew beats an E crew in an E-G event);

~~b) Silver and bronze will be awarded to the second and third crews of the combined age category event except where the crew has qualified for a gold in rule 68.2.a above~~ therefore a not all minor medals may be presented).

**Remit moved by Auckland / Waikato
Remit 11 lost**

Remit 12 - Violation of Safety Rules

Remit 12 was passed in bulk.

That Rule 51 be replaced with the following updated version:

Any crew that does not comply with any safety provision of these rules or otherwise acts in an unsafe manner either in respect of itself or any other crew, shall incur a penalty.

The response of the Race Official shall be in proportion to the seriousness of the offence and with due recognition that such a decision may have on the future racing of the person or crew involved. **A Race Official should, if practical, refer to the Race Committee before excluding any crew under this Rule.** The offence shall be reported to a member of the Race Committee regardless of any imposed penalties.

Explanation: Race Officials are able to exclude crews under the Rules. It is suggested that the imposition of such a penalty where there is a safety violation should, if possible, encompass a discussion with the Race Committee if practical.

Remit 13 - Definitions for Key Terms

Remit 13 was passed in bulk.

Add the following wording to the end of Rule 3:

See also Rule 71 for definitions of disciplinary terms

That a new Rule be added at Section 8 after Rule 69 (and subsequent Rules are re-numbered as appropriate):

Definitions

The following definitions of disciplinary terms shall apply throughout these Rules:

Reprimand means a formal admonishment that the conduct of the competitor or crew is in breach of the Rules. This will be an appropriate sanction where the breach does not warrant a high level of sanction.

Yellow Card means a formal warning for a breach of the Rules. A Yellow Card shall apply to the next race in which that crew competes in that regatta. It shall lapse only when the race is concluded and shall therefore still apply in the case of a postponement or Re-Row of that race. A crew awarded two Yellow Cards applying to the same race shall be Excluded from the event.

Relegation (REL) means the crew is placed last in its race.

Exclusion (EXC) means the crew is removed from some or all rounds of the event in question. This sanction is for a serious and/or repeated breach of the Rules justifying that the offending crew take no further part in the event.

Disqualification (DSQ) means the competitors or crew are disqualified from all events in the regatta.

a. This sanction is for the most serious breach of the Rules justifying removal from the regatta.

b. Where a rower is disqualified, that rower shall take no further part in the regatta.

c. Where a rower is disqualified at a time when Rule 45 only allows substitutions for medical reasons, then the rower may not be replaced and the crew of that rower shall be Excluded from all rounds of the event in question.

d. Where a crew is disqualified, no member of that crew shall take any further part in any event of that regatta.

e. Where an entity is disqualified, no competitor representing that entity shall take any further part in any event of that regatta (and may not represent that entity in any composite crews).

That the new definitions be capitalised when used throughout the Rules.

Explanation: Currently definitions for key terms are not provided for in the Rules. These definitions are very close to FISA definitions.

Remit 14 - Race Protests

Remit 14 was passed in bulk.

That Rule 71 be replaced with the following updated version:

1. A protest to the Race Committee may only be made by:
 - a) A crew whose objection has been rejected.
 - b) A crew whose ranking in a race has been affected by the acceptance of an objection.
 - c) A crew ruled DNS (did not start) or DNF (did not finish).
 - d) A crew that has been Excluded, Relegated, or Disqualified.
 - e) A crew that disputes the published results.
2. A protest shall be made in writing to the Race Committee not later than one hour after the Umpire has communicated their decision regarding the objection or, in other cases, one hour after the results have been published.
3. A protest shall include reasons for why the protest is sought (including details of the decision made and the relevant Rule), and should include supporting statements and other evidence (for example, from witnesses), and the remedy being sought.
4. A protest shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$50, which shall be refunded if the protest or appeal is allowed.
5. The Race Committee shall decide if the protest was justified. The Race Committee shall:
 - a) consider the protest made by the relevant crew, the reasons for why it is made, and any supporting statements and other evidence, and any remedy being sought; and
 - b) if the protest encompasses an accusation against another party, it shall consult that party and provide them with the ability to provide a reply; and
 - c) if other parties are otherwise involved in the protest, it shall also consult those parties; and
 - d) consider the guiding principles of these Rules before coming to a decision.
6. The Race Committee will make its decision before the next round of races in the event concerned, and, in any case, no later than two hours after the last race of the day.
7. The measures resulting from the decision can include:
 - a) Reprimand.
 - b) ~~Warning indicated by a Yellow Card (applying to the next round in which the crew competes).~~
 - c) Relegation where specifically provided in these rules.
 - d) Exclusion ~~(from all the rounds of the event in question).~~
 - e) Disqualification ~~(from all events in the regatta).~~
 - f) Re-row (for a specified number of crews).
8. After application of the appropriate penalty, if any, the Race Committee shall take any other appropriate measure to restore the chances of a crew that has suffered a disadvantage.

Explanation: This aligns the circumstances in which protests can be made with FISA and adds some process around how the Race Committee shall assess whether a protest is justified.

Remit 15 - Misrepresentation

Remit 15 was passed in bulk.

That Rule 73 be amended to read:

1. No person may impersonate another or adopt a false identity in order to compete in a regatta. No person may compete in a classification they are ineligible for, as defined in the rules governing the classification of events.

Anyone found to ~~have adopted be competing under~~ a false identity, or to have competed while banned from competition, shall be Disqualified from the regatta ~~together with the crew, or crews, of which they are part.~~

2. The incident shall be reported to NZRA, which may take further action.

3. Clubs entering an ineligible crew for an event may be fined all or some of the total entry fees for that event if the entry is declared null and void. The fine shall be decided upon, and imposed by NZRA following any necessary discussion with the parties involved and is in addition to any other penalty imposed.

Explanation: This tidies up the wording of this Rule in line with the definitions added.

Remit 16 - Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

Remit 16 was passed in bulk.

That the title of Rule 74 be amended from “Unsportsmanlike Behaviour” to “Behavior bringing the sport into disrepute”

That Rule 74 be amended to read:

Competitors, crews, groups of club members or supporters of a club who:

- a) Wilfully disobey safety instructions.
- b) Set out to subvert the application of these rules.
- c) Refuse to follow the instructions of an Umpire or properly appointed official.
- d) Physically or verbally threaten or abuse another competitor, regatta official, helper or members of the public.
- e) Use foul or obscene language or use foul or obscene actions or gestures.
- f) Display any other form of misconduct deemed by an official to be '~~behaviour bringing the sport into disrepute unsportsmanlike~~'.

shall be considered to have engaged in '~~behaviour bringing the sport into disrepute Unsportsmanlike Behaviour~~', and may be subject to disciplinary measures ~~within the jurisdiction of the Organising Committee~~.

Explanation: This clarifies that behaviour bringing the sport into disrepute should be addressed by the Organising Committee rather than the Race Committee (as this can sometimes be quite far removed from on water racing).

Remit 17 - Disciplinary Measures

Canterbury Amend

That Rule 75 be amended to read:

There are four levels of disciplinary measures:

a). In the jurisdiction of any Race Official

- i) ~~verbal r~~Reprimand.
- ii) ~~warning indicated by a~~ Yellow Card.
- iii) ~~Exclusion from a race in which the rules have been infringed.~~

b). In the jurisdiction of the Race Committee

- i) ~~verbal r~~ Reprimand.
- ii) ~~warning indicated by a~~ Yellow Card.
- iii) Exclusion from a race in which the rules have been infringed.
- iv) Relegation of the crew or an additional time penalty (in case of head races or time trials, to be added to the offending crews time).
- v) A Disqualification of an individual competitor, a crew or a club from all races at the regatta (any prizes already won shall be returned and may be re-awarded to the crew finishing behind this crew, no entry monies are refundable).
- vi) A monetary fine up to \$150 for each individual, or up to \$1000 for a club

~~g) Where a complaint is made against an official the Convenor of the Race Committee shall ascertain the facts and report, in writing, to NZRA.~~

c. In the jurisdiction of the Organising Committee after deliberation with the Race Committee.

i) A fixed penalty fine up to \$150 for each individual, or up to \$1000 for a club. This level of action is to be used for serious situations, where the Organising Committee feels that the situation warrants further action or for situations where other actions would be ineffective because the regatta is effectively over for the club involved.

~~b) The Convenor of the Race Committee shall conduct an investigation of the incident that day, and prepare a short written summary and conclusion, before leaving the site of the regatta.~~

~~c) The individual competitor, crew or club shall be told of the investigation, and the procedure explained. They shall be given the opportunity of providing a written rebuttal of the statement, and the opportunity to take a copy of the Chairman's summary.~~

~~d) The statement shall be faxed or emailed to NZRA within two days.~~

~~e) The fine shall be lodged with NZRA pending a possible appeal, but shall revert to the regatta unless there is a successful appeal.~~

~~f) The individual or club cited in the summary may be banned from competition until the fine is paid.~~

d. In the jurisdiction of NZRA

ai) A fine without limit and/or a ban from competition without limit, applicable to individuals or clubs. This level of action is to be used for very serious situations, where the individual or club has attempted to cheat and or misrepresent or has repeated an offence treated under sub clause c above, or where NZRA believes that the offence warrants extraordinary action.

~~The facts and the penalty imposed may be published.~~

Explanation: This tidies up Rule 75 to accommodate the new definitions added to the Rules and the new processes added (note: the removed wording appears in the new Rules below).

Remit moved by Whanganui / Waikato

Remit amended by Canterbury / Marlborough

Moved: Remit 18 be passed as amended

CARRIED

Remit 19 - Record Keeping and Reporting Obligation

Remit 19 passed in bulk.

That a new Rule be added at Section 8 after Rule 75 (and subsequent Rules are re-numbered as appropriate):

Record keeping and reporting

1. Where a Race Official or the Race Committee Reprimands, awards a Yellow Card, or Excludes a crew from an event, the sanctioned crew shall be informed immediately or as soon thereafter as possible.
2. Where a Race Official, Race Committee or the Organising Committee imposes one of the disciplinary measures listed in Rule 75 on any competitor or crew (excluding a Reprimand), the Race Official, Race Committee or Organising Committee shall document and provide to the Regatta Controller:
 - a. The competitor or crew on which the sanction has been imposed;
 - b. The sanction;
 - c. The nature of the relevant breach of the Rules and the time and location of the breach;
 - d. Any other important facts; and
 - e. If relevant, the name and function of the Race Official who awarded the sanction.
3. The Race Committee shall:
 - a. Notify the relevant club of the facts and penalty imposed, where an Exclusion or Disqualification has been imposed;
 - b. Notify the Local Association of the relevant Club where a Disqualification has been imposed;
 - c. Publish the facts and penalty imposed where an Exclusion or Disqualification has been imposed; and
 - d. May publish the facts and penalty imposed when any other sanction has been used.

4. The Organising Committee shall ensure that the information described in [New Record Keep Rule xx.2], and any written summary or written rebuttal under Rule [New Sanction Rule xx] is retained for at least the duration of the Season in which the regatta is held. Such information shall be shared with NZRA on request.

That the following wording be added to the end of Rule 33.5:

(f): maintain records of the matters referred to at [New Record Keeping Rule xx]

Explanation: This imposes a record keeping and reporting obligation on Race Officials, the Race Committee and Organising Committee. It also specifies that records should be held by the Regatta Controller.

Remit 20 - Race Official and Regatta Volunteer Complaints

Canterbury amendment

That a new Rule be added at Section 8 after Rule 75 (and subsequent Rules are re-numbered as appropriate):

Race Official and Regatta Volunteer Complaints

1. Complaints regarding Race Officials and Regatta Volunteers should be made to the Organising Committee or a person appointed by the Organising Committee for that purpose.
2. The Organising Committee or a person appointed by the Organising Committee will **ascertain the facts and report the facts and the outcome**, in writing, to ~~the~~ NZRA.

Explanation: This adds a new Rule to specifically deal with Race Official and Regatta Volunteer complaints, and specifies that the Organising Committee is responsible for this.

**Remit moved by Wellington / East Coast
Amended by Wellington / Auckland**

Moved: Remit 20 passed as amended CARRIED

Remit 21 - Zonal Umpiring

Remit 21 passed in bulk

That a new Rule be added in Part 7 after Rule 86:

Zonal Umpiring

1. The Race Committee may decide that, if it is safe to do so, that umpiring of some races shall be carried out from boats which are stationary or which do not follow the whole race or by umpires stationed on the land adjacent to the course and shall issue instructions and guidance accordingly.
2. In providing such instructions and guidance the Race Committee shall designate the points along the course at which the umpires shall be positioned and shall give instructions as are necessary, including for contingency or other situations.
3. Zonal umpires, when stationed in boats, may move to the centre of the course after the race has passed to confirm that all crews are within their lanes and shall then return to their designated position. If the Umpire considers that any crew is about to interfere with another crew the umpire may follow the race for such distance as they consider necessary.
4. Where zonal umpiring is in force, the provisions of this Rule shall refer to each of the umpires responsible for their respective zone of the race, both within their zone and outside where appropriate. The extent to which zonal umpires carry out their duties shall be subject to their location and consequent ability to oversee the race.

Explanation: This adds a process for Zonal Umpiring, based on FISA.

Remit 22 - Masters Age Categories

Remit 22 passed in bulk.

That Rule 14.5(c) be updated as follows:

For Masters rowing events the following crew age categories shall apply:

- 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

Explanation: This updates the Masters Age Categories to align with FISA, which were updated in 2018:
<https://worldrowing.com/2018/02/20/masters-rowing-modifies-age-categories/>

Remit 23 - Tidy Up Remit

Waikato Amendment,

1. Rule References: That rule references throughout the document be updated if required, to accommodate the new Rules added by the remits passed at this Annual General Meeting.
2. Terminology Changes
 - a. "regatta" becomes "Regatta" at Rule 1.3.b;
 - b. "season" becomes "Season" at Rule 1.3.b, 14.3, 16.c, 16.d;
 - c. "Location" becomes "location" at Rule 1.3.c;
 - d. "May" becomes "may" at Rule 3;
 - e. "'Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron', the World Rowing Federation" becomes "Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron (the World Rowing Federation)" at Rule 3;
 - f. "Club" becomes "club" at Rule 10;
 - g. "NZSSRA's Championships" becomes "NZSSRA's New Zealand championships" at Rule 13.2(a);
 - h. "NZSSRA's New Zealand Championships" becomes "NZSSRA's New Zealand championships" at Rule 13;
 - i. Replace "judges" with "Judges" at Rule 37.5.b;
 - j. Replace "event" with "Event" at and "rules" with "Rules" at Rule 82.2;
3. Wording tidy ups
 - a. "also" added after "shall" at Rule 4.1;
 - b. Remove "thority Water Safety Regulations" and add "regulations" at Rule 6.2;
 - c. Add "The" before "New Zealand Rowing Championships" in the title of Rule 7;
 - d. At Rule 17.1 add: "Crews of only the specified gender (or specified range of genders) may race together in gender classified races."
 - e. "function of lower limb/s" replaced by "lower limb function" at Rule 21.2.b;

- f. Remove “NZRA” at Rule 21.5;
- g. At Rule 22.4(a) replace “It shall not be in any way connected to the coxswain nor should it be of such construction that it might impede their exit from the boat” with “It shall not be connected in any way to a crew member nor shall it be of such composition that it might impeded their exit from the boat”;
- h. Remove the wording at Rule 26.7 *This wording already features at Rule 25*
- i. Replace “i.e.” with “e.g.” at Rule 22.9;
- j. Replace “comprising” with “in” at Rule 23.6;
- k. Remove “the” before “NZRA” at Rule 24;
- l. “1st January 2010” becomes “1 January 2010” at Rule 26.6;
- m. At Rule 30.6 after “the weighing scale(s) shall be” add “~~tested~~-calibrated scales, which indicate the weight of the boat to 0.1kg and be”;
- n. change the word “tested” to “calibrated” in Rules 15 and 22;
- o. At Rule 30.2 delete “the responsible person on the Control Commission, usually”;
- p. At Rule 30.4 replace “which” with “that”;
- q. Remove “Duties of” in title of Rule 33;
- r. At Rule 34 replace “Maritime NZ” with “MNZ”;
- s. Remove “The” in title of Rule 37;
- t. At Rule 39.1 replace “may” with “should”;
- u. At Rule 45 remove “Race Committee” and replace with “Regatta Controller”;
- v. At Rule 53.2, replace “not be” with “is not”;
- w. At Rule 54.1, replace “his” with “a” and replace “2 minute” with “2 minutes”;
- x. At Rule 54.6, replace “he considers” with “they consider” and add “the” before “Regatta Controller”;
- y. At Rule 54.8.c, add quote marks around “freeze frame” and “broken”;
- z. At Rule 56.2, replace “not be” with “is not” and “a” before “red flag”;
- aa. At Rule 56.5, replace “feel” with “feels”;
- bb. At Rule 62.7 and 62.8, replace “capsize” with “capsizes”;
- cc. At Rule 63, replace “that equipment which” with “equipment that”;
- dd. At Rule 72, remove “the” before “NZRA”;
- ee. At Rule 72.4, remove “of NZRA” after “Board”;
- ff. At Part 6, replace the title “Anti-Doping and Anti-Match Fixing Betting” with “Anti-Doping and Anti-Match Fixing and Sports Betting Rules”;
- gg. At Rule 81, add “of the Race Committee” after “Convenor”;
- hh. At Rule 81.c, replace “and shall be” with “who shall be”;
- ii. At Rule 81.e, add “Event” after “NZRA or Local”;
- jj. At Rule 83.b, “E.g” is replaced by “e.g.”;
- kk. At Rule 83.d, “Start Marshal” is replace by “start marshal”;

4. Numbering Updates

- a. At Rule 2 replace 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 with 2.a, 2.b, 2.c;
- b. Divide Rule 16 into 16.1 and 16.2 (where “16.1 Before...” and “16.2 If a non-resident competitor...”)
- c. At Rule 65 amend numbering so that 65.2 becomes 65.1.a, Rule 65.3 becomes 65.1.b, and Rule 65.3 becomes Rule 65.2;
- d. Shift Rule 82.2 to Rule 84 and add as 84.2 (with the initial wording to be renumbered as 84.1);
- e. At Rule 83 add Rule Clause 83.1 before “All crews”. Add the wording at 83.d to 83.a and replace 83.a, 83.b, 83.c with 83.2, 83.3, and 83.4 respectively;

5. Rule 8 Formatting

- a. Rule 8 to be restructured and wording amended as follows:

Rule 8 Health and Insurance

1. Each competitor shall take ultimate responsibility for their own state of health and fitness. Competitors shall ensure they can compete at a level commensurate with the competition level of the particular event.
 2. Equipment owners shall carry adequate and comprehensive accident and property insurance covering their persons, equipment and property.
6. Part 3 - Boats and Construction formatting
- a. Shift 26.1 into its own Rule to be placed immediately before Rule 30 - Boat Weighing (and subsequent Rules are re-numbered as appropriate):
 - b. The Rules in this Part 3 are to be re ordered within two Sections as follows:
 - i. Section 1 - Construction
 - ii. Rule 24 - Classes of Boats
 - iii. Rule 25 - Construction of Boats and Crew Responsibility
 - iv. Rule 26 - Boats
 - v. Rule 27 - Bow Balls
 - vi. Rule 28 - Quick Release Foot Stretchers
 - vii. Rule 29 - Coxswains Seat
 - viii. Rule 30 - Oars
 - ix. Rule 31 - Boat Numbers
 - x. Section 2 - Weighing
 - xi. Rule 32 Boat Weights
 - xii. Rule 33 Boat Weighing
 - c. Split Rule 28 - Quick Release Foot Stretchers into four Rule clauses for each sentence in the existing Rule
7. Part 5 - Organisation of Regattas Formatting
- a. Replace "Section 1 - General" with "Section 1 - Committees and Officials" followed by Rules 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 52;
 - b. Add "Section 2- General" before Rule 38;
 - c. Remove "Section 4 - Control Commission" and re number Sections accordingly;
 - d. Shift Rule 44 - Postponements to immediately after Rule 48 - Suspension of Racing;

Explanation: Terminology, wording, numbering and formatting updates to ensure the Rules read well and the machinery of the Rules works.

**Remit moved by Wellington / Auckland
Amended by Waikato / Whanganui**

Moved: Remit 23 passed as amended CARRIED

Remit 24 – Rule 13.7 – Frequency of Classification Eligibility Review and Adjustment Meetings

That Rule 13.7.a be updated as follows:

- a) At the end of each Season NZRA shall convene a Committee pursuant to Article 25.1 of the NZRA Constitution to review the definition of a Classification Race and the effect of the tests in Rules 13.3 and 13.4, **provided that this Committee will not be convened in the year of a General Meeting in which proposals for alterations to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations may be submitted pursuant to Article 26.3 of the NZRA Constitution.**

Explanation: This year Rule 13 was not included in the Rules Review because it was determined that the Classification Eligibility Review and Adjustment Committee was the appropriate forum to discuss such changes. In hindsight, Rule 13 should have been included as part of the broader Rules review. The suggested change here is that the committee would not meet in a Rule Change year (and any suggested changes to Rule 13 be considered as part of a broader Rules Review).

Remit moved by Marlborough / Canterbury

Remit put to vote:

6 votes for

14 votes against

Remit failed

Remit 25 - Composite Crews - allowing composite senior doubles and pairs

That Rule 18 be amended to read:

Moved Amendment Wellington to put 'senior and premier and masters' Seconded: BOP

1. Composite crews comprising of rowers from clubs from any one or more Local Association may be entered in any four, quadruple sculls, eights, octuple, and U22 ~~and Senior, Premier and Masters,~~ doubles and pairs events (except the Boss Rooster and Dame Four event) with the written approval from the Local Associations.

Discussion across the table was had on why the word Senior be removed or not.

Moved by Auckland that the word 'senior' be removed from the 1st amendment Seconded: Marlborough

Amendment (2) CARRIED

Remit CARRIED

Explanation: This allows composite senior doubles and pairs to be entered. Rowing NZ High Performance is keen to see Senior doubles and pairs allowed to accommodate Pathway Athletes, and to hopefully prevent the development of 'Super Clubs' as there will not be a need for athletes to change clubs.

Remit moved by Wellington / Waikato

Amendment (1) by Wellington / BOPRA CARRIED

Amendment (2) by Auckland / Marlborough CARRIED

Moved: Remit 25 passed as amended CARRIED

Remit 26 - Coxswains - Frequency of Weighing

That Rule 22.5 be replaced with the following updated version:

- a) Coxswains shall be weighed in their racing uniform excluding life jacket on tested scales which indicate the weight of the coxswain to 0.1kg:
- i) **not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race of the regatta; and**
 - ii) **at a Championship Regatta only, where a coxswain is part of a crew that qualifies for a final, and the coxswain's first final of the regatta is on a later day than the day of their first race of the regatta, not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first final of the regatta.**
- b) Failure to weigh in within this time will result in a race penalty for the coxswain and their crew for each race the coxswain has that day. The coxswain may still weigh in after this time and then no penalty will be applied for races taking place more than one hour after the coxswain weighs in. Failure to weigh in at all before a race shall result in exclusion from the race of the coxswain and their crew.

That Rule 22.6 be amended as follows:

At any time, prior to and/or after each race the Control Commission may require the weight of the dead weight to be checked. If the weight is less than that recorded **at the coxswain's most recent weigh-in**, the crew shall be relegated to last place.

Explanation: This changes how often coxswains need to weigh in from once per day to once before their first race of the regatta and once before their first final of the regatta at a Championship Regatta i.e. NZ Rowing Champs (if their first final is on a later day).

Remit moved by Canterbury / Whanganui

Amended by Canterbury / Marlborough

Amended remit: Lost

Unamended remit: CARRIED

Remit 27 - Boat Weighing - Weight of Pairs

That Rule 26 be amended so that the minimum weight of a Coxless Pair Oar (2-) be 25 kg rather than 27kg.

Explanation: This amends the minimum weight of a pair oar from 27kg to 26kg. It has been suggested that boats when rigged for sculling weigh more than boats when rigged for sweeping (because of the additional rigger weight). This is reflected in the differences of the minimum weights for Fours and Quads. It has been suggested that there should be a kilogram difference between the minimum weights for Pairs and Doubles.

**Remit moved by Canterbury / Auckland
Remit amended by Canterbury / Marlborough
Amended remit CARRIED**

Remit 28 - Boat Weighing – Penalty

That Rule 30.6 be replaced with the following updated version:

6. Failure to make the minimum weight – If a boat is below the minimum weight, the member of the Control Commission shall record the result of weighing and proceed as follows:
- a) Test the scales with the gauged weights, observed by the crew representative; record the name of the crew and the event and the words “Test Weighing”. Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign this as a correct record of the test.
 - b) Weigh the boat concerned for the second time, record the weight and type of equipment items included in the weighing and the words “Second Boat Weighing”. Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign this as a correct record of this weighing.
 - c) Deliver the record to the Race Committee.
 - d) Penalty for Underweight Boat – The penalty for having raced in an underweight boat shall be: ~~that~~
 - i) where the Underweight Boat is in an event other than a Premier event and is underweight by 1kg or less, the crew shall be given a Reprimand;
 - ii) where the Underweight Boat is in a Premier event or is underweight by more than 1kg, the crew shall be Relegated to last place in the particular race.

If the crew races again in an underweight boat in a later round of the same event, then the penalty shall be the exclusion of the crew.

Explanation: This amends the penalty imposed when underweight boats are 1 kilogram or less in all events other than Premier.

There was open discussion across the table in regard to this remit.

**Remit moved by Canterbury / Bay of Plenty
Remit lost**

23.2 Auckland Rowing Association Remit on Rule 13 - Premier Grade

Background explanation:

The Auckland Rowing Association is proposing a change to Rule 13 – Classification according to Ability. The proposed change is to how athletes move up to and down from Premier grade.

The current wording of this rule specifies that a rower is graded as Premier when they are selected to row for a RPC. Rowing NZ has not renewed the RPC licences effective 31 March 2021. Consequently, no rowers will be selected into RPC's and no rower will be graded as Premier. This effectively makes all Premier grade athletes Senior grade.

This proposal sets a reasonable progression for athletes achieving Premier grade. We acknowledge that as the High Performance Pathway evolves there may need to be further changes to this rule over time. As such, we have proposed to allow Premier grade athletes to apply for reclassification at any time (rather than by the annual deadline). This will give RNZ the ability to facilitate athletes leaving the pathway to continue their rowing journey within clubs.

The remit is that:

Rule 13.3 (moving up a class)

That Rule 13.3.e be updated as follows:

- e) A rower moves up to Premier:
 - 1. Immediately when selected to row for a RPC, the NZ Elite Development Squad or the NZ Summer Squad or similar (as defined by NZRA); or
 - 2. Immediately when selected to row for New Zealand in any U23, Elite or similar crew (as defined by NZRA); or
 - 3. At the end of the Season after qualifying by:
 - a) placing first, second or third in the A final of the Premier 1x, Premier 2x or Premier 2- event at a Classification Regatta; or
 - b) placing first in the A final of the U22 1x, U22 2x, U22 2- event at a Classification Regatta.

13.4 Moving Down a Class

That Rule 13.4.a be replaced by the following (with the numbering of Rules 13.4.b, 13.4.c, and 13.4.d to be updated accordingly:

- a) A Premier rower moves down to Senior at the end of the Season unless:
 - 1. they competed at the New Zealand Rowing Championships in an U22 or Premier event and placed first, second or third; or
 - 2. they have already been selected to row for New Zealand in any U23, Elite or similar crew (as defined by NZRA) at an upcoming regatta.
- b) A rower who becomes Premier by virtue of 13.3.e.1 becomes Senior immediately if the rower is no longer a member of a RPC, the NZ Elite Development Squad or the NZ Summer Squad and has not raced in the current Season.
- c) A Premier rower who is not a member of an RPC or the NZ Elite Development Squad or the NZ Summer Squad may at any time apply to NZRA to be re-classified to Senior with immediate effect.

**Remit moved by Auckland / Whanganui
Remit CARRIED**

23.3 Canterbury Rowing Association remit on Rule 13 (3:11:00) wgmtn to change Remit 4 to Remit 1

Note: The wording in red below indicates what has changed / is being added. Red text is used to assist Associations with seeing what new wording has been added.

Remit 1

That Rule 13.3(c)(1) be amended by removing the words “or B”

That Rule 13.3(c)(2) be amended removing the word “any” and inserting the words “an A or B”

Explanation: Currently we are promoting people from all finals at u17 and u18 and any B final otherwise. This results in those that are at the back end of the B final in intermediate being graded up to club and those in finals of u17 1xs being graded to club.

**Remit moved by Canterbury / Bay of Plenty
Remit LOST**

Remit 2

That Rule 13.3(c)(3) be added:

placing first or second in the A final in a U15 or Novice (including U18 Novice) event for boats other than eights or octuples ~~Novice double sculls, Novice coxed four, Novice coxed quadruple sculls, U18 Novice double sculls, U18 Novice coxed four, U18 Novice coxed quadruple Sculls, U15 double sculls, U15 coxed four or U15 coxed quadruple sculls~~ at a Classification Regatta;

Explanation: Currently the best Novices remain in intermediate for their second season unless they race in another non-novice event and are promoted. The best Novices are competitive in intermediate in the year they are Novice. We are promoting novices that are racing in intermediate currently that are finishing behind Novice winners that are only rowing novice.

**Remit moved by Canterbury / Wellington
Amendment (1) Wellington / Marlborough CARRIED
Amended remit CARRIED**

Remit 3

That ‘; or’ be added to the end of Rule 13.3(d)(2)

That Rule 13.3(d)(3) be added:

placing first in the A final in a U17 event at a Classification Regatta; or

That Rule 13.3(d)(4) be added:

placing second or third in the A final in an U17 event for boats other than eights at a Classification Regatta.

That the following Rule 13.4 (c) be added (and that numbering for Rule 13.4(c) and 13.4(d) be amended accordingly) - :

A rower who moves up to Senior solely as a result of Rule 13.3(d)(3) or Rule 13.3(d)(4):

1. automatically moves down to Club at the end of the next Season provided, if they had not already been Senior, they would not have qualified in the interim to move up to Senior ~~(unless during that Season they move up to Senior as a result of Rule 13.3(d)(1) or Rule 13.3(d)(2)).~~
2. may at any time apply to NZRA to be re-classified as Club where they are no longer a registered student of a school.

Explanation: This would find a compromise between associations current perspectives that u17 should be graded up so that u18 school crews cannot attend Club Nationals rowing in the Club class. The counter opinion is that the difference between school and club programmes is so significant that athletes should not be graded senior when they leave school based off their school performance 2 years previously. This rule would promote u17 athletes, but they would return to club if they left school or if they would not have been promoted by their results in u18.

**Remit moved by Canterbury / Wellington
Amendment (1) Wellington / Marlborough CARRIED
Amendment (2) Wellington / Canterbury CARRIED
Amended remit CARRIED**

Remit 4

Appendix 2

That Rule 13.3(f) be renamed 13.3(g) and section 13.3(e) be renamed 13.3(f).

That Rule 13.3(e) be added -

A rower qualifying by sections 13.3(c) and 13.3(d) above will not qualify if the result qualifying them places them in the bottom third of the event.

That Rule 13.4(d) be renamed 13.4(e).

That Rule 13.4(d) be added -

For the purpose of 13.4(b) and 13.4(c) above, a crew who makes a final will be deemed not to progress where the result places them in the bottom third of the event.

Explanation: That people in the back of their field should not be graded up or be prevented from being graded down.

**Remit moved by Canterbury / Wellington
Remit CARRIED**

Remit 5

That Rule 13.1(b) be amended adding the words at the end of the existing Rule:

A rower who only races before 1 November in the Season remains unclassified.

That Rule 13.3(a) be updated to read as follows:

An unclassified person becomes Novice when rowing in their first race after 1 November.

Explanation: The current rule does not allow an athlete to race once decide it is not for them and then be novice later. If this rule were to be allowed, it would allow people to give rowing a go with breaking status and they could still return to the sport at a later date and row Novice.

**Remit moved by Canterbury / East Coast
Remit LOST**

23.4 Waikato Rowing Association Remit – Rule 63

Note: Wording in strike out is wording that is being removed from the Rule. This is included in the remits below so that Associations are clear on what wording is being removed. Strike out will not feature in the amended Rule. Red text is used to assist Associations with seeing what new wording has been added.

Waikato Rowing Association would like to submit a remit to change Rule 63 – Coaching During Racing for the following reasons:

1. Tech devices and gadgets are useful for the gathering of performance data and are becoming more prevalent at regattas.
2. Some gadgets and devices being used allow for 2-way communication during racing via mobile networks or WIFI during racing. Gone are the days where your smart phone had to be in range of your phone to work.
3. The use of tech devices during racing to provide covert coaching undermines the principals of racing and brings the sport into disrepute. While these devices are useful in a training environment, they have no place at a regatta.
4. We appreciate that not all tech devices allow for 2-way communications and that mobile phones are also now required to operate some medical devices.

5. When it comes to using technology to assist with performance, we do not want our sport to change like the America's cup. Whereby those with the resources have the latest technology, while those who do not, fall behind.

6. The rule has been written in a way that it addresses the medical devices, and the devices used for performance data collection but do not allow for communication by requiring athletes to declare the device and medical condition when entering the regatta, or through the use of an 'approved devices schedule'.

7. The application, review and approval process of the devices schedule shall be through the RNZ Board. The Board shall appoint a tech qualified person to review applications and provide recommendations to the Board. This will likely be someone already within the RNZ high performance program.

8. We don't want this process through Associations or at an AGM as that could create a similar situation we now have with the classification committee.

9. The Board's decision on an application would be final and there is no right to appeal. This to prevent any backwards and forwards that can occur and the amendment of applications in hindsight after review feedback for example.

10. We have considered the consequences should a crew be found with an unapproved device and is not coaching during racing and felt that exclusion may be too harsh.

That Rule 63 be updated as follows:

Rule 63 – Coaching During Racing and Technological Devices

1. It is prohibited for any person (other than the crew's coxswain) to give ~~any~~ instructions, advice or directions to ~~rowers~~ crew members or crews that are racing, verbally or with any electric, electronic or other technical device, either directly or indirectly.
2. It is therefore prohibited to carry any equipment in or on a boat that can be used for communication ~~except that, with the exception of equipment:~~
 1. which the Organising Committee may install on each boat, such as a device for the purpose of transmitting real-time race information for the presentation and promotion of the event and the sport; ~~and/or~~
 2. which the Race Committee has approved for use by a crew member to operate a medical device. Approval may be provided following the disclosure of the medical reason and details about the device, upon entry to the regatta.
3. A crew receiving ~~outside assistance~~ coaching while racing in any form, with or without the use of a technological device, ~~may shall~~ be excluded from the event.
4. ~~From 1 September 2022, a Schedule of Approved Technological Devices ("the Schedule") that assists with the collection of race data and crew member performance during racing, but does not allow for or facilitate two-way communication and coaching during racing shall be reviewed by a suitability qualified person nominated by the Board, for the Board to approve and publish. The approved Schedule shall apply upon the commencement of the next Season and be published before the commencement of the Season.~~
5. ~~Applications for technological devices to be added to the Schedule shall be submitted in writing to the Board by 31 March for consideration. All applications shall be reviewed against the principles of racing set out in Rule 4.1 and FISA Rule 29 (Innovations in Equipment). The decision of the Board is final.~~
6. ~~A crew found to have a technological device, in or on their boat, used for the purposes described in 63.5, during racing, that is not on the Schedule shall be requested to remove the device for the remainder of the regatta and the crew shall be excluded.~~

Remit moved by Waikato / Whanganui

Remit amended by Wellington / Marlborough CARRIED

Amended remit CARRIED

23.5 Wellington Rowing Association Remit – Rule 13

When WRA proposed the rule for classification according to ability that was adopted in 2017 the hope was we would quickly end up with a set of rules that tightly align a rower's ability and their grade. That has not come to pass.

Almost all opportunities to measure and establish a rower's ability are ignored. Only the results from 2 regattas (1 last time around!) are used. Entire classes of events within those regattas are excluded from being used to measure and establish a rower's ability. Evidence regarding ability equivalences (e.g. U17 and Club) has not been implemented.

Consequently WRA's position is that we do not have a classification system that achieves classification according to ability. Nor are we going to end up with one in the foreseeable future.

Instead, it has become clear the dominant factor determining a rower's class is achievement. Specifically their achievements at the club and school NZ championships regattas. Achievement, especially at Nationals, is a good proxy for ability. But it is not quite the same thing.

WRA is therefore proposing the classification system be renamed to "classification according to achievement". This better reflects what is being looked at and how rowers end up in the grades they do.

- With "classification according to achievement" it doesn't matter that Maadi was cancelled. The fact the rowers ability didn't get measured and adjusted is irrelevant in the context of nobody reaching the Maadi achievements deemed worthy of changing grade.
- With "classification according to achievement" the evidence U17 and Club grade share the same ability level is irrelevant in the context of whether U17 medals are an achievement worthy of earning Senior status.
- And, although WRA is not proposing threshold changes as part of the name change, it becomes possible to simplify many of the rules e.g. "progressing to any final..." measures ability whereas "competes in any final..." or, perhaps better still, "completes any final..." records an achievement.

WRA notes RNZ has expressed a preference for Rule 13.5 (Re-classification by application to NZRA) to be removed if the classification system is re-named. However, WRA is not proposing such a change at this time, as there would still be further adjustments expected before the relevant achievements are well-settled (e.g. boat balancing, should straight finals be included, etc) and having the application process helps establish those.

What WRA expects will happen is, in the interim, instead of saying "the relevant result only reflects the ability of the rest of the crew and should not be attributed to the rower in question" an application would say "the achievement was only an achievement thanks to the rest of the crew and should not be attributed to the rower in question". A classic example of a case for re-classification by application would be one made by a rower who is substituted into a crew for the finals.

In order to simply re-name the classification system the following adjustments are therefore required (emphasis added to highlight change):

Title "Rule 13 — Classification According to Ability" becomes "Rule 13 — Classification **According to Achievement**"

13.1.a) "Every rower is classified according to ability into one of five classes: Novice, Intermediate, Club, Senior, Premier. (Classes listed in order of increasing ability from lowest to highest)." becomes "a) Every rower is classified **according to achievement** into one of five classes: Novice, Intermediate, Club, Senior, Premier. (Classes listed in order of increasing **achievement** from lowest to highest)."

13.1.b) "A person who has never rowed in a race is unclassified according to ability and is eligible for Novice events." becomes "A person who has never rowed in a race is unclassified according to **achievement** and is eligible for Novice events."

13.2. "Classification Regattas are used to assess the ability of rowers." becomes "Classification Regattas are used to assess the **achievements** of rowers."

plus consequential changes

1.2 "A rowing regatta is a sporting competition consisting of one or more events divided, if necessary, into a number of races, in one or more classes of boats divided, as a general rule, into different classifications of gender, age, weight or ability." becomes "2. A rowing regatta is a sporting competition consisting of one or more events divided, if necessary, into a number of races, in one or more classes of boats divided, as a general rule, into different classifications of gender, age, weight or **achievement**."

11.b) "ability" becomes "achievement"

17.b) "Ability Classified Racing Crews of only the same or less ability may race together in ability classified races. When an event is classified as Open ability everybody has the requisite eligibility to compete." becomes "**Achievement Classified Racing Crews** of only the same or lesser **achievement** may race together in **achievement classified races**. When an event is classified as Open **achievement** everybody has the requisite **achievement** to compete."

Therefore the remit is:

THAT Rule 1.2 becomes "A rowing regatta is a sporting competition consisting of one or more events divided, if necessary, into a number of races, in one or more classes of boats divided, as a general rule, into different classifications of gender, age, weight or achievement."

AND that rule 11.b) becomes "achievement"

AND the title for Rule 13 becomes "Classification According to Achievement"

AND that Rule 13.1.a) becomes "a) Every rower is classified according to achievement into one of five classes: Novice, Intermediate, Club, Senior, Premier. (Classes listed in order of increasing achievement from lowest to highest)."

AND that Rule 3.1.b) becomes "A person who has never rowed in a race is unclassified according to achievement and is eligible for Novice events."

AND that 13.2. becomes "Classification Regattas are used to assess the achievements of rowers."

AND that 17.b) becomes "Achievement Classified Racing Crews of only the same or lesser achievement may race together in achievement classified races. When an event is classified as Open achievement everybody has the requisite achievement to compete."

**Remit moved by Wellington but failed to gain a second
Remit lapsed**

24. General Business

Terry Tidbury expressed concern over changing the date of the National Championships as the lake is completely booked from 1 October through to the end of May. If there is going to be a date change it needs to be decided as soon as possible to allow for future lake bookings.

Auckland Rowing Association moved a motion from the floor to congratulate Sean Durkin and his achievement with the Rule of Racing changes. This motion was seconded by the NZRA.

Lesley Milne requested that Rowing NZ consider a special commission for Race Officials. This would benefit the training and growth of Race Officials in New Zealand.

Rowing NZ Chair, Gerry Dwyer, agreed that this was a good idea. The Board will carry this forward.

Wellington Rowing Association expressed interest in creating a sub-committee for Coastal Rowing in order to formalize the discipline in some way. An unofficial committee has already been formed and is made up by members of Wellington

Rowing Association, Marlborough Rowing Association, and some from Nelson and Whanganui. Gerry Dwyer responded and this would be passed onto the Domestic Rowing Committee to address.

Canterbury Rowing Association representative, Justin Wall, called for more use of Te Reo Māori and diversity throughout our sport.

25. Adjournment of meeting to annual Dinner.

Meeting deferred to 6.30pm at the Awards Dinner.

26. Meeting reconvened

The meeting reconvened at the AGM Dinner at the Novotel Tainui Hamilton and was hosted by Waikato Rowing Association with Pete Yeoman as MC.

The dinner saw presentations of the following awards:

- Service Awards
- Volunteer of the Year Awards
- Legacy Presentations

Closure of meeting:

There being no other business, Bill Falconer handed over to the incoming NZRA President, Ivan Sutherland, who declared the 134th Annual General Meeting closed.