



Rule changes required for 2021 championship

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Part 3 Rules for the Championship

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Open to all.

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Semi status regatta	50 points
Full status regatta including Overseas regattas	100 points
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Points will be added or deducted at midnight of the Wednesday week after the event.

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2. The boat is disqualified.
3. The boat does not finish the event.

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Should a championship be held earlier than July 2021, the winning points will not be allocated to the rowers until the end of the 2021 season.

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Novice eligibility for 2021 Championship

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2.20 Racing Grades

Racing grades for all boats will be determined by the maximum permitted cumulative points allowable per boat per grade as follows:

Max points per boat				
Grade	8+/X	4X/+/-	2-/X	1X
Senior	9600	4800	2400	1200
Intermediate	5600	2800	1400	700
Club 1	4000	2000	1000	500
Club 2	2000	1000	500	250
Novice	0	0	0	0

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Any eligible 2020 Novice may enter the 2021 Novice Championship

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