

**Rowing Ireland Extraordinary General Meeting
13th July 2021 @ 7.30pm Via Zoom**

AGENDA.

1. Introduction and Instructions for Voting
2. Roll Call
3. President's Address
4. Voting on tabled temporary suspension of the two regatta rule (Rule 3.3)
5. Voting on the tabled temporary change to the Novice Grade (Rule 2.20)



Rule change required for 2021 championship and Regatta Season

Proposal #1

Current Rule

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Rationale: In light of the fact that there are relatively few regattas at which competitors can satisfy the two regatta rule this year, it is unfair to impose such a restriction on them. The proposal is to totally remove the two regatta rule for all competitors for the 2021 season.

Proposal #2
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Max points per boat				
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Intermediate	5600	2800	1400	700
Club 1	4000	2000	1000	500
Club 2	2000	1000	500	250
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All those who were eligible as Novices in 2020 shall be **deemed** to be eligible for Novice in 2021.

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Rationale: While the intention was that 2020 novices would be able to compete in 2021 events, the wording was incorrectly constructed to just apply the benefits to competing at the Championship. The revised wording permits crews to row as novice at the University Championships and any subsequent regattas. It will not apply to any regattas which take place prior to the EGM.