

# Rowing Ireland Rule Changes 2022



## RULE CHANGES

DUE TO COME INTO EFFECT ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2022

FOLLOWING THE RECENT VOTE AT THE ROWING IRELAND EGM ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF FEB 2022, THE BOARD OF ROWING IRELAND HAS DECIDED TO ENACT ALL SUCCESSFUL RULE CHANGES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL FULLY ADOPTED BY MEMBER CLUBS AT THE NEXT ROWING IRELAND AGM

### COMMENCEMENT DATE

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START DATE	PROJECT NAME	PREPARED BY
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Rowing Ireland Flatwater Rule Changes 22	Board of Rowing Ireland

### STATUS SUMMARY

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From the 6<sup>th</sup> of May all the proposal that were successfully adopted by membership of Rowing Ireland at the recent EGM (20<sup>th</sup> Feb) will become part of the current rules of Rowing Ireland

A copy of the new Rowing Ireland rules has been sent to all register secretaries and captains of all affiliated Rowing Ireland member clubs.

This document outlines some of, but not all the significant changes that will affect Rowing Ireland competition and Competition entries.

It is the responsibility of all Clubs, Competitors, Secretaries, Captains, Event Organisers and Umpires to familiarize themselves with these rule changes. Please ensure you communicate all rule changes to your club members.

### RULES

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RULE NO	CHANGE	AFFECT	NOTES
2.6 Rowing Year	The rowing year will commence each year on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of January and finish on the 31 <sup>st</sup> of December	Realigns the rowing year with affiliation year	

2.1 Regatta Season	The regatta season shall commence on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of April each year and finish on the 30 <sup>th</sup> of September	Allows for a head of the river in September	
2.2 Heads of the river	A head of the river may be permitted in September provided no regatta is scheduled for that date.		
2.7 Fixtures Allocation & Event Licence	All applications must be submitted to the chair of the Domestic Events Committee (DEC) by 1 <sup>st</sup> of August of the year before the event is planned	Change from 1 <sup>st</sup> of February to 1 <sup>st</sup> of August	
2.10 Entries	The closing date for entries all regattas or heads of the river shall be the Wednesday week prior to the regatta or head of the river at 19.00 hrs. Entries shall not be accepted after the official closing of entries.	Confirm that trial rule is now permanent	
2.19.1 Open to all	Junior 18 and junior 16 rowers entering non junior events will attract the same points as non-junior rowers. Junior 18 and junior 16 rowers will accumulate a minimum of 100points per yearn their RS and SS.	Removal of rower points cap maximum of 600 points for juniors' rowers	
2.19.1 Open to all	Queries regarding the award or reduction of points must be raised as soon as practicable after an event and, at the latest, must be lodged before the end of the following rowing year.	To put a time limit on clubs looking to query points.	
2.19.2 Time away from Rowing	Once a rower achieves 300 points, they are unable to register again at less than 300 points.	Clarifies that those on less than 300 points may re-register at their previous points	
2.19.4 Under 23	Under 23 A rower may compete in an U23 rowing event until the 31st December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 22. A regatta win or loss shall result in the gaining or loss of points as set out in 2.19.1	Close the loophole whereby a win at U23 does not attract points.	
2.19.5 Junior Rowing	A Junior is a competitor who is under the age of nineteen years on the 31 <sup>st</sup> of August of the year of competition  Junior 13: A competitor who is under the age of fourteen years on 31 August of the year of competition.  Any person under fifteen years of age on the 31 <sup>st</sup> August of the year of competition, may only compete in races as a sculler or coxswain.	Better aligns Junior rowing ages with school years at each age grade.  Enables more Juniors in their final year at school to continue to compete at J18 level, encouraging more to remain in the sport  Changes the junior 12 age category to junior 13	All age groups are now using the 31 <sup>st</sup> of August of the year of the competition as the category age cut off point.
2.20 Racing Grades	The Novice grade is for those competitors in their first year of registration or who registered after the 1 <sup>st</sup> of October in the preceding year, who are over 16 years of age and have zero points at the	Clarification that previous registration as a fixed seat coastal rower does not affect	

	beginning of the season. Registration as a coastal/offshore rower is not taken into account unless the person has competed in an offshore event.	novice status while offshore (sculling) competition does impact your status.	
2.27 Substitutions	It is the responsibility of the Regatta Secretary to ensure all paper substitutions are entered on the Rowing Ireland Electronic System.	Clarification that it is the responsibility of the regatta secretary to enter any paper substitutions on Rowing Ireland Electronic System.	
2.28 Withdrawal of crews	Once a crew has competed in a heat in a regatta it may not withdraw from that event for any reason other than medical. An automatic fine of €50 per crew will be levied on the club of the absent crew / sculler. This fine must be paid to Rowing Ireland within 30 days of the event. The club of the sculler / crew may appeal the fine within 10 working days of the fine being levied to the Domestic Events Committee whose decision will be final.	Introducing a monetary penalty for unnecessary withdrawals	
2.41 Victories outside Ireland	<p>The Secretary of any affiliated club wishing to compete outside Ireland must apply for permission before entering the event. Only paid-up registered members of Rowing Ireland may be included in such crews. Failure to do so may result in a fine being imposed by the Disciplinary Officer.</p> <p>All regatta victories must be notified to the office within 14 days of the event. Should it subsequently be discovered that a win was not notified within this period, the Club may be subject to a fine by the Disciplinary Officer. In the event of a recurrence of non-compliance, the Club may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.</p> <p><b>All overseas wins by clubs count as full status wins. All foreign and domestic victories while part of the Irish team, count towards change of status. The Chair of the Umpires Committee shall have discretion to designate certain overseas races with only two crews participating as private races which do not affect status.</b></p>	Clarification that you must be a paid-up registered members to participate overseas	
3.10 Para Championships	<p>The Para Championships are open to those athletes who have been classified as Para.</p> <p>The Para Championships are as follows:  PR1 men's single sculls  PR1 women's single sculls  PR2 men's single sculls  PR2 women's single sculls  PR2 mixed double sculls</p>	<p>Adding Para Championships</p> <p>Removing the Championship Extinction rule for Para events until 2025</p>	

	<p>PR3 men's pair PR3 women's pair PR3 mixed double sculls PR3 mixed coxed four</p> <p>If less than three crews shall start in the final of any event for two successive years, that event shall cease to be a Championship but may be reinstated by a simple majority vote of the Board. Such a reinstatement must be ratified by a simple majority vote of the next AGM.</p> <p>This rule shall not apply to the Para Championships and may not be reviewed until the 2025 Rules Change AGM/EGM.</p>		
3.25 Irish Team Rowers	Any rower who has been selected to row in a World Cup Regatta, Senior European Championship, Senior World Championship or Olympic Regatta in any given year, may in that year only compete at senior level in the Irish Championships. Selection in a Para event at any of the above regattas does not impose any restriction on such athletes	Rewording to clarify that participation at a junior or U23 World Championship does not preclude athletes competing at a level other than senior.	
Part 4 University Rowing and The University Championships	Many rules were reworded to bring into line with the Student Sport Ireland Eligibility Criteria for domestic events.	To bring competitions into line with Student Sport Ireland Criteria.	All University Rowing Clubs should familiarize themselves with the criteria changes.
4.5 Championship Eligibility	The University Championships of Ireland Regatta is a Non-Qualifying Regatta. Events may be held in any of the Rowing Ireland Championship Classes and in any of the World Rowing. categories as determined by the University Rowing Committee from time to time. Eligibility to row in the Irish Rowing Championship Regatta in a specific grade determines eligibility to row in the same year, in the same grade at the University Championship Regatta. The University Rowing Committee holds the responsibility which must be ratified by the board of Rowing Ireland.		
4.9.1 (b) Para Rowing	If at least two entries are received in the Para Rowing events offered at the Irish Rowing Championships, the University Rowing Committee shall include an event in that boat class and award points accordingly. This rule may not be reviewed until the 2025 Rules Change AGM/EGM.	To ensure Para Rowing is included in the University Rowing and University Championships	
4 Para Rowing	The Para Rowing rules were extensively changed to bring into line with World Rowing Para Rowing		All Clubs with Para Rowers and Para Rower Athletes and coaches should

## CONCLUSIONS

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Rowing Ireland would like to thank the Rules Review working group for the extensive time and effort put into reviewing, analysing preparing, proposing and publishing these new Rowing Ireland Rules.

Part one of the Rules document is currently undergoing a critical review by the Board of Rowing Ireland and any proposed changes to section one will be communicated to all affiliated clubs when this critical review is completed.

### **Important Reminder;**

It is the responsibility of each individual club, their athletes, coaches, Rowing Ireland Umpires, event organisers and any other persons that may from time to time have to operate within the rules of Rowing Ireland, to make themselves aware of the most current rules in operation and the interpretation of these rules. Lack of; knowledge, understanding, or awareness of rule changes will not be accepted as an excuse for breach of any of the Rules of Rowing Ireland.

These Rules of Rowing Ireland (version 2022.1) will be temporary rules until adopted by the membership of Rowing Ireland at the next Rowing Ireland Annual General Meeting.

*Please note; Any competitions / regattas that have their entries closed prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> of May will have races in the categories and profiles as advertised on the regatta prospectus. Only entries from the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 will be administered under the new rules.*