

AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION



National Competition Committee Report to Executive 9th November 2004 and Council 27th November 2004

A. MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

1. The committee has met once since the last report to Council, on 31st October 2004 at Leander Club. The following attended :

S Darnbrough, Mrs F Dennis, Mrs D M Ellis, A J Evans, I A Fisher, M Groom, C H Llewellyn, N Mayglothling, W C Thomson.

B. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST REPORT

2. Competition Review

Further to the last report to Council, the report on the Competition Review containing two proposals was presented to Council at its last meeting.

The first proposal, to offer to regatta organisers the option to run their event to a specification for a Primary Regatta, was accepted by Council. No such requests have yet been received.

The second proposal, to create a series of multi-lane events with a core of events to as common a specification as possible, on a set of agreed dates, is currently under discussion with the regatta organisers concerned.

No rule changes arising from these proposals are being brought to Council.

3. National Umpires Commission

The National Umpires Commission has not met since the last report. The pilot trials of the common Training and Assessment Scheme in the Western and WM&WAGS regions are progressing, with a training session for RUC members on 30th October.

C. NEW BUSINESS

4. Rules of Racing

The following has been considered and no change is currently proposed :

- 2-3-5 : Dress – a proposal to discourage or outlaw the removal of kit was rejected as impossible to police.

The amendments to the rules of racing for consideration by Council are shown in the Appendix to this report.

5. Regatta Calendar 2005-6

The 2005-6 calendar is presented for approval.

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D. RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Rules of Racing

To adopt the amendments to the Rules of Racing set out in the Appendix to this report.

7. Regatta Calendar 2005-6

To adopt the Regatta Calendar appended to this report subject to the resolution of any remaining issues by the Committee.

C H Llewellyn.

7th November 2004 (amended 15 Nov 2004).

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It is recommended that, for identification purposes, competitors carry their ARA racing licence or photographic identification when presenting themselves for weighing.

7. Rule 3-3-3 Juniors

The following rule was agreed last year but does not appear consistently or correctly in the Rules in the various places that they are available (Almanack, booklet, website) The correct version is given below :

3-3-3c J12, J13, J14, J15, J16 and J18 are competitors **who have not attained** 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 18 years **of age, respectively, before** the first day of September preceding the event.

8. Rule 5-2-3 Closing of Entries

5-2-3g Delete the word "foreign" from the first sentence.

C H Llewellyn, 07 November 2004.

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Appendix to National Competition Committee Report 07 Nov 2004

Amendments to Rules of Racing for 2005

The following amendments to the Rules of Racing are recommended to Council. Amendments are shown in bold.

1. 2-1-6 Qualifications

After the bullet points, edit to read :

It is recommended that the Starter and Race Umpire at a multi-lane competition should hold a multi-lane endorsed licence or be a trainee adopted by the Multi-Lane Commission and under the direct supervision of a multi-lane endorsed umpire.

Delete the note in italics : (*This requirement will be mandatory from 1st April 2005*).

2. 2-2-3 Safety Information and Circulation Pattern

Edit last bullet point to read :

These instructions **shall** be distributed to the competitors with the draw. One copy must be supplied to each competing crew. **These instructions shall also be distributed, in advance of the competition, to the Commissioner attending (in accordance with Rule 5-1-2) and all officiating umpires.**

3. Rule 2-3-7 Coxswains

Edit 2-3-7a to read :

Coxswains must wear a **lifejacket or buoyancy aid** in the correct manner and be familiar with the method of operation. **In "front-loader" boats, coxswains must wear manually operated gas inflation lifejackets.**

Note : The sentence "Self-inflating lifejackets and buoyancy aids must not be used in boats where the coxswain is enclosed within the shell of the boat" is deleted.

4. Rule 2-4 The Start

Edit the following parts to be consistent with the multi-lane training document :

2-4-1 Reporting at the Start

- b. The Starter shall announce the **race, the competing crews, their stations and, where practicable, thereafter** the time remaining to the start of the race, ideally at one minute intervals, up to two minutes prior to the start time.

2-4-3 Crew Preparation

Competitors must be attached (**where relevant**) and ready to race two minutes before race time.

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The only delays on the start should be for alignment and for getting straight. Excess clothing should have been removed, and adjustments made, by two minutes before race time.

2-4-4 Start Procedure

- b. The Starter shall announce the race number, event and the outcome, if appropriate. *The aim here is that the competitors are sure of the outcome of the race and what result they have to achieve to continue in the event.*
- c. The Starter shall then carry out the "Roll Call", naming each crew in turn. *This identification should be simple and brief. The start procedure has now begun; ideally, the Roll Call will not begin until aligning is complete because competitors can expect the race to be started at any time after the end of the Roll Call.*
- d. (c. renumbered) no change.
- e. (d. renumbered) Each crew is responsible for being straight and ready to race at the end of the Roll Call. The Starter may then take no further notice of any crew which indicates that it is not straight.
- f. (e. renumbered) no change.
- g. (f. renumbered) no change.
- h. (g. renumbered) After a distinct pause, the Starter shall say "Go", simultaneously dropping the red flag smartly to one side.
No change to the notes in italics.
- j. (h. renumbered) no change to the rule.
Notwithstanding ~~h~~ above, the Starter is responsible for the fairness of the start, and he should watch that crews continue to be in a position to start fairly during the final stages before the word "Go".

No change to general note.

5. Rule 2-6-3 Duties of the Judge

2-6-3b No change to the Rule.

No change to the present note.

Add : *It is recommended that a sound, audible to the competitors, be provided as each crew passes the line.*

6. Rule 3-3-1 Lightweight

3-3-1d No change to the current Rule except that the reference in (see 2-3-6b) should read (see 2-3-6a).

Add : *All members of a crew must report for weighing at the same time. This rule shall not apply to coxes (see 2-3-7b).*

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