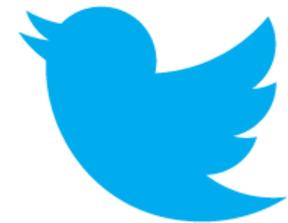




British Rowing Competition Framework



“It's taken two boat races, a WeHoRR win, a BUCS gold, silver and two bronzes but finally got **my first rowing point** today at @Britchamps”



Twitter, 20/10/2013

Why a review?

Part of British Rowing's 2020 Vision Strategy...

Increasing participation and experience.

Ongoing analysis of competition and feedback from numerous consultations told us that the review should focus on two key areas:

1. The structure of competition.
2. The points system.

Ongoing developments...

2014

- January – March: Regional Workshops explore what future competitions and events might look like without a points-for-wins system.
- June: Council agrees to introduce a categories system (Novice, Intermediate and Championship) and develop a Ranking Index and Rower Passport.
- Pathfinder events trial new formats.

2015

- Development of new online system begins.
- Pathfinder events continue to develop new ideas.
- British Rowing staff identified to lead project in partnership with volunteers.

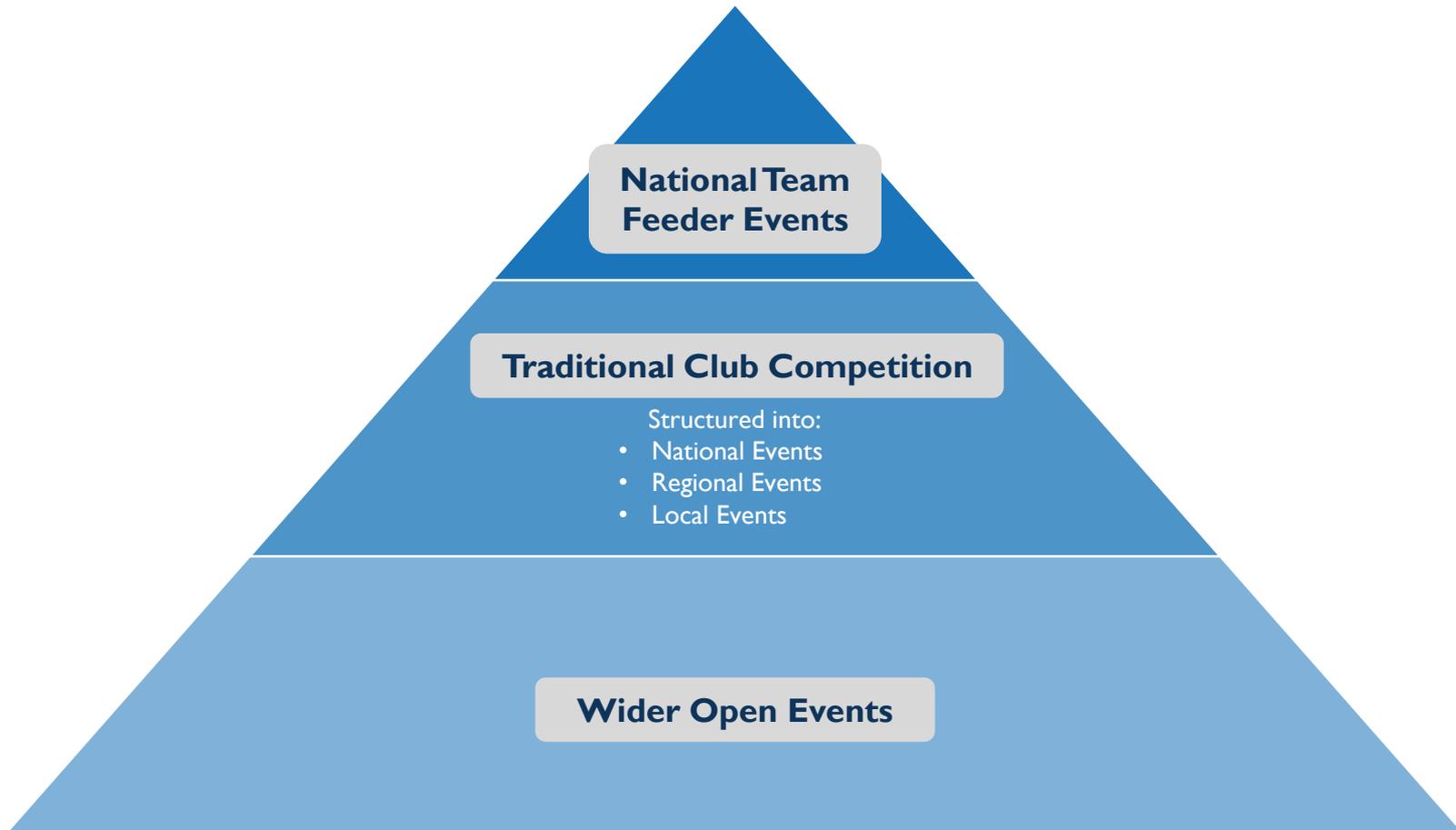
2016

- British Rowing conference; how the system will work and benefits for the sport.
- Trialling of the new online System.

Aim of the National Competition Framework

A **progressive** and **flexible** competition framework that is **sustainable, recognises achievement** and gives both existing and new competitors the **opportunity to row in high quality events.**

National Competition Framework



Principles of the system

British Rowing rankings

- Position in heads & regattas
- Size of event (boat type)
- Standard of event (multiplier)
- Rise and fade factor

**British Rowing
Ranking Index**

**BROE ENGINE
ROOM**

Personal Ranking

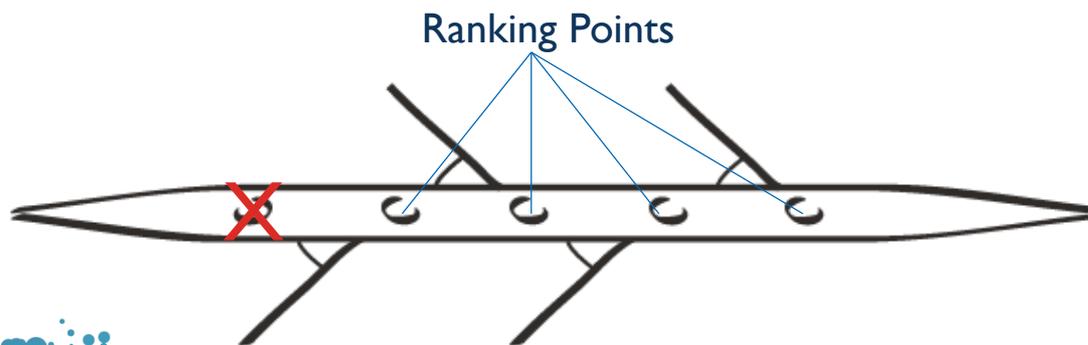
Crew Ranking

- Provides a system which reflects ability
- Provides a ranking which can help provide transparency for those working towards trials
- Provides flexibility to event organisers to split events / divisions into 'ranking' groups
- Provides a system which will be refreshed year on year



Principles of the system

- How well a crew does in an event determines the total number of **Ranking Points (RPs)** received.
- RPs are individual, so each person in a crew (except the cox) receives the points.
- The RPs won are not split between the crew.
- Heads count as well as regattas.
- The size of the event entry determines the number of RPs available.



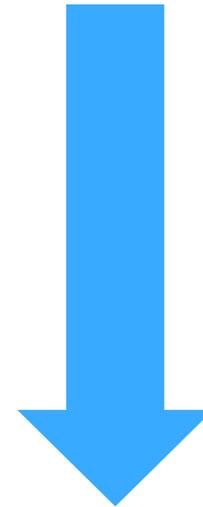
Ranking Index (RI)

- The current ranking of an individual is known as their personal **Ranking Index (RI)**.
- The RI is made up of the eight highest weighted personal RPs totals gained in competition over the last five years with the weight of older points reducing with time.
- The RI is constantly re-calculated.

Weighting of older RPs

When calculating the RI the older RPs won are weighted less with age:

- Last 12 Months (year 0) – worth 100%
 - 12 – 24 Months (year 1) – worth 66%
 - 24 – 36 Months (year 2) – worth 33%
 - 36 – 48 Months (year 3) – worth 15%
 - 48 – 60 Months (year 4) – worth 5 %
 - 60 Months plus (year 5+) – worth 1 point
- Only the last 5 years worth of competitions are used



Multiple entries on one day

- If you enter more than one event in a day only the total from your highest “scoring” event will be included in the RI calculation.
- This will mean doubling up is not discouraged.

When is a RI calculated

- A person's RI for a race will be as of eight days before close of entries.
- Allows competitions to form races.
- No Winner Previous required!
- May allow a crew to win a Novice event at two weekends.

How will substitutions work?

- Substitutions will not change RI of crew.
- Maximum increase in RI is 25%.
- No need to move crews.
- 50% rule will still apply at official close of entries.

Event classifications

- Senior Events are no longer classified as Elite, IM1, IM2, etc.
 - U19, U23, Lightweight remain as categories.
- Junior and Masters retain age groupings.
 - J13 – J18, Masters A – J.
- Novice remains as a classification.

Event classifications

The regatta or head can group crews as they wish...

- Local clubs, All comers, Colleges
- Morning 8s, Lunchtime 4s, Afternoon 8s
- On current RI
- Time in sport (Beginners)
- New juniors / masters (use RI not age bands)
- Experienced juniors / masters



Regattas

Ranking Points - Regattas

- RPs are gained in all age groups.
 - Juniors, Seniors and Masters.
- First round losers do not gain RPs.
- Crews which scratch / don't finish / are disqualified get the RPs already accrued in the event.
- Plate events gain RPs as if they are $\frac{1}{2}$ the size of the main event.
- Crews with Byes do not get the RPs from the missed rounds.



Regattas - Juniors

- Juniors normally in age categories
 - Wins from J14 are reduced to <5% by J18.
 - Regattas could offer according to RI.
- Events offered according to experience
 - “New” J18 (low RI).
 - “Experienced” J18 (higher RI).
 - “New” J14-J16.
- Juniors race Senior Events according to RI
 - Creates a more level playing field.

Regattas - Masters

- Masters normally in age categories
 - Regattas could offer according to RI.
- Events offered according to demand
 - “Young” Novices.
 - “Old” Novices.
- Masters race Senior Events according to RI

Multi-Lane regattas

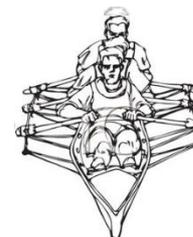
- Same principle as two lane racing.
- More RPs as you go on.
- 1st round losers get no RPs.
- Rep losers get no RPs.
- Semi-Finalist losers get RPs.
 - Based on number of crews beaten in previous round.
- Finalists get RPs based on number of crews in event.
- Finals B/C/D/etc. also get RPs.

+2 RP
(3 RP)



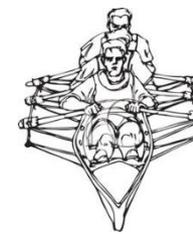
Winner

1 RP



Final

0 RP

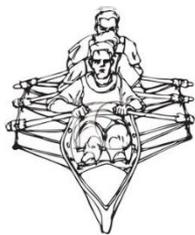


Heat

4 Crews – 2 Lane Regatta



+3 RP
(6 RP)



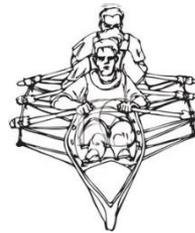
Winner

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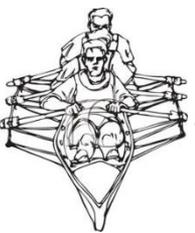
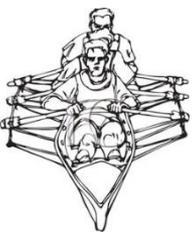
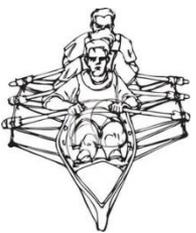
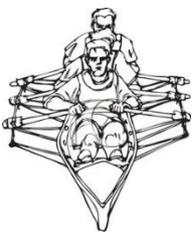
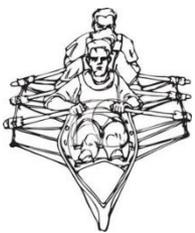
Final

1 RP



Semi-F

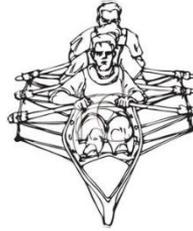
0 RP



Heat

8 Crews – 2 Lane Regatta

+3 RP
(6 RP)



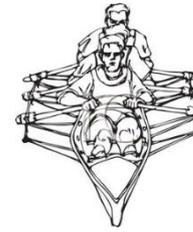
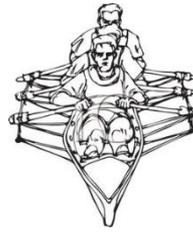
+3 RP
(5 RP)

+2 RP
(3 RP)



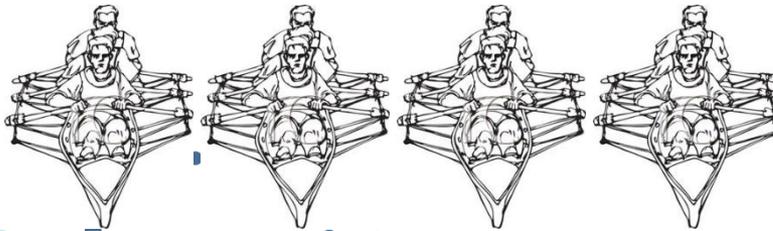
+2 RP
(2 RP)

1 RP



0 RP

0 RP



6 Crews – 2 Lane Regatta

Split events - Banding

- Events could be split by using the RI.
- An advantage is racing is determined by entry and not by categories offered.
- Crew split into RI bands.
 - Depending on Entry
- The higher band based on the next lower band.
 - Base RP = for semi-final winners
 - Increment = semi-final increment

Split events example

20 Crews Enter

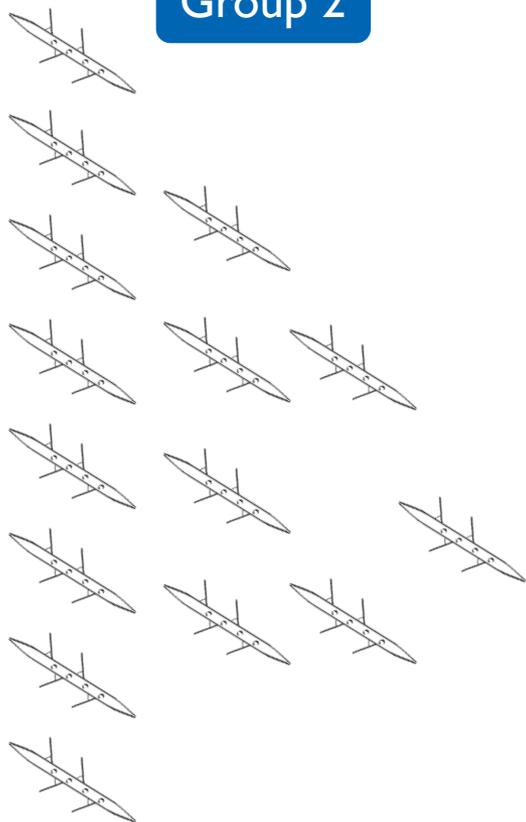
- 4 Crews have 100-150 RPs
- 8 Crews have 25-75 RPs
- 8 Crews have 5-15 RPs

Regatta decides to split them into:

- 4 Crews Championship
- 8 Crews Group 1
- 8 Crews Group 2

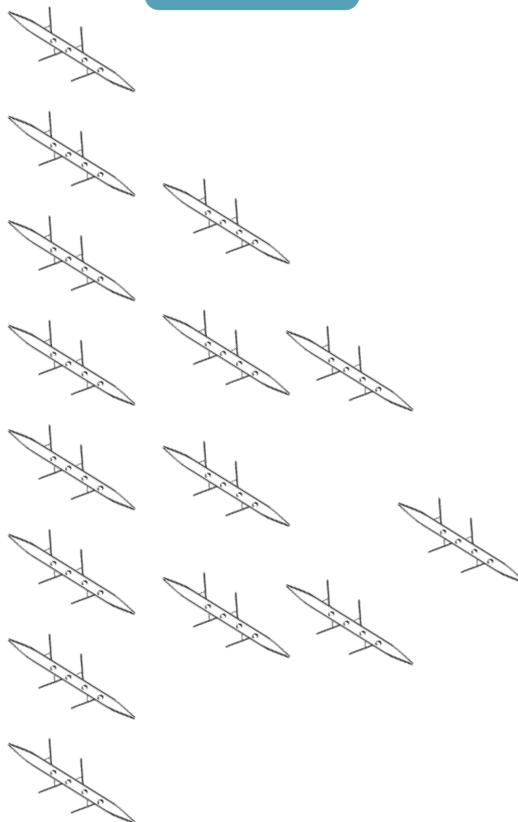
Split Events

Group 2



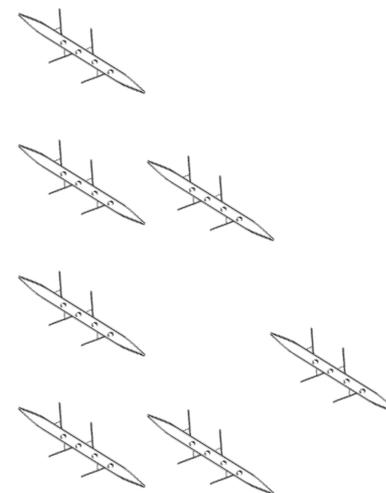
• +1 RP +2 RP +3 RP
 (3RP) (6RP)

Group 1



3RP +4 RP +6 RP +8 RP
 Base (7RP) (13RP) (21RP)

Championship



13RP +6 RP +12 RP
 Base (19RP) (31RP)



Heads

Ranking Points - Heads

- RPs are determined by boat type not event (Penant) entered
- Open, Women, Mixed, rowability/Pararowing are separate
- Sculling & Rowing separate
- J15 and below events ranked separately.
- More boats in an Head, more points awarded
 - A maximum of 145
- All get RPs.
 - Last Place = 0 RPs

Ranking Points - Heads

- All 4+ are taken together.
- All 8+ are taken together
- All 4x- etc
- J16, J18, U19, U23, Lightweight, Senior, Masters
- A Fast J16 crew would get more RPs than a slow U23 crew
- Masters crews are allocated RPs on their speed
 - Regardless of age

Heads

Possible RP allocation

Crews	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	...	Last
100	145 RPs	142 RPs	140 RPs	97 th - 1 RP	0 RPs (98 th to 100 th)
50	145 RPs	140 RPs	135 RPs	49 th - 1 RP	0 RPs
25	42 RPs	39 RPs	36 RPs	24 th - 1 RP	0 RPs
10	9 RPs	8 RPs	7 RPs	9 th - 1 RP	0 RPs
5	4 RPs	3 RPs	2 RPs	4 th - 1 RP	0 RPs
2	1 RP	0 RPs			

International Events

- Non FISA International Event
 - Treated as if it's a British Rowing event.
 - RPs determined by position in event.
- FISA World Events
 - Starts at a base RPs for calculations.

Lifetime personal ranking

- We will be keeping a running total of all RPs won over a person's entire career.
- Older RPs will not be devalued with age for this.
- RPs won from multiple entries on one day will be included in the lifetime total.

Technology Support

- A new version of BROE.
- Help in splitting events.
- Calculates the number of RPs.
- Linked to the Rower Profile.
- Allows rowers to check on RPs gained.
- Support critical.

Small Boats Head

Has a large entry but mainly from Juniors

2016	2017
All Senior Categories	Seniors and Masters <i>Banded by RPs</i>
All Masters Categories	Under and Over 50s <i>Banded by RPs if necessary</i>
Novice	Senior Novice Under and Over 50s Novice Junior Novice
J18 to J14	J18 to J13 <i>Banded by Age and RPs</i>

Town Regatta

Has a large entry but majority in IM3 and Novice

Old Style	2017
Elite	Seniors & Masters Only Split into RP bands
Senior	All Comers Split into RP bands
IM1	
IM2	
IM3	
Novice	Novice Group 1 & Group 2
Masters A – J	Under & Over 50s Masters





Workshop

In groups - 30 minutes

Explore what new competition might look like in 2017/18:

- What are the implications for events (heads and regattas)?
- What events could you offer?
- What will your target rowers want from your competitions?

Think about it from...

- Event Organising
- Club Entry
- Competitor Requirements

Moving forward

Having considered how the new Competition Framework will impact across the sport...

- What training and support would be most helpful?
- What will be needed from BROE, the rules, British Rowing and NCC, club and coaches, the regions?



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