

Rules of Racing

March 2018

Summary of Changes to the Rules of Racing for 2018

Old Rule	New Rule	Change
Throughout	Throughout	Remove all references to the old points/status system. Minor improvements to layout and standardisation throughout.
Throughout	Throughout	Updates for Para-Rowing and Adaptive rowing.
Throughout	Throughout	Now standardised on 'gender' rather than 'sex'.
Throughout	Throughout	Cross-references to other rules have been updated.
Throughout	Throughout	Renumbering as a result of other changes.
Throughout	Throughout	Various minor improvements to numbering and formatting.
Rule 2-1-2	N/A	Has been removed. The relevant items have been moved into new rule 3-2
Rule 2-1-3	2-1-2	Classification of coxes. Wording has been simplified.
Rule 3-2-b	3-1-b	Has been modified to add 'did not finish' to cover the possibility of a crew being given a verdict of DNF rather than NRO.
Rule 3-2	3-1-c	Has been amended to include the list of qualifying events.
Rule 3-4	3-2	Wording has been tidied up and addition of two items from old rule 2-1-2

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Rule 4-4	4-4d	Clarifies that Adaptive events do not attract ranking points.
Rule 4-5	4-5d	Clarifies that Para-Rowing events do attract ranking points.
Rule 4-7e	4-7e	Specifies that competitions should say how they are going arrange races for Masters, e.g. will they use the handicap system or ranking system.
Rule 5-2	5-2-2c	The requirement to submit the safety documents four weeks in advance has been added.
Rule 5-5-1	5-5-1	The requirement for the poster to refer to the British Rowing Rules as well as the Rules of Racing has been removed. New rule 5-1a covers adherence to the British Rowing Rules.
Rule 5-4-2	5-4-2	'Event' changed to 'competition'.
Rule 5-5-3d	5-5-3d	Now allows a competitor to enter more than once in a head race but not in a side-by-side event.
Rule 5-5-6c	N/A	Has been removed. BROE provides a suitable platform for results to be submitted.
Rule 7-2-4e	7-2-4e	Has been tightened up. There was evidence of tactical medical substitutions to allow a rower to miss one race but race in another event later in which they had a greater chance of winning.
Rule7-2-8a	7-2-8a & 7-2-8b	The first clause (a) has been split into two separate clauses.
Rule 7-2-8b	7-2-8c	A comment has been added to indicate that the heel restraint rule will be brought into line with the FISA rule in 2019.
Rule 7-6-3d	7-6-3d	Judge can now use a white light to acknowledge signal from umpire.
Section 8	Section 8	This whole section will be subject to change during 2018 to reflect changes to the Disciplinary and Grievance procedures adopted by British Rowing. Details will be made widely available at the time.
Appendix A. New item	Appendix A. a	Some recognised abbreviations have been added.
Appendix A. New item	Appendix A. b	Adaptive now defined to replace Rowability.
Appendix A. d	N/A	Definition of Championship removed. Duplication in Appendix A p.

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Appendix A. e	Appendix A. f	The words 'on the water' have been removed as there could be circulation patterns on the land as well as on the water.
Appendix A. mm	Appendix A. mm	Non-FISA umpires from other federations may now officiate by invitation and with other constraints.
Appendix E	Appendix E	Had a reference to 'Race Committee that has been corrected to 'Organising Committee'
Appendix E	Appendix E	The Safety and Welfare section has been cross-referenced to rule new rule 5-2-2c.
Appendix F	Appendix F	The Offshore Regulations have been included as Appendix F.
Appendix F	Appendix F	For beach starts the Judge at the Start is now judging that the crews are 'reasonably in line'.
Appendix F	Appendix F	An additional section covering 'Boat Handlers' has been added.
Appendix F	Appendix F	An additional section has been added to 'Beach Finishes' to cater for a 'Penalty Box'.
Appendix G	Appendix G	The Masters Handicap Notes and table of handicaps from the Almanack and Umpires' Handbook have been formally incorporated into the Rules of Racing as Appendix G.
Appendix G	Appendix G	Various changes throughout to bring terminology into line with the rest of the Rules of Racing.