

Rules of Racing

March 2019

Summary of Changes to the Rules of Racing for 2019

Old Rule	New Rule	Change
Throughout		Cross references to other rules have been updated.
Throughout		Some minor changes have been made to punctuation, layout, and wording.
Throughout		Changes throughout to remove singular pronouns (his, her, etc.).
Throughout		Renumbering as a result of other changes.
Rule 1-2	Rule 1-2	The final part that indicated RowSafe and the Safeguarding policy take precedence has been removed. This is because RowSafe is guidance so cannot take 'precedence' and we don't list all the other policies here so not felt necessary to just list Safeguarding.
Rule 1-3b	Rule 1-3b	The definition of 'masculine' has been removed.
Rule 1-4	Rule 1-4b	New item (b) added to make it clear that the scope of the rules is wider than just those that are registered with British Rowing (as in 1-4a).
Rule 2-1-1 and throughout	Rule 2-1-1 and throughout	Changed to reflect the new membership categories.
Rule 2-2	Rule 2-2	The references to gender, weight and age have been removed because they were superfluous.

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Rules 2-2-1 and 2-3e	Rule 2-2-1a	Now prohibits someone classed as J18 from taking part in a lightweight event if they are under 18.
Rule 2-3a	Rules 2-3a & Rule 2-3b	Clarifies that the age bands run from 1 st Sept to 31 st Aug so for a competition on 1 st Sept the banding is not based on the 'preceding' 1 st Sept.
Rule 2-3b	Rule 2-3c	J9 and J10 have been removed.
Rule 2-3d	Rule 2-3e	J14s and below may take part in adaptive and para-rowing races to give them an opportunity to race where they might not have had one otherwise.
Rules 2-3h, 4-6a & 4-6c	N/A	Junior A and B have been removed as the concept of recording qualifying wins no longer exists and the ranking system can provide a means of separating out crews of varying abilities.
Rules 3-1 & 3-2	Rules 3-2 & 3-1	Have been swapped over so the Ranking System is defined before qualifying events are discussed.
Rule 3-1d	Rule 3-2d	Bumping races are now non-qualifying.
Rule 3-2	Rule 3-1c	New item has been added to make it clear coxes accrue ranking points but they are classed separately from rowing/sculling points.
Rule 4-2a	N/A	This rule has been removed as it was a duplication of another rule (2-2)
Rules 4-3, 4-4, 4-5	Rules 4-2-1, 4-2-2 & 4-2-3	These are sub-divisions of the Senior class so have been included under 4-2.
Rules 4-6, 4-7 & 4-8	Rules 4-3, 4-4 & 4-5	Have been renumbered to take into account the change to 4-2 (above).
Rule 5-2-1a	Rule 5-2-1a	Has been modified to say 'should' (indicating a preferred course of action), rather than 'shall (i.e. mandatory) to reflect RowSafe's status as a guidance document.
Rule 5-2-1c	N/A	Has been removed because the specific requirements are covered in 7-2-8 etc.
Rule 5-2-1d	Rule 5-2-1c	Has been reworded to clarify the requirement. RowSafe is a guidance document so cannot be 'enforced'.
Rule 5-5-3c	Rule 5-5-3c	Slight change to reflect current technology. Now says 'reject' rather than 'return'.
Rule 5-5-3d	Rule 5-5-3d	Competitors can race in different bands in a particular event but cannot race twice in one band.
Rule 6-1-4	Rule 6-1-4	Clarifies that umpire appointments will vary depending on the type of competition.

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Rule 6-1-4a	Rule 6-1-4a	Clarifying part of the Coordinating Umpire's role.
Rule 6-1-4d and various Rule other rules	Rule 6-1-4d and various Rule other rules	Clarifying the roles for side-by-side and/or head races.
Rule 6-1-4f	Rule 6-1-4f	Suggests how the Chief Judge role could be used at head/processional races.
Rule 7-1-1	Rule 7-1-1	The phrase starting 'Any umpire...' was in italics by mistake in the 2018 RoR. This has now been corrected.
Rule 7-1-2a	Rule 7-1-2a	Adds a comment covering crews proceeding to the start.
Rule 7-1-3	Rule 7-1-3	Reference to RowSafe has been removed. Not necessary in this rule and too wide-ranging (e.g. which bits of RowSafe is it referring to?)
N/A	Rule 7-2-6e	The section covering lightweight weighing now caters for substitutions being made outside of the weighing window to cover substitutes in lightweight boats for medical issues (injury/illness).
Rule 7-2-7c	Rule 7-2-7c	A comment has been added to remind crews that the weight limits for coxes still apply even if a processional races isn't weighing coxes.
Rule 7-2-8c	Rule 7-2-8c	The rule regarding heel restraints has been replaced with the equivalent FISA rule (Quick release foot stretchers).
Rule 7-2-8c	Rule 7-2-8c	Slight modification to the requirements for para-rowing boats.
N/A	Rule 7-2-8g	From 2020 blade colours should match those registered with British Rowing.
Rule 7-3-4d		Slightly improve the wording regarding the handicap countdown to reinforce that for a handicap of 'x' seconds the countdown starts with 'x-1'.
Rule 7-5-4	Rule 7-5-4	Clarifies that these instructions are for side-by-side racing.
Rule 7-5-8	Rule 7-5-8	This rule applies to head/processional races as well as side-by-side races but a note has been added to make it clear it might not be possible to restart a head race.
Rules 7-6-2/7-6-3	Rules 7-6-2/7-6-3	Clarifies this is for side-by-side racing.

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Section 8		Changes throughout in particular to improve the wording, to remove references to 'Council', and to change the appeal procedure to the D&G Panel. Issues not settled between club and competition are now referred to the Regional Rowing Council Chairman (rather than Div Reps or RUC Chairman) for resolution and/or delegation.
N/A	Rule 8-1a	Covering note to cater for committees changing their names.
Rule 8-2c	Rule 8-3c	Clarifies that a dispute may be referred 'within one month from the date of issue of the decision'.
Rule 8-3	Rule 8-4	Wording clarified throughout.
Rule 8-5a	Rule 8-6a	Some improvements to the wording. Time penalties for processional races has been added to this section (was rule 8-6)
Rule 8-5b	Rule 8-6b	The Race Committee or its Chairman may now in addition to existing sanctions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue an 'Official Warning' to an individual competitor, a crew, or to all crews from a club, which will apply for all their remaining races.
Rule 8-5d	Rule 8-6d	The Chairman of the National Competition Committee my no longer issue unlimited fines or bans. Revised sanctions have been included.
Rule 8-6	Rule 8-6a	Has been incorporated into new 8-6a.
Rule 8-7	Rule 8-7	Simplified considerably. Any appeals now go to the Disciplinary and Grievance Panel.
App A t	App A t	Wording changes to bring the order of the words into line with the new App A ii
App A v	App A v	Clarifies that any umpire who is officiating at the competition can award an official warning whether on duty or not.
App A bb	App A bb	Specific reference to RowSafe has been removed but replaced with a reference to 5-2 to make it clear the competition safety requirements are still required.
N/A	App A ii	New item to define a 'registered member'.
App A ii	App A jj	Date updated.
App C	App C	Improvement to wording ('limited' to 'open only') and references to membership types updated.

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App D	App D	Changes throughout to reflect new boat and strapping requirements.
App E	App E	Individual stable boat events can now be incorporated into 'conventional' competitions.
App F	App F	Changes throughout. Improvements mainly based on experience and feedback from the 2018 Offshore Championships.
N/A	App F2	Beach Sprints. New section added.