

## NSW Rowing Grade Score 2009-2010 Season

### What is the Rowing Grade Score?

- The Rowing Grade Score is a number that represents your rowing ability.
- The lowest score possible is 0 (elite athletes)
- The highest score possible is 4 (beginner or novice competitors)
- Every NSW competitor has 2 scores: Sweep Score and Scull Score which are applied to the corresponding event type.

### What are the Grades?

- A GRADE      2,000m 0.00 > 1.2499
- B GRADE      2,000m 1.25 > 2.2499
- C GRADE      1,000m 2.25 > 3.2499
- D GRADE      1,000m 3.25 > 4.00

Please refer to the [Grade Competition Guide](#) on the Rowing NSW website for more information regarding entries, eligibility and making crew changes in Grade events.

### Recalculation of Rowing Grade Scores

There are 3 ways an individual's Grade Score can change:

#### 1. The NSW RGS Formula:

- After each Grade regatta an individual's score is updated according to their wins and losses in each event contested
- For each event contested, a score adjustment is calculated.  
**Win (score decreases):** Adjustment = - 0.15  
**Loss (score increases):** Adjustment = + 0.03
- There are **NO** Age or Distance factors in the NSW Grade Formula and your pre-regatta score is **NOT** a factor in the formula.
- The total of all adjustments is then applied to the pre-regatta RGS to give the new RGS which is then used at the next regatta.
- Scores are only updated when
  - There are 3 or more starters in the race.
  - Your crew actually starts the race (DNS & scratching do not count as a loss)
- Scores are updated regardless of whether you finish the race (DNF or disqualification counts as a loss)
- Each win in all Divisions of an event are scored as wins.

#### 2. Winning a Higher Standard of Race:

- Competitors who win an Age Category event including State and National Championship events will have a score applied as follows:
 

Elite	0.75	A Grade
Under 23	1.00	A Grade
Under 21	1.75	B Grade
Under 19	2.00	B Grade
School Championship	2.00	B Grade
Under 17	3.00	C Grade
- If the competitors RGS was already lower (better) than the adjusted score then there will be no change.
- Scores are only updated when there are 3 or more starters in a race.
- Each win in all Divisions of an event are scored as wins.

- Your score may become higher (worse) than the adjusted score through losing grade races at subsequent regattas however if you then win another age based event you will have a new score applied.

**3. Competing in School Events:**

- School competitors will have grades applied as follows:

	<i>Rowing</i>	<i>Sculling</i>
School Year 8 events	4.00 (D)	4.00 (D)
School Year 9 events	4.00 (D)	3.50 (D)
Schoolboy 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year 10 Eight or Schoolgirl 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year 10 Quad or Four	3.00 (C)	3.00 (C)
Schoolboy 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eight and 1 <sup>st</sup> Four or Schoolgirl 1 <sup>st</sup> Eight	2.00 (B)	2.00 (B)
All other Senior or Open School events	2.50 (C)	2.50 (C)

- If the competitors RGS was already lower (better) than the adjusted score then there will be no change.
- Your score may become higher (worse) than the adjusted score through losing grade races at subsequent regattas however if you then compete in another school event you will have a new score applied