

At the board meeting on Wednesday 21 June 2017 the Directors decided to make the following changes to the Laws of Boat Racing;

7. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

(a) All races may be rowed in boats of free construction provided that all equipment shall comply with the standards and requirements from time to time of Federation Internationale des Societes d’Aviron (FISA), the Rowing Australia Inc., (RA) and this Law.

(b) The bows of all boats shall be fitted with a white ball 4cm in diameter in soft rubber or similar material unless the bow is so constructed as to afford equivalent protection and visibility. Such ball shall be in position at all competitions and during all training periods.

(c) The name and trademark of a sponsor may only appear once on each side of the boat at the bow.

(d) During any race the use of electronic or manual equipment for communication with a third party is prohibited.

(e) No substances or structures (such as riblets) capable of enhancing the natural properties of water or of the surface contact shall be applied to the hull.

(f) The edges of blades must have a minimum thickness throughout as follows:

oars: 5 millimetres

sculls: 3 millimetres;

the thickness shall be measured 3 millimetres from the outer edge of oars and 2 millimetres from the outer edge of sculls.

(g) To avoid accidents arising from capsizing, all boats must be equipped with stretchers or shoes which allow competitors to get clear of the boat without using their hands and with the least possible delay.

(h) The use of sliding riggers in any class of boat shall not be allowed.

(i) Minimum weights for boats are the following:

Type of Boat	1x	2x	2-	2+	4x	4x+	4-	4+	8+
Weight in kg	14	27	27	32	52	54	50	51	96

Type of Boat	AS1x	TA1x	LTA1x	AS2x	TA2x	LTA2x	LTA4+
Weight in kg	24 [^]	14 [*]	14	27 [*]	37 [♦]	27	51

*Not including pontoons, seat or strapping

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Mix 8+											Mix 4-												
A	130	78	50	35	26	19	13	8	4	1	0	A	138	82	52	36	26	19	13	8	4	1	0
B	129	77	49	34	25	18	12	7	3	0		B	137	81	51	35	25	18	12	7	3	0	
C	126	74	46	31	22	15	9	4	0			C	134	78	48	32	22	15	9	4	0		
D	122	70	42	27	18	11	5	0				D	130	74	44	28	18	11	5	0			
E	117	65	37	22	13	6	0					E	125	69	39	23	13	6	0				
F	111	59	31	16	7	0						F	119	63	33	17	7	0					
G	104	52	24	9	0							G	112	56	26	10	0						
H	95	43	15	0								H	102	46	16	0							
I	80	28	0									I	86	30	0								
J	52	0										J	56	0									
K	0											K	0										
Mix 4x											Mix 4+, Mix 2x												
A	134	81	52	36	26	19	13	8	4	1	0	A	143	85	54	37	27	19	13	8	4	1	0
B	133	80	51	35	25	18	12	7	3	0		B	142	84	53	36	26	18	12	7	3	0	
C	130	77	48	32	22	15	9	4	0			C	139	81	50	33	23	15	9	4	0		
D	126	73	44	28	18	11	5	0				D	135	77	46	29	19	11	5	0			
E	121	68	39	23	13	6	0					E	130	72	41	24	14	6	0				
F	115	62	33	17	7	0						F	124	66	35	18	8	0					
G	108	55	26	10	0							G	116	58	27	10	0						
H	98	45	16	0								H	106	48	17	0							
I	82	29	0									I	89	31	0								
J	53	0										J	58	0									
K	0											K	0										

Pursuant to Section 43 of the Constitution these changes are Reviewable Decisions and under Section 43(2) Constituent Members have 28 days to notify that they require the decision to be reviewed.

Should any Constituent Member wish to have the decision reviewed they should write to the Secretary of the Board, Anthony Blower by the close of business 20 July 2017

Anthony Blower

Secretary to the Board

22 June 2017