

BULLETIN 1



The 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival will be conducted in Sydney from 14 to 18 January 2009. Rowing will be conducted at the Sydney International Regatta Centre on 17 and 18 January 2009. Invitations are extended to all State Rowing Associations, the Chinese Rowing Association, Amateur Rowing Association (Great Britain) and Rowing New Zealand.

GOVERNANCE

The 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival Rowing Regatta will be conducted in accordance with the rules of Rowing Australia, published in February 2006 and amended in September 2007. These rules can be viewed on the Rowing Australia website (www.rowingaustralia.com.au) under the "Rules" section.

TEAMS

Each team is to consist of 20 athletes and 5 team officials. The athletes will consist of the following:

Men	Women
6 heavyweight athletes	6 heavyweight athletes
2 lightweight athletes	2 lightweight athletes
1 cox	1 cox
1 reserve	1 reserve

Team officials include coaches, team managers and support staff.

EVENTS

The following are the events that will be contested at the 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival. Each athlete must compete in 1 event from each of the groups.

Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
M1X	M4X	M8+
W1X	W4X	W8+
M2-	M4-	
W2-	W4-	
LM2X		
LW2X		

Please note that each team is to enter two crews in the M1X, W1X, M2- and W2-. Each athlete is required to compete in 3 events each.

AGE QUALIFICATION

The 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival Rowing Regatta is open to rowers and coxswains 19 years of age or younger as at 17 January 2009. All competitors will be required to provide proof of age at regatta registration (passport, drivers licence or birth certificate).

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Lightweights will be permitted to compete at +6% of the Rowing Australia stipulated average weight in its Rules for lightweights.

The Weight Specifications are :- (there will be no crew average)

- Men: Max Weight 74.2kg
- Women: Max Weight 60.4kg

Lightweights will only need to weigh in for the lightweight double scull, they will not be required to be on weight for the quad, four or eight.

EQUIPMENT

It is expected that all Australian States will provide their own boats, however any state with boat difficulties should contact Rowing Australia immediately. Boats will be provided for the Chinese, Great Britain and New Zealand teams, if any State Association can assist with sourcing boats for these teams please contact Rowing Australia. Rowing Australia will endeavour to provide the international teams with the highest quality boats available however it must be noted that these boats will be sourced from local clubs and schools therefore no guarantees can be made regarding the age or quality of boats supplied.

A subsidy will be provided to the State Association for the transport of boats from their State base to Sydney and return. Further information will be provided on these subsidies in Bulletin 2.

TEAM MANAGERS

Rowing Australia requires all teams to elect a Team Manager and notify Rowing Australia by Friday 5 September 2008. In conjunction with the Competition Director, the Team Managers will be responsible for liaising with the AOC's service providers to assist with the logistical arrangements of each team.

ENTRY FEES

A standard seat fee of \$143.00AUD (including GST) per Australian athlete will be charged. This will cover the cost of all flights, accommodation, meals and an Australian team t-shirt for all competitors, coaches and managers to the number specified by the AOC. This number is 20 athletes (male and female) and 5 team officials (coaches and managers) per team.

In the event of a crew failing to make the start or the regatta being abandoned due to inclement weather or causes beyond the control of the organisers, entry fees will not be refunded.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES

To allow the continuation of selection trials, all Australian teams must submit a shadow team, including bio's of all nominated athletes, of no more than 25 athletes by Friday, 5 November 2008. The nomination of athletes and the submission of bio's is to occur on-line through Zeus. At this time all team officials (manager, coaches and support staff) must be confirmed and submitted for accreditation. Final entries, including crew seating, will close at 5:00pm AEST on Friday, 19 December 2008. Rowing Australia substitution rules apply after this date however, due to travel requirements, substitutions can only be made from athletes named in the final team. Method of entry is still to be determined.

Final entries for international crews, including crew seating, will close on Friday, 19 November 2008. International team entries will be accepted through the Australian Olympic Committee's online information management database – Zeus. Access to the *Entry by Name* section of Zeus will be provided in September 2008.

INDICATIVE SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Event Description
0	Tuesday 13 Jan 09	16:00	18:00	Rowing-Rig boats
		16:30	17:30	Flatwater-Group 1 Team Training
		17:45	18:45	Flatwater-Group 2 Team Training
		19:00	19:30	Triathlon-Bike Training
1	Wednesday 14 Jan 09	06:00	12:00	Rowing-Training (break 09:00-10:00)
		07:00	08:00	Flatwater-Group 2 Team Training
		08:00	09:00	Flatwater-Group 1 Team Training
		09:00	09:30	Triathlon-Swim Training
		09:30	10:00	Triathlon-Run Training
2	Thursday 15 Jan 09			Triathlon-Training off-site
		06:00	07:30	Rowing-Training
		08:00	11:30	Flatwater-Competition
		14:30	16:40	Flatwater-Competition
		17:00	18:00	Flatwater-Presentations
		17:00	19:00	Rowing-Training
3	Friday 16 Jan 09	06:00	07:30	Rowing-Training
		08:00		Triathlon-Females Race
		9:15		Triathlon-Males Race
		10:30	14:00	Flatwater-Competition
		17:00	19:10	Flatwater-Competition
4	Saturday 17 Jan 09	06:00	07:30	Rowing-Training
		08:00	09:00	Rowing-Heats
		09:30		Triathlon-Relay Race
		11:30	12:30	Rowing-Repechages
		13:30	14:30	Rowing-Finals
		16:00	16:30	Rowing-Training
5	Sunday 18 Jan 09	06:00	07:30	Rowing-Training
		08:00	09:00	Rowing-Heats
		10:00	11:00	Rowing-Repechages
		12:30	13:30	Rowing-Finals

Please note that as this is an indicative program, changes may be made by the AOC or Rowing Australia at any time.

TRANSPORTATION

The AOC will provide and/or liaise with the relevant bodies for the provision of transport for up to the approved number of Australian athletes and officials as follows:

- return economy airfare from capital city airports, within Australia, for athletes and officials not resident in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory (NB: no subsidy is provided for transport to the capital city airport from place of residence);
- return bus transport for athletes and officials resident in the Australian Capital Territory;

The AOC will provide and/or liaise with the relevant bodies for the provision of transport for up to the approved number of athletes and officials (both Australian & International) as follows:

- Kingsford Smith Airport / Central Station transfers to and from the AYOF Village;
- daily transport vehicle requirements as scheduled by the NF and the AOC for transport to and from training and competition venues; and
- transport to and from the Opening Ceremony of the AYOF including the drug education session

Teams may elect to not use the daily transport system provided by the AOC however if they choose to organise their own transportation, this is done at their own cost. If participants or teams participating in the AYOF elect not to use the provided transport services, they must notify Rowing Australia by the 28th of November 2008 and the following applies:

- participants and members of the public will not be covered by the AOC for any claims in regards to damage to personal and third party property or injury caused during an accident;
- village meal times will not be altered, extended or rescheduled due to lateness or non attendance as a result of transport delays;
- training times and venues will not be altered, extended or rescheduled due to lateness or non-attendance as a result of transport delays;
- unless otherwise affected, all competition events will commence at originally scheduled times, without exception, and will not be rescheduled due to lateness or non-attendance of athletes as a result of transport delays. In such a case forfeiture of the event by the individual athlete or team may occur.
- team members must sign a transportation waiver which must be co-signed by a parent or guardian for minors

ACCOMMODATION

The AOC will provide accommodation for the approved number of athletes and officials per team. Accommodation will be at a designated AYOF Village at the University of Western Sydney in Richmond from 13 - 18 January 2009 (5 nights).

Where an athlete or official requires accommodation additional to that provided by the AOC, this will be at the cost of the individual(s) concerned. The AOC may, in its discretion, assist in sourcing additional accommodation as required.

MEALS

The AOC will provide meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the approved number of athletes and officials in the sport of Rowing in respect of their participation in the AYOF. Meals will be supplied from dinner on 13 January through to lunch on 18 January 2009

DRUG EDUCATION SESSIONS

These sessions remain COMPULSORY for all team members who are representing Australia or a state within Australia while International athletes and officials' are invited to attend. The session assigned to rowing will be confirmed closer to the date.

WELCOME FUNCTION AND OPENING CEREMONY

A Welcome Function has been organised in conjunction with the Opening Ceremony for the 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival. The function will provide athletes the opportunity to socialise with athletes from other sports and other countries while receiving a meal prior to the Opening Ceremony. The function will also provide the AOC with an opportunity to present country representatives with their flags for the Opening Ceremony. These functions are COMPULSORY for all athletes.

ENQUIRES

For further enquires please contact Adam Horner, Development and Operations Manager, Rowing Australia on (02) 6256 5905, 0408 585 771 or ahorner@rowingaustralia.com.au.