

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Membership Fee Changes for the 2023/24 Season

Q1: Why are there changes to the membership fees?

A: The membership fees have been increased to accommodate the growing operational costs and the need for improved compliance and governance within rowing. These changes are essential to strengthen the entire sport of rowing in NSW and Australia and maintain a strong and healthy rowing community.

Q2: When will the new membership fees be effective?

A: The new membership fees will be effective for the 2023/24 season.

Q3: How much will the membership fees increase by?

A: Rowing NSW fees will be increased by the CPI rate of 7%, and the Rowing Australia portion of fees by \$15.40 for senior competitive rowers and \$5.50 for other rowing membership categories, excluding officials and supporting memberships. Fees are inclusive of GST.

Q4: What are the new membership fees for the 2023/24 season?

A: Here are the updated membership fees (including GST):

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| • Metropolitan Competitor | \$142 |
| • Regional Competitor | \$101 |
| • Metropolitan Junior | \$ 81 |
| • Regional Junior | \$ 64 |
| • Recreational Member | \$ 29 |
| • Indoor Rowing Member | \$ 29 |
| • Supporting Member | \$ 24 |
| • Official Member | NIL (no change) |

Q5: What are the components of the membership fee?

A: Your Rowing NSW membership is made up of 2 parts:

1. Rowing NSW
2. Rowing Australia

Q6: Why does part of my membership go to Rowing Australia?

A: Rowing Australia (RA) supports rowing in NSW in many ways. Recently, the sport has introduced the National Integrity Framework (NIF) enabling a whole of sport approach to member protection. In

addition, rowing has signed up to the National Redress Scheme, meaning we have zero tolerance for any behaviour that puts the wellbeing of people in rowing at risk.

RA continues to represent the sport and provide leadership in dealing and advocacy with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and other governing bodies (including the Australian Olympic Committee, Paralympics Australia, Commonwealth Games Australia, World Rowing) on a diverse range of matters. It is crucial for the development and well-being of our sport, particularly with Brisbane 2023 on the horizon, that we have a strong voice at the international table.

RA's leadership in the areas of indoor and coastal rowing ensures the sport is available to a wider range of participants. In partnership with the States, RA delivers a portfolio of National Championships (classic/masters/coastal/indoor). These events provide an opportunity for high quality competition, requiring quality organisation and delivery. RA also assists our talented and hardworking athletes and coaches in their pathway to elite performance.

Q7: What benefits will I receive as a member?

A: As a member, you will enjoy many benefits, including:

Supporting Investment in the Whole of Sport: Your membership directly supports investments in the development, governance, and promotion of rowing in NSW. This contributes to a thriving rowing community with better development opportunities for athletes, coaches, volunteers, and officials.

Effective and Consistent Delivery of Member Services: A strong state sporting body enables us to deliver member services more efficiently and consistently. You can expect resources, facilities, and support, leading to an improved rowing experience for all.

Increased Capacity for Club Support: Membership fees enable RNSW to better assist clubs and their members. Your membership fees assist RNSW to deliver improved club development, capability building, support of grant opportunities, and increased support for various club initiatives.

Greater Participation Opportunities: With increased resources, we aim to foster greater participation across all areas of the sport. This includes the development and growth of Indoor and Coastal rowing, offering expanded opportunities for athletes, coaches, volunteers, and officials.

Enhanced Professionalism and Funding Opportunities: A strong membership base positions us to provide enhanced member services, increase professionalism, attract additional government and commercial funding, raise the profile of the sport, and invest in the development of juniors, clubs, and participation programs.

Exclusive Member Benefits: As a member, you will gain access to member-only discounts from our valued sponsors, enhancing your rowing journey and providing added value to your membership.

Regular Communication: Stay informed about races, events, and important updates through the RNSW member newsletter. This regular communication ensures you are up to date with the latest news and opportunities within the rowing community.

Personal Accident Coverage: Membership includes personal accident coverage, offering you peace of mind during your rowing activities.

Free Livestream Access: Enjoy complimentary access to Livestream coverage at regattas, allowing you to witness and support rowing events even when you are unable to attend in person.

Q8: How does my membership benefit the sport as a whole?

A: By renewing or continuing your membership, you not only benefit as an individual but also contribute to the overall development and success of our sport. Your support enables us to create an environment where rowing can flourish, providing opportunities for both current and future generations of rowers.