



Rules/Sanction Review

Introduction



- This presentation covers the changes to the Rules of Racing that allow Regatta Organizers the flexibility to customize their regattas without requiring requests for exceptions
- The changes to the Rules of Racing take effect on June 8th 2022
- All regattas that will be held on or after June 8th 2022 will be under the new Rules, and can utilize the changes in the Rules when preparing the Sanction Application

Rules of Racing changes



- The approach taken was to allow an Organizing Committee to indicate their customizations in the Regatta Package, which is submitted as part of the application process.
- In addition, a rule was amended specifying rules that may not be varied by a request for an exception.

Rules of Racing changes



Rule 1.6 Exceptions

This specifies the rules that may not be varied by an exception request:

- 2.10.1 Weighing of Athletes in Weight Restricted Events
- 9.1 Progression System
- 11.6 Composition of the Jury

Rules that may not be varied



Rule 2.10.1 Weighing of Athletes in Weight Restricted Events

- The Rule states "Scheduled weight restricted events at regattas must include weigh-ins."

Rules that may not be varied



Rule 9.1 Progression Systems

Two aspects of the Rule may not be varied:

- "The progression system(s) will be devised by the OC with consultation from the Chief Umpire, and will be published in the Regatta Package"
- "Each round of an event shall finish at least two hours before the following round of the same event."

Rules that may not be varied



Rule 11.6 Composition of the Jury

- The Rule states "The Jury members shall be holders of an RCA Umpire's license or as described in 11.4. For all regattas, there shall be at least four (4) RCA licensed Umpires, which may include the Chief Umpire."

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Rule 2.3 Categories of Rowers and Proof of Age and Identity

- For categories of rowers, the Rule states "An OC may hold events using different categories, however, they must propose categories different to the above in the regatta package submitted with the regatta sanction application." The standard categories are U17, U19, U23, Senior and Masters. The standard Masters categories are defined in Rule 2.7.
- For proof of identity, the Rule states "On request, every competitor must be able to provide proof of age and identity by producing government issued documentation with photo, or other acceptable form of identification as stipulated by the OC and stated in the Regatta Package or Bulletin."

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Rule 2.6 Weighing of Coxswains

- The relevant portion of the Rule states "Coxswains shall be weighed wearing their racing uniform on tested scales on the day of their event at times to be chosen by the organizing committee and published in the regatta package."
- The old Rule stated "Coxswains shall be weighed wearing their racing uniform on tested scales not less than one hour and not more than two and a half hours before the first coxed race on each day of the competition."

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Rule 2.7 Masters Rowers

- The following was deleted from the new rule "The rower competes exclusively in master's events or non-master's' events in any one regatta."

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Rule 2.10 Weight restricted events

- The Rule states "Weight restricted events are events where there is a maximum weight stipulated for the rowers. The following maximum weights are recognized for weight restricted events: 1 Men 72.5 kg, 2 Men 64 kg, 3 Women 59kg 4 Women 52kg. An Organizing Committee may provide for different weight limits for weight restricted events in the regatta package submitted with the regatta sanction application."

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Rule 2.11 Weighing of Athletes in Weight Restricted Events

- The Rule states "All weight restricted rowers racing in weight restricted events shall weigh in at times to be chosen by the organizing committee and published in the regatta package."
- The old Rule 2.10 provided standard time, stating "All Lightweight rowers racing in Lightweight events on the day's program, and rowers entered in 64 kg and 52 kg events, shall weigh in not less than one hour and not more than two and a half hours before the time of the first scheduled male or female Lightweight event, or 64 kg events, or 52 kg events, respectively, on that day."

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Rule 2.11 Weighing of Athletes in Weight Restricted Events

- The Rule states "If a rower exceeds the weight limit by the expiry of the time permitted for weighing, the rower and the crew of that rower are no longer eligible and shall be excluded from the weight restricted event(s) the rower has entered. If a rower or crew fails to weigh in by the expiry time, in principle the rower or crew may be excluded.."
- If you are only permitting a single step during the weigh-in period, you will need to have an exception as the rule above allows for multiple steps during the window.

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Rule 2.12 Para Competitors

- The relevant portion of the Rule states "Para rowers competing at National Regattas should be classified by two RCA appointed classifiers (medical and technical), and shall be classified in accordance with the WR Para Rowing Classification Regulations. The OC has discretion to accommodate unclassified Para rowers in order to provide racing opportunities."

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Rule 4 Regatta Facilities

The new Rule states "A rowing course is a stretch of water with a clearly marked start, a clearly marked finish."

The old Rule stated "To be suitable for Canadian National Regattas, a course must include a stretch of water and technical equipment, both conforming to the appropriate sections of the RCA Rules of Racing."

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Rule 4.1 Length, Marking and Number of Lanes of Course

- The Rule states "The length of the course and all intermediate distances shall be measured and provide fair and equal racing. An accurate plan must be provided by the Organizing Committee in the regatta sanction application and regatta package."

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Rule 7.6 Crew changes before the First Heat

- The relevant portion of the Rule states "The changes shall be communicated in writing to the Organizing Committee by a deadline to be specified by the Organizing Committee in the Regatta Package.". This wording is repeated for both changes to crews and to single scullers.

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Rule 9.3 Events with 7 or more Entries

- The Rule states "The following are the types of progression systems that could be used at a regatta. Organizing Committees have the option of electing to draw multiple finals for the same event."



QUESTIONS?



Sanction Application Considerations



Sanction Application

Items to Consider when completing your application.

These are areas where more detail is usually required:

- CC/ Weigh-in, Start, Finish Infrastructure
- Contact for Emergency Services
- Race Schedule, Draw, Results

Emergency Action Plan

Items to Consider when completing your EAP:

- Listing all contacts and numbers
 - Regatta Chair, Chief Umpire, Safety Officer, Medical Officer
- Evacuation Plan
- Direction to the venue
- Layout of the venue
- Defining roles in an emergency

First Aid Plan

Items to Consider when completing your First Aid Plan:

- First Aid Provider
 - Regatta Chair, Chief Umpire, Safety Officer, Medical Officer
- First Aid Location
- First Aid Equipment
- Reporting Process
- Victim Care



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