



**Rowing Canada Aviron  
Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda:**

**Item 9:**

**AMENDMENTS:  
RCA RULES OF RACING**

The following Major Changes to the Rules of Racing will be considered by the members of Rowing Canada Aviron at the RCA Semi-Annual Meeting, January 28, 2018:

**MOTION #10: Section 2.1**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

That section 2.1 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:

Section	Title	Rule (new wording - italics; deleted wording - strike-through)
2.1	The Definition of a Competitor:	To participate in an RCA sanctioned regatta, all rowers and coxswains must be registered members of an RCA rowing club in good standing (which is also a member in good standing of their provincial or territorial association) and must be competing for that club or for the rower's province or territory. <b><i>Any rower who defines themselves as transgender must meet criteria as outlined in RCA Transgender Policy.</i></b>

**MOTION #11: Section 2.5**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

That section 2.5 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:

2.5	Coxswains Weights	The minimum weight of a coxswain of a U 17 or U 19 crew, wearing a racing uniform, shall be 45 kilograms, and, the minimum weight of a coxswain of a crew in all other categories, wearing a racing uniform, shall be 55 kilograms. If under <b><i>the minimum</i></b> weight, a coxswain shall carry <del>sufficient</del> deadweight to make up the difference between the weight of the coxswain and the minimum required weight, <b><i>up to a limit of 15 kg of deadweight. If more than 15 kg of deadweight is required to</i></b>
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		<b><i>make up the weight difference the coxswain shall not be permitted to compete.</i></b> The deadweight shall be placed as close as possible to the coxswain in the boat. No article of racing equipment shall be considered as part of this deadweight. At any time, before or immediately after the race, the Control Commission or the <b>Race</b> Umpire may require the deadweight to be reweighed.
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**MOTION #12: Section 2.10.1**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 2.10.1 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

2.10.1	Weight restricted event weigh-ins	<b><i>Scheduled lightweight events at regattas must include weigh-ins.</i></b>
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**MOTION #13: Section 2.12**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 2.12 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

2.12	<del>Adaptive</del> <b>Para</b> Competitors	A <del>Adaptive</del> <b>Para</b> rower is a rower with a disability who meets the criteria set out in the <del>Adaptive</del> <b>Para</b> Rowing Classification Regulations.
		There are three <del>Adaptive</del> <b>Para</b> categories:
		1. <del>LTA (leg, trunk and arms)</del> <b>PR1 (arms and shoulders)</b> 2. <del>TA (trunk and arms)</del> <b>PR2 (trunk and arms)</b> 3. <del>AS (arms and shoulders)</del> <b>PR3 (leg, trunk and arms)</b>
		All Para rowers competing at National Regattas must be classified by two <del>National</del> <b>RCA appointed</b> classifiers (medical and technical), <b>and shall be classified in accordance with the FISA Para Rowing Classification Regulations.</b>

**MOTION #14: Section 3.2.1**

**Moved:               Seconded:**

**That section 3.2.1 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

3.2.1	Weight of Boats	<p><b><i>The Organizing Committee of the National Rowing Championships, or any rowing regatta organized in connection with a RCA high performance team selection process may require that all boats shall be of defined minimum weights, as follows:</i></b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b><i>Designation</i></b></th> <th><b><i>Boat type</i></b></th> <th><b><i>Minimum Weight (kg)</i></b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b><i>1x</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Single Sculls</i></b></td> <td><b><i>14</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>2x</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Double Sculls</i></b></td> <td><b><i>27</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>2-</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Pair</i></b></td> <td><b><i>27</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>4x</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Quadruple Sculls</i></b></td> <td><b><i>52</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>4-</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Four</i></b></td> <td><b><i>50</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>4+</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Coxed Four</i></b></td> <td><b><i>51</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>8+</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Eight</i></b></td> <td><b><i>96</i></b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b><i>The minimum weights of Para Rowing boats are:</i></b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b><i>Designation</i></b></th> <th><b><i>Para-rowing Boat Type</i></b></th> <th><b><i>Minimum Weight (kg)</i></b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b><i>PR1 1x</i></b></td> <td><b><i>PR1 Single Sculls</i></b></td> <td><b><i>24</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>PR2 2x</i></b></td> <td><b><i>PR2 Double Sculls</i></b></td> <td><b><i>37</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>PR3 2x</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Double Sculls</i></b></td> <td><b><i>27</i></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><i>PR3 4+</i></b></td> <td><b><i>Coxed Four</i></b></td> <td><b><i>51</i></b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b><i>The minimum weight of the boat shall include the fittings essential to its use, in particular: riggers, stretchers, shoes, slides, seats and hull extensions. It shall also include:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1.1 Loud speakers if they are firmly fastened to the boat and associated wiring for such speakers;</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1.2 Any housings or fixings that are firmly fastened to the boat for the purpose of holding electronic or other equipment;</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1.3 Cables and wires required to connect equipment to provide “Allowable Data” and</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1.4 Seat Pads that are attached to the seat.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The minimum boat weight shall not include the oars or sculls, the bow number or any other item not essential to its use and not firmly fastened to the boat. Additional</i></b></p>	<b><i>Designation</i></b>	<b><i>Boat type</i></b>	<b><i>Minimum Weight (kg)</i></b>	<b><i>1x</i></b>	<b><i>Single Sculls</i></b>	<b><i>14</i></b>	<b><i>2x</i></b>	<b><i>Double Sculls</i></b>	<b><i>27</i></b>	<b><i>2-</i></b>	<b><i>Pair</i></b>	<b><i>27</i></b>	<b><i>4x</i></b>	<b><i>Quadruple Sculls</i></b>	<b><i>52</i></b>	<b><i>4-</i></b>	<b><i>Four</i></b>	<b><i>50</i></b>	<b><i>4+</i></b>	<b><i>Coxed Four</i></b>	<b><i>51</i></b>	<b><i>8+</i></b>	<b><i>Eight</i></b>	<b><i>96</i></b>	<b><i>Designation</i></b>	<b><i>Para-rowing Boat Type</i></b>	<b><i>Minimum Weight (kg)</i></b>	<b><i>PR1 1x</i></b>	<b><i>PR1 Single Sculls</i></b>	<b><i>24</i></b>	<b><i>PR2 2x</i></b>	<b><i>PR2 Double Sculls</i></b>	<b><i>37</i></b>	<b><i>PR3 2x</i></b>	<b><i>Double Sculls</i></b>	<b><i>27</i></b>	<b><i>PR3 4+</i></b>	<b><i>Coxed Four</i></b>	<b><i>51</i></b>
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	<p><b><i>weight carried in the boat to achieve the required minimum weight shall be firmly fastened to the boat or to the essential fittings described above.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2. Responsibility – It is solely the responsibility of the crew that their boat meets the required minimum weight.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>3. Weighing Scale – The weighing scales shall be provided by the Organizing Committee and shall indicate the weight of the boat to 0.1 kg. At the beginning of each official training day and of each racing day, the scales shall be tested, using calibrated (gauged) weights, by a member of the Control Commission responsible for boat weighing.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>4. Test weighing of boats – The weighing scale(s) shall be available to the crews at least 24 hours before the first race of the regatta for test weighing of their boats. The scales shall be located on a horizontal base, inside a building or a tent to provide protection from the wind. The weighing area shall be easily accessible from the incoming docks and shall be exclusively reserved for the weighing of boats during the regatta.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>5. Selection of Boats to be weighed – The Chief Umpire or his delegate shall make a random draw before the start of each racing session to select the boats which are to be weighed. He shall also have the right to include additional boats at any time before the finish of the race of the boat concerned if there is a suspicion that certain boats are underweight. He shall deliver copies of the draw to the responsible person at the Control Commission. The selected boats to be weighed shall be kept confidential until the crew of each selected boat is notified of that selection.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>6. Notification to Crews – A member of the Control Commission shall notify the crews of the selected boats as they leave the water after their races and they, or people appointed for that purpose, shall accompany each boat to the weighing scales. A selected crew is required to take its boat directly to the weighing scales when it is notified that the boat has been selected for weighing. Failure to do so may lead to the crew being penalised as if the boat had been underweight. Once the crew has been notified that the boat has been selected for weighing, no extra weight of any description can be added to the boat until the boat has been weighed.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>7. Additional Items to be removed – Equipment which is not to be included in the weight of the boat shall be removed from the boat before weighing. At the official weighing of the boat, the normal wetted surface of the boat is accepted. However, any standing water must be removed before the weighing, in particular any water between the shoulders and inside the bow and stern canvas. All other items (tools, clothes, sponges, bottles, etc.) must be taken out of the boat before the weighing.</i></b></p>
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**8. Official Weighing – The boat shall be officially weighed.**

**9. Failure to make the minimum weight – If a boat is below the minimum weight, the member of the Control Commission responsible for boat weighing shall write a record of weighing (see section 11 below for suggested form) and proceed as follows:**

**9.1 Write the words “First Boat Weighing” on weighing piece of paper.**

**9.2 Test the scales with the gauged weights, observed by the crew representative, record the result of this test, and write on the paper the name of the crew and the event and the words “Test Weighing”. Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign the paper record of this test.**

**9.3 Weigh the boat concerned for the second time. If, on the second weighing, the boat weight is not below the minimum, no further action is necessary. If, however, the boat is still below the minimum weight, the member of the Control Commission will write on the paper record of weighing the name of the crew, the event and the number and type of equipment items included in the weighing and the words “Second Boat Weighing”. Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign the paper record of this weighing. No other or later weighing shall be considered as valid.**

**9.4 Award the appropriate penalty to the crew (as per Rule 3.2.1.10 below).**

**9.5 Deliver the paper records of weighing (First Boat Weighing, Test Weighing of the scales and Second Boat Weighing) to the Chief Umpire.**

**10. Penalty for Underweight Boat – The penalty for having raced in an underweight boat shall be that the crew is relegated to last place in the particular race. If two or more boats in the same race are underweight, they shall all be relegated and they shall be ranked in the descending order of their respective boat weights on the second weighing. If their boat weights on the second weighing are identical they shall be ranked by their order of finish in the race. If the crew races again in an underweight boat in a later round of the same event, then the penalty shall be the exclusion of the crew.**

**11. The following form may be used as a record:**

<b>Event:</b>			
<b>Crew/Club:</b>			
<b>Race:</b>			
	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Control Umpire Signature</b>	<b>Crew Representative Signature</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Boat</b>			

		<b>Weighing</b>				
		<b>Test Weighing</b>				
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Boat Weighing</b>				

**MOTION #15: Section 5.2**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 5.2 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

5.2	Regatta Chair	<p>The Regatta Chair <del>is responsible for:</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <del>Participating in the planning process of</del> <b>Plans</b> the regatta, <b>and, ensures the direct participation of the Chief Umpire in the planning process,</b></li> <li>2. <del>Representing</del> <b>Represents</b> the Organizing Committee during the regatta,</li> <li>3. <del>Co-ordination of</del> <b>Co-ordinates</b> all regatta logistics,</li> <li>4. <del>Collaborating</del> <b>Collaborates</b> with the Chief Umpire to ensure <b>the safety and fairness of</b> the regatta, <b>and that the regatta</b> is run in accordance with the RCA Rules of Racing, <b>and</b></li> <li>5. <b>Does not participate as a competitor in the regatta.</b></li> </ol>
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**MOTION #16: Section 6.1**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 6.1 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

6.1	General Principles	<del>This Rule applies to advertising on boats, cars, clothing and the regatta site at Canadian national regattas.</del>
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		<b>Advertisement and identification markings are allowed on rowing boats, oars, equipment and clothing by manufacturers of both equipment and clothing and by sponsors of a crew or club at any regatta. Except as otherwise specified in these rules, the content, placement, size, and density of advertisement is not restricted. However, advertisements promoting products containing tobacco and products containing alcohol, including beer, wine and liquor, are prohibited.</b>
		<del>Manufacturers of equipment and clothing may identify themselves, but in a limited way. If at the same time a manufacturer is also a sponsor of a team, crew or sculler, it may also use the space reserved for a sponsor, but without being able to combine the two specified areas to produce a single larger area.</del>
		<del>If the area reserved for the manufacturer is not used by the manufacturer, it cannot be used for another purpose.</del>
		<del>Advertising on oars or clothing for a crew must be uniform over all oars of the crew or over each corresponding item of clothing for all crewmembers.</del>
		<del>For Adaptive rowers:</del>
		<del>No publicity is allowed on blind masks, prosthetics or strapping.</del>
		<del>For technical aids, the rules of "identification on the clothing of competitors" will apply.</del>

**MOTION #17: Section 6.2**

**Moved:           Seconded:**

**That section 6.2 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

6.2	Rower's Clothing	Members of the same crew shall compete wearing uniform clothing (shirts, shorts and any additional garments), <b>with the exception that hats need not be uniform or worn by all members of a crew. The racing uniform of members of a crew may be extended where required, so long as the club, school, provincial or national team uniform is visible.</b> In the case of a composite crew, each crew member shall wear their club uniform.
		<del>The manufacturer of the clothing may be identified on each main piece of clothing by a single marking not exceeding 16 sq. cm. in area (excluding hats, headbands and socks, which may have no manufacturer's markings).</del>



		Sponsors may be identified by a single identification marking per competitor not exceeding 100 sq. cm. in area.
		For Adaptive rowing: The racing uniform of members of a crew may be extended where required.

**MOTION #18: Section 6.3**

**Moved:            Seconded:**

**That section 6.3 of the RCA Rules of Racing be deleted:**

6.3	Boat Manufacturer	<del>On the inside of each boat, the manufacturer's plaque (or equivalent) not exceeding 50 sq. cm. may be mounted. In addition to the manufacturer's name, the plaque may show its symbol (e.g. logo), its address and the product name.</del>
		<del>On the outside of each boat, the manufacturer's identification may be shown once on each side of the boat (including gunwales and washboards), with a maximum area of 30 sq. cm. each.</del>

**MOTION #19: Section 6.4**

**Moved:            Seconded:**

**That section 6.4 of the RCA Rules of Racing be deleted:**

6.4	Other identifications on the boat	<del>The name of the boat or the identification of the sponsors of the club or rowing organization is the only other optional identification allowed on the boat. These two types are interchangeable and are hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor Identifications"</del>
		<del>There may be no more than two sponsors presented on any boat.</del>

		<del>☐☐ Sponsor identification may only appear within an “Advertising Space” — Each Advertising Space on a boat may be no more than 800 sq. cm in size and may contain one or two Sponsor Identification(s).</del>
		<del>☐☐ The Sponsor Identifications must be identical on both sides of the boat, as follows:</del>
		<del>☐☐ 1x, 2x, 2-, 2+ — once each side</del>
		<del>☐☐ 4x, 4x+ 4+, 4-, 6+ twice each side</del>
		<del>☐☐ 8+, fours times each side</del>
		<del>On each deck area of any boat, bow and stern, only one Advertising Space is allowed. The Sponsor Identifications must be identical on both deck areas, if both decks are used.</del>
		<del>No additional Identification is allowed.</del>

**MOTION #20: Section 6.5**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 6.5 of the RCA Rules of Racing be deleted:**

6.5	Blades	<del>The blade of all oars and sculls shall be painted in the same manner on both sides, in the club or rowing organization colours. If a crew is using blades that do not belong to that club, the coach should inform the control commission.</del>
		<del>On the inboard section of the loom or shaft the following identifications are permitted:</del>
		<del>Manufacturer (name and /or logo):</del>
		<del>☐☐ For sculls: no more than 4cm in height and no more than 72 sq. cm in area</del>
		<del>☐☐ For Sweep oars: no more than 5cm in height and no more than 100 sq. cm. in area.</del>
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		<del>No additional markings other than the owner's identity may be shown on any part of the oar. In particular, the national flag etc. should not appear on the oar or scull.</del>

**MOTION #21: Section 6.3**

Moved:           Seconded:

That section 6.6 be renumbered as 6.3 of the RCA Rules of Racing and amended:

6.6 6.3	Regatta Area <b>Organizing Committee Equipment and Regatta Installations</b>	The Organizing Committee shall <b>may</b> limit advertising matter carried on any equipment <b>provided by the Organizing Committee</b> , or <b>on</b> installations on the course <b>or in the medal presentation area</b> . <del>No advertising is permitted on or around the medal presentation area without the approval of the OC and RCA.</del>
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**MOTION #22: Section 6.4**

Moved:           Seconded:

That section 6.7 be renumbered as 6.4 of the RCA Rules of Racing and amended:

6.7 6.4	Tobacco and Liquor Products	All advertisements relating to <b>promoting products containing</b> tobacco and to <b>products containing</b> alcohol, <b>including beer, wine and liquor, are</b> is prohibited on all rowing equipment and uniforms at any location at a regatta.
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**MOTION #23: Section 6.5**

Moved:           Seconded:

That a new section 6.5 of the RCA Rules of Racing be added:

6.5	Tobacco Free Regattas	<b>For the health and safety of the participants, the field of play area for all regattas in Canada should be tobacco free. The field of play includes the regatta course and installations, as well as the boat storage areas, boat houses, docks, and all</b>
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		<i>areas under control of the control commission, and, it excludes spectator and public areas.</i>
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**MOTION #24: Section 6.6**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That a new section 6.6 of the RCA Rules of Racing be added:**

<b>6.6</b>	Alcohol Free Regattas	<i>For the health and safety of the participants, the field of play area for all regattas in Canada shall be alcohol free. The field of play includes the regatta course and installations, as well as the boat storage areas, boat houses, docks, and all areas under control of the control commission, and, it excludes spectator and public areas.</i>
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**MOTION #25: Section 6.7**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 6.7 of the RCA Rules of Racing be deleted:**

<del>6.7</del>	<del>Exceptions</del>	<del>Exceptions to these advertising rules must be approved by RCA in the case of Canadian national regattas.</del>
		<del>In some cases advertising / marketing policies at multi-sport games may take precedence over RCA policies. <i>(Moved to S. 1.6)</i></del>

**MOTION #26: Section 7.7**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 7.7 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

7.7	Crew changes After the First Heat	Crews – No change <b>substitution of rowers</b> may be made in a crew which has already raced in their heat of the event, except in the case of illness or injury, in which case a medical certificate shall be required and the crew change shall be notified in writing to the organising committee. Any necessary decision shall be taken by the Chief Umpire. A rower who has been replaced may no longer compete at the regatta, even if the rower is restored to health. Up to half of the rowers in a crew plus the coxswain, if applicable, may be changed in accordance with this rule. Any replacement rower must be a member of the same club, school or university (or in the case of a composite or provincial crews, one of the clubs concerned, or in the case of the national team crews, of the same federation). <b>Single scullers – No substitute is permitted for a single sculler who has already raced in the heat of his event.</b>
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**MOTION #27: Section 8.6**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 8.6 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

8.6	Coach and Team/Club Representatives Meetings	<del>The Chief Umpire shall attend</del> <b>There shall be</b> a meeting of coaches, and club/team representatives <b>prior to the start of the regatta, attendance at which is mandatory for a representative from each club/team.</b> <b>The Chief Umpire shall attend this meeting of the coaches and/or team representatives and</b> shall communicate information concerning racing and safety to all rowers and coaches via their team/club representatives. <b>Coaches and team/club representatives must convey this information to their crews.</b>
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**MOTION #28: Section 9.6**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 9.6 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

9.6	Adverse Weather Conditions and Fairness Committee	<p>The Chief Umpire will consult with the appropriate members of the Jury and with the <del>Chair of the Regatta</del> <b>Chair Organizing Committee</b> and <del>may make changes to the program</del> if the weather creates unfair or un-rowable conditions, <b>however the Chief Umpire will decide on relevant changes to the program.</b></p> <p>At Canadian National regattas (and optional at all other regattas) the Chief Umpire, the <del>Chair of the Regatta</del> <b>Chair Organizing Committee</b>, the regatta Safety Officer and a representative of the team managers or coaches at the regatta, shall form a Fairness Committee. The Fairness Committee <del>shall determine</del> <b>may recommend to the Chief Umpire</b> what changes, if any are to be made to the program if weather creates unfair or un-rowable conditions, <b>however the Chief Umpire will decide on relevant changes to the program.</b></p> <p>The Terms of Reference for a Fairness Committee <del>are</del> may be found in Appendix <del>9-7</del>.</p>
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**MOTION #29: Section 10.9**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.9 of the RCA Rules of Racing be deleted:**

10.9	<del>Damage while in the Start Zone</del>	<del>Removing this provision for damage in the start zone. If a crew, while still in the Start Zone, sustains damage to its boat or equipment, the crew shall stop rowing and a member of the crew shall raise his/her arm to indicate that there is a problem (if an Para rower is unable to raise an arm, they may use whatever means available to raise attention). The Starter or the Umpire shall stop the race. The Umpire shall then decide on the steps to be taken, after consulting (if necessary) with the Chief Umpire.</del>
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**MOTION #30: Section 10.13.1**

**Moved:                    Seconded:**

**That section 10.13.1 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.13	<p>Objections at the finish</p> <p>10.13.1</p>	<p>If a crew considers that the race was not in order, a member of the crew must raise his or her arm to indicate that it is making an objection. <del>In this case the principal Umpire shall not raise any flag but he/she shall consult with the objecting crew and consider its objection.</del> <b><i>In all cases where there is an objection, the Race Umpire shall hold up a red flag. The Race Umpire should verify that the crew intends to make an objection.</i></b> <del>The principal Umpire may then decide upon one of a number of alternative actions:</del> <b><i>After considering the objection the Race Umpire may, allow the objection, not allow the objection, or, seek further information before making a decision.</i></b> <del>To acknowledge the crew's objection and raise a red flag to signify that he/she has decided that the race was not in order. In this case the principal Umpire must go to the Judges at the Finish to give them his/her decision and any necessary explanations.</del> <b><i>If the Race Umpire allows the objection they should raise the red flag, and, communicate the decision to any affected crew, the Judges at the Finish and the Chief Umpire.</i></b></p>
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**MOTION #31: Sections 10.13.2 and 10.13.2 (a)**

**Moved:                    Seconded:**

**That section 10.13.2 and 10.13.2 (a) of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.13.2 and 10.13.2 (a)	10.13.2 and 10.13.2 (a)	<p>If the <b><i>Race</i></b> Umpire disagrees with the crew's <del>does not allow the</del> objection, the <del>Principal</del> <b><i>Race</i></b> Umpire shall prior to raising the flag, ascertain if the objecting crew intends to protest the decision. <b><i>ask the objecting crew, and, ask any affected crew, if any crews intend to protest the Race Umpire's decision.</i></b> <del>If a crew indicates that it will,</del> <b><i>advise that it intends to protest,</i></b> the <del>Principal</del> <b><i>Race</i></b> Umpire <del>advises the crew of the protest</del></p>
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		<p><del>protocol (time limit, written and fee), and then determines if the crew still intends to protest. If the crew reaffirms its intent, the principal Umpire will raise the red flag and will notify the Chief Judge of the Finish and the Chief Umpire of an impending protest <b>and hold up the Red Flag.</b></del></p> <p><b><i>In all cases, when communicating the decision to a crew the Race Umpire shall:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>a) Advise the crew that they have a right to make a protest,</i></b></p>
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**MOTION #32: Section 10.13.2 (b)**

**Moved:           Seconded:**

**That section 10.13.2 (b) of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.13.2 (b)	10.13.2 (b)	<b><i>b) Inform the crew of the time,</i></b>
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**MOTION #33: Section 10.13.2 (c)**

**Moved:           Seconded:**

**That section 10.13.2 (c) of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.13.2 (c)	10.13.2 (c)	<b><i>c) Advise that if they wish to protest they must do so within one hour, in writing, to the Chief Umpire, together with a protest fee (see Rule 10.15 for amount).</i></b>
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**MOTION #34: Section 10.13.2 (d)**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.13.2 (d) of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.13.2 (d)	10.13.2 (d)	<b>(d) In the event that no</b> if the crew indicates advises that it <b>intends to</b> will not protest <b>the umpire's decision</b> , the <b>Principal Race</b> umpire raises the white flag. <del>shall nevertheless hold up the red flag and inform the Judges at the Finish and the Chief Umpire of the situation. The Chief Umpire will make the decision to announce or delay the announcement of the race results.</del>
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**MOTION #35: Section 10.13.3**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.13.3 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.13.3	10.13.3	<b>The Race Umpire may wish to</b> seek further information relating to regarding the objection. <b>In this case, the Principal Race Umpire will raise a red flag and then take any necessary steps to resolve the issues relating to the objection</b> (e.g. consult with other officials, <b>Race Umpires</b> , consult with other persons, consult with the Chief Umpire, etc.). In such cases when the <b>Principal Race</b> Umpire has raised the red flag, the Judges at the Finish must not announce the official result of the race until a final decision is made.
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**MOTION #36.1: Section 10.15**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.15 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.15 (Motion #1)	<b>Protests</b>	<b>A protest must be made in writing to the Chief Umpire not later than one hour after the Race Umpire has communicated his/her ruling regarding the objection or, in the case of disputing the published results, one hour after the results have been published.</b> <b>The following may lodge a protest:</b> <b>1. A crew that has raised an objection at the end of the race (on the water) on the race course, or, before leaving the finish area of the race course.</b>
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**MOTION #36.2: Section 10.15**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.15 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.15 (Motion #2)	<b>Protests</b>	2.     A crew whose objection has been rejected
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**MOTION #36.3: Section 10.15**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.15 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.15 (Motion #3)	<b>Protests</b>	3.     Crews affected by the acceptance of the objection
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**MOTION #36.4: Section 10.15**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.15 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.15 (Motion #4)	<b>Protests</b>	4. A crew disputing the published results, <b><i>however any such dispute cannot be related to a matter which should have been raised by a crew as an objection.</i></b>
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**MOTION #36.5: Section 10.15**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.15 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

10.15 (Motion #5)	<b>Protests</b>	The protest shall be accompanied by deposit of <del>\$100.00 Canadian</del> <b>\$300.00 in Canadian currency</b> . Deposits can be received by cash, certified cheque, bank draft, money order or credit <b><i>or debit card</i></b> where available. The deposit shall be refunded if the protest or appeal is allowed. The Board of the Jury shall decide if the protest was justified. It will make its decision before the next round of races in the event concerned, and, in any case, no later than two hours after the last race of the day. As a general rule, in the case of a protest concerning the final of an event, the victory ceremony of that event will be postponed until after the Board of the Jury has made its decision.
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**MOTION #37: Section 10.19.2**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 10.19.2 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

<b>10.19.2</b>	<b>Appeals</b>	The appeal must also be accompanied by the sum of <del>\$500.00</del> <b>\$1,000.00</b> in Canadian currency (cash, certified cheque, bank draft, or credit <b>or debit card</b> ). This sum shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
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**MOTION #38: Section 11.17**

**Moved:**            **Seconded:**

**That section 11.17 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

11.17	Duties of the Race Umpire	<b>6. Zonal Umpiring</b> <i>The Organizing Committee of a Regatta that is part of a RCA high performance team selection process may provide for the umpiring of some races to be carried out from boats which are stationary or which do not follow the whole race or by umpires stationed on the land adjacent to the course, and shall issue instructions and guidelines accordingly. Where the Chief Umpire considers that weather or other conditions are such that zonal umpiring is about to put the safety of crews at risk she or he may decide to discontinue zonal umpiring.</i>
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**MOTION #39: Appendix 7. 2.0 and 2.3**

**Moved:                Seconded:**

**That Appendix 7, 2.0 and 2.3, of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

<b>Appendix 7</b>	<b>2.0 Structure and Purpose - 2.3</b>	... 2.3 The Fairness Committee may take the appropriate measures if the weather creates unfair or unrowable conditions. It is the duty of the Fairness Committee to determine if the weather has created, or is about to create, unfair or unrowable conditions. It is then their responsibility to select or to recommend <b>to the Chief Umpire</b> the most appropriate program from the alternatives described below. In applying these alternatives the Fairness Committee will always consider (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) before considering (3.4).
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**MOTION #40: Appendix 7 – 4.1**

**Moved:                Seconded:**

**That Appendix 7 – 4.1 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

Appendix 7 – 4.1	Accountability and Operation	4.1 The Chief Umpire shall <del>implement the decisions</del> <b>receive the recommendations</b> of the Fairness Committee <b>and make a decision(s)</b> .
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**MOTION #41: Appendix 8**

**Moved:                Seconded:**

**That Appendix 8 of the RCA Rules of Racing be amended:**

Appendix 8	Time Trial Rules (new appendix)	<p><b><i>A Time Trial is defined as a race wherein competitors race against the clock on a sprint course, starting sequentially. The RCA Rules of Racing shall apply in full, except as noted below.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1. Course</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1.1 The Organizing Committee [OC] in consultation with the Chief Umpire must determine the race distance, lanes to be used for racing and lanes for use by crews being overtaken.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1.2 A map of the course indicating traffic patterns must be prominently displayed at the launching area.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2. Racing Rules</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2.1. The OC in consultation with the Chief Umpire shall determine the time interval between crews at the start. The interval between crews should be commensurate with the type of shell. The interval should allow for wash to dissipate and minimize instances of interference or overtaking. As an example, for singles, the minimum time between boats in the same lane is one minute.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2.2. The OC in consultation with the Chief Umpire shall determine the time before the start at which all crews must be present in the starting area.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2.3. Crews being overtaken must yield the right of way to the overtaking crew by moving into the lane or position assigned to crews being overtaken.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2.4. The OC shall provide for instantaneous communication, such as radio or telephone, between the start, finish and any umpires or marshals stationed on the course.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2.5. The OC shall provide each boat with a bow marker or a numbering system, unique to its event.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2.6. In principle, every attempt shall be made to start crews in bow number order.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2.7. The OC is responsible for providing and operating the timing for the event. The Chief Umpire should approve the method of timing races and must verify that the organizing committee knows how to implement that method, resulting in a fair regatta. There must be at least one analogue back-up to the timing system, in case the electronic system fails.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>3. Umpires</i></b></p> <p><b><i>3.1. To fulfill RCA regatta sanction requirements, a time trial will need a minimum of four RCA licensed umpires including the Chief Umpire. In principle, the four umpires will be assigned to the start area, the finish area, the control commission and on-water duties.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>3.2. The timing of races is the responsibility of the OC.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>3.3. The Chief Umpire will assign Umpires to perform various duties that may consist of the following:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>3.3.1. Starter: The Starter shall be stationed on the starting line and</i></b></p>
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		<p><i>shall be responsible for the starting procedure including maintaining order and intervals between crews.</i></p> <p><b>3.3.2. Marshal:</b> <i>The Marshal shall be positioned in the starting area and is responsible for organizing participating crews above the start into the proper order.</i></p> <p><b>3.3.3. Pre-Marshals:</b> <i>A Pre-Marshals may be assigned to assist the Marshal in the organization of crews into the proper order</i></p> <p><b>3.3.4. Race Umpires or marshals:</b> <i>The Race Umpires or marshals shall be strategically positioned along the course.</i></p> <p><b>3.3.5. Launches for Race Umpires/Marshals</b> <i>shall normally be stationary while the race is in progress, but may move to respond to emergencies. Race Umpires or marshals shall note any violation of the rules, including traffic patterns, right of way rules, and report such violations to the Finish Judge or the Chief Umpire for the appropriate penalties. Umpires or marshals shall give instructions to crews to avoid collisions or accidents.</i></p> <p><b>3.3.6. Finish Judge:</b> <i>The Finish Judge shall mark the finish order of each crew.</i></p> <p><b>4. The Launch Area</b></p> <p><b>4.1.</b> <i>There should be an announcing system in the launch area.</i></p> <p><b>5. The Start</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> <i>Before the start of each event, the Marshal and Starter shall verify the presence of scheduled crews. Any crew that does not appear within the time specified in Appendix 8, Rule 2.2 above may be warned or excluded by the Marshal or Starter.</i></p> <p><b>5.2</b> <i>The Marshal shall direct crews into their racing lane ensuring adequate time for the crew to be ready in its lane before the crew is called for their start.</i></p> <p><b>5.3</b> <i>The following commands shall be used:</i></p> <p><b>5.3.1.</b> <i>The Marshal will instruct the crew “Crew #1 Alberta, on the paddle”.</i></p> <p><b>5.3.2.</b> <i>As the crew approaches the line, the Starter will say “Crew #1 Alberta, approaching the line”.</i></p> <p><b>5.3.3.</b> <i>As the crew crosses the line the Starter will then say “GO”, or sound a horn.</i></p> <p><b>6. The Finish</b></p> <p><b>6.1.</b> <i>As each crew finishes, the Finish Judge will say “Down” or sound the finish horn.</i></p>
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**6.2. The Finish Judge shall mark the finish order of each crew.**

**MOTION #42: Appendix 9**

**Moved:                      Seconded:**

**That Appendix 9 of the RCA Rules of Racing be added:**

Appendix 9	How to Conduct a Draw (new appendix)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><i>As noted in Part 9, Rule 9.4, the Organizing Committee shall conduct the draw (and seeding if necessary/desired) according to the progression system selected. The draw is the document that describes the order of racing for the first day of the regatta (and any subsequent days if any events have a number of entries requiring only a straight final), showing which crews are entered in which lane for each event. The draw, as printed, is often referred to as the “race sheet(s)” for the day.</i></b></li>   <li>2. <b><i>There are two ways to do a draw—manually or using a computer program. Also, as noted in Rule 9.4 the Organizing Committee shall do the draw with the participation of the Chief Umpire.</i></b></li> </ol> <p><b><i>Manual Draw</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <b><i>Names of clubs, that have made an entry in an event (and the entry has been accepted) are written on small, individual pieces of paper, and placed in a bucket or bowl. Lanes numbered one (1) to six (6) (e.g., Lane 1, Lane 2, etc.) are also written on small, individual pieces of paper and placed in a second bucket or bowl. For each race, the names of the clubs who have paid the entry fees to participate in that race are placed in the “Club Bucket”. All other club names are removed from the Club Bucket.</i></b></li>   <li>4. <b><i>The person doing the draw pulls one club name from the Club Bucket and one lane number from the “Lane Bucket” and notes which Club is assigned which lane on the draw. For example, “British Columbia” is drawn from the Club Bucket at the same time as Lane 5 is drawn from the Lane Bucket. The British Columbia crew for this race is assigned to Lane 5. Crew names are drawn from the Club Bucket until all lanes are assigned for the first race.</i></b></li> </ol>
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		<p><b>5. If there are multiple heats for the same event, then parameters are applied. The organizing committee selects the parameters. Some examples of parameters include:</b></p> <p><b>5.1. Assigning one entry per club, per heat, so that the same club's two entries are not in the same heat. This can assist with equipment sharing.</b></p> <p><b>5.2. A limitation on the number of races in one day (of a multi-day regatta)</b></p> <p><b>5.3. Limitation on the number of crews in a heat, e.g., no more than six, or if seven, then the heat is split into two races</b></p> <p><b>6. After the first round of heats, or time trials, the decision on which crews advance is based on the progression system selected. For all rounds after the heats, the principle is to put the crews with the best placing in their previous round in the two middle lanes (usually Lanes 3 and 4). The crews with the next lower placing in their previous round are put in the next outer lanes, etc. (Lanes 2 and 5, followed by Lanes 1 and 6).</b></p> <p><b>7. If the crews have the same placing in the previous round then there shall be a draw, using a coin toss, supervised by a member of the Jury, to determine their lanes in the next round.</b></p> <p><b>8. When advancing crews and assigning lanes, the first place crews from each previous round are assigned to Lanes 3 or 4, on a random basis, which could be accomplished by using a coin toss, a computer-assisted random number generator, or some other similar means. Crews are assigned to Lanes 2 and 5 and to Lanes 1 and 6 using the same process.</b></p> <p><b>Computer-Programs</b></p> <p><b>9. There are at least two computer programs currently in use in Canada, and there may be more.</b></p> <p><b>a. Regatta Master –</b></p> <p><b>9.1. The draw process in Regatta Master starts with assigning an event to an Event Type, from which it gets many settings, including how seeding is done, and the progression system used for that event.</b></p> <p><b>9.2. In the Event Type, the organizing committee can decide how entries are assigned a seed number and how that number is used in the initial draw. Seed numbers can be manually or randomly assigned (or a combination of the two), assigned by the age of the crew in the boat, or by a qualifying time associated with the entry.</b></p> <p><b>9.3. Once the entries in an event have a seed number, settings in the Event</b></p>
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		<p><b><i>Type and the progression system determine the heat and lane to which a given seed is assigned (or starting order in case of a time trial). If the initial round of competition is not a time trial, but is instead heats, then the Event Type specifies how the entries are assigned to heats and lane priorities, and the progression system maps the lane priorities to physical lanes.</i></b></p> <p><b>9.4. <i>The options for drawing the entries into the initial round are:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• <i>Race by Race: entries are assigned, in seed order to all lanes in the first heat, then the next. For instance, in an event with 6 lanes and 18 entries, the first 6 seeds would be in the first heat, with seed 1 in the first priority lane and seed 6 in the last priority lane.</i></b></li> <li><b>• <i>Lane by Lane: entries are assigned, in seed order, to a specified lane priority in the first heat, then the same lane priority in the second heat, and so on.</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b>9.6. <i>If drawing in this manner, the sequence can be either round-robin (1,2,3 1,2,3, etc.) or reversing (1,2,3; 3,2,1; 1,2,3, etc.). Using the same example as above, the first seed would get the first priority lane in heat 1, the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed would get the first priority lane in heat 2, the third seed would get the first priority lane in heat 3, the fourth seed would get the second priority lane in heat 3, the fifth seed would get the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority lane in heat 2, and so on.</i></b></p> <p><b>9.7. <i>Beyond the initial round, progression rules determine the crew advancement, including a random alternation of lane priority. For instance, if the physical lanes corresponding to priorities 1-6 are 3,4,2,5,1,6, the alternate lanes would be 4,3,5,2,6,1.</i></b></p> <p><b>9.8. <i>Once seed numbers are assigned to the entries, they do not change. This allows a redraw (in the case of a scratch or other change) without affecting the relative placement of the other entries in the event. Gaps are ignored, as the entries are placed sequentially in seed order.</i></b></p> <p><b>9.9. <i>The only exception to the above is when attempting to minimize the occurrence of multiple club entries racing each other in the initial round. When using this option, the seed number is assigned by the system; the draw method is Lane by Lane, and all the entries for a given club in the</i></b></p>
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		<p><i>same event get the same seed number. This puts them in different heats, or at least distributes them evenly across all heats. Then the lane assignments are randomized in each heat so the entries for one club do not all get the same lane priority. For more information please see: <a href="http://www.regattamaster.com">www.regattamaster.com</a></i></p> <p><b><i>b. Regatta Data System –</i></b></p> <p><i>The Regatta Data System is a web-based regatta management software tool. Once entries close, the regatta organizers can create a draw. Events within a single regatta can have different progression rules and use different numbers of lanes, allowing the organizers to customize their regatta. The draw can be scheduled programmatically and manually altered if desired. Once finalized and released by the organizers, the draw is available online. On regatta day, for the system to be functional, there needs to be access to internet at the regatta site. For more information please contact: <a href="mailto:info@regattadata.com">info@regattadata.com</a></i></p>
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