



Bulletin 3

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Introduction

We are now just over a week from commencement for AMRC 2017 and we are getting really excited about hosting you at Nagambie.

Accommodation

Last minute bookings can be made through the attached link: [Nagambie Accommodation](#)

Entries

Entries have now closed for the Australian Masters Rowing Championships. The cost of entry is \$45 per seat (including GST, credit card transaction fees may apply), with no entry costs for coxswains. For transparency, the masters rowing community Rowing Australia has prepared a document showing the cost drivers for the Australian Masters Rowing Championships which is available on the Rowing Australia Website:

<http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/AMRC-Seat-Fee-Cost-Drivers.pdf>

Coxswain Entry Fees

Coxswains will not be charged entry fees for AMRC 2017.

Car Parking & Gate Fee

AMRC 2017 will **not** be charging a gate fee or a parking fee. We hope this encourages spectators to attend the event

Rules

Racing will be conducted in accordance with the Rowing Australia Rules of Racing which can be found at: <http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/ra-rules-of-racing-and-related-by-laws/>
The Rowing Australia Code of Conduct applies and is also available on the RA website

Club and Team Tents

Team tents can be erected along the bank of the lake that follows the water's edge. Space will be limited so tent spaces will be taken up on a first in best dressed basis.

If you would like to order a marquee, please contact; [Bourke Hire](#)

Clubs are encouraged to utilise the large vendor / bar marquee "The Social Hub" over their own club tents. This will be erected along the peninsular and be most comfortable.

Training Times

Training will be permitted on Wednesday the 17th of May from 10am – 5pm and Thursday from 7:30am – 9:00am.

Hire boats will not be available during these times.

On-water rescue and First Aid will be operational from this time.

Rescue and First Aid will be located at the regatta centre and therefore will not cover any training on the Goulburn River.

Athletes Briefing

The athletes and coaches briefings will be held at the Regatta Administration office located at the Boat Sheds. The briefing will provide an overview of the traffic rules for training and racing and other location specific information. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions of event officials. **Coaches and athletes are strongly recommended to attend.**

Briefing times are as follows:

- Wednesday 17th May at 3pm
- Thursday 18th May during lunch break (currently 1:20pm)

Hire Boats

Boats and oars booked for hire by crews will be allocated from the boat hire area beside the Regatta Administration building in the Boat Park. All fees must be paid prior to the regatta.

Boat Hiring Rates

1X, 2X & 2-:4X, 4+/-, 8+: \$20/seat per event (heat, semi & final)

Not applicable for Wednesday training unless previously coordinated with the hirer

If your club is bringing boats that can be hired and would like RV to coordinate this for you, contact andrew.obrien@rowingvictoria.asn.au . All monies paid for boat hire will be returned direct to the club or school owning the boat.

Entertainment

The AMRC Committee will be hosting a casual dinner on the Saturday the 20th May from 6pm. The dinner has a fixed cost meal ticket of \$30 for food. Drinks can be purchased from the bar at very reasonable prices: [Purchase tickets here](#)

Trailer Parking

Clubs will be directed to unload boat trailers and subsequently move their trailers to a specific trailer parking area adjacent to the finish line.

[Register your trailer details here](#)

Cars are not to be left connected to trailers in the Trailer Park.

The venue will be open from Tuesday the 16th of May for set-up purposes.

Security has been hired and will be on duty nightly from 6pm Tuesday the 16th of May.

Boat Park & Racking

Boat Racks will be set up in the boat park.

Racks will be allocated based on boat size 1X, 2-/2X, 4X/4 and 8+.

Ensure your boat is stored on the correct rack size, eg. Do not put pairs or doubles on four racks. Oars are to be stored on the ground under the bottom rack and not on racks.

It is each crew's responsibility to ensure their boat is tied securely to the rack after each time it is used.

Merchandise

We thank merchandisers for their interest in participating in AMRC 2017 and we look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteers

Get involved, if you have a spare half day and would like to help out, please consider volunteering! There are lots of ways to get involved and be part of a great event! If you are interested in volunteering, please [nominate here](#)

Orphans

View the list of current orphans on the RV regatta webpage [here](#)

Contact Bron via bron@rowingvictoria.asn.au if you wish to be added to this list

Regatta Administration

Regatta Administration will be located in the Boat Shed and be the place to go at the regatta for updated orphan information, crew changes and scratchings, a word search and any questions anyone has regarding anything. It will be open on Wednesday from 10am-5pm and then daily from 6am-6pm.

Bow Numbers

Bow numbers will not require any deposit although clubs will be invoiced for any bow number not returned. They will not be available for pickup until 1 hour prior to the race and must be returned immediately after the race.

Club Point Score

A 'club point score' will be in operation in addition to the medal table, for all events within the Australian Masters Rowing Championships. The points score will be published on the event website following the regatta - points will be awarded on the following basis:

Boat	First	Second	Third
Eight (8+)	24	18	12
Fours (4-/+) / Quad (4x)	16	12	8
Pairs (2-) / Doubles (2x)	12	9	6
Singles (1x)	8	6	4

Regatta Updates

Results, draws and updates will be all available on your smart phones by accessing:

m.ra.rowingmanager.com

Medal Info

Medals will be presented on the dais directly after the race final is completed.

Medals will be awarded based on the number of entries;

- 1 & 2 entries in event – gold medal only
- 3 entries – gold and silver medal
- 4 entries and greater – gold, silver and bronze



Online crew changes and substitutions

Crew changes & substitutions are available online up until 11am Wednesday 17 May. After this time changes will be manually undertaken in the Regatta Administration at the Boat Park.

Scratchings & Substitutions

Scratchings and substitutions are to be advised to Regatta Administration as early as possible but not less than **2 hours** before the respective event. A \$250 fine may be levied for failure to advise a scratching before racing. Scratchings prior to the regatta should be submitted online via Rowing Manager.

Security

Security staff are in attendance from the night of Tuesday the 16th of May. Nevertheless, competitors, coaches and spectators are ultimately responsible for their own belongings. Valuables should not be left unattended and any suspicious behaviour should be reported to event staff immediately.

Warm-ups

Rowing ergometers and Watt bikes (kindly supplied by Nagambie Rowing Club) will be available to competitors for warm-up prior to their racing. These are located in the boat shed.

Coxswain Weighing

- Minimum weight for coxswains is: 50 kilograms for women's crews, 55 kilograms for men's crews, 50 kilograms for mixed crews.
- If a coxswain weighs less than the minimum weight for the crew, weights must be carried to make up the difference.
- It is not mandatory for a coxswain to weigh-in before racing and it is the responsibility of the coxswain to be above the minimum weight and check weighing of coxswains will be undertaken.
- Coxswains may be weighed in racing uniform by a person authorised by the Organising Committee conducting the regatta.
- A regatta Organising Committee may require the coxswain of any crew, with the weights carried by that person, to be weighed by an authorized person immediately after their race. If the coxswain does not weigh in at the required weight at such re-weighing, the coxswain's crew will be disqualified.

Vendors

Get excited to receive top quality services and discounts from all the following vendors which will be attending the 2017 Australian Masters Rowing Championships:

- The Regatta Shop
- Nagambie Tourism
- Fluidesign Australia
- BAT Logic
- Simply Oarsome Australia
- WinTech Racing Australia
- CoxMate
- Croker Oars & NK Australia
- Hudson
- Your Coffee on the Go
- Amy S - Coffee Van
- Health Hit Smoothie Bar
- Loaded Wedges
- BeatBox Kitchen
- Kalasin Thai
- River's Edge Bistro

Progression System

Australian Masters' Rowing Championships 6 Lane Progression system to determine Finalists			
Numbers of Crews	Race Type	Crews per Race	Progression for All Events
For Mens & Womens Events			
1..6	1 Final	Up to 6	
7..12	2 Heats 1 Final	Up to 6 5 or 6 Crews	1..3 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
13..18	3 Heats 1 Final	Up to 6 6 Crews	1..2 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
19..24	4 Heats 2 Semi 1 Final	Up to 6 6 Crews 6 Crews	1..3 -> Semi Final A/B, Rest Eliminated 1..3 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
25..36	6 Heats 3 Semi 1 Final	Up to 6 6 Crews 6 Crews	1..3 -> Semi Final A/B/C, Rest Eliminated 1..2 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
For Mixed Events			
1..6	1 Division		
7..12	2 Divisions		
13..18	3 Divisions		
19..24	4 Divisions		
25..30	5 Divisions		
31..36	6 Divisions		
37..42	7 Divisions		
Notes:			
The Fairness Commission may alter The Progression at any time. In such cases ample notice will be given to competitors.			
The Technical Delegate(s) in consultation with the Organising Committee & President of the Jury, will determine the Progression system to apply to each event/category			

A six-lane progression system is to be adopted for the 2017 Australian Masters Rowing Championship.



The progression system to be used has been considered by the Rowing Australia technical staff and the President of the Jury for the event with all parties insistent that fairness and safety must take priority. The decision has been based on consideration of past Australian Masters Championships and regattas held at Nagambie. In determining that a six-lane progression system be adopted the following points have been taken into consideration:

Fairness

It is well understood that wind conditions at Nagambie can become adverse due to cross wind conditions that can particularly favour the lanes nearest the banks.

- The technical team are very cognisant of importance and prestige in determining the National Champions and that the process should not be influenced, within reason, by the lane draw and prevailing weather conditions.
- The use of six lanes ensures that the field can be moved into conditions that are fairer in the event of adverse weather rather than providing a significant unfair advantage to crews that may be drawn in sheltered lanes.
- The adoption of a six-lane progression system from the outside will prevent the confusion caused by re-draws that would likely be necessary if conditions become adverse during the regatta. As noted above, in the first instance the field will be moved over to more evenly affected lanes rather than requiring a re-draw with a different progression system that could potentially require additional rounds of racing.
- The technical team have assessed that in adverse conditions at the start it is un-manageable to effectively align more than six crews and still achieve the level of precision necessary for an Australian Championship.

Safety

- The Nagambie course requires crews returning from the finish to row back down the course, outside of lane 8, to near the 500m mark before returning to the boating area. The technical team considers there is a risk of crews straying into lane 8 as they return to the boating area particularly with the high number of competitors who are likely to be unfamiliar with the venue. Avoiding the use of Lane 8, where possible, will reduce the risk of collisions.
- It is well understood that many competitors have significant competition commitments and short timeframes between races. The organising committee has established a “hot swap” area in the return lane adjacent the boat park to enable a fast return to the starting area without the need to return to the boating area. Whilst considered beneficial for all athletes, the congestion that may be caused in this area poses an additional risk if Lane 8 were to be continually used throughout the regatta.
- The presentation area impedes slightly onto the transit lane at the finish line, also creating a risk if Lane 8 were to be used. As crews move out toward lane 8 to avoid boats in the presentation area.

Appendices

Appendix 1: [Site Map](#)

Appendix 2: [Traffic Map](#)

Appendix 3: Trailer Parking Map (not yet attached)

Appendix 4: [Race Schedule](#)