

# Bye-laws to Coastal Rowing Rules in Endurance and Beach Sprint Formats

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| <b>Bye-Law to RC Rule RC 9 – Coastal Rowing Boats and Equipment</b>   |                                |  |   |
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| 1. Design and Construction of Coastal Rowing Boats  |                                |  |   |
| a) Coastal Rowing Boats must meet the following three measurement requirements:   |                                |  |   |
| i) Maximum permitted length over all-   |                                |  |   |
|   | C1x                            | 6.00 m   |   |
|   | C2x                            | 7.50 m   |   |
|   | C4+, C4x+                      | 10.70 m  |   |
| There is no minimum length for Coastal Rowing Boats.  |                                |  |   |
| ii) Minimum weight-   |                                |  |   |
|   | C1x                            | 35 kg  |   |
|   | C2x                            | 60 kg  |   |
|   | C4+, C4x+                      | 130 kg   |   |
| iii) Minimum permitted width of the boat measured at the following two points, all measurements taken externally at the position of maximum overall beam:   |                                |  |   |
| (1) Point 1 - width overall;  |                                |  |   |
| (2) Point 2 - width at the Secondary Beam Measurement Point which shall be located at the specified height from the deepest point of the boat at that position.   |                                |  |   |
| The minimum permitted widths are as follows:  |                                |  |   |
|   |                                | <b>Secondary Beam Measurement Point</b>                        |   |
| <b>Boat Type</b>  | <b>Width Overall (Point 1)</b> | <b>Height of Measurement Point above Deepest Point of Boat</b> | <b>Width at Measurement Point (Point 2)</b> |
| C1x   | 0.75 m                         | 0.19 m   | 0.55 m                                      |
| C2x   | 1.0 m                          | 0.23 m   | 0.70 m                                      |
| C4+, C4x+   | 1.3 m                          | 0.30 m   | 0.90 m                                      |
| b) In Coastal Rowing Boats, all rowers must be seated in line over the axis of the boat and all coxed boats shall be designed so that the coxswain is required to sit upright to the stern of the rowers. |                                |  |   |

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| <p>c) In addition to the flotation requirements referred to in Bye-Law to Rule 28 (appendix R2) of World Rowing Rules of Racing and in the “Minimum Guidelines for the Safe Practice of Rowing”, Coastal Rowing Boats should be constructed with three (3) watertight compartments. These compartments may have watertight hatches or ports for access to these areas.</p> <p>d) Coastal Rowing Boats must be designed and constructed so that the hulls are self-bailing; self-bailing shall mean that water in the boat will automatically be removed through hull bailers by the forward movement of the boat, or by a cockpit floor properly pitched aft to an open transom or similar design provision.</p> |  |
| <p>e) Any ballast or supplementary weights must be fixed securely to the structure of the boat;</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RC 10. – Boat Numbers and Crew Identification Numbers</b></p>  |  |
| <p>1) <u>Coastal Rowing Endurance Regattas</u></p>   |  |

a) Boat Numbers

- i) All boats participating in an international Coastal Rowing Endurance regatta must be registered with the organising committee before going on the water, whether for training or racing, and shall be allocated a boat number.
- ii) Registration is the responsibility of the member federation or the club in whose name the crew is entered, and the crew concerned. Any crew failing to register their boat in accordance with these Rules and Bye-laws or failing to properly display the boat number at all times at a regatta may be sanctioned.
- iii) The individual numbers and/or letters making up the boat number on the boat shall each be a minimum of 20 cm high and shall be in contrasting colour to the background.
- iv) Each crew is responsible to ensure that its boat has the allocated boat number displayed on both sides of the bow for the purpose of identification and safety.
- v) At World Rowing Coastal Endurance regattas, the boat number shall be allocated by the organizing committee and shall be displayed on both sides of the boat at the following distance from the bow:

|             | C1x      | C2x       | C4x+      |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Boat number | 15-80 cm | 15-110 cm | 15-110 cm |

b) Crew Identification Numbers

- i) At International Coastal Endurance regattas each competing crew shall display during each race a crew identification number on the boat in which they are racing in addition to the boat number.
- ii) At a World Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships all crews are required to display a crew identification number showing the member federation code and the crew ranking as provided by the member federation [example: FRA09].
- iii) The individual numbers and/or letters making up the crew identification number on the boat shall each be a minimum of 10 cm high. They shall be in contrasting colour to the background shall be displayed in the following manner. Either:

(a) On both sides of the boat, positioned as follows as measured from the bow:

|         | C1x       | C2x        | C4x+       |
|---------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Crew ID | 80-150 cm | 110-210 cm | 110-210 cm |

(b) On the bow deck in a vertical plane so that it can be viewed from both sides of the boat and placed close to the area occupied by the rowers.

- iv) For races with beach finishes which require one crew members to disembark from the boat and run to the finish line each runner crossing the finish line must clearly display their crew number on their person in a manner visible to the finish judges.

2. Beach Rowing Sprint Regattas

For Beach Rowing Sprint regattas, there is no requirement for boat numbers and crew identification numbers. However, the organizing committee is responsible to apply discreet identification marks to each boat to ensure the correct identification and allocation of boats to lanes.

**Bye-law to Rule RC 13. – Regatta Roles**

The roles and responsibilities of organising committee and World Rowing and relevant officials for International Coastal Rowing regattas and World Rowing Coastal Events in Endurance and Beach Sprint formats are as follows:

1. The Organising Committee -

The organising committee shall take all steps required to ensure the proper organisation of the regatta in accordance with these Rules and Bye-laws. In particular, the organising committee shall –

- a) appoint a Race Director
- b) appoint a Safety Officer
- c) appoint a Regatta Medical Officer who is a medical doctor

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) appoint a Safeguarding Officer</li> <li>e) appoint a Sustainability Officer</li> </ul> <p>arrange adequate insurance for third party liability, loss or damage to property and equipment and any other insurance cover required by law.</p>   |  |
| <p>2. Race Director</p>   |  |
| <p>The organising committee shall appoint a Race Director who shall have substantial local knowledge of the venue and the wind and water conditions which are likely to be experienced during racing and their possible impact on safety of the course and of competitors and shall have the following responsibilities:</p>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Race Director shall be responsible for all communications with the local maritime authority and shall ensure that all safety requirements, including rescue services, are in place before the start of races and that all local maritime rules and regulations are met.</li> <li>b) The Race Director shall be a member of the Race Committee and shall participate in any decisions in the case of adverse weather conditions. In any case where the Race Director and the President of the Jury are not in agreement on an issue regarding safety, the decision of the President of the Jury shall prevail.</li> <li>c) At an International Coastal Rowing regatta, the Race Director may also fill the role of the OC Safety Officer.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p>3. World Rowing Roles –</p>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For International Coastal regattas the Executive Committee may appoint Technical Delegate(s).</li> <li>b) For World Rowing Coastal Events in both Endurance and Beach Sprint formats, the Executive Committee shall appoint the following officials to represent World Rowing – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Technical Delegate(s)</li> <li>ii) President of the Jury</li> <li>iii) Principal Race Officer</li> <li>iv) World Rowing Doctor</li> <li>v) Safeguarding Officer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |  |
| <p>2. Technical Delegates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Technical Delegate (TD) should have expertise in Coastal Rowing and events, especially the areas of the infrastructure, equipment, FOP and venue layout, course installation and layout.</li> <li>b) The TD should be familiar with the Rules of Racing for Coastal Rowing.</li> <li>c) Prior to and during racing the TD will work with the organising committee and Race Director to ensure that the venue and infrastructure support the competition.</li> </ul>   |  |

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| d) The TD shall be responsible to liaise with the Timing & Data Provider to ensure all their services are provided as required.  |  |
| <b>3. President of the Jury</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The President of the Jury shall allot duties to each member of the Jury and shall supervise their activities. They shall take the chair at meetings of the Jury and ensure proper co-ordination with the organising committee.</li> <li>b) In the case of unsafe conditions, the President of the Jury is empowered to take any necessary decisions and communicate any required changes to the Starter and the Umpires on the course. If time allows, the President of the Jury shall convene the Race Committee which shall take such decisions consult the Principal Race Officer and the Race Director before taking such decisions.</li> <li>c) The President of the Jury shall ensure proper co-ordination between the Jury and the organising committee and other race officials as required.</li> <li>d) The President of the Jury shall appoint and chair the Board of the Jury.</li> <li>e) For International regattas the President of the Jury shall be appointed by the organising committee.</li> <li>f) For World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas the President of the Jury shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>4. Principal Race Officer</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A Principal Race Officer (PRO) shall be appointed by World Rowing for World Rowing Events in Endurance and Beach Sprint formats.</li> <li>b) The Principal Race Officer shall have substantial expertise in the coastal rowing format of the event for which they are appointed, especially coastal maritime and sea and surf conditions.</li> <li>c) In preparation for the event the PRO shall be consulted on the location and layout of the venue and racing course.</li> <li>d) During racing the PRO shall monitor the race conditions including the weather and water conditions and their impact on the course and on racing and shall communicate closely with the President of Jury, the Race Director and the Technical Delegate on any decisions to be made in this respect, whether via the Race Committee or otherwise.</li> </ul>   | New position of a Principal Race Officer for WR Coastal Events                         |
| <b>5. The Race Committee</b>   |  |
| At a World Rowing Coastal Event, the President of the Jury, the Technical Delegate, the Principal Race Officer and the Race Director shall be the members of the Race Committee. The Race Committee shall make decisions in case of weather and water conditions affecting the racing or the race course as provided in these Rules.   | Race Committee at WR Events to take decisions arising from adverse weather conditions. |
| <b>Bye-law to Rule RC14 – Identifications, Commercial Publicity, Sponsorship, Advertising</b>  |  |
| 1) Identification on the racing shirt or equivalent  |  |
| a) Each crew member shall display on their racing shirt or equivalent their three-letter member federation code and their family name (in Romanised text) centered on the torso of the rower with the family name above the federation code in the following manner and format:  | Swap i) and ii) around for more logical sequence.                                      |

| Racing Shirt  | Font       | Height     | Width (Maximum) | Case      |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|---|-----|-----|------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FRONT:<br>Family name   | Arial      | 50 mm      | 150 mm          | Uppercase |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
| FRONT:<br>Country code  | Arial      | 50 mm      | 100 mm          | Uppercase |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
| BACK:<br>Country code   | Arial      | 100 mm     |                 | Uppercase |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
| <p>b) For World Rowing Coastal Endurance and Beach Sprint Championships and other designated World Rowing Coastal events (World Rowing Coastal Events), World Rowing may require rowers to wear special clothing with the designated World Rowing Identifications. This may take the form of a specially made T-shirt or bib, to be provided by World Rowing, which shall be worn under or over the rowers' racing shirt as required. For this purpose, for all World Rowing Coastal Events, the racing shirt shall be the "singlet" or "sleeveless-shirt" style.</p>   |            |            |                 |           | Swap i) and ii) around for more logical sequence. |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
| 2) Identifications on the boat  |            |            |                 |           |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
| <p>a) In addition to the provisions of Rule RC 10, the following general provisions shall apply:</p> <p>i) Member federation or club sponsor identifications may appear on the boat as specified in Section 18(d) below, except in those areas reserved for the boat number and crew identification number (in the case of Endurance format) and the World Rowing/organizing committee identifications and manufacturer's symbol.</p> <p>ii) Pool boats —Crews using boats provided by the organizing committee ("pool boats") will not have the right to place any advertising or identifications on the boat.</p> |            |            |                 |           |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
| <p>b) For World Rowing Coastal Events, the following Identifications shall be positioned on each side of the boat as measured from the bow of the boat</p> <p>i)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>C1x</th> <th>C2x</th> <th>C4x+</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Manufacturer symbol</td> <td>0-15 cm</td> <td>0-15 cm</td> <td>0-15 cm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>World Rowing/OC sponsor</td> <td>155-255 cm</td> <td>215-315 cm</td> <td>215-335 cm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  |            |            |                 |           |   | C1x | C2x | C4x+ | Manufacturer symbol | 0-15 cm | 0-15 cm | 0-15 cm | World Rowing/OC sponsor | 155-255 cm | 215-315 cm | 215-335 cm |
|   | C1x        | C2x        | C4x+            |           |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
| Manufacturer symbol   | 0-15 cm    | 0-15 cm    | 0-15 cm         |           |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |
| World Rowing/OC sponsor   | 155-255 cm | 215-315 cm | 215-335 cm      |           |   |     |     |      |                     |         |         |         |                         |            |            |            |

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| ii) The total area (cm <sup>2</sup> ) and length (cm) allowed on each side of the boat for the Manufacturer symbol and World Rowing/organising committee sponsor Identifications are:  |                      |                      |                      |
|  | C1x                  | C2x                  | C4x+                 |
| Manufacturer symbol  | 50 cm <sup>2</sup>   | 50 cm <sup>2</sup>   | 50 cm <sup>2</sup>   |
| World Rowing/OC sponsor  | 1200 cm <sup>2</sup> | 1200 cm <sup>2</sup> | 1600 cm <sup>2</sup> |
|  | 80 cm                | 80 cm                | 100 cm               |
| c) For the World Rowing Coastal Events, the World Rowing/organising committee area is reserved for use by World Rowing under these Bye-laws. When this space is not being used by World Rowing it may be used by the organising committee, but only with the specific prior agreement of World Rowing.   |                      |                      |                      |
| d) For International Coastal Rowing regattas, the World Rowing/organising committee space is reserved for the organising committee or its sponsor.   |                      |                      |                      |
| e) In addition to the symbol of the Manufacturer, the Identification of the Manufacturer may appear once on each side of the boat, except in those areas otherwise reserved as detailed in this Bye-law. Each Manufacturer Identification may be no more than 100 sq cm in area.   |                      |                      |                      |
| 3) Identifications on Boat Numbers   |                      |                      |                      |
| a) For International Coastal Rowing Endurance regattas, the identification of an organising committee sponsor may appear once either above or below the boat number and the lettering may be no more than 10 cm in height.   |                      |                      |                      |
| b) For World Rowing Coastal Endurance Events, the Identification of a World Rowing sponsor may appear once either above or below the boat number and the lettering may be no more than 10 cm in height.  |                      |                      |                      |
| 4) Sculling Oars and Sweep Oars  |                      |                      |                      |
| a) Pool Oars – At the World Rowing Coastal Endurance and Beach Sprint Championships and other designated World Rowing Coastal Events, crews using sculling or sweep oars provided by the organising committee (“pool oars”) will not have the right to use the advertising space on the oars allotted to member federations or clubs. This right will be retained by the organising committee. |                      |                      |                      |
| b) Blade Colours – Only the member federation colours as registered with World Rowing, the Club colours as registered with the member federations or ‘pool oar’ colour as adopted for this purpose by the organising committee may appear on the blades.   |                      |                      |                      |
| 5) Other Identifications – Other than the Identifications in this Bye-law, the only other Identifications allowed shall be those described in World Rowing Rules of Racing Appendix R6 - Bye-Law to Rule 38 – Commercial Publicity, Sponsorship, Advertising and Identifications.  |                      |                      |                      |

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| <b>Bye-law to Rule RC 17 – Withdrawals and Crew Changes</b>   |  |
| 1. Withdrawals  |  |
| a) A club or member federation wishing to withdraw from an event which it has entered shall give notice in writing of the withdrawal at least one hour before the Team Captains or Team Managers Meeting for international Coastal regattas and at least 3 hours before the Draw for World Rowing Events in both Endurance and Beach Sprint formats. A withdrawal once made is irrevocable.   |  |
| a) In World Rowing Coastal Championship regattas, in the case of withdrawals made after the deadline of 3 hours before the Draw, the member federation concerned will be fined as follows (or equivalent), per withdrawal:<br>i) Endurance Championships – EUR100;<br>ii) Beach Rowing Sprint Championships – EUR500<br>However, where a crew withdraws for medical or safety reasons acceptable to World Rowing there shall be no financial sanction for the withdrawal of that crew.  |  |
| 2. Crew Changes before the Draw   |  |
| a) Before the Draw, crews may substitute up to one half the number of rowers for any reason (as well as the coxswain) in any crews entered by them, provided that the replacement rowers are members of the same club (or in the case of composite crews of one of the clubs concerned) or in the case of national team crews, the replacement rower shall be of the same member federation. Any substitution must be notified in writing as follows:<br>i) International Coastal regattas - to the organising committee at least one hour before the Draw;<br>ii) World Rowing Championships – to World Rowing at least three hours before the Draw. |  |
| b) Single scullers – A single sculler who has entered and falls ill or is injured after the entry deadline may be replaced before the Draw by a rower from the same Club (in case of a Club crew) or member federation, subject to a medical certificate being produced. At a World Championships regatta, such change must be approved by the World Rowing Doctor. No substitution shall be allowed for a single sculler after the Draw or who has already raced in the heat of their event.   |  |
| 3. Crew Changes after the Draw  |  |
| a) No substitution of rowers may be made in a crew after the Draw or 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 provided and –<br>i) at an International regatta, the crew change must be approved by the organising committee.<br>ii) at a World Rowing Coastal Event, such change must be approved by the World Rowing Doctor, who shall first examine the rower concerned.   |  |

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| <p>b) Any replacement rower must be a member of the same club, and in the case of national team, of the same member federation. A rower, once replaced, shall not return to the crew even if restored to health.</p> <p>c) In Beach Rowing Sprint regattas, no crew changes will be permitted during the rounds of Final 8 (see Rule RCB 15) for any reason.</p> | <p>No crew change during rounds of Final Eight</p> |
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| <p><b>BYE-LAWS TO SECTION II - RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL COASTAL ENDURANCE REGATTAS (RCE)</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCE 6 - World Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships Event Programme</b></p>   |  |
| <p>World Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships are held in the following events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Men (M) C1x, C2x, C4x+</li> <li>2) Women (W) C1x, C2x, C4x+</li> <li>3) Mixed (Mix) C2x</li> </ol> <p>World Rowing may add other events and shall publish any additional events in the Competition Notice.</p>                   |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCE 7 - Race Course Characteristics for International Coastal Endurance Regattas</b></p>   |  |

## 1) The Race Course

- a) The race course for International Coastal Rowing regattas shall provide, as far as possible, fair and equal racing conditions for all crews. This shall require sufficient width of the start line to allow all the crews in each race to start at the same time.
- b) Wherever possible, the organising committee shall design the course so that the action of the race and competing boats can be seen by spectators on shore.
- c) In designing the course, the organising committee shall take advantage of wind and wave direction, coastal features and beaches. This may include beach starts and/or finishes.
- e) The length of course shall be as provided in Rule RCE 8.
- f) The course may be straight, rectangular, triangular or point to point or of such other shape as may be suited to the location.
- g) For safety purposes the layout of the course shall not allow boats to be travelling in opposite directions in the same water.
- h) The course may be covered more than once. In principle there should be no turning marker closer than one kilometre (1 km) from the start if the required angle of the turn at that marker is greater than 45 degrees.
- i) Where an event has separate preliminary heats, the courses used for the respective heats may be different from one heat to the next but must be of the same racing distance and the racing conditions of each course on the day must be similar.

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| <p>2) Course Markers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A plan of the course(s) showing the location of all course markers together with their description and their GPS position must be included in the Competition Notice and also in the instructions issued to all crews upon arrival at the regatta. The plan shall also be displayed at the Control Commission.</li> <li>b) For safety purposes, wherever buoys are used to mark the turning points, the organising committee shall, wherever possible, use inflatable marker-type buoys rather than existing solid moorage buoys and beacons.</li> <li>c) The organising committee shall take all necessary precautions in setting out the course markers and the course to avoid any risks of boats grounding in shallow waters, including by clearly marking such areas and placing warning buoys in the appropriate locations.</li> <li>d) Key Turning Marker - A key turning marker is a point of increased risk of severe interference between crews due to factors such as, for example but not limited to, the angle of the turn and/or its proximity to the start. For World Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships decisions on which markers shall be key turning markers shall be made in consultation with the President of the Jury and the Principal Race Officer as a part of the preparation of the event and the approval of the course layout by World Rowing.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p>3) Start and Finish Lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Floating Start and Finish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Start line and Finish line shall be visually marked by the alignment of two landmarks or buoys.</li> <li>ii) The orientation of the Start and Finish lines shall in principle be perpendicular to the route to be taken to or from the next or previous turning point respectively.</li> <li>iii) For all races, except time trial format where crews start one after the other and the result is based on the elapsed time of each crew to complete the course, the Start line shall be wide enough to allow all boats in the race to align and start at the same time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Beach Start - The boats shall be aligned along the water's edge.</li> <li>c) Beach Finish - The Finish line shall be a line, a flag or a button situated at a designated point on the beach and a crew shall have finished the race when a member of the crew has crossed the line, touched the flag or pressed a button as required. The type of finish to be used shall be set out in the Competition Notice.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCE10 – Duties of the Jury at Coastal Rowing Endurance Regattas</b></p>  |  |
| <p>1) Control Commission</p>   |  |
| <p>In addition to its other duties, the Control Commission at Coastal Rowing Endurance events shall check the correct display of Boat Numbers and Crew Identification Numbers and that the racing uniforms worn by crew members are correct. The Control Commission will register the crews when they go onto the water and when the each crew returns from the water.</p>   |  |
| <p>2) The Starter and the Judge at the Start</p>   |  |

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| <p>The Starter and the Judge at the Start shall ensure that the correct starting procedure is followed. There shall be no Aligner. Except for a beach start, the Judge at the Start shall not be obliged to give instructions to any crew on their alignment at the Start. It is wholly the responsibility of the crews to not be on the course side of the start line at the time the start signal is given.</p>   |  |
| <p>3) The Umpire</p>  |  |
| <p>a) The President of the Jury, in consultation with the Race Director, shall decide the number of Umpires to supervise each race. Where there is more than one Umpire, the Umpires shall have equal status in their areas of responsibility.</p> <p>b) The Umpire shall ensure the proper conduct of the race and the safety of the rowers. In particular, they shall observe whether any crew gains any advantage or suffers any disadvantage from its opponents or from external factors and may impose appropriate penalties on crews at fault. The Umpire shall not give any steering indications to crews. Nevertheless, without prejudice to the responsibility of crews for their own steering and avoidance of interference with other crews in accordance with these Rules, the Umpire shall endeavour to ensure that accidents are avoided.</p> <p>c) All active umpire boats shall carry an identification flag or marker to distinguish them from other water craft.</p> <p>d) If necessary, the Umpire may impose penalties during the race. They may also stop the race, impose any necessary penalties and order the race to be re-started, either from the start or from some other point either immediately or later. In the latter case, they shall decide on the new starting time in consultation with the President of the Jury and shall inform the crews concerned. The Umpire may also allow the race to continue and exclude a crew or crews after the race has finished.</p> <p>e) Where the Umpire considers that an impediment affecting a crew or crews has not affected the result of the race, or that the effect of the impediment was not significant or is not an infringement under these Rules and Bye-laws, they may decline to take any action or may take such action as they see fit in the circumstances.</p> <p>f) If a crew is to be awarded a sanction of a penalty loop, penalty turn or a Time Penalty to be served in a penalty box, the Umpire shall immediately inform the Penalty Umpire.</p> | <p>This wording moved to here from final paragraph below.</p> <p>Move this wording to iv) above.</p> |
| <p>4) Key Turning Mark Umpire</p>   |  |
| <p>The Key Turning Mark Umpire(s) shall monitor the crews at the designated key turning marks. They shall determine if there is any interference or severe collision between crews and shall decide the appropriate sanction to be awarded to any crew at fault or may decide that no sanction be awarded. When awarding a sanction they shall immediately inform the Penalty Umpire of any Time Penalty awarded.</p>   |  |
| <p>5) Penalty Umpire</p>  |  |
| <p>The Penalty Umpire shall undertake the duties set out in Rule RCE23 and its Bye-laws.</p>  |  |
| <p>6) Judges at the Finish</p>  |  |

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| <p>a) The Judges at the Finish shall, in the case of a water finish, determine the order in which the bows of the boats reach the finish line or, in the case of a beach finish, the order in which the runners from each crew complete the action which marks the finish of their race.</p> <p>b) They shall ascertain that the race was in order. They shall be responsible for validating the results.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCE 12 – World Rowing Coastal Endurance Progression System</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>Insert Progression System</b></p>   |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCE 14 – Adverse Weather Conditions</b></p>   |  |

In case of adverse weather or water conditions or the forecast of such conditions, any decisions shall be taken in accordance with this Bye-law.

- 1) At International Coastal Endurance regattas, the President of the Jury and the Race Director shall take all decisions on any delay, postponement or cancellation of races, or of changes to the course or any other necessary decisions, resulting from adverse weather conditions or other matters relating to the safety of rowers and officials on the water or the fairness of the course and completion of the competition. This may include reducing the maximum number of boats in races.
- 2) At World Rowing Coastal Events,
  - a) decisions on any delay or postponement of races, changes to the course or reduction in the maximum number of boats in each race shall be taken by the Race Committee.
  - b) The Executive Committee or its delegate shall take decisions if, because of adverse weather conditions or the time remaining to complete the regatta or for any other reason, it is required to cancel any races or cancel the regatta.
- 3) If the number of boats in a race is reduced under this Rule,
  - a) the Race Committee President of the Jury may use the ranking in the preliminary heats to determine which crews, up to the designated number, should proceed to the next rounds. In this case, the highest ranked crews in the previous rounds shall progress with equal numbers of crews from each of those heats, or,
  - b) if there has been no previous rounds, the crew ranking issued by the member federation shall be used;
  - c) If the crew ranking is used under b) above, at least one crew from each club or member federation of the same MF ranking shall be allocated a place in the round affected;
  - d) If the number of boats allowed in the round cannot accommodate the requirements of c) above, then a further solution must be applied. This might include running more than one race in the same round of the event with the final rankings being based on the time taken by each crew in both or all such races. If this option is used, the races concerned should be scheduled as close together as is safely possible to find the most equal conditions. The allocation of crews to races in this case shall be made by random draw.

**Bye-law to RCE Rule 16. The Starting Procedure For International Coastal Endurance Regattas**

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| <p>1) The Floating Start</p> <p>a) i) Each boat shall be at liberty to find its own position on the Start line but it is the responsibility of each crew to ensure that it does not interfere with other boats. Where such interference occurs or is going to occur, each crew must take appropriate avoiding action, but shall follow the instruction of the Starter or Umpire whenever such instructions are given.</p> <p>ii) The Starter may be assisted by other umpires under the authority of the Starter. The position of the Starter shall in principle be approximately 50 -100 meters behind the centre line of the Start and shall be such that the Starter has a clear view of all boats and the starting signals are clearly visible to all crews on the Start line.</p> <p>iii) There shall be a Judge at the Start who shall be positioned exactly on the line of the Start in a position to clearly see all boats on the Start line.</p> <p>iv) The Judge at the Start shall be responsible to identify any boats which are on the course-side of the Start Line at the time the start signal is given (a false start) and shall make a decision in accordance with Rule RCE 17. They shall immediately notify the Starter and Umpires of their decision in this regard.</p> |  |
| <p>b) The starting procedure for floating start shall be as follows:</p>  |  |
| <p>i) It shall be the responsibility of each crew to ensure that no part of their boat is on the course-side of the Start Line at the time the start signal is given. The Judge at the Start shall not give any instructions to crews in this regard prior to the start signal being given.</p> <p>ii) Crews in the Start area shall at all times immediately follow the instructions of the Starter or Umpire. Any crew not following such instructions may be sanctioned.</p> <p>iii) After giving the 3-minute, 2-minute and 1-minute signals respectively as provided in this Bye-law, the Starter may start the race at the given time without reference to the position of any crew.</p>  |  |
| <p>iv) At precisely three minutes before the start, the Starter shall simultaneously:</p> <p>(1) Hoist three balls in the air - each ball shall be red with a white cross, shall be not smaller than 50cm in diameter and shall be clearly visible from the Start line; and</p> <p>(2) Sound 3 clear, short blasts on the horn.</p>   |  |
| <p>v) All boats shall remain within the vicinity of the Start line. At the expiry of the 3 minutes the Start can be given even if some boats have not reached the start position.</p>   |  |
| <p>vi) Each crew shall be responsible to be aware of the time remaining before the start. It is the responsibility of crews to be close to the Start line at the start time of the race and not to cause a false start.</p>   |  |

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| vii) There will be no instructions given to crews concerning alignment unless the Judge at the Start considers that too many boats are over the Start line and that the race cannot be started in a safe or fair manner.  |  |
| viii) At precisely two minutes before the start time, the Starter shall simultaneously:<br><br>(1) Drop one of the three raised balls; and<br>(2) Sound two clear, short blasts on the horn.  |  |
| ix) At precisely one minute before the start, the Starter shall simultaneously:<br><br>(1) Drop one of the two remaining balls; and<br>(2) Sound one clear, short blast on the horn.  |  |
| x) At the Start time, the Starter shall give the signal to start by simultaneously:<br><br>(1) Dropping the one remaining ball; and<br>(2) Sounding one long, distinct blast on the horn.   |  |
| xi) The final ball should be lowered exactly 3 minutes after the beginning of the starting sequence. The official start of the race will be the instant the final ball starts to be lowered.  |  |
| Summary table of starting sequence (Floating Start) <b>INSERT TABLE</b>   |  |
| xii) If the Judge at the Start notifies the Starter that many crews are on the course-side of the Start line at the designated start time, or if many crews are late to the Start through reasons beyond their control, it is the sole responsibility of the Starter to decide whether to delay the Start. Alternatively, the Starter may start the race on time and if appropriate may award sanctions as provided in these Rules and, Bye-Laws. |  |
| 2) The Beach Start  |  |
| a) All boats shall be lined up on the beach near the water's edge. If the starting position of boats has been pre-determined under Rule RCE 13, the boats shall be lined up in those positions.   |  |

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| <p>b) Boat Handlers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) There shall be up to two boat handlers per boat. In adverse weather or rough water conditions the President of the Jury may allow or may require the number of boat handlers per boat to be increased.</li> <li>ii) Where there are two or more boat handlers, there must be at least one boat handler who is a man and one boat handler who is a woman.</li> <li>iii) The boat handlers shall, in principle, be provided by the teams and are recognised as official support crew.</li> <li>iv) The role of the boat handler is to support the departure and arrival of the crew from and to the beach by handling the boat to reduce the risk of damage or injury.</li> <li>v) The boat handlers for each crew shall wear matched uniforms or bibs that comply with the Rules in respect of Identifications, and are clearly distinguishable from the crew.</li> <li>vi) The boat handlers will support the crews in holding the best pointing for the boat for the crew members to board and depart and may assist the crew in any other way, including rudder fixing, etc.. The boat handlers must not board the boat or move in to any position where the typical water surface is above their shoulders when standing on the sea bed.</li> <li>vii) The boat handlers may assist the crew by giving verbal and visual steering assistance to the crews. However, it is prohibited to use any electric, electronic or other device to give verbal or audio instructions; and no technical or artificial visual aids may be used other than the uniform clothing worn by the boat handlers.</li> <li>viii) In the case of a beach finish, when the boat returns to the beach the boat handlers who may be team members or volunteers provided by the organizing committee may “catch” the boat to slow its progress and a crew member disembarks to run to the finish line.</li> <li>ix) After the crew member disembarks to run, the boat handlers are responsible for the swift removal of the boat to ensure it does not obstruct later arriving crews. When waiting for the arrival of boats and when removing a boat, boat handlers shall ensure that they do not obstruct other crews or runners in any way. When the runner exits the water, boat handlers shall stay with the boat and not run with the crew member to the finish line.</li> <li>x) The boat handlers shall comply with any instructions of the race officials and shall at all times be subject to the Rules of Racing.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p>c) When the Starter directs the crews to put their boats on the water (at 3 h) (iii) below), they shall hold their boats floating approximately 8m apart at the water’s edge. During a Beach Start, all crew members shall stand in the water next to their boats and shall not start to board their boat or have any part of any rower’s torso or legs in or on the boat before the start signal has been given.</p>   |  |
| <p>d) The Starter shall then order the crews to get ready and bring their boats into line. The Judge at the Start shall be the sole judge of whether the boats are in line.</p>  |  |

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| <p>e) It is the responsibility of each crew to ensure that it does not interfere with other boats. Where such interference occurs or is going to occur, each crew must take appropriate avoiding action, but shall follow the instruction of the Starter or Umpire whenever such instructions are given. A crew causing interference to another crew may be sanctioned by the Starter or the Umpire.</p>   |  |
| <p>f) The Starter may be assisted by other umpires under the authority of the Starter. The position of the Starter shall be such that they have a clear view of all boats and the starting signals are clearly visible to all rowers <u>at</u> the Start.</p> <p>g) There shall be a Judge at the Start who shall be positioned in such location as to be able to properly carry out their responsibilities. The President of the Jury may allocate additional Judges at the Start for this purpose. The Judge at the Start shall be responsible to identify any crew whose member(s) start to board their boat before the start signal is given.</p> <p>h) The Starter shall inform the crews when there is five minutes, four minutes and three minutes remaining before the start time.</p> <p>i) The starting procedure for a beach start shall be as follows:</p> |  |
| <p>i) Crews must be at their start positions and under the control of the Starter <u>at</u> the latest two minutes before the starting time of their race.</p>   |  |
| <p>ii) The Starter may sanction a crew which is not at their start position two minutes before the scheduled start time and may start the race without reference to absentees.</p>   |  |
| <p>iii) When there is two minutes to the start, the Starter shall announce "TWO MINUTES!" Any time thereafter the Starter will ask the crews to place their boats on the water, by announcing "PUT THE BOATS ON THE WATER!". Once the order to put the boats on the water is given, the crews are under Starter's orders and the Starter may start the race at any time.</p>   |  |
| <p>iv) At the Start time, the Starter shall be clearly visible to crews. The Starter shall say "ATTENTION!" and after a clear pause shall then raise the red flag. After a further pause, the Starter shall give the start signal by dropping the red flag quickly to one side and simultaneously sounding a horn in one long distinct blast.</p> <p>v) The official start of the race will be the moment the flag starts to drop.</p>   |  |
| <p>3) Delays of Start<br/>Where the start of any specific boat category is delayed for any reason, the Starter shall inform that boat category or categories of the delay. Where the whole race is to be delayed:</p> <p>a) In the case of a floating <u>start</u> - the Starter shall lower all signals and begin the 3 minutes countdown process again in accordance with the new Start time after announcing this to the waiting crews.</p> <p>b) In the case of a beach start – after ensuring that the crews are in position and ready, the Starter shall proceed with the Start process in accordance with the new Start time. Where such delay is</p>   |  |

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| <p>less than two minutes and boats have already been moved to the water, the Starter is not required to say again “Two minutes!” but may proceed with the Start by announcing “Attention!” and raising the red flag, and then, after a clear pause, giving the Start signal.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCE 23. Completion of Time Penalties.</b></p>   |   |
| <p>The requirements to complete Time Penalties and the role of the Penalty Umpire are as follows:</p>   |   |
| <p>1) Water Finish – Penalty Box</p>  |   |
| <p>a) In the case of a Water Finish, an on-water Penalty Box will be established for crews to serve a Time Penalty.</p>   | <p>Penalty Box is only option. Eliminate penalty loops and penalty turns.</p> |
| <p>i) When the Time Penalty is to be served in an on-water Penalty Box, an area outside of the line of racing between the last buoy and the finish line will be designated and demarcated as the Penalty Box.</p> <p>ii) The Penalty Umpire will notify a crew which has been awarded a penalty(s) of the penalty(s) and the time required to be served for the penalty(s) by announcing (for example) “Crew (name), Penalty Box, 1 minute!”.</p> <p>iii) The crew will enter the designated Penalty Box area. The crew will stop rowing and hold their boat inside the Penalty Box for the required time. The Penalty Umpire shall time the crew from the time the whole boat is inside the Penalty Box.</p> <p>iv) As soon as the crew has served the required time in the Penalty Box the Penalty Umpire will announce “CREW (name), GO!” at which time the crew may start rowing and finish the race.</p> |   |
| <p>b) When a crew that has been awarded a Time Penalty reaches the Penalty Umpire, the Penalty Umpire will announce to the crew the name of the crew and the time it is required to serve in the Penalty Box. The name of the crew and the required time will also be shown on a board which shall be visible to the crew.</p>  |   |
| <p>c) In principle the Penalty Umpire shall record the real time at which the crew first passes the Penalty Umpire and the time when the crew returns to the course after having completed the required time in the Penalty Box.</p>  |   |
| <p>d) A crew completing the requirements for a Time Penalty shall give way to other crews and cause no interference when returning to the course.</p>   |   |
| <p>2) Beach Finish - Penalty Box</p>  |   |
| <p>a) In the case of a beach finish, a Penalty Box will be established on the beach between the designated points for the Runners to disembark from their boats and the Finish line.</p>  |   |

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| <p>b) After the Runner from the sanctioned crew disembarks from the boat, the Penalty Umpire will inform the Runner that the crew has been awarded a Time Penalty and the total time to be served in the Penalty Box by announcing (for example) "Crew (name), Penalty Box, 1 minute!". The crew name and the time to be spent in the Penalty Box shall also be displayed on a board which shall be visible to the Runner of the sanctioned crew.</p>  |   |
| <p>c) The Runner shall enter the Penalty Box. The Penalty Umpire will begin timing the penalty time when the runner has entered the Penalty Box.</p>   |   |
| <p>d) After the Runner has been in the Penalty Box for the required time, the Penalty Umpire will announce "Crew (name), GO!" at which time the Runner may complete the race by running to the Finish line.</p>  |   |
| <p>3) In addition to informing the Penalty Umpire that a Time Penalty has been awarded, the Umpire will, if possible, notify the crew at the time that a Time Penalty has been awarded by announcing to the crew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat Number and Crew name;</li> <li>• Reason for Time Penalty;</li> <li>• The action required</li> </ul> <p>(Example - "<b>Boat A50 - Australia! Interference! Penalty Box!</b>").</p> <p>A failure by the Umpire awarding the Time Penalty to notify the crew of the Time Penalty at the time it is awarded in accordance with this provision, or a failure of the crew to hear that notification shall not provide a basis for objection, protest or appeal in relation to that Time Penalty providing that the Penalty Umpire is informed and duly notifies the crew when they reach the area where the Time Penalty is to be taken.</p> |   |
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| <b>BYE-LAWS TO PART III - RULES FOR BEACH ROWING SPRINT REGATTAS (RCB)</b>   |   |
| <b>Bye-law to Rule RCB</b>   |   |
| <p>World Rowing Beach Sprint Championships are held in the following events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Men (M) 1x</li> <li>2) Women (W) 1x</li> <li>3) Mixed (Mix) 2x, 4x+</li> <li>4) Under 19 Men (JM) 1x, 2x</li> <li>5) Under 19 Women (JW) 1x, 2x</li> <li>6) Under 19 Mixed (JMIX) 2x</li> <li>7) Inclusion Mix 2x*</li> </ol> <p>(*An Inclusion Mix 2x crew shall comprise one rower who can row in a woman's event and one man. Only one rower shall be a para rower and they shall be classified as PR3 PI.)</p> <p>World Rowing may add other events and shall publish any additional events in the Competition Notice.</p>  | <p>PR3 Mix 2x Inclusion event with 1 PR3 PI rower and 1 able-body rower</p> |

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| <b>Bye-law to Rule RCB 6. – Race Course</b>   |  |
| <p>1) General principles –<br/> The race course for Beach Rowing Sprint regattas shall meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The race area should be located on an evenly-shelving sandy beach free of rocks or other obstructions which might damage boats in the beach start and beach finish.</li> <li>b) The start area shall be of sufficient width to allow the crews in each race to start without interference from other crews.</li> <li>c) The start line, finish line, turning flags and buoys shall be set to provide the same distance across all lanes for both the running and rowing sections of the course.</li> </ul> <p>2) The course -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The course shall comprise, in this order, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) a start land run section– the first section of the course shall be a straight line from a point on the beach (the Start/Finish line) to the water edge, a distance of between approximately 10 m and 50 m.</li> <li>ii) a water row section– the second section of the course shall comprise, for each lane, a series of three lane buoys in each racing lane, the first buoy positioned approximately 85 m from the water edge, the second buoy a further 85 m out and the third buoy a further 80 m out, all in a straight line. The number of lanes so provided shall depend on the nature of the event, but in general shall be a minimum of two lanes and up to four lanes. (See Rule RCB 9)</li> <li>iii) a finish land run section - the third section of the course shall be approximately between 10 m and 50 m distance on land from the water edge back to the Start/Finish line.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) The distances stated here shall be a general guide but will depend on local conditions. In particular, the first buoy should be positioned slightly beyond, and clear of, any wave break.</li> </ul> |  |
| <u>Add Course Diagrams here</u>   |  |
| 3) Course Markers   |  |
| a) A plan of the course showing the location of all course markers shall be included in the Competition Notice and also in the information issued to all crews upon arrival at the event. The plan shall also be displayed at the Control Commission;   |  |
| b) For safety and visibility purposes, the buoys used to mark the turning points should be inflatable or other soft-surface type which will not cause damage to boats and equipment and shall each be approximately 150 cm high. The first two buoys from the beach in each lane shall be approximately 30 cm diameter and the farthest turning buoy shall be between 50 cm and 100 cm diameter.  |  |
| c) The organising committee shall take all necessary precautions in setting out the course markers and the course to avoid any risks of boats grounding in shallow waters;  |  |

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| d) The organising committee shall ensure that the distances between buoys in each lane are equal and in particular that the distance of the farthest buoy from the beach in each lane is equal, all distances to be to a reasonable tolerance for open waters;  |  |
| e) If the course is located in waters that are affected by significant tidal movements the organising committee shall make arrangements for regular checking and, if necessary, repositioning of the course. This may include additional gates and markers to assure safety and fairness to the crews.  |  |
| f) For safety purposes the layout of the course shall not allow boats to be travelling in opposite directions in the same water and the distance between the centres of adjoining lanes shall be at least 25 metres (see course diagrams in this Bye-law)   |  |
| g) The designated arrival point of each boat at the beach shall be marked by a flag embedded in the beach close to the water edge in line with the lane buoys. Runners shall be required to pass on the outside of this flag in their run to the Finish Line after leaving the boat, to ensure the course provides equal distance to the finish line.   |  |
| 4) The Start Line   |  |
| a) The Start line shall be visually marked on the beach in a clear, fixed manner such as will keep its position under all race situations. The width of the Start line shall be a minimum of 3 metres. The distance from the start line to the designated starting point for each boat in the race shall be equal.<br>b) The orientation of the Start line shall in principle be perpendicular to the rowing course.  |  |
| 5) The Finish Line  |  |
| a) The width of the Finish line shall be a minimum of 3 metres.<br>i) Where only two racing lanes are in use, the Finish line may be a narrow “funnel” design to bring the runners of each crew close together at the finish.<br>ii) Where 3 or more racing lanes are in use, the Finish line should be of such length to ensure that the runner from every crew has an equal distance from the designated finishing point of their boat to reach the Finish line.  |  |
| a) The method of marking the Finish line and therefore the finish of the race may be at least one of the following, or a similar arrangement:<br>i) A clearly identifiable line on the beach which the runner from each crew must cross (this method may be used in conjunction with timing chips carried by each runner);<br>ii) A tape which the runner from each crew must run through;<br>iii) One flag or similar device for each crew, standing upright in the sand. The runner from each crew must touch their own designated flag;<br>iv) One button or similar device for each crew, which the runner from each crew must press. Upon being pressed, the button shall record the elapsed time for that crew and may at the same time emit a sound and/or a visual display. |  |
| c) The organising committee in the case of International Beach Sprint events, or World Rowing in the case of World Rowing Beach Sprint events, shall decide the method of marking the Finish and this shall be included in the Competition Notice and in all information given to teams.  |  |
| 6) The general layout of the course should be in accordance with the course diagrams in this Bye-laws.  |  |

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| <b>Bye-law to RCB Rule 7. – Race Formats for Beach Rowing Sprints Regattas</b>  |  |
| The two options for the race format of Beach Rowing Sprints are as follows:   |  |
| <p>1) Option 1 – Slalom out / straight back – Crews shall start side-by-side and shall race from the beach in a slalom fashion around each of the three buoys in turn in their respective racing lanes, turning around the last buoy. After rounding the last buoy they shall then race directly in a straight line back to the designated point on the beach. Crews not taking a straight line course back to the beach or arriving at the beach at other than the designated point shall not be penalised as long as they do not interfere with another crew and they otherwise comply with the requirements of these Rules. Crews must go around each of the three buoys in turn in the correct direction on the outward sector. The diagram below refers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INSERT DIAGRAM HERE</p>  |  |
| <p>2) Option 2 – Processional Time Trial – All crews shall race, starting one after another, at prescribed intervals, using the same lane. Crews shall race from the beach in a slalom fashion around each of the three buoys in turn in the lane designated as the out-bound lane, turning 90 degrees at the outermost buoy, rowing directly to the outermost buoy of the designated in-bound lane and after rounding this buoy shall race directly in a straight line back to the designated point on the beach before a crew member disembarks and runs to the Finish line. Crews must go around each buoy in the correct order and direction and shall not interfere with other crews. A crew which is caught by a following crew must move aside to let the faster crew overtake without interfering with them. The diagram below refers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INSERT DIAGRAM HERE</p> |  |
| <b>Bye-law to Rule RCB 11 – Duties of the Jury for Beach Rowing Sprint Regattas</b>   |  |
| The duties of the Jury shall include the following:   |  |
| 1) Control Commission   |  |
| In addition to its other duties, the Control Commission at Beach Sprint Rowing regattas shall check the correct display of the rower names and member federation acronyms on the uniform of each rower (Rule RC 14) and that crews race in the boats and lanes which are allocated to them.   |  |
| 2) The Starter and the Judge at the Start   |  |
| <p>a) The Starter and the Judge at the Start shall ensure that the correct starting procedure is followed.</p> <p>b) Both shall be in an elevated position (on a podium or stand) from where they have a clear view of the Start/Finish line and the racing course, and can be clearly seen by all crews.</p> <p>c) The Judge at the Start shall determine if any runner or crew causes a false start and if so shall follow the procedure outlined in Rule RCB 21.</p> <p>d) The President of the Jury may decide that where the Starter is positioned on the Start line such that the Starter can determine if a false start has occurred, the Starter may also serve as a Judge at the Start.</p>  |  |
| 3) The Umpire   |  |

The President of the Jury, in consultation with the Principal Race Officer and the Race Director, shall decide the number of Umpires to supervise each race. Where there is more than one Umpire, the Umpires shall have equal status in their areas of responsibility.

a) Race Umpire

- i) The Race Umpire and will be positioned on land, elevated as necessary, so as to have a clear view of all crews during the race. The Race Umpire shall have precedence over the Lane Umpires and the Turning Mark Umpire. The Race Umpire shall in general not communicate with crews during the race but will make decisions based on their own observations and on the advice of the Lane Umpires and the Turning Mark Umpire.
  - ii) The Race Umpire shall ensure the proper conduct of the race and the safety of the rowers. In particular, they shall observe whether any crew gains any advantage or suffers any disadvantage from its opponents or from external factors and shall impose appropriate sanctions on crews at fault. The Race Umpire shall not give any steering indications to crews.
  - iii) If necessary, the Race Umpire may stop the race, impose any necessary sanctions and order the race to be re-started immediately from the start. If for any reason the re-start must be delayed, they shall decide on a new starting time in consultation with the President of the Jury and shall inform the crews concerned.
  - iv) Where a crew suffers interference or other impediment and the Race Umpire considers the impediment did not affect the result of the race, or considers the effect of the impediment was not significant, they may decline to take any action or may take such action as they see fit in the circumstances.
  - v) When all crews have finished the race the Race Umpire shall indicate if the race was in order by raising a white flag. If the race was not in order the Race Umpire shall raise a red flag. The Judge at the Finish shall not release any results of the race until the Race Umpire makes a determination on the infringement indicated by the red flag.
- b) Lane Umpires - The Lane Umpires shall be positioned on the beach in an elevated position to give them a clear view of their lane, each in line with their lane. They shall ensure the boats are held in line with their lane while waiting for the start signal and shall notify the Judge at the Start if they consider the boats are not correctly in line when the start signal is given (a faulty start) or if any crew member starts to board the boat before the start signal is given (a False Start). They shall give such notification to the Judge at the Start by raising a red flag, upon which the Judge at the Start shall follow the procedure outlined in RCB Rule 21.
- c) Turning Mark Umpire – Subject to the decision of the President of the Jury, a Turning Mark Umpire may be stationed in a boat at the farthest point of the course. The Turning Mark Umpire shall observe the race and shall determine whether all crews go around all buoys correctly as required. The Turning Mark Umpire shall indicate to the Race Umpire by raising a flag after the crew in their lane has rounded the farthest buoy from the beach. The flag shall be raised as follows:

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| <p>i) A white flag if the crew has rounded all buoys correctly;<br/> ii) A red flag if the crew has not rounded the buoys correctly.<br/> The Turning Mark Umpire shall also show a red flag if they consider there has been any other infringement of the Rules, including interference. They shall as soon as possible after the finish of the race inform the Race Umpire of the detailed reasons for showing the red flag.</p>  |  |
| <p>4) Judge at the Finish<br/> The Judge at the Finish shall determine the order in which the runners of each crew finish the race. They shall ascertain that the race was in order and shall be responsible for validating the results.</p>  |  |
| <p>5) Challenge Umpire<br/> The Challenge Umpire shall accept challenges from crews, collect relevant materials and submit the challenge to the Challenge Panel.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCB 12. World Rowing Beach Sprint Progression System</b></p>  |  |
| <p>INSERT PROGRESSION SYSTEM HERE</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCB 17 – Adverse Weather Conditions</b></p>   |  |
| <p>1) In case of adverse weather or water conditions or the forecast of such conditions, decisions on any delay, postponement or cancellation of races, or of changes to the course or any other necessary decisions on matters relating to the safety of rowers and officials on the water or the fairness of the course and completion of the competition shall be taken as follows:</p> <p>a) International Beach Sprint Regattas - the President of the Jury, and the Race Director shall take all such decisions;<br/> b) World Rowing Beach Sprint Events - the Race Committee, shall take such decisions, except that any decision to cancel races or to cancel the regatta shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee or its delegate.</p> <p>2) In all cases the President of the Jury may take decisions they consider necessary to protect the safety of rowers and officials.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCB 18. Boat Handlers</b></p>   |  |
| <p>The role and responsibilities of boat handlers shall be as follows:</p>  |  |
| <p>1) The boat handlers shall, in principle, be provided by the teams and are recognised as official support crew.<br/> 2) Where there are two or more boat handlers, there must be at least one boat handler who is a man and one boat handler who is a woman.<br/> 3) The boat handlers for each crew should wear matched uniforms or a bib that comply with the Rules in respect of Identifications, and are clearly distinguishable from the crew.<br/> 4) The boat handlers will support the crews in holding the boat for the crew members to board and depart and may assist the crew in any other way, including rudder fixing, etc. The boat handlers must not board</p>   |  |

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| <p>the boat or move in to any position where the typical water surface is above their shoulders when standing on the sea bed.</p> <p>5) The boat handlers may assist the crew by giving verbal and visual steering assistance to the crews. However, it is prohibited to use any electric, electronic or other technical device to give verbal or audio instructions; and no technical or artificial visual aids may be used other than the uniform clothing worn by the boat handlers.</p> <p>6) When the boat returns to the beach the boat handlers may “catch” the boat to slow its progress when it reaches the beach and a crew member disembarks to run to the finish line.</p> <p>7) Once the runner has exited the water, boat handlers shall stay with the boat and not assist or run with the crew member to the finish line.</p> <p>8) After the crew member disembarks to run, the boat handlers are responsible for the swift removal of the boat from the water.</p> <p>The boat handlers shall comply with any instructions of the race officials and shall at all times be subject to the Rules of Racing.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCB 19 - The Runner and Other Crew Members</b></p>  |  |
| <p>The responsibilities of the Runner are as follows:</p> <p>1) One nominated crew member from each crew shall be a Runner. (The Runner at the start may be different from the Runner of the same crew at the finish but in both cases must be a member of the crew.)</p> <p>2) At the Start, each Runner shall stand with both feet behind the Start line which shall be clearly marked on the beach.</p> <p>3) The remaining crew members (except for Solo (1x)) must remain standing in the water next to their boats and shall not start to board their boat or have any part of any rower’s torso or legs in or on the boat before the Start signal has been given.</p> <p>4) When the Start signal is given the Runners shall run directly to their boats to join the other crew members. (See different case for processional time trials at ix) below.) The other crew members may start to board their boats as soon as the Start signal is given.</p> <p>5) While running, the Runners shall not receive any physical guidance or assistance from any team member, including boat handlers.</p> <p>6) For Mixed events, excluding Inclusion events which include one PR3 PI rower, the Runners at the start and the finish must be two different Runners with one Runner being a man and the other Runner being a woman.</p> <p>7) For CW4x+ events, all Runners must be women.</p> |  |
| <p>8) Upon returning to the beach, after exiting the boat each Runner must pass on the outside (relative to the finish line) of the flag placed on the water’s edge in line with the lane buoys for their lane when running to the finish line.</p>   |  |

- 9) Processional Time Trials - In Processional Time Trials, the Runners of each crew must pass on the outside of the flag referred to in viii) above, in running from the Start line to the boat and again after exiting the boat and running to the Finish line.
- 10) The crew of a Runner not passing on the correct side of the flag shall be awarded a sanction of a Time Penalty of 10 seconds.

**Bye-law to Rule RCB 20 - The Starting Procedure**

1) The starting announcements and signals shall be clearly audible and visible to all rowers in the race.

2) The starting procedure for Beach Rowing Sprint races from –3 minutes to the Start shall be as follows:

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| -3m:00s             | At precisely 3 minutes before the designated Start time, the Starter or Announcer shall announce “THREE MINUTES!!”   |
| -2m:45s -<br>1m:45s | The Announcer introduces crews to the spectators. Once the introductions are complete the crews shall immediately move to their start positions.   |
| -1m:00s -<br>0m:45s | When there is precisely one minute to the start, the Starter shall announce “ONE MINUTE!” After this, At this announcement, the runners shall stand behind the start Start line and the Starter shall then announce “PUT THE BOATS ON THE WATER!”<br>The other members of the crew and/or the boat handlers shall immediately put the boats on the water ready for the start.<br>The Starter may delegate these commands to the Race Announcer but shall be responsible to ensure they are made correctly and precisely on time. |
| -0m:30s -<br>0m:20s | When there are between 30 and 20 seconds to the start, the Starter shall alert the crews by announcing “GET READY!”, after which the Starter may start the race at any time, having taken into account the wave conditions and any other factors. It is the responsibility of the crews to be ready to start at anytime after the Starter announces GET READY!” and the Starter may start the race without reference to a crew indicating they are not ready.  |

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| <p>at any time between approx. -0m:20s and 0m:0s</p>   | <p>The volume of the start music is lowered so the Starter can clearly be heard by all the rowers at their starting positions.</p> <p>To give the start signal, the Starter shall first announce ““ATTENTION!”!”</p> <p>After a clear pause, the Starter shall then</p> <p>(1) EITHER raise the red flag, OR where the start is given using traffic lights, shall press a button (or switch) to change the traffic lights from the neutral position to red;</p> <p>(2) After a clear and variable pause, the Starter will then start the race by EITHER dropping the red flag quickly to one side and simultaneously sounding a horn in one long blast; OR by pressing a button that shall, at the same instant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Change the red light to green;</li> <li>b. Make an audible signal through the loudspeakers;</li> <li>c. Start the timing system for the race;</li> </ol> |  |  |
| <p>3) The official start signal will be the moment the red flag starts to move downwards or the red light changes to green.</p>  |   |  |  |
| <p><b>Bye-law to Rule RCB 27 - Challenges</b></p>  |   |  |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) No crew or member federation shall have the right to lodge any Objection, Protest or Appeal on any issue at Beach Rowing Sprint regattas except by way of a Challenge as set out in this Rule and Bye-law.</li> <li>2) A rower (or crew) who has been sanctioned or who wishes to challenge the official results of a race may lodge a Challenge against that sanction or against the official result, but only in the following manner: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Prior to the first race of an event, each crew participating in that event will be issued one Challenge Card for that event.</li> <li>c) A Challenge shall be made by a member of the crew giving their crew’s Challenge Card to a Race Umpire no later than 5 minutes after the finish of the race concerned or from the time the sanction is awarded, whichever is the later, or in the case of a Challenge against the result, from the time the results of the race concerned are published. Any Challenge lodged later than these times shall not be valid.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |   |  |  |

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| <p>d) Each crew shall only have the right to lodge one Challenge throughout their event. A crew which has used its Challenge Card shall not be allowed to make a further Challenge, excepting that where a Challenge is successful then that crew shall retain their right to lodge one Challenge during the remaining rounds of that event and that crew's Challenge Card will be returned to the crew for this purpose.</p> <p>3) A Challenge shall be adjudicated by a Challenge Panel.</p> <p>4) The Challenge Panel shall decide whether the Challenge has merit and if so, to accept the Challenge. If accepted, the Panel shall consider the case and issue a decision which shall be notified to the crew concerned and to the other crews in the event before the next round of racing begins or before the award of medals in the case of Finals A and B. The decision of the Challenge Panel and the reasons therefore, shall be confirmed in writing if so requested by the crew which lodged the Challenge or by its member federation.</p> <p>e) If the Challenge Panel considers that a Challenge is without merit, it may reject that Challenge without explanation other than to say that it is without merit.</p> |  |
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