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SECTION A: PREAMBLE

These rules are for the 2018 GPS Rowing Season competition which is to be held in Term 1 of the school year.

1. APPLICABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL RULES

- 1.1. GPS Rowing is conducted according to FISA rules except as far as the same are modified, altered or added to by the GPS Association in these Rules of Competition.

SECTION B: CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

ROWERS, COACHES, PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE "GPS CODES OF BEHAVIOUR" THAT APPLY TO ALL GPS ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPANTS THEREIN.

2. SLEDGING

- 2.1. The Headmasters of GPS schools have determined that 'sledging' has no place in GPS sport. This practice is forbidden.
- 2.2. The Headmasters have directed that students:
 - 2.2.1. are to make no derogatory comments **at** an opposing student;
 - 2.2.2. are to make no derogatory comments **about** an opposing student.

3. MAINTAINING A STANDARD OF BEHAVIOUR – THE BREACH OF CODE OF BEHAVIOUR REPORT SYSTEM¹

- 3.1. The purpose of this system is to monitor and support appropriate student behaviour.
- 3.2. **Coaches**
All coaches are responsible for ensuring that the letter and spirit of the Code of Conduct is followed and are expected to set an example to others at all times.
- 3.3. **Officials**
Should an official consider the Code of Conduct is being broken during a regatta, he shall, using his discretion (and being mindful of the context of any such comments or actions of either student /s), take action.
- 3.4. The procedure to control unacceptable behaviour is:
 - i) warn any student who is displaying any unsportsmanlike behaviour and inform the Regatta Referee of the warning, and include the rower/s name/s in the report,
 - ii) should it persist further the Official/s will report the student to the Regatta Referee who will report it to the Director of Rowing of the school team.
- 3.5. If an Official warns a student he must record the incident on the Officials report form. When an Official reports a student the incident must be recorded in detail. For all incidents the student's name and school must be stated.

¹ Clarification of current Red Card/ Yellow Card System 2009; GPS Headmasters meeting – 21 October 2013 – preferred terminology to be used is Breach of Code of Behaviour Report

3.6 **Captains and Vice-Captains** of all teams are expected to see that their team competes according to the spirit as well as the letter of the Code of Conduct and set the example to others.

3.7 **Directors of Rowing**

As the Code of Conduct applies to all teams, not only the First VIII, Directors of Rowing are to liaise with GPS Sport and Activities Committee delegates to ensure that all coaches are issued with the Code of Conduct and the appropriate regulations and that the school as a whole is informed of the content of the Code of Conduct.

3.8 Students who breach the directions above or the "GPS Code of Behaviour" will face the following consequences:

- a) they will be issued with a warning for a first offence in a regatta (a warning is equivalent to one false start);
- b) serious offences will result or a second offence will result in a Breach of Code of Behaviour Report which means immediate exclusion from racing;
- c) when a student is issued with a Breach of Code of Behaviour Report, he will incur a further penalty of missing the next GPS fixture in which he would otherwise have rowed.

3.9 In GPS Rowing competitions, the Rowing Australia rules in relation to Yellow and Red card rules apply.

Refer to APPENDIX H: Rowing Australia Rule 81 Penalties

SECTION C: GENERAL

4. AGE REGULATIONS/ CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

4.1 No student is eligible to take part in this competition at any time in the year of his 19th birthday or if he had turned 19 before the year of competition.

4.2 Students in Years 7 to 12 only, enrolled in a GPS member school may participate in the competition.

4.2.1 Only students enrolled in GPS schools are permitted to row in GPS Rowing Regattas².

4.2.2 Year 7 students to be allowed to Coxswain in GPS rowing events³.

4.3 ⁴Students are eligible to take part as members of their year group. Teams will be graded as their year group and division e.g. [Year 8 1st Quad, Year 8 2^{nds} Quad, Year 8 3^{rds} Quad etc].

4.4 The competition shall be conducted in the following age groups/ divisions:

4.4.1 1st VIII [any age Year 8 and above]⁵

4.4.2 Open (Year 12)

4.4.3 Year 11,

4.4.4 Year 10,

4.4.5 Junior⁶

4.4.5.1 Junior rowers will be referred to and entered in competition within the definition of their year groups i.e. 'Year 8' and 'Year 9'.

4.4.5.2 Year 8 events will only be available to enter in the penultimate regatta of the season (Regatta #6). No further provision for competition between Year 8 rowers will be available.

² GPS Headmasters Meeting, 28 May 2012

³ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee meeting, 17 March 2014; Approved GPS Headmasters meeting, 27 October 2014.

⁴ GPS Headmasters Meeting, 24 October 2008

⁵ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee meeting, 15 March 2016

⁶ GPS Headmasters Meeting, 10 August 2015

4.4.5.3 Year 9 events will take place in Regattas #1-5.

4.4.5.4 Regatta #5 of any season will be referred to as 'The Junior Head of the River'.

4.4.5.5 If a student rows in a Junior boat at the Junior Head of the River, they are not eligible to row in any boat at the Head of the River Regatta.⁷

4.4.5.5.1 NB: The intent is that Coxswains are exempt [as they are not 'rowing'].

4.5 Please refer to the Association's "GPS Age and Participation Regulations, under Criteria for Participation – Year Group 'Exception' Rules"⁸:

When elevating boys or crews to a higher year level, it will be the lowest ranked crew, or a member of that crew, elevated into the lowest ranked team above.

The appropriate form to apply for an exception can be found in this document.

4.6 **"Rowing by Invitation"** at GPS Rowing Regatta lead up meets and the GPS Rowing Championships [Head of the River] will only be permitted:

- in circumstances of illness or incident which result in a crew member being unable to row; and
- where a suitably skilled student replacement from the same school may be found; and
- when both the host school and the Boat Race Officials are notified prior to the commencement of the regatta.

4.6.1 The request process for "Rowing by Invitation" is as follows:

I. The request should be advised as early as possible, and no later than 1 hour before a race commences.

II. The Director of Rowing should approach the Host School organiser to make a request and this should be checked with the members of the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee.

III. A majority vote will be taken to approve/ deny the request.

IV. If the request is approved the Director of Rowing is authorised to advise the RQ Head Referee of the crew that is "Rowing by Invitation".

V. It is the responsibility of the Director of Rowing of the school concerned to advise of a request through the chain as above.

4.7 To be eligible to race at the GPS Head of the River Championships event, any Non-Championship crew must have raced in a minimum of two (2) regattas in the current season¹⁰.

4.7.1 There should be flexibility permitted for a Non-Championship 4th VIII crew to row in a 3rd VIII Championship Race if required due to competitor numbers and if there is lane availability. This would be preferred by all schools over a single crew having to complete a 'Row Over' down the course by themselves. This is contingent on the crew meeting the eligibility criteria noted above.

5. REGATTA CALENDAR

⁷ GPS Headmasters Meeting, 26 October 2009; GPS Sport and Activities Committee meeting, 20 January 2016

⁸ GPS Headmasters Meeting, 25 October 2010

⁹ GPS Headmasters Meeting, 28 May 2013; GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting, approved 16 March 2015 - Rules amendment, 'Rowing by Invitation'.

¹⁰ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting, 16 March 2015

5.1 The regatta competition will be conducted in accordance with a schedule of dates drawn up by the GPS Sport and Activities Committee prior to the start of the regatta season.

6. COURSE

6.1 The course for GPS Regattas shall be at a venue or venues determined by the GPS Association.

7. DISTANCE¹¹

7.1 Race distance shall be over the following distances but the Boat Race Officials appointed by Rowing Queensland have the power to shorten races for safety reasons.

OPEN VIII's	2000 metres
Year 11 VIII's	2000 metres
Year 10 QUAD SCULLS	1500 metres
Year 9 QUAD SCULLS	1000 metres
Year 8 QUAD SCULLS	500 metres

8. RACING OFFICIALS

8.1 All racing will be conducted by Boat Race Officials appointed by Rowing Queensland and as approved by the GPS Association.

8.2 ¹²If the appointed officials fail to arrive for the regatta, the MIC/ Director of Rowing from each school should meet to discuss alternatives. Should a suitable alternative be arranged and agreed by all schools, the regatta shall proceed. If a suitable arrangement cannot be agreed, the matter is to be referred to the host school's GPS Sport and Activities Committee delegate to discuss with the GPS Executive Officer and the event will be cancelled.

9. HELICOPTERS, DRONES AND MEDIA REQUESTS TO FILM

- A directive is provided to all school communities through GPS Sport and Activities Committee members and Directors of Rowing that the GPS does not sanction the use of **helicopters** or **drones** for the event.
- All external requests for media access to the event are to be directed through the GPS Executive Officer.
- Media requests to film are to be given guidelines for the safe and appropriate filming of the event [height of craft and distance from the rowers to be identified, and contact for craft in the event of communications between the Officials and the craft being required].
- Please note:
 1. We will have to stop the racing if it is 'unsafe' and / or will disadvantage crews on the water, i.e. a drone overhead or in the proximity of crews and crowds.
 2. CASA have regulations against flying over populated areas and sporting events and any person found to be in breach of these regulations will be reported.
 3. RQ officials have been instructed that in the event of a Drone flying near the event area, they are to initiate a **cessation of the regatta racing program** until the craft is landed.

The following exception is noted:

¹¹ GPS Headmasters Meeting, 10 August 2015; race distances for Year 8 and 9 determined.

¹² GPS Sport and Activities Committee – 13 October 2008; standard protocol.

9.1. Drones use for officiating ¹³

This will involve fixed station marshalling drones to follow boats to assist officiating and minimize the wake of boat officials on water.

10. CLOTHING ¹⁴

- 10.1 All members of a crew shall be dressed in accordance with the registered colours of the school. Crews not adhering to dress codes can be disqualified from competing.
- 10.2 All members of a crew shall wear the registered racing uniform of their school, and other garments which must all be identical in design and colour. Refer to Appendix F.
- 10.2.1 If any members of a crew wear headwear [e.g. school hats], then the headwear worn by those crew members shall be identical;
- 10.2.2 Individuals are permitted to wear sunglasses;
- 10.2.3 Zoot suits must always be worn up, no crews are to row bare chested;
- 10.3 If any member of a crew is not adhering to dress codes, the crew will be issued with a Yellow Card for an infringement.
- 10.4 The RQ official will advise the Regatta Secretary who will advise the relevant school's MIC/ Director of Rowing.
- 10.5 If a crew receives more than one Yellow Card at a regatta, that crew can be disqualified from competing.

11. EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 The construction, design and dimensions of boats and oars shall in principle be unrestricted.
- 11.1.1 This will be in accordance with FISA regulations. Officials can do spot checks on boats to ensure all boats meet required safety standards.
- 11.2 The bows of all boats shall be fitted with a white ball 4cm in diameter in soft rubber or similar material unless the bow is so constructed as to afford equivalent protection and visibility.
- 11.3 No wireless transmission equipment shall be used, whether for sending or receiving.
- 11.4 The edge of blades must have a minimum thickness throughout as follows:
Oars – 5 millimetres
Sculls – 3 millimetres
- 11.5 All foot stretchers or shoes must allow the rowers to get clear of the boat without using their hands in the event of capsize.
- 11.6 Bow numbers are required for all GPS rowing events.
- 11.7 **Use of Point of View devices by crews for disputes** ¹⁵
RQ officials advised that this footage is admissible and they always reserve the right to admit it or not when considering and making a decision.

¹³ GPS Management Committee meeting, 17 October 2016

¹⁴ GPS Sport and Activities Committee – 20 January 2016

¹⁵ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee meeting, 15 March 2016; clarification

12. ENTRIES

- 12.1** Each school will be responsible to submit their crew entries to the Host School and the GPS office by no later than 11pm on the Monday in the week of the regatta via Rowing Queensland's event management software, Rowing Manager.
- 12.2** The Final Regatta Program will be released by 5pm Wednesday in the week of the regatta by Rowing Queensland to all member schools after first confirming arrangements with the Host School and GPS offices.
- 12.3** If a crew wishes to withdraw from a race, notice thereof shall be given by a representative of the school concerned, no later than 30 minutes before the starting time of the race, to the Regatta Secretary who shall record such withdrawal.
- 12.3.1 Substitutions, Withdrawals and Scratchings notification is to be completed by either text messaging the Regatta Secretary mobile phone or applying in person at the RQ office on the competitor's headland using the "RQ Substitutions / Scratchings Form".

Refer to APPENDIX G: Rowing Queensland Substitutions, Withdrawals and Scratchings Form

- 12.4** No composite crew (i.e. a crew made up of members of more than one school) shall be eligible to compete.

13 RESULTS

- 13.1** The Regatta Secretary will be responsible for ensuring that the time of the announcement of all results is recorded.
- 13.2 Pennants¹⁶**
If there are 3 or more GPS schools in an event, a crew will receive a pennant.

SECTION D: LEAD UP REGATTAS

14. ORGANISATION

- 14.1** The GPS lead up regatta season will consist of 6 regattas prior to the GPS Championships.
- 14.2** A different school will host each of the 6 regattas on a rotation basis¹⁷.
- Refer to APPENDIX E: GPS Regatta Schedule Host Schools Rotation
- 14.3** Wherever possible dates for meets will be set and confirmed as part of the overall scheduling of the GPS Calendar (one year ahead).
- 14.4** The Regatta Calendar and Order of Events for the following season is ratified by the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee at the end of each competitive season.
- 14.4.1 A standard race program is to be included in the rules for the Head of the River and the Junior Head of the River and a program which incorporates a double rotation of all crews.¹⁸

¹⁶ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting – 13 February 2017

¹⁷ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting – 2 November 2009

¹⁸ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting – 19 April 2010 and 31 May 2010

Refer to APPENDIX B: GPS Regatta Race Programs (Timing and Program Order Of Events)

14.5 A Lane Draw will be determined by using a random draw system where both the School and the lane are drawn at random to maximise the randomness of the lane allocation and minimise the chances of drawing the same lane at multiple lead up regattas¹⁹.

14.5.1 A “mirror image” policy for allocating lanes for 2nd round races will be used as follows:

Race 1

<i>Finish Tower</i>	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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Race 2

<i>Finish Tower</i>	3	2	1	6	7	4	5
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14.6 Regattas are to be kept to a timeframe of 4.5 hours unless there are exceptional circumstances²⁰.

14.6.1 Recommended Regatta Schedule (4.5hrs maximum)

Start Time: 8.30am [Option for 7.30am in 2018]

Finish Time: 1.00pm

14.7 The Host School will set the date deadline for other schools to advise of their intention to participate in the lead up event. (It is suggested that schools nominate a closing date one week prior to the agreed date of the regatta, and a date for Withdrawal Without Penalty).

14.8 Schools are to nominate by the closing date as advised by the Host School.

14.9 All withdrawals must be in writing.

14.10 All fixed costs, for the six lead up regattas will be divided across the seven GPS rowing schools.²¹

14.11 Rowing Queensland as the venue manager, has the responsibility to provide First Aid ²²at every regatta, for its entirety [recommended coverage: from 1 hour prior to the start of the first event and up to one hour after the last event].

14.11.1 Regattas held at venues away from close local facilities must have an ambulance in attendance.

14.12 In the event of unfair and adverse weather conditions, the decision for a regatta to be altered or cancelled will be made by a committee made up of the Regatta Head Referee, and representatives from the Host School’s management – Event Convenor (Director of Rowing), GPS Sport and Activities Committee delegate, and the Headmaster in consultation with the GPS office. ²³

14.12.1 The GPS office will communicate any decision for a regatta to be altered or cancelled to all schools ASAP once made [preferably by 12 noon Thursday prior to the scheduled regatta if possible].

15 THE JUNIOR HEAD OF THE RIVER REGATTA EVENT²⁴

¹⁹ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting – 15 February 2010; revised lane numbering reflects RQ standard guidelines brought in December 2010

²⁰ GPS Headmasters Meeting – 26 October 2009

²¹ GPS Headmasters Meeting – 26 October 2009

²² GPS Headmasters Meeting – 20 August 2007; revised in 2017 as Rowing Queensland has the venue licence agreement at Lake Wyaralong.

²³ Documentation of existing process; Reviewed December 2015

²⁴ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee meeting, 15 March 2016; The Junior Head of the River event is included in the rules of competition.

15.1 The Junior Head of the River Regatta is conducted for Year 9 Junior Quad Crews only. Any rower who represents their school in a seat in a crew competing in a Year 9 event at the Junior Head of the River may not then participate in any seat contesting the Head of the River.

15.2 **Seeding**

14.1.1. The races at the Junior Head of the River shall be seeded.

SECTION E: GPS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS [THE HEAD OF THE RIVER REGATTA]

16 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

16.1 The GPS Rowing Championship (**Old Boys' Cup**) is awarded at the Head of the River Regatta for the highest point score calculated as follows:

For Quad races:		For VIII races:	
1 st	7 points	1 st	14 points
2 nd	6 points	2 nd	12 points
3 rd	5 points	3 rd	10 points
4 th	4 points	4 th	8 points
5 th	3 points	5 th	6 points
6 th	2 points	6 th	4 points
7 th	1 point	7 th	2 points

16.1.1 Points are awarded to Open and Yr 11 1st, 2nd, and 3rd VIII races, and Yr 10 1st to 6th Quad races.

16.1.2 In the event of a cancelled or postponed event the Old Boys' Cup will not be awarded unless 100% of the Championship events are conducted²⁵.

16.2 The **O'Connor Cup** is awarded to the winning crew in the Open 1st VIII race.

17 ENTRIES

17.1 Notice of crew changes must be given to the Regatta Secretary at least half an hour prior to the scheduled start of that race.

17.2 A school must qualify each boat for the Head of the River Regatta by rowing in at least three previous races in the respective division (i.e. age group and level).²⁶

18 WEIGHT OF 1ST VIII COXSWAIN²⁷

18.1 All 1st VIII coxswains will be weighed no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the 1st VIII race. The minimum weight of coxswain shall be 55kg.

18.2 The race can only be declared all clear once the boat race officials have sighted the weights of the winning coxswain, should he be required to carry them.

19. SEEDING²⁸

²⁵ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting – 31 May 2010. GPS Headmasters Meeting – 30 May 2011.

²⁶ GPS Sport and Activities Committee – 20 January 2016; confirmed

²⁷ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee meeting, 15 March 2016; reaffirmed weight conditions.

²⁸ GPS Headmasters Meeting – 18 August 2008. Revised Seeding rule. GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 20 January 2016, approved events for Seeding. Wyralong will be a fully buoyed course.

- 19.1 The Championships races at the Head of the River shall be seeded, with the best-performing crews at ALL nominated regattas prior to the Head of the River occupying the middle lanes, except in weather conditions deemed to be unfair by the Fairness Committee (See Section D: Rule 1.12 and Section E: Rule 5).
- 19.1.1 The lane allocation for all first rotation races at lead up regattas shall be by random draw. The second rotation races will be raced as a mirror image of the first rotation.
- 19.1.2 Seeding is to be conducted on a buoyed, still water course using the results of each race at ALL nominated regattas.
- 19.2 Seeding points will be allocated to crews using the same system as the Old Boys' Cup point allocation.
- 19.3 Where crews are tied on points, the best performing crew will be determined on a count back system based on placings.

20 FAIRNESS AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS²⁹

- 20.1. Provisions to be applied when unfair weather conditions prevail at the Head of the River are set out in the following rules and the Fairness Committee shall decide when they should apply.
- 20.2. The Fairness Committee shall be made up of the Regatta Referee, the GPS Executive Officer, the Chair of the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee and two members of the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee (these shall be the two Rowing MIC's / Director of Rowing from the schools hosting the two previous lead-up regattas).

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS IN CASES OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS³⁰

- It is the duty of the Fairness Committee to determine that the weather has created, or is about to create, unfair or unrowable conditions. It is then the Fairness Committee's responsibility to advise the GPS Headmasters' Executive Committee on the appropriate program to be implemented from the alternatives described below. In considering these alternatives the Fairness Committee will always consider (a - c) before considering (d-f) below:
 - a) To use the lanes offering the most equal conditions.
 - b) To delay the racing program to later in the same day (up to a maximum of 2 hours) if the weather forecast indicates that the conditions are likely to improve.
 - c) To re-allocate the lanes for each individual race, using the seeding allocation to put the crews with the better seeding results in the better lanes.
 - d) To reduce the length of races to no less than 1,000m where conditions are so adverse that no other alternative is possible, (Note: unless in Year 8 where 500m racing will continue if safe to do so in the Penultimate regatta).
 - e) Postpone the regatta to a previously agreed back up date.
 - i. The completion of the Eight's races is the major focus of any postponed program, to that end the event program may be conducted in reverse order. The Fairness Committee may recommend the cancellation of races as is deemed necessary³¹.
 - f) To cancel the event.
- An alternative program will be established for the Head of the River prior to the date in case of inclement weather.
- The GPS Headmasters' Executive Committee will, after advice from the Fairness Committee, make a decision on the format for the possible continuation of the regatta or its cancellation.

²⁹ GPS Headmasters Meeting, 26 October 2007 – modified wording since meeting to be considered by Headmasters for approval. (Adapted from FISA and RA Rules 57 – 64).

³⁰ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee – 8 September 2008; GPS Headmasters Meeting, 24 October 2008

³¹ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting – 31 May 2010. GPS Headmasters Meeting – 30 May 2011.

SECTION F: PROTESTS³²**21 PROTEST PROCEDURES & FAIRNESS PROTOCOLS**

Process for lodging for protests (as per Rowing Australia Rules pp43-44)

OBJECTIONS

- A crew claiming that its race was not in order or was improperly judged may make an objection to the Umpire immediately after the finish of the race and before leaving the finish area by raising an arm.
- To be valid the objection must be made before the boat has left the immediate area of the finish line and before the crew disembarks. Such objection may only concern the conduct of the race.
- The Umpire of the race decides on the objection and communicates his decision to the crews in the race and to the other race officials. A crew excluded or otherwise penalised at the Start may make an objection to the Starter or Umpire at the time the penalty is awarded.
- If a crew considers that the race was not in order a member of the crew must raise his arm to indicate that it is making an objection. In this case the Umpire shall not raise any flag but he shall consult with the objecting crew and consider their objection.

OBJECTION OUTCOMES

The Umpire may then decide upon one of a number of alternative actions:

- He may overrule the crew's objections and raise a white flag to signify that he has decided that the race was in order;
- He may accept the crew's objections and raise a red flag to signify that he has decided that the race was not in order. In this case he must go to the Judges at the Finish in order to give them his decision and any necessary explanations. The Judges at the Finish, in such cases, must not announce the official result of the race until the Umpire has given his decision;
- He may decide to seek further information regarding the objection. In this case, he shall raise a red flag and then take any necessary further steps to resolve the issues relating to the objection, e.g. consult with other officials, consult with other persons, consult with the President of the Jury etc. The Judges at the Finish, in such cases, must not announce the official result of the race until the Umpire has given his decision. If there is likely to be a long delay in resolving the objection, the Judges at the Finish may announce an "unofficial" result of the race but with a clear statement "Subject to an Objection".

PROTESTS

- A crew whose objection has been rejected or crews affected by the acceptance of the objection or a crew that has been disqualified or excluded or ruled DNS or DNF, or crews disputing the published results may lodge a protest in writing (see Appendices) to the President of the Jury not later than one hour after the Umpire has communicated his decision regarding the objection or, in the case of disputing the published results, one hour after the results have been published.
- 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.

³² GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 4 February 2008; GPS Sport and Activities Committee – 20 January 2016

- In the case of a protest concerning the final of an event, the victory ceremony of that event shall be postponed until after the Board of the Jury has made its decision.

PROTEST OUTCOMES

The Board of the Jury shall decide on the protest and on the measures resulting from its decision including:

1. Reprimand;
2. Yellow Card (applying to the next round in which the crew is concerned);
3. Exclusion, indicated by a Red Card (from all the rounds of the event in question);
4. Disqualification (from all events in the regatta);
5. Re-row (for a specified number of crews).

PROCEDURAL NOTES

- After application of the appropriate penalty, if any, the Board of the Jury shall take any other appropriate measure to restore the chances of a crew that has suffered a disadvantage.
- Should the outcome of a protest result in a penalty that includes a yellow card which results in exclusion (by virtue of it being a second yellow card), exclusion (red card), disqualification or a re-row, the Regatta Secretary shall inform the relevant member of the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee (Director of Rowing from the affected school/s) in the first instance.
- The Regatta Secretary shall also inform the GPS EO of Protest Outcomes immediately following the regatta.

GPS REVIEW

A GPS Review may be sought by member schools through their relevant GPS Sport and Activities Committee member and/or the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee member.

These reviews are conducted by representatives within the GPS Association and seek to ensure that fairness and the values and objectives of the GPS Association are upheld; they are not conducted with a view to changing the outcome of competition. It is a long-standing convention of the GPS Association to support those governing bodies with whom we partner to officiate our competitions.

PRIOR TO COMPETITION

- Reviews concerning the status of a competitor to participate in a regatta must be made prior to the commencement of a regatta. Such reviews shall be requested by the GPS Sports and Activities committee member, to the GPS EO. A decision will be made prior to the regatta.

DURING & FOLLOWING COMPETITION

- Reviews relating to matters which develop during the conduct of the regatta need to be requested as a matter of urgency, not later than fifteen (15) minutes after the result has been officially announced.
- Member schools should note that reviews during competition are not an alternative to pursuing a protest through boat race officials. Rather, matters within the purview of the officials should be dealt with accordingly, as outlined above (see Protests). Resulting outcomes and/or matters relating to fairness and the values and objectives of competition within the GPS Association may, from time to time, be the subject of a GPS Review.

PROCEDURAL NOTES

The GPS Sports and Activities Committee member of the host school (lead-up regatta) and/or the Chair of the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee (lead-up regatta) and/or the GPS EO (Head of the River) will be responsible for the following procedures in the event of a review request. This person is the Review Chairperson.

- In the first instance a review request may be made orally to the Review Chairperson, by the GPS Rowing Subcommittee member of the affected school/s, and within fifteen (15) minutes of the announcement of the race results, supported in writing on the GPS Review Form to be lodged at the Regatta Office or to the GPS EO.
- The Review Chairperson shall provide notification to the GPS Headmasters (Head of the River only) and/or the GPS Sports & Activities committee of the competing schools that a review has been requested.
- The Review Committee is formed, consisting of:
 - *Lead-up Regatta*: The GPS Sports and Activities Committee delegate of the host school for that regatta (Review Chairperson) and two GPS Sports and Activities Committee delegates of schools not involved in the review.
 - *Where the review involves the host school, another attending GPS Sports and Activities Committee delegate OR the Chair of the GPS Rowing subcommittee may act as Review Chairperson.
 - *Head of the River*: Chair of the GPS Rowing subcommittee (Review Chairperson), two GPS Sports and Activities Committee delegates of schools not involved in the review.
 - *Where the review involves the school of the Chair of the GPS Rowing subcommittee, he/she will be replaced by the GPS EO.
- The GPS Sports and Activities Committee delegate will represent his/her school by meeting with the Review Committee.
- The Review Committee will consult with the appropriate officials for technical and other advice, as required by the Review Chairperson.
- The Review Chairperson will, through the GPS EO, provide notification to the GPS Headmasters (Head of the River only) and/or the GPS Sports and Activities Committee of the competing schools regarding the result of the review.
- Final results will not be valid and trophy presentations will not be made until the GPS EO announces the result of the review.

GPS REVIEW REQUEST FORM

GPS Review Request Forms are available in Appendix A and may be obtained from the GPS EO on the day of the Head of the River.

SECTION G: AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF COMPETITION

1. No amendment to these Rules of Competition is authorized unless such amendment is issued by the GPS Executive Officer of the Association.

APPENDIX A: GPS REVIEW REQUEST FORM

Completion and submission of this form triggers a GPS Review process which seeks to ensure that fairness and the values and objectives of the GPS Association are upheld. These reviews are not conducted with a view to changing the outcome of competition. It is a long-standing convention of the GPS Association to support those governing bodies with whom we partner to officiate our competitions.

- GPS Lead-up Regatta GPS Head of the River

Date	Event Time	Lane	School
Event Number & Description			
This review is requested in relation to a	<input type="checkbox"/> GPS regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Details <i>(Explain the reasons for requesting this review, the regulation and the relevant facts)</i>			
Signed	x	x	TIME RECEIVED:
	<i>GPS Rowing Committee Member (Rowing Director)</i>	<i>GPS Sports and Activities Committee Member</i>	<i>Completed by Review Chairperson</i>

GPS Review Outcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Upheld	<input type="checkbox"/> Overturned	
Rationale for decision in relation to GPS and/or Rowing regulation (Note item/ rule)			
Signed	x	x	x
	<i>Review Chairperson</i>	<i>GPS Sports & Activities Committee Member #1</i>	<i>GPS Sports & Activities Committee Member #2</i>

All GPS Review requests and outcomes will be considered in the post-season review of the Rules of Competition.

NOTIFICATION BY GPS EO and TIME

- GPS HEADMASTERS
- GPS SPORT AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ DIRECTORS OF ROWING
- PA ANNOUNCEMENT
- NOTICEBOARD BOTTOM OF TOWER

Protest ON	Protest Outcome
_____ [time]	_____ [time]
_____ [time]	_____ [time]
_____ [time]	_____ [time]
_____ [time]	_____ [time]

APPENDIX B: GPS REGATTA RACE PROGRAMS (TIMING AND PROGRAM ORDER OF EVENTS)³³

NB Recommended Regatta Start Time: 8.30am; Finish Time: 1.00pm (4.5hrs maximum)

REGATTAS #1 WHICH INCLUDE OMNIUM RACING PROGRAM OF EVENTS

File Note: RQ have advised that the GPS will not have exclusive use to the Lake Wyalong venue.

Time	Race	Alpha	Event	Distance
FIRST ROUND OF RACING				
8:30 AM	1	A	Yr 10 8th Quad	1500m
8:35 AM	2	B	Yr 10 7th Quad	1500m
8:40 AM	3	C	Yr 10 6th Quad	1500m
8:45 AM	4	D	Yr 10 5th Quad	1500m
8:50 AM	5	E	Yr 10 4th Quad	1500m
8:55 AM	6	F	Yr 10 3rd Quad	1500m
9:00 AM	7	G	Yr 10 2nd Quad	1500m
9:05 AM	8	H	Yr 10 1st Quad	1500m
SENIOR RACING COMMENCES				
9:15 AM	9	I	Yr 11 3rd VIII	2000m
9:20 AM	10	J	Yr 11 2nd VIII	2000m
9:25 AM	11	K	Yr 11 1st VIII	2000m
9:30 AM	12	L	Open 3rd VIII	2000m
9:35 AM	13	M	Open 2nd VIII	2000m
9:40 AM	14	N	Open 1st VIII	2000m
PATHWAY CREWS TO RACE 1000M (30 MIN WINDOW)				
9:50 AM	15	O	Year 9 12th Quad	1000m
9:55 AM	16	P	Year 9 11th Quad	1000m
10:00 AM	17	Q	Year 9 10th Quad	1000m
10:05 AM	18	R	Year 9 9th Quad	1000m
10:10 AM	19	S	Year 9 8th Quad	1000m
10:15 AM	20	T	Year 9 7th Quad	1000m
10:20 AM	21	U	Year 9 6th Quad	1000m
10:25 AM	22	V	Year 9 5th Quad	1000m
10:30 AM	23	W	Year 9 4th Quad	1000m
10:35 AM	24	X	Year 9 3rd Quad	1000m
10:40 AM	25	Y	Year 9 2nd Quad	1000m
10:45 AM	26	Z	Year 9 1st Quad	1000m
11:00 AM	Senior Racing commences			
SECOND ROUND OF RACING				
11:30 AM	27	A	Yr 10 8th Quad	1500m
11:35 AM	28	B	Yr 10 7th Quad	1500m
11:40 AM	29	C	Yr 10 6th Quad	1500m
11:45 AM	30	D	Yr 10 5th Quad	1500m
11:50 AM	31	E	Yr 10 4th Quad	1500m
11:55 AM	32	F	Yr 10 3rd Quad	1500m
12:00 PM	33	G	Yr 10 2nd Quad	1500m
12:05 PM	34	H	Yr 10 1st Quad	1500m
PRESENTATIONS				
12:15 PM	35	I	Yr 11 3rd VIII	2000m
12:20 PM	36	J	Yr 11 2nd VIII	2000m
12:25 PM	37	K	Yr 11 1st VIII	2000m
12:30 PM	38	L	Open 3rd VIII	2000m
12:35 PM	39	M	Open 2nd VIII	2000m
12:40 PM	40	N	Open 1st VIII	2000m

REGATTAS #4 WHICH INCLUDE OMNIUM RACING PROGRAM NOTES:

- (1) Competition Duration – 4 hrs 10 mins
- (2) All races seeded
- (3) This program requires 5 minute intervals between all races to allow the regatta to fit into the 4.5 hour timeframe.
- (4) NB Omnium Racing – Rowing Queensland event
 - a. i.e. Pathway Crews to Race 1000m (30min window)
 - b. Therefore only 1 round of Year 9 racing

³³ GPS Headmasters meetings, 10 August 2015; GPS Rowing Sub-Committee, 28 August 2017, supported in 2018 Regattas 1-4 = 2 rotations; Regattas 5& 6 = 1 rotation These last two regattas the focus year level rows at the end of the program.

REGATTAS #1,2,3,4 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Time	Race	Alpha	Event	Distance
FIRST ROUND OF RACING				
8:30 AM	1	A	Year 9 12th Quad	1000m
8:35 AM	2	B	Year 9 11th Quad	1000m
8:40 AM	3	C	Year 9 10th Quad	1000m
8:45 AM	4	D	Year 9 9th Quad	1000m
8:50 AM	5	E	Year 9 8th Quad	1000m
8:55 AM	6	F	Year 9 7th Quad	1000m
9:00 AM	7	G	Year 9 6th Quad	1000m
9:05 AM	8	H	Year 9 5th Quad	1000m
9:10 AM	9	I	Year 9 4th Quad	1000m
9:15 AM	10	J	Year 9 3rd Quad	1000m
9:20 AM	11	K	Year 9 2nd Quad	1000m
9:25 AM	12	L	Year 9 1st Quad	1000m
SECOND ROUND OF RACING				
9:35 AM	13	M	Yr 10 8th Quad	1500m
9:39 AM	14	N	Yr 10 7th Quad	1500m
9:43 AM	15	O	Yr 10 6th Quad	1500m
9:47 AM	16	P	Yr 10 5th Quad	1500m
9:51 AM	17	Q	Yr 10 4th Quad	1500m
9:55 AM	18	R	Yr 10 3rd Quad	1500m
9:59 AM	19	S	Yr 10 2nd Quad	1500m
10:03 AM	20	T	Yr 10 1st Quad	1500m
10:15 AM	21	U	Yr 11 3rd VIII	2000m
10:20 AM	22	V	Yr 11 2nd VIII	2000m
10:25 AM	23	W	Yr 11 1st VIII	2000m
10:30 AM	24	X	Open 3rd VIII	2000m
10:35 AM	25	Y	Open 2nd VIII	2000m
10:40 AM	26	Z	Open 1st VIII	2000m
THIRD ROUND OF RACING				
10:50 AM	27	A	Year 9 12th Quad	1000m
10:55 AM	28	B	Year 9 11th Quad	1000m
11:00 AM	29	C	Year 9 10th Quad	1000m
11:05 AM	30	D	Year 9 9th Quad	1000m
11:10 AM	31	E	Year 9 8th Quad	1000m
11:15 AM	32	F	Year 9 7th Quad	1000m
11:20 AM	33	G	Year 9 6th Quad	1000m
11:25 AM	34	H	Year 9 5th Quad	1000m
11:30 AM	35	I	Year 9 4th Quad	1000m
11:35 AM	36	J	Year 9 3rd Quad	1000m
11:40 AM	37	K	Year 9 2nd Quad	1000m
11:45 AM	38	L	Year 9 1st Quad	1000m
FOURTH ROUND OF RACING				
11:55 AM	39	M	Yr 10 8th Quad	1500m
11:59 AM	40	N	Yr 10 7th Quad	1500m
12:03 PM	41	O	Yr 10 6th Quad	1500m
12:07 AM	42	P	Yr 10 5th Quad	1500m
12:11 PM	43	Q	Yr 10 4th Quad	1500m
12:15 PM	44	R	Yr 10 3rd Quad	1500m
12:19 PM	45	S	Yr 10 2nd Quad	1500m
12:23 PM	46	T	Yr 10 1st Quad	1500m
FIFTH ROUND OF RACING				
12:35 PM	47	U	Yr 11 3rd VIII	2000m
12:40 PM	48	V	Yr 11 2nd VIII	2000m
12:45 PM	49	W	Yr 11 1st VIII	2000m
12:50 PM	50	X	Open 3rd VIII	2000m
12:55 PM	51	Y	Open 2nd VIII	2000m
1:00PM	52	Z	Open 1st VIII	2000m
PRESENTATIONS				

- REGATTAS #1-2-3-4 PROGRAM NOTES:**
- (1) Competition Duration – 4 hrs 30 mins
 - (2) All races seeded
 - (3) 4 minute intervals for Year 10 races, 5 minutes for all other races.
 - (4) This program requires 5 minute intervals between all races to allow the regatta to fit into the 4.5 hour timeframe. This may require host schools to ensure they have arranged adequate BROs
 - (5) If circumstances dictate that 5 minute intervals are not workable, host schools may use the following options in descending order of priority:
 - (a) Confirm crew numbers with all GPS schools as some races may be able to be combined.
 - (b) Remove races?
 - (c) Have one year group race only once in the program
 - (d) Remove either Year 9 or Year 10 races from the program

REGATTA #5 - (JUNIOR HEAD OF THE RIVER) PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Time	Race	Alpha	Event	Distance
FIRST ROUND OF RACING				
8:30 AM	1	A	Yr 10 8th Quad	1500m
8:35 AM	2	B	Yr 10 7th Quad	1500m
8:40 AM	3	C	Yr 10 6th Quad	1500m
8:45 AM	4	D	Yr 10 5th Quad	1500m
8:50 AM	5	E	Yr 10 4th Quad	1500m
8:55 AM	6	F	Yr 10 3rd Quad	1500m
9:00 AM	7	G	Yr 10 2nd Quad	1500m
9:05 AM	8	H	Yr 10 1st Quad	1500m
JUNIOR HEAD OF THE RIVER				
9:15AM	9	I	Yr 11 3rd VIII	2000m
9:20 AM	10	J	Yr 11 2nd VIII	2000m
9:25 AM	11	K	Yr 11 1st VIII	2000m
9:30 AM	12	L	Open 3rd VIII	2000m
9:35 AM	13	M	Open 2nd VIII	2000m
9:40 AM	14	N	Open 1st VIII	2000m
JUNIOR HEAD OF THE RIVER				
9:50 AM	15	O	Year 9 12th Quad	1000m
9:55 AM	16	P	Year 9 11th Quad	1000m
10:00 AM	17	Q	Year 9 10th Quad	1000m
10:05 AM	18	R	Year 9 9th Quad	1000m
10:10 AM	19	S	Year 9 8th Quad	1000m
10:15 AM	20	T	Year 9 7th Quad	1000m
10:20 AM	21	U	Year 9 6th Quad	1000m
10:25 AM	22	V	Year 9 5th Quad	1000m
10:30 AM	23	W	Year 9 4th Quad	1000m
10:35 AM	24	X	Year 9 3rd Quad	1000m
10:40 AM	25	Y	Year 9 2nd Quad	1000m
10:45 AM	26	Z	Year 9 1st Quad	1000m
PRESENTATIONS				

REGATTA PROGRAM #5 NOTES:

- (1) Junior Head of the River races are to be completed before any additional senior races
- (2) This allows for the possibility of two rounds of racing for Yr10 – Open
- (3) Competition Duration – 3 hrs 40 mins [NB only events 39 and 40 are required, double up on previous version issued]
- (4) All races seeded
- (5) This program requires 5 minute intervals between all races to allow the regatta to fit into the 4.5 hour timeframe.

REGATTA #6 - (PENULTIMATE GPS REGATTA) PROGRAM OF EVENTS

INCLUDES YEAR 8 RACING EVENTS

Time	Race	Alpha	Event	Distance
FIRST ROUND OF RACING				
8:30 AM	1	A	Yr 10 8th Quad	1500m
8:35 AM	2	B	Yr 10 7th Quad	1500m
8:40 AM	3	C	Yr 10 6th Quad	1500m
8:45 AM	4	D	Yr 10 5th Quad	1500m
8:50 AM	5	E	Yr 10 4th Quad	1500m
8:55 AM	6	F	Yr 10 3rd Quad	1500m
9:00 AM	7	G	Yr 10 2nd Quad	1500m
9:05 AM	8	H	Yr 10 1st Quad	1500m
YEAR 8 RACING OPPORTUNITY				
9:15 AM	9	I	Yr 11 3rd VIII	2000m
9:20 AM	10	J	Yr 11 2nd VIII	2000m
9:25 AM	11	K	Yr 11 1st VIII	2000m
9:30 AM	12	L	Open 3rd VIII	2000m
9:35 AM	13	M	Open 2nd VIII	2000m
9:40 AM	14	N	Open 1st VIII	2000m
9:50 AM	15	O	Year 8 10 th Quad	500m
10:00 AM	16	P	Year 8 9th Quad	500m
10:10 AM	17	Q	Year 8 8th Quad	500m
10:20 AM	18	R	Year 8 7th Quad	500m
10:30 AM	19	S	Year 8 6 th Quad	500m
10:40 AM	20	T	Year 8 5th Quad	500m
10:50 AM	21	U	Year 8 4th Quad	500m
11:00 AM	22	V	Year 8 3rd Quad	500m
11:10 AM	23	W	Year 8 2nd Quad	500m
11:20 AM	24	X	Year 8 1st Quad	500m
PRESENTATIONS				

REGATTA PROGRAM #6 NOTES:

- (1) Competition Duration – 4 hrs 10 mins
- (2) This allows for the possibility of two rounds of racing for Yr10 – Open
- (3) Year 10, 11, 12 races seeded
- (4) This program requires 5 minute intervals [except for Year 8 races who will have 10 minute intervals] between all races to allow the regatta to fit into the 4.5 hour timeframe.

REGATTA #7 - (HEAD OF THE RIVER ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS) PROGRAM OF EVENTS³⁴

RACE	Bow No.	New Time	Distance	EVENT
NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS				
1	A	8.00am	1500m	Yr 10 9 th – 12th Quad
2	B	8.05am	1500m	Yr 10 8th Quad
3	C	8.10am	1500m	Yr 10 7th Quad
10 minute transition time for starter to re-locate from 1500m to 2000m start				
4	D	8.20am	2000m	Yr 11 4th VIII / Open 4 th VIII
10 minute transition time for starter to re-locate from 2000m to 1500m start				
CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS				
5	E	8.30am	1500m	Yr 10 6th Quad
6	F	8.37am	1500m	Yr 10 5th Quad
7	G	8.44am	1500m	Yr 10 4th Quad
8	H	8.51am	1500m	Yr 10 3rd Quad
9	I	8.57am	1500m	Yr 10 2nd Quad
10	J	9.04am	1500m	Yr 10 1st Quad
10 minute transition time for starter to re-locate from 1500m to 2000m start				
11	K	9.15am	2000m	Yr 11 3rd VIII
12	L	9.22am	2000m	Yr 11 2nd VIII
13	M	9.30am	2000m	Yr 11 1st VIII
10 minute transition time				
14	N	9.40am	2000m	Open 3rd VIII
15	O	9.50am	2000m	Open 2nd VIII
16	P	10.00am	2000m	Open 1st VIII

10.30am

Presentation Ceremony

Old Boys' Cup

O'Connor Cup

³⁴ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee meeting, 28 August 2017 supported a 7.30am start time for regattas.

1. The decision to **hold**, **postpone**, **cancel** or **abandon** racing shall be the responsibility of the GPS Headmasters who shall liaise with the GPS Executive Officer or his/her nominee, Chairman of the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee and the Chairman of the GPS Association.

[File Note: These decisions are currently taken after receiving guidance from the RQ Regatta Referee]

2. The Chairman of the GPS Association or GPS Executive Officer shall be responsible for the communication of information in accordance with the GPS Rowing Championships (Head of the River) Cancellation Policy.
3. Seven (7) days out from the approved date of the Championships, the GPS Executive Officer and the Chairman of the GPS Rowing Sub-Committee will be responsible to contact the Bureau of Meteorology and consult with them asking for an opinion of whether the gale force wind warning [34 knots or 63km/hour] or stronger is likely / or stronger to be lifted before the day of competition before making any announcements. Communication should be regularly updated during the lead in time to the event to ensure that the latest information is available to assist with the decision making process.
4. If a gale force wind warning or stronger for the rowing area is forecast for the day of competition, then the Championship will be placed in a "hold" status. No rowing will be conducted whilst the gale force wind warning or stronger is in effect. In the case of a strong wind warning [22 knots or 40km/ hour] the Regatta Referee and Fairness Committee will monitor regatta safety.
5. The Championship will not be placed in "hold" status until at least 5:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the Saturday event date.
6. The first announcement will be made on Thursday morning at 10.30am and will be: "This weekend's Championship event is on hold, the hold status will be reviewed tomorrow [Friday] morning at 10:30am."
7. At 10:30am on the Friday prior to the Saturday event date, if the gale wind warning is still current for the Saturday then the Championship event will remain on hold status and the following announcement will be made: "This weekend's Championship event is on hold, pending an inspection of the course and conditions at 6am tomorrow. A decision on whether the regatta will proceed will be made at the regatta at 6.15am on Saturday morning".
8. Where the course is deemed to be dangerous or 'unrowable' on the Saturday morning at 6am, the Fairness Committee may recommend to postpone to the alternate date for the Championships (in 2017 this will be a Sunday). The following announcement will be made: "This weekend's Championship event has been postponed for Saturday, racing will be held on the alternate date nominated as A decision on whether Sunday rowing will proceed will be made at 10:30am Saturday morning."
9. At 10:30am on the Saturday if a gale wind warning is still forecast for Sunday, then the decision will be taken to keep the Championship event on **hold** status, **cancel** the event and/ or to race for XXXX events only [part cancel] or **abandon** all racing.

One of the following announcements will be made:

³⁵ GPS Headmasters Meeting – 21 February 2011

A. "This weekend's Championship event is on **hold**, pending an inspection of the course and conditions at 6am tomorrow. A decision on whether the regatta will proceed will be made at the regatta at 6.15am on Sunday morning"

B. "All rowing this weekend is **part cancelled** and the following races will be held"

C. "All rowing this weekend is **cancelled** and the Championships event will be **abandoned**. There will be no trophies awarded and the event will be listed as a "No Race".

10. When the event is on hold, where the course is deemed to be dangerous or 'unrowable' on the Sunday morning at 6am, the Fairness Committee may recommend to postpone or cancel, or part cancel or abandon the Championships. [Refer to announcements as above]
11. When announcements are made, they will be sent only to a single contact at each school, it is the responsibility of that person at each school to distribute the information to their students and parents. All communication will be through the nominated person. Information will be sent by email, fax, mobile phone and work phone line in order of preference.

NB: The lane numbering system in Queensland was changed by Rowing Queensland in December 2010 when it was decided that a uniform numbering system would be introduced with all courses to be numbered Lane 1-8 from the left hand side when looking down the course from the start line.

NB³⁷:

1. Lanes 4-10 to be used at Wyaralong (as opposed to Lanes 3-9)
2. Additional lanes will be used to make for 'good racing' in divisions where (some) schools have an abundance of crews.

³⁶ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting – 12 August 2013; new system approved 8 November 2014, 'rolling' assignment of lanes across the season. Draft version considered at GPS Rowing Sub-Committee meeting 31 August 2015, and revised version circulated by email 9 September 2015 confirmed by at the GPS Sport and Activities Committee - 20 January 2016. 2017 GPS Lane Draw approved by Flying Minute 23/1/2017.

³⁷ GPS Rowing Sub-Committee Meeting – 25 January 2017

APPENDIX E: GPS REGATTA SCHEDULE HOST SCHOOLS ROTATION³⁸

The Host School for each of the seven (7) regattas in the GPS Rowing season is rotated each year. It is based upon one school having a Bye and not being required to host a regatta, but they may assist with the organization for the Head of the River Championships event if they choose to do so.

The rotation is as follows:

YEAR	REGATTA	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5 Junior Head of the River	#6 Penultimate	#7 Head of the River
2015	SCHOOL	BGS	ACGS	BSHS	TSS	BBC	GT	NC
2016	SCHOOL	NC	BGS	ACGS	BSHS	TSS	BBC	GT
2017	SCHOOL	GT	NC	BGS	ACGS	BSHS	TSS	BBC
2018	SCHOOL	BBC	GT	NC	BGS	ACGS	BSHS	TSS
2019	SCHOOL	TSS	BBC	GT	NC	BGS	ACGS	BSHS
2020	SCHOOL	BSHS	TSS	BBC	GT	NC	BGS	ACGS

³⁸ Existing rotation updated for next 5 years - December 2015

All members of a crew shall wear the registered racing uniform of their school, and other garments which must all be identical in design and colour. See list below:

School	Top/Shirt	Shorts/ Zoot Suit	Other
ACGS	White long sleeved skin fit (rashie)	Zoot Suit - Blue with Grey horizontal hoop	High-vis Orange racing peak cap
BBC	White sun shirt (optional)	Green/White/Black zoot suit OR Year 8 and 9 - Black PE shorts and Green/Black polo	Year 8 & 9 White bucket hat or white Cap
BGS	Light Blue long sun shirt	Navy Blue zoot suit (with two light blue hoops)	Navy Blue sports cap
BSHS	White compression shirt	Red and Blue Zoot Suit	White State High Rowing Cap
GT	Open to Grade 9: White baselayer long sleeve sun shirt (optional) Coxes and Grade 8: May wear Red and Black Terrace Sports Polo Shirt	Open to Grade 9: Red and Black Rowing Suit Coxes and Grade 8: May wear Black Sports Shorts	All Grades: Red Sports Cap (optional)
NC	White, long-sleeve sun shirt for protection	Royal blue zoot suit (with white 'N' on the back)	White Nudgee rowing cap
TSS	White, long sleeve rashie	White zoot suit with a red and blue strip around the chest with navy blue bottom Year 8 - Maroon and Navy Blue zoot suit	Either Navy Blue with Fluoro Yellow or a White bucket hat

³⁹ GPS Sport and Activities Committee – 20 January 2016: to assist with identification of uniforms; adjusted GT – 29 January 2016



SUBSTITUTIONS AND SCRATCHINGS

SCHOOL

EVENT NAME

RACE NUMBER	TIME	LANE NUMBER
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SEAT	ENTERED CREW	AMENDED CREW
Bow/Sculler		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
Stroke		
Cox		
Coach		

Lodged by		
Signed		
	Time	Date

As per Rowing Australia rules:

RULE 81 PENALTIES

In any case of breach of the rules, a member of the Jury shall impose appropriate penalties. The penalties available to the Jury are:

1. Reprimand;
2. Warning indicated by a Yellow Card;
3. Relegation where specifically provided in these rules;
4. Exclusion indicated by a Red Card (from all the rounds of the event in question);
5. Disqualification (from all events in the regatta).

In cases of exclusion or disqualification, the member of the Jury imposing the penalty may also order a race to be re-rowed with all the remaining crews or with a limited number of the crews should this be necessary, in the Jury member's opinion, to ensure the fairness of the competition.

By-Law to Rule 81 – Yellow and Red Cards

When a warning indicated by a Yellow Card or exclusion indicated by a Red Card is awarded to a crew, the penalised crew shall be informed immediately or as soon thereafter as possible.

In the case of a warning indicated by a Yellow Card applying to the next race of the penalised crew for which the crew is not yet on the water, the penalty shall be announced verbally to the crew by the Jury member at the Control Commission at the outgoing pontoon when the crew concerned boats for their next race. It will also be announced by the Starter as part of the start procedure.