

**SCOTTISH AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION**

**RULES OF RACING - (April, 2001)**

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**The following abbreviations have been used throughout :**

- "SARA" means "Scottish Amateur Rowing Association".
- "ARA" means "Amateur Rowing Association".
- "FISA" means "Fe'deration Internationale des Socie'tes d'Aviron".

**The following terms and their meanings are used throughout :**

- "Executive" means the Executive of the S.A.R.A.
- "Committee" means a General Meeting of the S.A.R.A.
- "Crew" shall be deemed to include "Sculler".
- "Event" is defined as a race or series of races leading to a final decision in any category of racing.
- "Race" is defined as any heat, semi-final or final in an event.

**For Rules marked "\*\*", see Rule H2.**

## SECTION A

## GENERAL

- A1.** The Rules of Racing and the Water Safety Code adopted by the Association shall be observed and the Association's definition of an Amateur shall govern the qualifications of each competitor. Every competitor shall either be a member of a Club affiliated to the SARA and must hold a current Competition Licence, or be an Associate Member of the SARA; or be a member of a Club affiliated to the recognised body governing rowing in his/her country. The competitor shall compete only under the name of that Club or an indirectly affiliated subsidiary of it.
- A2.** After the expiry of the third month of the subscription year a Club shall be deemed to be not affiliated for the purpose of these Rules until its affiliation fee for that year has been paid.
- A3.** No member of an affiliated Club may compete in any open event that is not held under the Rules of either the SARA or a body recognised by the SARA or FISA.
- A4.** The organisation and control of a Regatta under these Rules shall be the responsibility of the Committee organising the Regatta.
- A5\*.** A Regatta Organising Committee shall appoint officials to carry out the duties specified in these Rules. No one shall act as an Umpire unless he is the holder of a valid SARA, ARA or FISA Umpire's Licence.
- A6.** A Regatta Organising Committee shall state on its programmes and official notices that the Regatta is to be held in accordance with the Rules of the SARA.
- A7.** No Regatta shall be held under these Rules unless its date, place and conditions have been approved by the Committee of the SARA. The Committee may refuse to approve a date that has not been submitted in accordance with the timetable specified annually by the Committee.
- A8.** If a Regatta does not take place on the agreed date, through exceptional or unforeseen circumstances, the Regatta Organising Committee may hold it on another date with the approval of the Executive of the SARA.
- A9.** Every competitor in an open event and in an invitation event where a payment is required as a condition of entry (except events specified in rule E4 (k) ) shall pay to the Regatta Organising Committee for the funds of the SARA such sums as may be determined by the Committee from time to time. The Regatta Organising Committee shall forward the total of the sum due so as to reach the Treasurer of the SARA within fourteen days of the event, whether or not by that time it has been received from the competitors.
- A10.** The Regatta Organising Committee shall forward a list of competitors' names and Competition Licence numbers and the results of the racing, including the names of the winners and the Competition Licence numbers of the winners, to the Secretary of the SARA within seven days of the event.
- A11.** All questions not specifically covered by these Rules shall be decided by the Senior Umpire (appointed by the Executive) in conjunction with the Regatta Organising Committee which shall take care to ensure that no breach of them arises from the imposition of local conditions.
- A12.** No Club shall make an entry for a Regatta abroad without the previous approval of the Executive. No member of a Club shall compete in any such event unless he has been duly entered by his Club.
- A13.** All intending competitors shall apply, to the SARA, for a Competition Licence. This application shall show the competitor's date-of-birth, rowing status, sculling status and any other information required by the SARA to carry out its duties. The annual fee for this licence will be determined by the Committee from time to time and in the case of Cadets should only be for the insurance element. A licence applied for after the competitor has entered for a Regatta will be subject to a surcharge. Applications for a licence made on or after 1 September in any one year shall expire on 31 December of the following year. The members of any club which can satisfy the executive that it has a satisfactory insurance policy which covers all members for the whole year, will get their licences for the normal fee less the insurance element.
- A14.** Competitors should only be entered for events by their Clubs and Clubs shall ensure that their entrants are properly qualified for the event i.e. are licensed, are the correct age and sex, and are the correct status. A Club making a wrong entry may be fined a penalty fee. levied by the S.A.R.A. and payable to the S.A.R.A. Subsequent incorrect entries in the same calendar year may be fined double or triple the penalty fee. No club shall make entries to other events until outstanding penalty fees have been paid.

The penalty fee shall be determined by the A.G.M. from time to time.

In the event of a composite crew, the club making the entry shall ensure that the crew is qualified in all respects.

A Composite crew is defined as one in which the oarsmen or scullers, excluding the coxswain, are drawn from more than one club.

## SECTION B REGATTA CONDITIONS AND ENTRIES

**B1.** Notice of a Regatta shall include:

- (a) Place, date and time of the Regatta.
- (b) The categories of events and types of boats for each.
- (c) Special restrictions or conditions, whether or not affecting classification of competitors.
- (d) The amount of the entry fees.
- (e) The length and location of the course.
- (f) The date and time at which entries close and the date, time and place of the draw.
- (g) The address for entries and correspondence.

A copy of the notice of the event and of the entry form shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the SARA and the Senior Umpire simultaneously with the distribution to the Clubs.

**B2.** The entry form for a Regatta shall include:

- (a) The name of the Club entering.
- (b) The colours of the Club entering.
- (c) The names, Competition Licence numbers and, where appropriate, the date of birth of competitors.
- (d) In the case of entries for mixed events, the sex of each competitor.

The names of the competitors shall be set out in the order of rowing, beginning with Bow, who shall be designated No.1.

The following form of certificate shall appear on the entry form:

**"I certify that all the competitors named are amateur members of this Club, which is affiliated to the SARA, or of the Club(s) shown against their names, such Clubs being affiliated to ..... and are eligible to compete in the events for which they are entered".**

An entry shall not be valid unless the entry form has been duly completed and signed.

- B3.** Entries shall close at least five clear days before the date of the event. No official of the Regatta Organising Committee shall divulge any entry, or report the state of the entry list until such list is closed. Unless already shown on the entry form, the names of the actual crew appointed to compete in each event shall be delivered by an official representative of each Club or crew entered to the Secretary of the Regatta Organising Committee on a date and time, which shall be no later than one hour before the first heat in their event, to be specified by such committee.
- B4.** No one shall be entered or race more than once in the same event at a Regatta. No oarsman or sculler shall be entered or race for more than one Club at a Regatta.
- B5.** A Regatta Organising Committee may investigate any questionable entry and may return or annul an entry at any time, without giving a reason.
- B6.** A Regatta Organising Committee may exclude from the Regatta any Club making a false declaration concerning names, sex or classification of competitors.
- B7.** If only one crew is entered for any event, the Regatta Organising Committee shall cancel the event and refund the entry fee.
- B8.** If more than one entry for an event is received and all withdraw but one, the crew of the remaining boat shall row over the course in order to be entitled to any prize.

- B9\***. A copy of the draw and timetable of races shall be sent within two days of the draw to the Clubs entered.
- B10.** Every crew shall be entitled to substitute up to half the number of its oarsmen or scullers, provided -
- (a) the substitutes names and qualifications are delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Regatta before the crew's first race in the event involved.
  - (b) the substitutes are members of the same Club or Clubs entered.
  - (c) After substitution in a composite crew, the oarsmen or scullers must still contain at least one member of all the Clubs originally entered.
  - (d) No substitution is permitted in single sculling events. In mixed events the substitute must be of the same sex as the person replaced.
- B11.** A substitute coxswain shall be permitted provided that his name and Club have been submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Regatta before the competitor's first race in the event involved.
- B12.** The Secretary of the Regatta shall make a list of all the competitors readily available for examination before and during the Regatta.
- B13.** Objections to the qualifications of a competitor must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Regatta as soon as possible. The Regatta Organising Committee may withhold or withdraw prizes until the outcome of any investigation is announced.
- B14.** The Secretary of the Regatta shall supply to the Secretary of the SARA details of foreign entries.

## SECTION C

## REGATTA REGULATIONS

- C1.** The construction, design and dimensions of boats shall be unrestricted, subject to the provision of Rule C2, C14, C15 & E6.
- C2.** Every boat shall carry securely affixed to the bow a solid ball of rubber or material of similar consistency, white in colour, and with a diameter of not less than 4 centimetres. This protection may also be afforded by a specially shaped bow of suitable material. This requirement shall also apply during practice.
- C3.** No competitor shall make use of any substance which will change the natural properties of water.
- C4.** A Regatta Organising Committee shall not offer any form of cash prize, or voucher for a cash value, without the express prior approval of the Executive. Any cash prize so approved and any trophy shall be awarded to the club to which the successful competitor belongs.
- C5.** Clubs or competitors who accept a cash prize, or voucher for a cash value, from an unapproved source shall be liable to suspension by the executive.
- C6.** Cash allowances may be made to cover competitors' travelling expense and boat transport, but shall not exceed the actual expenses incurred. A Regatta Organising Committee may bear the cost of competitors' board and lodging.
- C7.** Every competitor shall wear the colours of the Club that he represents.
- C8.** No competitor shall make use of any stimulant to increase physical performance. The FISA list of prohibited substances shall be adopted by the SARA. Any competitor infringing this rule or refusing to submit to a test shall be disqualified and the circumstances shall be reported to the Secretary of the SARA.
- C9.** A Regatta Organising Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that medical and life saving services are provided throughout the Regatta.
- C10.** A Regatta Organising Committee may appoint a Race Committee which shall be chaired by the Senior Umpire appointed by the Executive to deal with all matters concerning the racing. The Umpire, however, is responsible for the conduct of each race.
- C11\*.** A Regatta Organising Committee shall appoint a suitably qualified person to supervise the crews' embarking and disembarking points. He shall check the composition of crews, and ensure that all relevant Rules are obeyed, including the carrying of deadweight by coxswains.
- C12\*.** Subject to Rule B10 (b), (c) and (d), no competitor who has already raced in the event may be replaced except, in the event of serious illness of the competitor. Permission for substitution in such cases shall be the responsibility of the Senior Umpire. Written medical evidence should be obtained when necessary. In every case of this nature, a report shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the SARA.
- C13.** Women may not compete in men's crews or vice versa, except as coxswains. or in under 13 events.
- C14.** No competitor shall make use of a sliding rigger mechanism.
- C15.** All boats must be equipped with stretchers or shoes which allow the occupants to get clear of the boat without using hands and with least possible delay.
- C16.** The owners and users of all boats shall ensure that their boats are safe in all respects and in particular that they adhere to Rules C2 and C15.
- C17 .** All coxswains, irrespective of the status of the event entered, must wear a lifejacket (conforming to BS3595) or a buoyancy aid of approved design whilst taking part at a regatta. Coxswains in "front loader" positions must wear lifejackets which allow them easy escape from their positions.

## **SECTION D CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITORS**

**D1.** Oarsmen and scullers shall be classified as follows:

- (a) Cadet
- (b) Junior
- (c) Senior
- (d) Novice
- (e) Veteran
- (f) Lightweight

**D2.** A CADET is one who has not attained the age of 14 years before 1st September of the calendar year preceding the event.

**D3.** A JUNIOR is one who has not attained the age of 18 years before 1st September of the calendar year preceding the event. A Junior who has not attained his 16th birthday before 1st September of the calendar year preceding the event may compete as a Junior under 16, and a Junior who has not attained his 15th birthday before 1st September of the calendar year preceding the event may compete as a Junior under 15.

**D4.** A SENIOR is one who has attained the age of 18 years before 1st September of the preceding calendar year.

**D5.** A NOVICE is one who has never won an open event at a Regatta or represented their country in competition. He may, however, win those events shown in rule E4(a),(f), (g), (h), (j), (k), (l), (m) & (n) without change of classification. (See Rule E1 for definition of an open event).

**D6.** A VETERAN is one who will have attained the age of 27 on or before 31st December of the current year.

**D7.** A LIGHTWEIGHT male is one whose weight does not exceed 72.5 kg and a LIGHTWEIGHT female is one whose weight does not exceed 59 kg.

**D8\*.** COXSWAINS. The Rules concerning Juniors shall also apply to coxswains, except in "Under 15 events" and below when an "Under 16" coxswain may be used. Other classifications shall not be applicable to coxswains, who shall in other respects be considered to be members of the crew. In men's events other than Junior events, the minimum weight for coxswains shall be 50 kg. In men's Junior events, women's events and mixed events the minimum weight for coxswains shall be 40 kg. To make up this weight, the coxswain shall carry deadweight as close as practicable to his person. Coxswains in all categories of events may be male or female.

**D9.** The Executive shall have the power to decide for the purpose of these Rules the classification of an oarsman or sculler who has competed under the Rules of another Association.

**D10.** A competitor with more than 4 wins, who has not won any qualifying rowing/sculling event in the preceding year may have his counting wins reduced by 1, to a minimum of 4, in rowing and/or sculling, on application by his Club to the Executive. Notwithstanding the definition of a qualifying event under rule E3, competitors who represent their country in the preceding year or who win a Scottish Championship, whether or not a qualifying event, will not be eligible for points reduction in rowing/sculling.

**D11.** The classification of an oarsman shall not affect his classification as a sculler and vice versa.

## SECTION E

## CATEGORIES OF EVENTS

**E1.** An OPEN EVENT shall be one for which any competitor eligible under the general conditions and qualifications for the particular event (except as listed in Rule E2) may enter.

**N.B.** The Scottish Championships although restricted to Scottish Clubs or Scottish nationals, shall be deemed to be open events.

**E2.** A CLOSED EVENT shall be any one of the following and shall not be subject to these Rules:

- (a) Private matches arranged solely by agreement among the Clubs or competitors concerned.
- (b) Events open only to members of one Club or open only to school or university clubs or other self-contained bodies.
- (c) Subject to the approval of the Executive, invitation events (whether or not included in open Regattas) restricted to competitors specified by the organisers at the time when notice of the event is given.

**E3.** A QUALIFYING EVENT is any open event other than the events defined in Rule E4. For the purposes of this rule, all international events will be deemed to be qualifying events unless rule E4(m) applies. Rule E4(j) shall not apply to international events.

**E4.** NON-QUALIFYING EVENTS shall be

- (a) Between 1st August and 31st December of each year, events held over a distance of 500m or less.
- (b) Events open only to Juniors Under 18 and Juniors Under 16.
- (c) Events open only to Novices.
- (d) Events open only to Veterans.
- (e)
- (f) Events for mixed crews under Rule E11.
- (g) Processional ("Head") events in which the competitors are started at intervals and the results shown in an order based on time or bumping.
- (h) Handicap and relay events.
- (j) Invitation events.
- (k) Events in which the competitors are allotted to crews by the organisers.
- (l) Subject to previous approval in each case by the Executive, any other events held under special conditions.
- (m) Any event in which fewer than 4 competitors come under starters orders.
- (n) Events open only to Cadets or to JU15's..

The classification of competitors, other than Novices winning events under sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) (providing that at least 4 entrants come under starters orders) shall not be affected by the results of any of the events mentioned in this Rule, but a Regatta Organising Committee may restrict entries to competitors of specified classifications.

**E5.** NOVICE EVENTS shall not be subject to any age limit.

**E6.** CADET EVENTS may be held for any suitable Cadet age groups in restricted or unrestricted craft.

**E7.** JUNIOR EVENTS may be held in the following classes:

Under 18                      Open to any Junior.

Under 16                      Open to any Junior (under 16).

Under 15                      Open to any Junior (under 15).

**E8.** SENIOR EVENTS may be held in the following classes - Senior Open, Restricted 1 and Restricted 2.

The average number of qualifying wins of the members of a crew (excluding coxswain) may not exceed the numbers in the following table. No person shall count more than 12 wins. Anyone who has competed for the Great Britain Senior, Lightweight or U23 International Squads shall have their points topped up to 12. Anyone who has competed for Great Britain in the World Junior Championships shall have their points topped up to 6.

Senior Open - unlimited  
Restricted 1 - 8 wins  
Restricted 2 - 3 wins

**E9.** VETERAN EVENTS may be held in the following age classes -

Class A: Minimum age 27 years.  
Class B: Average age not less than 36 years.  
Class C: Average age not less than 43 years.  
Class D: Average age not less than 50 years.  
Class E: Average age not less than 55 years.  
Class F: Average age not less than 60 years.  
Class G: Average age not less than 65 years.  
Class H: Average age not less than 70 years.

A Veteran's age is that which he attains on or before 31st December of the current year.

Coxswains are unrestricted in age and sex and should not be included when calculating averages.

**E10.** LIGHTWEIGHT EVENTS may be held under the same Rules concerning classification of competitors and conditions as apply to other events, with the following additional provisions:

- (a) Every competitor shall be qualified under Rule D7.
- (b) The average weight of a male crew (excluding coxswain and single sculler) shall not exceed 70kg.  
The average weight of a female crew (excluding coxswain and single sculler) shall not exceed 57kg.

**E11.** MIXED EVENTS may be held subject to the following provisions:

- (a) The number of males and females (excluding coxswains) shall be determined by the Regatta Organising Committee.
- (b) The same Rules concerning classification of competitors and conditions as apply to men's and women's events shall apply respectively to male and female competitors in mixed events, except that a win in a mixed event shall not affect the status of any competitor.

**E12\*.** Classes under Rules E7 ,E8 and Novice Status under Rule D5, shall relate to the beginning of a Regatta, and changes of Class shall take effect at the end of the Regatta. If, as a result of this Rule, a competitor wins more than the permitted number of events for the appropriate Class, the additional wins shall count as wins in the next higher Class.

**E13\*.** A Regatta Organising Committee may transfer to another event of appropriate classification a crew or sculler whose classification changes between the date of entry and the beginning of the event.

## SECTION F

## RACE REGULATIONS

- F1.** These regulations shall be so applied as to ensure that all competitors race under fair and equal conditions.
- F2\*.** A boat's proper course shall be defined as that which it must follow from Start to Finish in order to cover the prescribed distance, having regard to :
- (a) The station on which each boat is drawn;
  - (b) The lane occupied by each boat at the Start;  
and
  - (c) The water it must leave clear for other boats.

## UMPIRES

- F3\*.** The Starter shall be an Umpire, but the race Umpire may act as the Starter.
- F4\*.** An Aligner may be appointed to assist the Starter or Umpire at the Start and he shall also be an Umpire.
- F5\*.** Judges shall declare the race results. If necessary they shall inspect photographic records of the finish. There shall be a Senior Judge who shall be an Umpire.
- F6\*.** An Umpire shall be provided with a red flag, a white flag, a bell and a megaphone, electric if possible; unless he is cycling, when he shall be provided with a megaphone only.
- F7\*.** The Starter and an Aligner shall each be provided with a red flag, a white flag and a bell. In both cases a megaphone or loudspeaker equipment should be provided also.
- F8\*.** A launch used for umpiring shall be so constructed as to enable the Umpire to carry out his duties properly.
- F9\*.** If the race is umpired from the bank, adequate communications between Umpires shall be provided. Umpires should be provided with a position from which they can clearly see each race in the portions of the course for which they are responsible, and as far as possible be seen by the competitors. Umpires shall be located at distances which allow any warning to be heard by the competitors whilst under their jurisdiction. A co-ordinating Umpire shall be available to overhear all communication between Umpires and to be in communication with the Judge. All decisions shall be taken by the Umpires and shall be given to the Judge by the co-ordinating Umpire. When an Umpire is cycling he shall follow the race from Start to Finish and keep himself in a position where he can be clearly heard by the competitors. All decisions shall be given to the Judge by the Umpire as soon as the race is over.
- F10.** Umpires shall from time to time during the Regatta inspect the course or portion of the course for which they are responsible and take appropriate remedial action where necessary.

## THE START

- F11** The Start may take place without reference to absentees.
- F12\* .**If there is only one crew in a race, the Umpire may exempt the crew from rowing over the course in a race other than the final, if the crew so requests.
- F13\*.** The Umpire, Starter or Aligner shall prepare the crews for the Start with a minimum of delay. If an Aligner is provided he shall indicate that the crews are aligned by raising a white flag.

## **F14\*.** NORMAL START

Before start time the Starter shall announce the race.

Crews shall be at the start at least two minutes before the time of their race and if stake-boats/pontoons are provided should be attached.

The Starter shall announce "Two Minutes " and this will signify to the crews that they are formally under Starter's Orders.

When the boats are aligned and the crews ready to race, the Starter shall make a roll call by naming each crew. Once the roll call begins the Starter shall take no further notice of any crew indicating that it is not ready or straight.

If crews are still aligned, the Starter shall then say "**ATTENTION**" and then raise the **Red** flag. After a clear pause (variable from one race to another), the Starter shall quickly drop the **Red** flag and simultaneously say "**GO**".

### **QUICK START**

In exceptional circumstances the Starter may decide not to use the NORMAL START with the roll call. He must then inform the crews that the "QUICK START" shall be used.

The Starter shall then say "**QUICK START - ATTENTION**" and then raise the **Red** flag. After a clear pause (variable from one race to another), the Starter shall quickly drop the **Red** flag and simultaneously say "**GO**".

**F15\***. If the Umpire, Starter or Aligner considers the Start false, he shall recall the competitors to the Start by ringing the bell and then waving the red flag. The decision to recall the competitors shall be made before the competitors have completed more than 100 metres of the course. The crew or crews causing the false start shall be given a warning. If possible a false start marker should be placed adjacent to the starting position of the crew or crews causing the false start. The warning shall hold good until the race has been completed and shall therefore apply in the case of a postponement.

**F16\***. If a crew refuses to Start again or makes or causes two false Starts, the Umpire shall disqualify it from the event.

**NOTE** - In order to keep up with modern technology, if F.I.S.A. supports alternative equipment to the existing red flag, white flag, bell, megaphone etc., then this equipment **may** be used where appropriate. Competing clubs should be informed of this change prior to race day.

### **THE RACE**

**F17\***. During the race, each boat shall remain in its own water; it shall not encroach on the course of other competing boats, nor interfere with them, nor prevent them from following their proper courses. A crew continuing out of its proper course after due warning does so at its peril and if it derives any advantage from doing so may be disqualified by the Umpire.

**F18.** The Umpire shall be the sole judge of a boat's proper course and shall decide all questions relating thereto.

**F19.** The Umpire may call the attention of a competitor to his steering only if the competitor is about to interfere with or foul another competitor or if a collision is about to occur or if disqualification is possible under Rule F17. The Umpire may also call the attention of a competitor to an obstruction on his course.

**F20\***. When the Umpire in a launch warns a crew he shall hold up a white flag vertically, name the crew, and move the flag in the direction in which the boat is to move. When an Umpire on the bank warns a crew he shall hold up a white flag vertically, name the crew, and audibly instruct the crew in which direction the boat is to move. He shall inform the next Umpire of the instructions that he has given. When the Umpire stops the race, he shall ring the bell, hold up a red flag and give the order "Stop!". When the Umpire stops a crew, but not the race, he shall raise the white flag vertically, name the crew and give the order "Stop!".

**F21.** Crews shall be responsible for their own steering and the Umpire shall ensure that crews are not followed during the race by other racing boats, nor receive any advice or instructions. No radio shall be used in a boat during a race. A crew receiving any extraneous assistance may be disqualified.

**F22.** A foul shall be defined as any collision or contact between boats, oars, sculls or persons in the same race, unless in the opinion of the Umpire it will not influence the result of the race.

**F23.** Interference shall be defined as conduct by a crew which impedes the progress of an opponent who is in the proper course. No competitor shall be disqualified for interference unless he has been warned in accordance with Rule F19.

**F24\*.** In the case of a foul or interference the Umpire may disqualify the offending crew or crews and :

- (a) allow the race to continue or be re-started or accept or determine the finishing order of the boats;  
or
- (b) order crews not disqualified to re-row the race at a time determined by the Regatta Organising Committee;  
or
- (c) if only one crew remains in the race, declare it the winner.

**F25\*.** A crew shall abide by its own accidents except where damage is sustained by interference from an outside agency. In such cases the Umpire may order the race to be re-rowed.

### **THE FINISH**

**F26\*.** The Judges shall decide the order in which boats pass the finish line.

**F27\*.** In the case of a race umpired from a launch, the Umpire shall indicate to the Judges by raising his white flag when all crews have crossed the Finish line that the race is in order, and no protest has been lodged. If the race is not in order he shall raise his red flag.

**F28.** A crew has completed the course when the bows of the boat cross the finish line. If a competitor, other than a coxswain, falls out of the boat, the crew may still be placed. If a coxswain falls out of the boat, the crew will be deemed not to have completed the course.

**F29\*.** If two or more boats cross the finish line simultaneously, the Regatta Organising Committee shall arrange a re-row. If a crew refuses to re-row it shall be disqualified.

### **DISPUTES AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

**F30.** The decision of an Umpire shall be final and without appeal. An Umpire's jurisdiction shall extend over the whole race from the Start to the Finish.

**F31.** The Senior Umpire in conjunction with the Regatta Organising Committees may decide at their discretion any cases not covered in these Rules. A report on such cases shall be sent to the Secretary of the SARA.

**F32.** A competitor refusing to abide by the decisions of an Umpire or failing to follow his directions may be removed from the race or disqualified, as appropriate.

**F33.** The Senior Umpire, in conjunction with the Regatta Organising Committee may take disciplinary measures against competitors or members of competing clubs infringing these Rules or refusing to obey instructions given them, or abusing Regatta officials, or any other misconduct.

These disciplinary measures may take the form of :

- (a) A caution;  
or
- (b) Disqualification or removal of a crew from the race in which the Rules have been infringed;  
or
- (c) Disqualification of the Clubs from all races at the Regatta;  
or
- (d) Disqualification of a competitor;  
and
- (e) Instructing the Umpire of the competitor's next race to treat the offence as the equivalent of one False Start made by the competitor.

- F34.** Objections and protests shall be made to a Judge, Umpire or the Secretary of the Regatta or his representative, and shall be confirmed in writing as soon as practicable.
- F35.** Any dispute, objection or protest not satisfactorily settled between the Club concerned and the Regatta Organising Committee shall be referred to the Executive.

**SECTION H                    PROCESSIONAL ("HEAD") RACES**

**H1.** With the exceptions listed below these Rules shall apply as far as practicable to processional ("Head") events.

**H2.** The following Rules shall not apply to such races:

A5; B1(f) (second clause); B9; C11; C12;  
D8 (except first sentence); E12; E13;  
F2-F9, F11-F17, F20, F24-F27 and F29.

**H3.** The race Secretary shall supply the names of the competitors if so requested.

**H4.** The Regatta Organising Committee shall make regulations in substitution for any of the Section F Rules which do not apply to Heads.