

**Summary of the Eleven Changes to the RCA Rules of Racing
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I Article 2.5 – p. 16, Coxswains Weights

CHANGE *“The coxswain must comply with the weight requirement for the event in which the coxswain is entered.”* **TO** *“The combined weights of the coxswain and deadweight (less than or equal to ten kilograms) must not be less than fifty or fifty-five kilograms in the respective event for which the crew is entered.”*

II Article 2.5 -- p. 17, Coxswains Weights ...continued

CHANGE *“At any time, before or immediately after the race, the Umpire may require the deadweight to be shown and the Control Commission to reweigh.”* **TO** *“At any time, before or immediately after the race, the Control Commission or the Umpire may require the deadweight to be reweighed.”*

III Article 2.6 (b) – p. 18, Weighing of Coxswains

CHANGE *“At all other regattas, coxswains shall be weighed wearing their racing uniform on tested scales at a time to be determined by the Organizing Committee each day of the competition.”* **TO** *At all other regattas, the weigh-ins shall be conducted within a minimum three hour time period; weigh-in to commence a minimum of one hour prior to the commencement of racing each day of competition. Coxswains shall be weighed wearing their racing uniforms, on tested scales and present themselves within the three hour time period, at a time determined by the Organizing Committee.”*

IV Article 2.11 (b) -- p. 22 Weighing of Lightweights

CHANGE *“At all other regattas, lightweight rowers shall be weighed wearing their racing uniform once per weight category per race day, on tested scales, at a time to be determined by the Organizing Committee.”* **TO** *“At all other regattas, the weigh-ins shall be conducted within a minimum three hour time period; weigh-in to commence a minimum of one hour prior to commencement of racing each day of competition. Lightweight rowers shall be weighed wearing their racing uniforms, on tested scales and present themselves within the three hour time period, at a time to be determined by the Organizing Committee.”*

V Article 3.9 -- p. 27 Minimum Boat Weights

Owing to the impracticality of enforcing weight constraints, article 3.9 is to be deleted in its entirety from the Rules of Racing.

VI Article 10.4 -- p. 57 For Adaptive Events, shall be replaced with the following:

“10.4 For Adaptive Events (visually impaired):

The Starter shall amend the above procedure noted in Article 10.3. After the last crew has been named in the roll-call, the Starter shall check that the Judge at the Start still has the white flag raised and shall then say: "Attention, Red Flag" (or in the case that traffic lights are used - "Red Light"). The starting procedure shall then continue as in Article 10.3.”

VII Article 10.6 -- p. 59 Quick Start

The following will be added at the end of Article 10.6 on page 60:

“For Adaptive Events (visually impaired), the Starter shall amend the above procedure. After the Starter has said, "Quick Start", the starter shall then say "Attention, Red Flag" (or in the case that traffic lights are used - "Red Light"). The starting procedure shall then be continued.”

VIII Article 10.13 -- pp. 65 – 67 Finish of the Race

Throughout Article 10.13, the word “umpire” will be changed to read “principal umpire”.

IX Article 10.13 -- p. 67 Finish of the Race...continued

The clause "For Adaptive Events:" will be replaced by:

"For Adaptive events (for visually impaired):

When raising the white flag the principal umpire will add the words "White Flag".

When raising the red flag, the principal umpire will add the words "Red Flag".

X Article 10.18 (2) -- p. 72 Penalties -- Yellow Card

Because there is no physical 'yellow card', references to issuing a yellow card to a crew for an infraction -- previously identified as a warning -- will be deleted, and the wording of article 10.18 clause 2 will be replaced with the following:

"A Yellow Card (warning) is given to crews or coaches by any member of the Jury when a rule infraction has occurred. The rower or the crew or the coach will be informed of the nature of the infraction and then be assessed verbally a "Yellow Card". A Yellow Card assessed to a rower or to a crew will apply to the next round in which the rower or the crew competes. For example, a traffic pattern violation will carry over to their next race. A crew receiving two yellow cards will be automatically excluded from the race at the start."

XI Article 11.5 -- p. 77 Composition of the Jury

The description of those comprising the Jury, Item 6, on page 78, will be replaced by the following:

6. *"Chief of the Control Commission and members if available."*

END OF CHANGES