

Adaptive Rowing - National Championships Events



The following are the details of the approved Adaptive Rowing Events for the 2008 National Rowing Championships.

Name	Code	Distance	Boat
Arms only men's single scull	AM1X	1000m	Adaptive Racing Single Scull
Arms only women's single scull	AW1X	1000m	Adaptive Racing Single Scull
Trunk and arms men's single scull	TAM1X	1000m	Adaptive Racing Single Scull
Trunk and arms women's single scull	TAW1X	1000m	Adaptive Racing Single Scull
Leg, trunk & arms men's single scull	LTAM1X	1000m	Conventional Single Scull
Leg, trunk & arms women's single scull	LTAW1X	1000m	Conventional Single Scull
Leg, trunk & arms men's double scull	LTAM2X	1000m	Conventional Double Scull
Leg, trunk & arms women's double scull	LTAW2X	1000m	Conventional Double Scull
Arms only men's single scull	Div 2 AM1X	500m	Adaptive Recreational Single Scull
Arms only women's single scull	Div 2 AW1X	500m	Adaptive Recreational Single Scull
Leg, trunk & arms men's single scull	Div 2 LTAM1X	500m	TBA
Leg, trunk & arms women's single scull	Div 2 LTAW1X	500m	TBA

A list identifying the makes and model of boats in the specified boat class will be provided for Bulletin 1 of the 2008 National Rowing Championships.

Please find below a brief description of the different categories of athletes.

For an athlete to compete at the 2008 National Rowing Championships they must be classified by a National Classification Panel. An opportunity for athletes to be classified will be provided at the 2008 National Rowing Championships prior to racing.

The Classification Nomination process and Classification Guidelines will be published following the Rowing Australia Board's approval at the end of September.

ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSIFICATION

A. LTA (Legs, Trunk and arms)

The LTA class is for rowers with a disability who have the use of their legs, trunk and arms and who can utilize the sliding seat. LTA rowers must meet minimum disability requirements in at least one of the following three disability groups:

(1) Intellectual disability

A rower must meet the eligibility criteria established by the Australian Sport and Recreation Association for Persons with Integration Difficulties Inc. (AUSRAPID) and have completed the athlete eligibility application using the May 2004 Athlete Application for Registration Package and subsequently issued with an AUSRAPID Registration Card. (The AUSRAPID Registration Package can be found on the AUSRAPID Website www.ausrapid.org.au/ContentPages/home.htm) Athletes classified under criteria prior to May 2004 must be re-registered with AUSRAPID using the May 2004 Athlete Application for Registration Package.

(2) Visual Impairment

A rower must have been classified by an ophthalmologist or the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) in one of the B3, B2 or B1 classes. For a description of these classes please refer to www.ibsa.es The *FISA Adaptive Rowing Vision Qualification Form* should be completed by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist, and submitted along with the *Classification Forms* and supporting documentation to RA prior to classification.

(3) Physical Disability

The minimum physical is the loss of ten points on one limb or fifteen points across two limbs when assessed using the *Functional Classification test* (outlined in the FISA Classification Guidelines), a full loss of three fingers on one hand, or at least a tarsal metatarsal amputation of the foot.

B. TA (Trunk and Arms)

The TA class is for rowers who have trunk movement and who are unable to use the sliding seat to propel the boat because of significantly weakened function of the lower limbs.

C. A (Arms Only)

The A class is for rowers who have no or minimal trunk function (i.e. shoulder function only). An A class rower is able to apply force predominantly using the arms and/or shoulders.

Note: Athletes may move up in class for competition without affecting their sport class status, but may not move down. For example, an athlete classified as TA may row as LTA, but not as A.

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