

Event Requirements for Junior Australian Rowing Team

Please Note: RA intends to review these Event Requirements by no later than September of each year but may review and update these Event Requirements at any time, including by announcing and publishing further or varied requirements and standards from time to time prior to the relevant event or trial and the publication or notification shall take effect in accordance with the RA Selection Policy.

Background:

The Rowing Australia (RA) National Selection Policy – Underage Teams (Selection Policy) outlines the broad selection criteria for all rowers and coxswains and can be viewed on the RA website at www.rowingaustralia.com.au. This document operates as an appendix to the RA Selection Policy and outlines the activities that rowers and coxswains must complete to be eligible for selection consideration for the Australian Junior Team.

All athletes must complete all activities stipulated in these Event Requirements unless there are medical reasons or Extenuating Circumstances that prevent this, in which case Rowing Australia is to be notified of the particular reason as soon as is practicable, and in accordance with the RA Medical Management Policy and Selection Policy.

Specific Activity Details:

ACTIVITY	See Note(s)	2017 Junior Team – Selection Activity Dates	2018 Junior Team – Selection Activity Dates	2019 Junior Team - Selection Activity Dates	2020 Junior Team - Selection Activity Dates
State Championships/Regattas (participation encouraged)	1	From December 2016	From September 2017	From September 2018	From September 2019
2km Ergometer Test	2	1 January – 26 March 2017	1 January – 18 March 2018	1 January – 24 March 2019	1 January – 30 March 2020
National Championships (participation encouraged)	3	27 March – 2 April 2017	19 – 25 March 2018	25 – 31 March 2019	TBC
Close of team nominations	4,5	10 April 2017	2 April 2018	8 April 2019	TBC
Close date for submission of entries for Selection Trials	6,7	17 April 2017	9 April 2018	17 April 2019	TBC
Underage Selection Trials	6 - 12	23 – 29 April 2017	16 – 22 April 2018	TBC	TBC
Junior Team Training Camp	13	24 June – 2 July 2017	TBC	TBC	TBC
Junior World Championships		2 – 6 August 2017, (Trakai, LTU)	TBC	TBC	TBC

NOTES:

- 1) Athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in domestic regattas, including the Athlete's State Championships.
- 2) All Rowers must complete at least one **2km Ergometer Test**, to be conducted in line with Australian Rowing Team Ergometer Testing protocols, available on the RA website at <http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/sports-science/rowing-testing-protocols/> and must be submitted to the Athlete's State Pathway Head Coach within the date window specified. Performances will be assessed against the National Ergometer Benchmarks available at <http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/sports-science/rowing-testing-protocols/>
- 3) Athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in the **National Championships**.
- 4) **Eligibility:** Athletes attempting selection in the Junior Team must be 18 years of age or younger on 31 December in the year of the respective Junior World Rowing Championships (*eg for the 2017 Junior World Rowing Championships, athletes must be 18 years of age or younger on 31 December 2017*).
- 5) **Nomination:** Athletes and coaches wishing to be considered for Junior team selection must complete the online nomination form found on the Rowing Australia website (<http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/national-team-selection-information/>) by the date specified.
- 6) **National Junior Selection Trials entries;** All entries into the National Junior Selection Trials must be submitted through the Athlete's State Pathway Head Coach to nwagstaff@rowingaustralia.com.au by the date specified.
- 7) Crews nominating for selection in **coxed boats** must nominate their preferred coxswain at the point of entry. Junior Coxswains will be selected with their crew should the crew be selected.
- 8) The Selectors reserve the right at their sole discretion to choose the crew combinations, seat racing partners and the matrix of seat racing in the Underage Selection Trials, and to conduct ergometer and such other tests as required in order for the Selectors to assess the specified selection criteria. In applying this discretion, Selectors must act in accordance with Clause 2.6 of the Selection Policy.
- 9) The **minimum on-water performance benchmarks** required in each boat class under consideration for the Junior World Championships are as follows:

	Junior Men	Junior Women
1x	07:24.1	08:03.6
2-	06:57.6	07:43.7
2x	06:46.1	07:30.2
4+	06:35.7	
4-	06:21.8	07:07.8
4x	06:15.5	06:55.4
8+	05:57.4	06:44.4

The minimum on-water performance benchmarks assume competition in neutral environmental conditions. Accordingly, the Selectors may make adjustment (if any) to the minimum performance standards for environmental conditions as they see fit by reference to speed order or comparative trials or races as decided by the Selectors in their absolute discretion (the **Adjusted Performance Benchmarks**). The Selectors may also use the

Adjusted Performance Benchmarks to rank the performance of crews.

Achievement of the **Adjusted Performance Benchmarks** does not guarantee selection. The Adjusted Performance Benchmarks are the minimum on-water performance standards required for the Selectors to consider a boat for selection. The Selectors will not recommend selection of a boat to compete at the Junior World Championships unless a crew has achieved an Adjusted Performance Benchmark in that boat at or prior to the **Underage Selection Trials**.

If an athlete races in two or more boats that achieve an Adjusted Performance Benchmark at a selection trial, the Selectors have a discretion to nominate each boat if the boat with the replacement athlete or athletes demonstrates to the Selectors' satisfaction that it can achieve an Adjusted Performance Benchmark.

- 10) Coaches for the Australian Junior Team will be appointed by the HPC, which has responsibility for and discretion in respect of the selection and removal at any time of coaches.
- 11) RA will announce (in accordance with the Selection Policy) the Australian Junior Team by no later than 2 days following the conclusion of the Underage Selection Trials.
- 12) Participants selected to compete at the Junior World Championships must pay a seat fee contribution for international preparation and competition. The seat fee will be advised to the Participant by RA as soon as practicable, but in any event, prior to Underage Selection Trials.
- 13) The Junior Team Training Camp is mandatory for all Athletes and coaches named in the Australian Junior Team.