

ROWING SOUTH AFRICA



South African Rowing Officials Commission (SAROC)

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Dear fellow rowing participants, officials and all stake holders

This rowing season has been active and productive for the rowing community with numerous regattas at a wide range of venues. SAROC monitors regattas on an ongoing basis and safety and fairness remain a focus at all events.

Recently SAROC has received a number of complaints and Presidents of Jury (PoJ) reports highlighting specific incidents where the regard for fairness and respect for opponents were transgressed. We would like to bring to the attention of the rowing community that the Rules of Racing places a high emphasis on fairness and respect in all its forms.

Rule: 2.4.3 Fairness

All rowers shall compete fairly, showing respect for their opponents and for the regatta officials. In particular, they shall be at the start on time and follow instructions of the officials at all times, both on and off the water. The officials shall ensure that the Rules of Racing are applied fairly and in an atmosphere of respect to all competitors

Adherence to this rule encompasses the spirit of fair racing and is the cornerstone for an effective and enjoyable regatta for all.

We look forward to balance of the season as we move towards the National Championship regattas

We request all clubs, universities and schools to make all rowers, coaches and managers aware of the contents of this bulletin.

Regards

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