

MATTERS FOR ATTENTION

The complete set of AOCRA Regatta and Training Rules can be found at

[http://aocra.com.au/uploads/file/AOCRA%20Admin%20/2021%20AO%20Rules\(1\).pdf](http://aocra.com.au/uploads/file/AOCRA%20Admin%20/2021%20AO%20Rules(1).pdf)

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These regulations and conditions are **specific to NQZ** and are **in addition** to the AOCRA Regatta and Training Rules

1. If conditions deem it necessary, the Race/ Training Director will require 14U and 12U OC6 crews to have an adult steerer/ paddler (position 5 or 6).
2. Only competitors who are members of a club affiliated with AOCRA are eligible to compete and this does include crews from outside of our Zone. Crews from another zone compete for medals only (not eligible for points).
3. NQZ emphasises that OC1 paddlers must wear a leg rope when racing. Likewise, one paddler per OC2 must wear a leg rope when racing.

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4. Combining of Clubs at regattas:
 - i) Small clubs ie. clubs with fewer than 12 gender specific senior members (over 18 years of age) are entitled to combine with other small clubs, within NQ Zone to race at regattas for medals and points (points will be given to the club who makes the nomination). Approval must be sought from the NQ Zone Committee prior to the small club nominating for the regatta. The request is to be sent via email to the Zone Secretary nqzoneaocra@outlook.com at least 21 days prior to the regatta date.
 - ii) If there is no other small club within a 400km radius, that small club will be allowed to race with any club within that 400km radius, subject to zone approval. Approval must be sought via email to the Zone Secretary nqzoneaocra@outlook.com at least 21 days prior to the regatta date.
5. An alternate venue or modified alternate course must be available for the Regatta in the event of a strong wind warning or unsuitable paddling conditions.
6. Rules compliance:
 - A. The lead boat in every event must have an official observer who will take responsibility for reporting conditions and make decisions on safety. If conditions deteriorate at any point of the course in any event, the observer must recommend contact the race director
 - B. Time restriction and cut off points where crews can be required to drop out of a race at a pre agreed point, need to be documented and mentioned in all briefings.
7. Ratios and gender mix referred to in the rules may be altered at the discretion of the zone by the race director approval.

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