



## MATTERS FOR ATTENTION 2024

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

[AO Rules April 2024](#)

The most recent version is dated July 2024

These regulations and conditions are **specific to NQ Zone** 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.
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.
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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## SMALL CLUB RULES

The NQ zone has recently made some changes to the small club rule. This has been done to simplify the process and increase the overall participation in the sport while recognising small clubs in our zone. This will allow more teams on the water and clubs will gain points for how many they have participating rather than just who nominates.

Some key points to make this work correctly.

- The rules are designed to use NQ Zone members only.
  - If members from outside our zone are used then no points will be awarded to any part of that crew where points would normally apply.
- The registration should be done under the smallest club's name this will ensure the small clubs are recognised in the zone as attending our events.

To be eligible for points the following guidelines need to be followed.

- Small clubs are encouraged to utilise other small clubs first.
- If no other small clubs have available paddlers that can fill the gaps, then any other registered paddler from any other NQZ club can be used to make up crews.
- When the registration is done the make-up of the crew needs to be identified in the comments with the registration.
  - I.e. If the crew has two Coconuts members, three Hekili members and one Coral Sea member
  - Coconuts would do the club nomination as the Small Club
  - The Team would appear on Webscorer as "2Coc3Hek1CS"
  - That needs to be listed so the percentage of points can be allocated correctly where points are earned (Yes this part takes a little extra from each club however if we all wish for this to work we all need to play our part to ensure it is effective).
- The zone will then divide the points out based on that info.

We believe this change will allow more teams on the water, will allow greater participation for members from small clubs and will allow left over paddlers from other clubs to get good opportunities to compete.

This will also place the small clubs in a position to compete for the points per capita category while showing nomination from all our small clubs at events.

The zone also encourages that members in these team wear their own registered club colours and race shirts in these crews. This will promote the participation from all of their clubs and will also allow better identification of such crews and can assist in measuring how affective this is being for the sport.

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