

## CHANGES TO THE SRA HANDBOOK

The SRA is introducing changes to the Handbook this season to address the following issues.

Firstly it is clear that progression at Novice stage is too slow, and competitors with too high a number of points are being allowed to compete as Novices. The number of points allowed to compete at Novice Doubles and Singles is being reduced.

Secondly there has been some confusion over the Most Improved Sculler award. In recent years submissions have been frequently made on behalf of Junior Scullers who are unable to meet the criteria of the award. A new award is being introduced for Junior Sculler of the Year and the criteria for the Most Improved Sculler award are being clarified. The main changes are as follows.

### 1 RULES OF RACING SECTION D AND E

The numbers of points allowed for competing at Novice Singles and Doubles are reduced. Higher status events are adjusted accordingly. The paragraphs are revised as follows.

D5 Senior events are open to any sculler.

D6 Higher events are open to scullers whose number of status points is less than 12, or to double scullers whose combined number of status points is less than 24.

D7 Intermediate events are open to scullers whose number of status points is less than 8, or to double scullers whose combined number of status points is less than 16.

D8 Novice events are open to single scullers whose number of points is less than 4, or to double scullers whose combined number of status points is less than 8.

D9 Entrant events are open to scullers who have zero status points

### 2 JUNIOR SCULLER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The description for the new award is as follows.

This award was inaugurated in 2017 by the SRA Committee to encourage participation and endeavour by Junior Scullers. It is presented annually to that Junior sculler who, in the opinion of the Committee, has shown exceptional commitment and performance

#### RULES

1. The criteria that shall be used in assessing a candidate for the award shall include:
  - (a) The sculler's commitment to competing in the current season.

- (b) The number of wins and other high placings in races during the current season.
  - (c) The determination and general conduct shown during racing.
  - (d) Any special personal circumstances.
- 2. The Hon. Secretary of the SRA shall, at the end of the season, invite the captain of each affiliated club to nominate any suitable candidates for the award from that club, and supply details on which the nominations are based. It is not obligatory to make a nomination if the captain considers that no sculler satisfies the conditions of the award.
- 3. The SRA Committee shall designate a member or members with oversight of Junior racing, who shall consider nominations from the affiliated clubs, and any others that may be received, and select the sculler or scullers, if any, who, in their opinion, most merit the award. They shall elicit the opinions of the Umpire's Sub-committee and other Umpires who may have had experience of umpiring races in which the scullers were involved.
- 5. The award shall be presented to the winner at the end of the season.
- 6. There is no bar to a sculler winning the award more than once.

### 3 MOST IMPROVED SCULLER

The criteria for the award are revised as follows

- 1. The criteria that shall be used in assessing a candidate for the award shall include:
  - (a) The sculler's experience and success prior to the current season.
  - (b) The number of wins and other high placings in races during the current season.
  - (c) The diversity of competition considering long distance and sprint and double and single skiff racing.
  - (d) The determination and general conduct shown during racing.
  - (e) Any special personal circumstances.