



CLUB RULES

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**Griffith University Surfers Paradise
Rowing Club**



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ROWING CLUB

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Club Rules

1. Membership – General

- 1.1 All members must be currently registered with Rowing Queensland in the appropriate category.
- 1.2 Rowers & non-rowing members are required to check shed notice boards regularly for advertised meetings, social functions, regatta sign on and general notices.
- 1.3 All members are required to assist with the running of the shed and participate in regular monthly activities i.e. fund raising, shed maintenance, shed cleaning, boat maintenance, coaching or pay a \$250 levy towards capital equipment purchase.
- 1.4 It is a requirement of your active membership that you can swim and are in a suitable medical condition to perform the task of rowing that will not jeopardise your wellbeing in a rowing boat. Your coach or the Club Captain must be advised of any change to your medical status to ensure adequate measures can be put in place. If this is not deemed possible by the coach, on-water activities can be suspended until the medical condition changes.
- 1.5 Offensive language is not acceptable at any time.
- 1.6 The shed is a non-smoking environment at all times, and a non-drinking environment, except for committee approved occasions.
- 1.7 All members are at all times representatives of our club and must act appropriately and with courtesy and respect of others at all times.
- 1.8 All fees must be paid within 14 days or all training and access to shed, and club equipment is suspended.

2. Membership – Coaches

- 2.1 All regular Club Coaches are to be members of the Club.
- 2.2 Coaches responsible for coaching juniors must have a current Blue Card, and complete the Club Blue Card register.
- 2.3 Coaches who use club tinnies are responsible for:
 - 2.3.1 The cleaning of the tinnie(s) they use,
 - 2.3.2 Refuelling their tinnie,
 - 2.3.3 Ensuring the correct safety equipment is onboard, particularly if carrying passengers
 - 2.3.4 Carrying the correct lighting for the conditions (red and green on the front, white stern light)
- 2.4 Coaches using club tinnies must hold a RMDL (Recreational Marine Drivers License)
- 2.5 The club is not liable for fines incurred by Coaches on the water.

3. Equipment – Club

- 3.1 Only financial members can access the facility and its equipment.
- 3.2 No boat is to be rowed without a bow ball.
- 3.3 All boats and equipment are classified to specific groups. Club members are allocated to squads that match these classifications. Club members can book boats in their classification. The Head Coach and Boat captain have the authority to decide who uses what boats and oars, and have full control of the booking of the boats.
- 3.4 All members using club equipment must check with their respective Coach, or the Boat Captain re access to equipment when intending to row without supervision and/or coaching.
- 3.5 All members must follow the boat booking procedure. All boats must be booked using the booking board no more than 1 week in advance. All booking must have the date identified. Boats can only be booked in your allocated category. Sessions structured and arranged by category-led Coach will always have priority over individual bookings.
- 3.6 It is the responsibility of each members using club boats and equipment to fill out a damage report for any damage or gear breakage to boats or club equipment immediately following the incident, and to report all damage directly to the Boat Captain immediately (contact details are on the Noticeboard). Insurance excess amounts may be applied to members who damage equipment regardless of if a 3rd party has been involved.

- 3.7 The cost of damage to boats is the responsibility of the person or persons in charge of that boat, or handling the boat at the time of the incident. All boats are insured and the member shall be responsible for the excess or cost of repair as the case warrants.
- 3.8 All wear-and-tear repairs and maintenance required must be written in the sign on book, clearly identifying the piece of equipment and the issue.
- 3.9 Any damage through negligence or malicious use shall render the member and/or crew liable for all costs incurred, including, but not limited to the cost of repairs.

4. Equipment – Private

- 4.1 All boats in the shed are stored at the owner's risk and applicable storage fees are payable in advance. (*Please see EQUIPMENT STORAGE POLICY*)
- 4.2 Under no circumstance is private equipment to be used by club members without the specific first-hand permission of the owner.

5. Rowing – Training/Social

- 5.1 Juniors and beginners/LTR are only allowed on the water when supervised or coached.
- 5.2 Rowers should heed the Traffic Flow Guide with particular attention paid to the "no go zones".
- 5.3 Attention must be paid to:
 - 5.3.1 all corners
 - 5.3.2 all bridges
 - 5.3.3 navigation beacons
 - 5.3.4 sand banks.
 - 5.3.5 Other river users both moored and moving
- 5.4 Boating rules apply in the vicinity of the shed and these must be followed at all times.
 - 5.4.1 All boats must depart and arrive at the beach with their bows facing southwards (away from Chevron Island Bridge)
 - 5.4.2 When boating all 'fixing up' should be done as close to the bank as practical so passing crews are not obstructed.
 - 5.4.3 When departing boating area crews must ensure they move to correct side of river quickly. When returning to boating area all crews must approach from Chevron Island Bridge
- 5.5 When moving on the water always keep to the bow side or your left hand side closest to the bank.
- 5.6 Crews being overtaken should alert the overtaking crews by making it known they are there, and move aside as soon as practical to avoid collision. Stationary crews should be as close to the bank as practical, out of the way of passing crews.
- 5.7 When changing directions crews are to proceed to the opposite side of the waterway via the shortest possible route and give way to all traffic.
- 5.8 Crew(s) engaged in racing or workload activities under the direction of a coach should where possible be given every opportunity to complete their structured work piece without disruption by crews in general training.
- 5.9 If you are on the water before sunrise or after sunset, your boat must carry at least one white light that can be seen from 360 degrees. It is the member's responsibility to supply and use this light. Remember, having only one light can mean that it cannot be seen for 360 degrees as it will be blocked by your body at some point.
- 5.10 Consideration of residents must be given at all times and noise levels including coaching and cox box amplification should be considered and where possible reduced to a minimum. The Club Captain has the power to sanction coaches and athletes that do not respect residents or other river users.
- 5.11 Coaches must at all times consider the impact of their wash on other crews, residents and river users.

6. Rowing – Competition

- 6.1 All entries must be finalised by the set dates.
- 6.2 All seat fees must be paid in full in advance.
- 6.3 Competitors are responsible for all regatta costs and are required to pay a fee for boat transportation/trailing.
- 6.4 When attending regattas each member is responsible for the safe loading, unloading and re rigging of any equipment they use.
- 6.5 All equipment must be unloaded, washed and re-rigged at the completion of the regatta.
- 6.6 Only people and vehicles authorised by the Club Captain can tow the boat trailer.
- 6.7 Usual boat damage excess fees apply to boats, payable by the member allocated for use of that boat for that regatta, regardless of whether loss or damage was caused by a 3rd party.
- 6.8 All club representatives must:
 - 6.8.1 Wear the correct club racing uniform,
 - 6.8.2 familiarise themselves with the RA Rules of Racing, and the relevant traffic rules for the regatta and course, and
 - 6.8.3 represent the club in a sportsmanlike and supportive manner, including wearing club uniform when receiving medals.

