



ROWING FEDERATION OF INDIA

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Dear Friends,

We have had some complaints / issues regarding selection of some of your teams and their entry in the "National Rowing Championships" from various quarters, for some time now.

Please follow these simple and important steps when you select your state / association team for the National Games / National Rowing Championships in **future, as a normal procedure**.

This is part of RFI's drive for inculcating principles of "Good Governance amongst Affiliate Members" and "Transparency" in their Workings, as insisted upon by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India**

Step 1

1. Clearly announce the **Regatta Name and Details of the Races** which is coming up **well in advance**, in writing.
2. Follow RFI – Rules of Racing in all respects, without deviation
3. Place the **NOTICE** in a prominent place where all your Rowers / Coaches will be normally present and will look for such Notices.
4. This Notice can be put up in the local language which your Rowers and Coaches normally speak / understand.

Step 2

1. Announce a **Selection Date**, well in advance, prominently through a Notice, in a language that all the Rowers / Coaches in your association understand.
2. The selection notice should invariably contain, among other things, the following important information: -
 - a. Date and Time of Selection
 - b. Events for which Selection's will take place & whether doubling between sculls and sweeps is allowed or not
 - c. Distance of the Race & Mode of Selection [like say best of 3 or best of 5 races & race distance for selection etc]
 - d. The Boats to be used for Selections to be disclosed
 - e. The Selection Committee to be named, well in Advance. Avoid Persons with "conflict of Interest" in the Selection Committee.

Step 3

1. Have a Fair Selection for the Races Announced.
2. Issue Matched Boats of same make and weight to all contestants in a particular race.
3. If the Conditions are BAD on the Selection Date, explore possibility of postponing selections to a **Later Time or Date, time permitting**.

Step 4

1. After the Selections are over the Selectors must write out a Simple **Selection Minutes** containing a List of the Rowers finally selected from your State / Association.
2. A Model Minutes is attached for your Guidance. You can modify the same to suit your needs
3. Signed Minutes must be filed at your end for record. In case, there are Disputes these can be relied on.

Step 5

1. If there are any objections / disputes please have a System / Committee to solve the same immediately.
2. Do not let the problem grow and multiply and let bad feeling carry on to the Championships.
3. Give a patient hearing to the Rowers and take a **Correct / Fair Decision** with **"Compassion and Firmness"**.
4. Do not be rash and autocratic in your Interaction with the Rowers or their Coaches.
5. Have a hand held Digital Camera / Handy Cam at the finish line for all Selection Races.]

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