



# *Bundaberg*



*ROWING CLUB INC.  
Bundaberg QLD 4670*

## *CLUB RULES 2018*

1. This club shall be called the Bundaberg Rowing Club Incorporated & its official colours be Black and Gold.
2. Official racing colours shall be Black and Gold as registered with Rowing Queensland Limited under Rowing Australia.
3. The Official Club Blazer shall be Black and Gold with braid and the Club badge on the pocket.
4. The rowing year shall be designated as per Rowing Queensland Limited (1 January to 31 December). On joining, Club membership fees as designated for non-rowing, rowing and boat storage shall be payable. The current Bundaberg Rowing Club Constitution and Rules can be found on the website [www.bundabergrowingclub.com.au](http://www.bundabergrowingclub.com.au).

On acceptance of Club Membership the following fee structure will apply.  
Fees as per the current Bundaberg Rowing Club Incorporated Membership Form.

- A. Full membership and insurance paid in advance.
  - B. Part payment of annual fees will only be accepted subject to approval by the management committee following written application.
  - C. For any Senior member, joining the remaining part of the rowing year fees will be as follows: - 1/10<sup>th</sup> of annual membership per month, plus insurance/capitation fee (the total amount is GST inclusive).
  - D. (a) Any members joining under Learn to Row fees must complete a membership form and submit to the Club Registrar before commencing rowing on the water.  
  
(b) Visiting rowers shall contact the Shed Captain and sign a Club Indemnity Form and Triallist Form before commencing rowing on the water. All arrangements shall be made with the Shed Captain.
5. Any member wishing to resign from the Club shall notify the Club Secretary in writing.
  6. Any non-financial member of the Club will not be allowed to compete at any Regattas.

7. All purchases made on behalf of the Club shall be made only on an order given by the person/s so authorised by the Management Committee.
8. The Club property shall belong to the active members only and shall be vested in the Management Committee as Trustees for the aforesaid members.
9. No property of the club shall be disposed of without the consent of the Management Committee.
10.
  - A. Any financial rowing member (Senior competitive/Junior competitive or recreational) shall be allowed to keep a private rowing boat in the Club facilities, provided there is in the opinion of the management Committee, sufficient room and use of the said craft and full year membership is current. Application for storage of any equipment shall be made on the Club Membership Form. Any person or organisation or school wishing to use our boat storage facilities must agree to the conditions outlined in Rule 10. Storage preference shall be (in order) : (1) Club boats; (2) multi-use boats (such as school boats); and (3) private boats.
  - B. Financial members who own and store a boat in either rowing shed (Bundaberg or Bucca) pay \$100 per year storage to be in line with the beginning of the membership year and to be reviewed annually with membership fees. Members with membership with another rowing Club pay Social membership fees and storage fee of \$100 per year for storage of any private equipment. There is no refund of the shed storage fee if the boat is removed for whatever reason by either the owner or the BRC. Any boat that is left in the BRC shed without paying a storage fee for 3 months will be disposed of according to the procedures and protocols of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.
  - C. Any member storing their boat in the Bundaberg Rowing Club shed does so at their own risk. The BRC has the right to move the/your boat at any time it wishes without the/your approval of the owner and the BRC takes no responsibility for any damage that could be caused by this act.
  - D. The boat must be numbered with a unique Club number decided by the BRC and the owner must agree to a number being placed on the boat. The number is to be placed in a space on the boat decided by the Shed Captain. The number can be placed on the boat by the BRC, the owner or whoever the owner delegates. The BRC takes no responsibility for the placing of the number or any damage while placing the number, or any subsequent damage caused by the placing of the said number or moving a boat to place the number.
11. Any member or members, who may wilfully, or by gross negligence, damage any of the property of the Club, shall make good the same at their cost. The cost of all accidental damage shall be borne by the club.
12.
  - A. Written application to the Shed Captain is required for the use of the Club's restricted boats a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to and during regattas. Restricted boats can be used for training three (3) weeks prior to the regatta.
  - B. If more than one crew is training for a race and both require the same boat, a row-off or time trial shall take place following written application to the Management

Committee. If necessary, this event will be two weeks prior to the race with the winning crew to be allocated the requested boat.

C. If multiple crews have been allocated the same boat (for different events), but the regatta timetable impacts on those crews use of the boat, preference shall be given to the more senior crew.

13. A Sole selector or three (3) selectors shall be appointed by the Management Committee for the purpose of selecting the crews and coaches to represent the Club at championships. In the event of a bone-fide challenge, the selector or selectors and the members of the selected crew shall agree to a row-off two (2) weeks prior to the championships.
14. All active Senior (over 16 yrs) or a parent in-lieu of a junior member is to assist when called on for fund-raising and/or working bees.
15. All Club, school and private equipment and facility use (rowing and power boats and pontoons etc) shall be at allocated times only or at Shed Captain's discretion.
16. All oars, craft and fittings shall be kept only in the positions allocated by the Shed Captain.
17. Power boats are to be driven by authorised, licensed persons only.
18. Crews, scullers and power boat drivers when on the water shall obey the Maritime Safety Rules at all times, except at regattas where race rules apply.
19. When rowing outside daylight hours, all power boats and rowing boats must have regulation lights as per Maritime Safety Rules.
20. The laws of boat racing as adopted by Rowing Queensland Limited shall be observed at regattas.
21. It is the responsibility of all members to make themselves conversant with danger areas defined by the Committee.
22. Smoking is not permitted on/in any property under the control of the Club.
23. Obscene or offensive language is strictly prohibited at all Club facilities and on the water.
24. There shall be no swimming by Club members at pontoons, from powerboat or rowing shells. Capsize training/demonstration is exempt from this Rule.
25. No animals are allowed at Club facilities or in power boats.
26. All rowing boats must be signed out and in by the stroke or coach of the rowing craft. All power boats must be signed out and in by the driver of that craft. Details that are required are Date/time (Out and In); name of signatory; and number/name of boat; and type (e.g. 2x) of boat.

27. All damage to equipment is to be reported to the Shed Captain or Management Committee members by the signatory of Rule 26.
28. It is the responsibility of the members last using the Club facilities to securely lock all doors and windows, turn off all lights and securely lock all boats (rowing and powered) and oars in the shed.
29. Only experienced Coaches or Rowers are allowed to take novice or school rowers on the water.
30. All school and junior crews must have:
  - A coach in a power boat within hearing range (limit – 3 rowing boats for novice crews and 5 rowing boats for experienced crews) or;
  - A licensed person in a power boat within hearing range (limit – 3 rowing boats) or;
  - A coach in a rowing shell within hearing range (limit – 1 rowing boat of equal size or greater).
31. An adult is required to assist all junior crews (under 15 years) with general boat handling, especially at the time of boats entering and leaving the water.
32. Traffic rules at the pontoon are that outgoing craft have preference over incoming craft. All incoming craft are to be removed from the water immediately.
33. All boat alterations (foot stretchers etc) and repairs are to be done on land or away from the pontoon, NOT at the pontoon.
34. Any Club and/or rowing news or articles must go through the Club Publicity Officer and/or the Management Committee.
35. In the event of any doubt arising as to the meaning of the Club Rules, the Management Committee or any Committee Member present shall have the power to pronounce a decision thereon and all such decisions are to be final.
36. The Shed Captain or any member of the Management Committee who are present shall be referee in all disputes occurring at Club facilities and shall have the power to refuse the use of any Club equipment to a member they think in their opinion is unfit to take proper care of said equipment. They shall also have the power to determine the length of time a crew may retain the use of that equipment.
37. Any breaches of the Club Rules, Rowing Queensland Limited or Rowing Australia Code of Conduct shall be assessed by the Shed Captain, Management Committee or Regatta Referee as misconduct and may be accompanied by a penalty. The member concerned shall be given the opportunity to show cause in either writing and/or addressing a Panel made up of three (3) Committee members.

Penalties include:

- Mediation;
- Suspension from the rowing shed for a period of time
- Restriction of use of equipment for a period of time;

- Expulsion with no reimbursement of membership fees and removal of any private equipment stored in the Shed).