



# BSRA STATEMENT

**Tuesday 14 July 2020**

The BSRA Board has today affirmed its overriding commitment to the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and families, whilst also maintaining a cautious but positive outlook for the resumption of a 2020 rowing competition.

## **Current guidelines**

In line with the Chief Health Officer advice, Queensland Government Roadmap guidelines, Australian Institute of Sport Framework and Rowing Queensland expectations, a return to rowing is to occur at Wyaralong (in the Scenic Rim) commencing on our scheduled date of Saturday 8 August and concluding on Saturday 29 August for Year 9 – 12 competitors. This is a total of four events. This does not include Year 8.

The COVID Safe Industry plan currently states that outdoor event numbers exceeding 500 require approval from the local Public Health Unit. BSRA events that include all nine schools\* surpass this number and will require this approval. Should this approval be delayed the Year 9 cohort will be dropped from the competition and Year 10 – 12 cohorts will commence until such time that approval is granted for the numbers required to include Year 9.

\*St Aidan's are not participating in rowing training or competition in 2020.

## **Crew entry**

It is up to individual schools to determine the amount of on water training their year level cohorts have undergone to prepare them for racing when entering crews into the competition. Therefore, the first two events may not represent all year levels of the nine member schools. The BSRA recommendation is:

- Seniors (Year 11 & 12) have a minimum of 4 weeks on water training
- Juniors (Year 9 & 10) a minimum of 6 weeks on water training

## **Competition**

- The BSRA competition will be referred to as ROWING COMPETITOR EVENTS. These events will not facilitate any spectators
- All participants are required to be bussed into the venue as part of the logistic requirement to meet the COVID Safe plan
- SEQ Water and RQ have stipulated that no event can have spectators
- Rowing Queensland have determined that any spectators appearing on the headland will cause racing to cease
- The final event on the 29 August will be a Head of the River
  - Medals, Pennants, and Cups will be awarded
- Point scoring will be as close to normal as possible

The BSRA Board is operating in accordance with the Queensland Government Roadmap guidelines and awaits the written approval from Rowing Queensland and the local Public Health Unit to confirm the allowable numbers at our events.

Please contact the BSRA EO ([rachael@bsra.org.au](mailto:rachael@bsra.org.au)) if further clarification of the above is required. Please also note our planned return to rowing competition may need to be amended if current restrictions change.