

Proposed Rule Changes

May Bumps Captains' Meeting 2019

Proposal A: Alternating Men's / Women's divisions in Lents/Mays.

- The idea is to alternate so that the final division is not always the M1 division.
- Change rule 32.b. from:

That the order of the divisions be such that the Women's First Division immediately precedes the Men's First Division, with lower divisions, as far as possible, alternating between Men's and Women's crews.

to:

That the order of the divisions be such that:

- (i) The men's and women's divisions will alternate.*
- (ii) In the Lent Bumps, the divisions will be ordered such that the W1 division races last in odd years and the M1 division races last in even years.*
- (iii) In the May Bumps, the divisions will be ordered such that the W1 division races last in even years and the M1 division races last in odd years.*
- (iv) In the event of (ii) or (iii) resulting in the bottom two divisions both being men's divisions or both being women's divisions, (i) will not apply to those divisions.*

Proposal B: Changes to crews which can row under a yellow flag:

- Following requests from Captains to make the rules equal for Men and Women, the Senior Committee propose the following changes, which we believe would:
 - preserve the minimum safety standard in Michaelmas (when the standard of many second boats varies wildly, even the ones which would currently be allowed out in a Yellow flag);
 - whilst also reducing the number of crews which are unable to train at the same times as the crews they will be competing against in the Lent/May Bumps.
- Change rule 2 from:

No boat is allowed on the water when the CUCBC flag is red, and only University Crews, first boats and boats in the first two divisions of the May Bumps (Men), or first boats and boats in the first division of the May Bumps (Women), or first fours and tub pairs, are allowed on the water when the flag is yellow.

To:

- a) *No boat is allowed on the water when the CUCBC flag is red.*
- b) *When the flag is yellow, only the following boats are allowed on the water:*
 - i. *University Crews, first boats and tub pairs.*
 - ii. *during Lent Term, in addition to the crews allowed by 2.b.i, any other crews in the first and second divisions of the Lent Bumps.*
 - iii. *during Easter Term, in addition to the crews allowed by 2.b.i, any other crews in the first and second divisions of the May Bumps.*

- Change rule 7.c from:

That only University crews, first boats and boats in the first two divisions of the May Bumps (Men) or first boats and boats in the first division of the May Bumps (Women), first fours or tub pairs be allowed on the water when the CUCBC Flag is Yellow Flag. In the case of tub pairs Rule 13 applies and, in addition, the person steering must be competent and experienced. Under Yellow Flag conditions, members of crews permitted to boat under these regulations may do so in small boats, provided that they have the express permission of their Club Captain and/or Boatman, and subject to the conditions outlined in Rule 14.

to:

When the flag is yellow, only the following boats are allowed on the water:

- i. *University Crews, first boats and tub pairs.*
- ii. *during Lent Term, in addition to the crews allowed by 7.c.i, any other crews in the first and second divisions of the Lent Bumps.*
- iii. *during Easter Term, in addition to the crews allowed by 7.c.i, any other crews in the first and second divisions of the May Bumps.*

In the case of tub pairs Rule 13 applies and, in addition, the person steering must be competent and experienced. Under Yellow Flag conditions, members of crews permitted to boat under these regulations may do so in small boats, provided that they have the express permission of their Club Captain and/or Boatman, and subject to the conditions outlined in Rule 14.

Proposal C: Fix references to “rowers” when the rule means all competitors in a crew (i.e. including the cox)

- Change this portion of rule 1.b. from:

Such rowers are defined as of 'exceptional status', and the permission stands only for the term in which it is granted.

to:

Such rowers or coxes are defined as of 'exceptional status', and the permission stands only for the term in which it is granted.

- Change the start of rule 1.c. from:

That such other 'exceptional status' members of the University will not normally be allowed to ~~row~~ in their College's 1st boat in the Lent or May Bumps, unless the College has only one boat, or in the top Division of the University Fours. That no more than two such other 'exceptional status' members of a college will be allowed to ~~row~~ in any boat, and up to a total limit of two for that college in each of the Men's and Women's races.

to:

*That such other 'exceptional status' members of the University will not normally be allowed to **compete** in their College's 1st boat in the Lent or May Bumps, unless the College has only one boat, or in the top Division of the University Fours. That no more than two such other 'exceptional status' members of a college will be allowed to **compete** in any boat, and up to a total limit of two for that college in each of the Men's and Women's races.*

- Change the start of rule 4.c.ii from:

Should a person obtain permission to ~~row~~ as an 'exceptional status' member...

to:

*Should a person obtain permission to **compete** as an 'exceptional status' member...*

- Change rule 5.c. from:

That substitution of rowers from crews in a higher position on the River to those in either a lower position or those competing in the Getting on Race shall not be permitted.

to:

*That substitution of rowers **or coxes** from crews in a higher position on the River to those in either a lower position or those competing in the Getting on Race shall not be permitted.*

- Change rule 21.b. from:

That no person who has rowed in, steered or been a reserve for any of the CUBC, CUWBC or CULRC crews may row below his/her College third May Boat without the permission of the Hon. Secretaries, which shall normally be given only in the case of accident or illness.

to:

*That no person who has rowed in, steered or been a reserve for any of the CUBC, CUWBC or CULRC crews may row **or steer** below his/her College third May Boat without the permission of the Hon. Secretaries, which shall normally be given only in the case of accident or illness.*

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to:

*That no person who has rowed in, steered or been a reserve for any of the CUBC, CUWBC or CULRC crews may row **or steer** below his/her College third May Boat without the permission of the Hon. Secretaries, which shall normally be given only in the case of accident or illness.*

- Change rule 21.c. from:

That anyone infringing 21.a and/or 21.b be forbidden to row in any crew for the remainder of the Races.

to:

*That anyone infringing 21.a and/or 21.b be forbidden to row **or steer** in any crew for the remainder of the Races.*

- Change rule 22.a. from:

That, with the exception of the sandwich boats, no-one may row or steer in more than one division in one day, and that no-one who has rowed in a particular crew in the races may then row in another crew, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which shall usually be given only in cases of accident or illness.

to:

*That, with the exception of the sandwich boats, no-one may row or steer in more than one division in one day, and that no-one who has rowed **or steered** in a particular crew in the races may then row **or steer** in another crew, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which shall usually be given only in cases of accident or illness.*

- Change rule 28 from:

That no person who has gained first Lent or May Colours or a Trial Cap, or who has rowed in, steered or been a reserve for any of the CUBC, CUWBC or CULRC crews may row in the Getting-on Race UNLESS the Getting-on Race crew concerned is the Club's second or third crew.

to:

*That no person who has gained first Lent or May Colours or a Trial Cap, or who has rowed in, steered or been a reserve for any of the CUBC, CUWBC or CULRC crews may row **or steer** in the Getting-on Race UNLESS the Getting-on Race crew concerned is the Club's second or third crew.*

Proposal D: Clarify separation of men's / women's races

Add a new sub-rule, rule 22.c.:

This rule shall span both the Men's and Women's races, such that it is not permitted to row twice (once in the Men's races and once in the Women's races) or cox twice (once in the Men's races and once in the Women's races) in one day, notwithstanding sandwich boats as exempted in rule 22.a.

Proposal E: Clarify substitution eligibility / division rules

Add a new sub-rule, rule 25.e.:

For the purposes of substitution eligibility, a crew's division shall be the division it starts the races in. In the case of a crew competing in the Getting-On Race, rule 25.c. shall apply.

Proposal F: Change re-row time to match precedent

- This is just updating the rule to match what has and will continue to happen for re-rows from the final division of the day.
- Change rule 53.d. from:

That s/he shall have the power in all doubtful cases of causing the boats concerned to row the race again that evening.

to:

*That s/he shall have the power in all doubtful cases of causing the boats concerned to row the race again that evening **or, if it isn't the final day of racing, at a designated time the following day.***

Proposal G: Clarify subbing into the GoR and then subbing into a higher crew

- Change rule 29 from:

That no-one who has rowed or steered in a successful boat in the Getting-On Race row or steer respectively in a higher boat during the races which follow, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which shall usually be given only in cases of accident or illness of someone in a higher boat.

to:

- That no-one who has rowed or steered in a successful boat in the Getting-On Race row or steer respectively in a higher boat during the races which follow, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which shall usually be given only in cases of accident or illness of someone in a higher boat.*
- An approved substitute in the Getting-On Race will be treated as if they had been substituted into that crew in a regular Bumps race, and thus still eligible to substitute into other (potentially higher) crews in the races which follow.*