

- 1) Modify ARTICLE II - CONDUCT OF THE RACE, Part B - Safety and Fair Conditions, Section 2-206 Number of Referees; Safety Launches, subsection (a) as follows,
“(a) Each Race shall be followed by at least one Referee, **unless the Race utilizes static refereeing as defined in section 1-202 (kk).**”

- 2) Add ARTICLE II - CONDUCT OF THE RACE, Part C - The Start, Section 2-312 as follows,

“2-312 “Count Up Start”

- (a) All Regattas utilizing reverse handicapping shall utilize a “count up” start as described in this section.**
- (b) After the boats have been aligned and the crews have been polled, the Starter shall start the race by: (1) calling out “Attention!” and (2) after a distinct and variable pause, calling out “Go!”**
- (c) After commanding “Go,” the Starter shall commence counting upwards in seconds (Go, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.) until all boats have left the starting line. An electronic or automated method of counting upwards is allowable.**
- (d) After commanding “Go,” the Starter shall disregard any crew signaling it is not ready.**
- (e) A crew may leave the starting line when its designated count up start time is called out by the Starter.**
- (f) False Start under this section:**
- (1) A crew commits a false start when its bow crosses the plane of the starting line before its designated count up start time is called out by the Starter. More than one crew may be assessed a false start.**
- (2) The Judge at Start shall be the sole judge of whether a crew has committed a false start.**
- (3) In the event of a false start:**
- i. The race shall not be stopped.**
- ii. The Judge at Start may allow the offending crew to return to its stake boat and restart on or after its designated start time.**
- iii. The Judge at Start may exclude, disqualify, or relegate the offending crew per Section 2-602.**
- (4) The Judge at Start shall communicate the bow number of the offending crew to the Chief Judge and the Referee.**
- (g) Failure to Start under this section:**

(1) If a crew fails to leave the starting line after its designated count up start time is called out by the Starter, the race shall not be stopped.

(2) If a crew that has failed to leave the starting line and is impeding the start of the next race, the crew shall be disqualified at the sole discretion of the Starter and required to immediately leave the starting area.

(h) Broken Equipment under this section:

(1) If a crew suffers broken equipment at any time, the race shall not be stopped.”

3) Add ARTICLE II - CONDUCT OF THE RACE, Part E - The Finish, Section 2-502 Placement of Crews; Dead Heats, Subsection (h), Sub-subsection (3) as follows,

“(3) If a dead heat occurs in a race other than a finals race and all crews involved in the dead heat cannot advance or rerow, placement may be awarded by agreement or the flip of a coin.”

4) Add ARTICLE IV - COMPETITORS, Section 4-103 Eligibility to Compete in Events, Subsection (m) as follows,

“(m) All rowers regardless of age or sex may compete in a Small Boat Tournament that has been handicapped by age and sex.”

5) Add ARTICLE IV - COMPETITORS, Section 4-107 as follows,

“4-107 Small Boat Tournament Handicapped by Age, Sex and Boat Type (Tournament):

(a) A competitor’s age is determined as of December 31 of the current calendar year. The age of a crew shall be determined by the average age of the rowers in the crew, rounded down to the nearest whole number for Masters or rounded up for Juniors.

(b) A competitor’s eligibility to compete in a Tournament is not affected by his or her amateur standing under Rule 4-101 or classification by skill under Rule 4-104.2.

(c) Handicaps shall be determined by the Local Organizing committee and posted at least one hour prior to the first race.

(d) A Tournament shall utilize reverse handicapping and a count up start.

(e) The designated count up start time for each crew shall be calculated by subtracting the handicap that applies to each crew from the handicap for the crew with the greatest handicap in the event or regatta.”