

Brisbane Schoolgirls Rowing Association - Regatta Events at Queensland State Rowing Centre: 800 persons maximum (inclusive of participants, coaches, officials, volunteers and staff)

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(https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/130004/Aquatic-Sport-Sector-Industry-COVID-Safe-Plan.pdf)

Preamble:

The following plan has been prepared by Rowing Queensland (RQ) and will be applied to events at the Queensland State Rowing Centre (QSRC), in particular for the running of the Brisbane Schoolgirls Rowing Association (BSRA) regatta season beginning Saturday 8th August and running for four consecutive Saturdays, with the final event on Saturday 29th August.

Except as otherwise noted in this document, the provisions of the Industry COVIDSafe Plan as they pertain to rowing will be adhered to.

General Space:

The Rowing Queensland (RQ) leased headland and licensed area at Wyaralong Dam provides over 20,000m² of open space for athletes, coaches, and staff (see Appendix, Image 1).

The area set aside for athlete tent spaces has been extended to accommodate the elevated numbers of attendees at these regattas, and provides over 3,500m² for athletes and coaches who are not on the water, in the boat park, in the trailer park, or accessing other amenities (see Appendix, Image 2).

The boat park, trailer park, and tent areas are divided and marked into school areas, and students, coaches, and staff will be required to remain in their respective school areas unless using the amenities. The areas will be marked by pickets and fencing, identifying individual school areas, preventing students and coaches from inadvertently wandering into neighboring spaces. Directional flagging will also be erected to indicate the movement of students between areas, for example, showing students from school 1 where to travel between their tent space and boat park area (see Appendix, Image 3 – lines in each school's colours indicate the path of travel between areas).

Each School Area has its own boating area, from which athletes will access the water, and return to following their races, so athletes and coaches do not need to intermingle in order to access the field of play. Due to the width of the rigging and oars in rowing craft, boats on the water will not come within 5 metres of one another, and for the most part be at least 15 metres apart.

The headland is held under lease by RQ and is under the full control of the organisation for events. General public will be denied access and there is no thoroughfare. It is possible to operate on a single point entry and single access model. The site is served by a single access road which can be managed as required.

Management of attendees:

All attendees are encouraged to download the COVIDSafe App.

CovidSafe Officer

The students of each school group are under the direct responsibility of the school's COVIDSafe Officer, who must be an accountable school employee.

Athlete, coach, staff and official tracing

All athletes and coaches across the state are registered via Revolutionise, a national database, the information from which is linked to our event entry system, Rowing Manager. In order to compete in any regattas, a participant must be entered into each of their races individually, and each crew must have their coach entered.

RQ Boat Race Officials are also all registered in Revolutionise and Rowing Manager, and the Umpire Rosters for each event are entered via Rowing Manager. Umpires, being generally in an at-risk age group, will be kept separate from other attendees, and will be based at the finish line, located on the public Meebun Headland (see Appendix, Image 4).

We have a comprehensive electronic record of all attendees at each regatta, including the races they competed in, their crew members, the seat they were in, contact phone numbers and email address.

As mentioned previously, all athletes, coaches, and staff are asked to remain in their designated school areas to minimize intermingling.

Volunteers

Each school will provide 5 volunteers. Each week these volunteers will be required to register their attendance in an online portal on the BSRA website.

Transportation

All students and coaches will be transported to the facility by buses arranged by their respective schools. School buses will be exclusive use and have assigned arrival and departure times to prevent students from different schools unloading/loading at the same time in the car park. If a bus is early or late and arrives in another school's allotted period, they will be required to keep their doors closed until the car park is free of other students. The use of buses to transport attendees will also prevent parents needing to be present at the facility to drop students off.

Tent allocation

There will be directional flagging showing students and coaches the path to follow to access their tent areas (see Appendix, Image 5).

Spectators

It has been widely communicated to the schools that spectators will not be permitted to attend regattas. RQ and the BSRA propose the use of live-streaming technology to ensure parents and spectators can still follow the race events. If a spectator does arrive on site, they will be required to leave, and racing will cease until they have vacated the venue. If spectators continue to be a problem, regattas will be cancelled.

Management of entry/exit points:

The venue has one entry/exit point to and from the car park. This is a wide driveway on both sides of the road, providing event attendees plenty of space to socially distance.

The road on both sides of the headland will be marked with crosses to indicate where participants should stand if waiting to cross the road to ensure they are socially distanced, and traffic to/from the car park will be directed to different sides of the driveways to ensure limited mingling (see Appendix, Image 6). The road into the venue is a No Through Road and carries minimal traffic aside from event vehicles.

Management of amenities/shared equipment:

Bow numbers

The Bow Number collection area will be marked with crosses indicating where participants are to stand while waiting to collect numbers. Schools are encouraged to nominate one person to collect and return numbers at intervals throughout the day to mitigate the number of people accessing the area. Bow numbers will be sanitised upon collection and return using alcohol-based wipes. Hand sanitizer will be available for both participants and bow number personnel at the collection point. Bow number personnel will be provided with face masks (N95) due to their exposure to multiple people.

Toilet facility

For toilets in the amenities block, external doors will be chocked open to prevent contact points on door handles. Waiting areas will be marked with crosses to indicate to participants where they should stand while waiting to use the toilet. Toilets are fitted with soap dispensers and taps for cleaning of hands. Hand sanitizer will also be available outside the amenities block.

The amenities block will be cleaned with alcohol-based spray/wipes and a soap solution as is appropriate a minimum every hour by professional cleaners.

Shower facility

The shower will not be available for use. The shower room, which is externally lockable, will be used as a COVID-19 Isolation Area for any attendees who begin to display symptoms while on site until they are able to leave safely. PPE will be provided in this area.

Portable toilets

Additional portable toilets will be hired and placed in different locations across the headland in order to prevent students having to congregate in only one point for toilet use (see Appendix, Image 7) for excess toilet locations) and to ensure a ratio of <50 persons per stall. The area outside the portable toilets will be marked with crosses to indicate to participants where they should stand while waiting for an available toilet. These come complete with soap and taps for washing of hands, and hand sanitizer will be available outside the portable toilets. Portable toilets will be cleaned with alcohol-based spray/wipes and a soap solution as is appropriate a minimum every hour by professional cleaners.

Sanitisation generally

All schools are responsible for the sanitisation of any shared equipment between their own members, eg: boats, oars.

Management of catering:

Vendors

The only caterers permitted at QSRC are licenced catering/restaurant businesses. BSRA regattas have Wandering Man coffee and Dot from Boonah on food. Any businesses employed to manage catering at the venue will need to supply a copy of their COVIDSafe plan to RQ prior to RQ agreeing to have them provide food for the event. The business will be responsible for setting up correct markers for social distancing, and signage instructing customers where to stand.

RQ will conduct inspections of the caterers to ensure the COVIDSafe plan is being adhered to.

Pre Orders

Caterers are entirely based on pre-orders from the schools, who will have allocated collection times, to ensure the minimization of line-ups and crowding.

Appendix

Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4



Image 5



Image 6



Image 7

