



COMPETITORS HANDBOOK

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Mission Statement

The **Brisbane Schoolgirls' Rowing Association (BSRA)** provides competitive rowing experiences in structured and supportive environment that reflects the values of its nine member schools.

We conduct a quality, competitive and team orientated rowing regatta program where students and coaches interact to encourage physical, emotional, ethical, and social development within the association and the wider sporting community.

We aim for our rowing competition to be fun for all and to foster social connection and inclusion that emanates from opportunities in sport.

Competition Calendar

The **Indoor Rowing Championships** is typically held in late May.

The **Regatta Season** commences at the end of July. There are five lead-up regattas before concluding with the **Head of the River** in the last week of August or the first weekend in September.

Eligibility

Refer to the **BSRA By-Laws** on the website.

The BSRA website has comprehensive information www.bsra.org.au

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BSRA Competition Trophies

There are three trophies presented at the BSRA Head of the River: the **BSRA Cup**, the **Aggregate Trophy**, and the **Percentage Cup**.

The BSRA Cup

Donated by the Grummitt Family. This trophy is awarded to the school that wins the 1st VIII race.

The Aggregate Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the school gaining the highest number of points at the Head of the River regatta (see By-Law 38).

The point score system detailed below has been implemented to ensure that each competitor, including coxswains, has a fair and equal opportunity of contributing to her school's total.

All Open events and Divisions 1 to 4 of Years 8 – 10 will count towards the aggregate total. Each placing is given points according to their finishing position at the Head of the River regatta as follows:

- The crew that finishes first will be allocated ten (10) points, second nine (9) points and so on.
- This placing is then factored by the number of rowers in the crew. e.g., an VIII would receive $10 \times 9 = 90$ points for first position and likewise, a Quad finishing third would receive $8 \times 5 = 40$ points.
- This system is designed to provide each girl who competes with an equal contribution to her school's result irrespective of boat class.

No race shall have a preference and all races shall have the same number of points allocated to them.

The Percentage Trophy

This is awarded to the school gaining the highest percentage as calculated by dividing each school's Aggregate points score by the female population from grades 8 through 12 inclusive from that school. The school that wins the aggregate trophy in any year shall be excluded from the calculation of the Percentage trophy.



Indoor Rowing Championships

Held annually in May, the **BSRA Indoor Rowing Championships** is a competitive and exciting night of competition, where girls compete in indoor rowing races using ergometer machines.

Girls from all schools test their endurance, speed, and strength in various categories, both individual and team events. Girls aim to not only podium or win races, but also to set personal bests, win medals, even setting BSRA or Australian ergometer records!

The championship is a highly anticipated event on the BSRA calendar, showcasing the dedication and hard work of girls who are preparing for team selection and their regatta seasons.

All spectators are welcome and encouraged to the event.

The entries, in order of event, are as follows:

1. Year 8 Individual – 500 m
2. Year 9 Individual - 1000m
3. Year 10 Individual – 1000m
4. Year 11 Individual – 2000m
5. Year 12 Individual – 2000m
6. Year 8 Relay – 1000m (5 x 200m each)
7. Year 9 Relay – 2500m (5 x 500m each)
8. Year 10 Relay – 2500m (5 x 500m each)
9. Year 11 Relay – 2500m (5 x 500m each)
10. Year 12 Relay – 2500m (5 x 500m each)
11. All Age Relay – 2000m (10 x 200m each) *

*2 competitors from each year level and commencing with Year 8 up to Year 12.

Other things to know:

- Spectators are welcome.
- Programs are online at www.bsra.org.au and there are some hard copies available.
- Food and drinks are available for purchase.
- Schools will provide a warm-up ergos and the location will be made clear on the day.
- Warm up is recommended.
- Marshalling will take place ten minutes prior to races.
- On-stage warm-up for 1-minute is permitted. Athletes will be asked to stop rowing.
- The racing will commence immediately by a digital voice numbering down from 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 GO.
- A screen with simulated boats will be displayed that indicates positions in the race.
- A supervisor is located behind each ergo.
- All Individual event competitors are permitted one student supporter on stage.
- At the conclusion of racing, all athletes will exit stage opposite the side they entered: first, second and third place athletes will remain for the awards on the side of the stage.
- Awards will be presented immediately.



BSRA Indoor Rowing Records (Updated 2023)

Event	Distance	Time	Year	School
Year 8 Individual	500m	1:38.9	2005	St Margaret's
Madeleine Edmunds				
Year 9 Individual	1000m	3:31.2	2006	St Margaret's
Madeleine Edmunds				
Year 10 Individual	1000m	3:22.8	2007	St Margaret's
Madeleine Edmunds				
Year 11 Individual	2000m	7:12.9	2023	Brisbane Girls' Grammar
Astrid Thomas				
Year 12 Individual	2000m	7:07.0	2009	St Peter's Lutheran
Jessica Hall				
Year 8 Team (5x200m)	1000m	3:25.2	2023	All Hallows'
Isabel Pattison, Meg Gallagher, Sophia Preston, Alice McMeniman, Zoe Ball				
Year 9 Team (5x500m)	2500m	8:48.1	2004	Somerville House
Belinda Uebergang, Emily Adams, Charlotte Tarvers, Grace Hadden, Courtney Moore				
Year 10 Team (5x500m)	2500m	8:25.0	2023	All Hallows'
Gabrielle Ryan, Danielle Ryan, Phoebe Cannon, Claudia Munn, Eva Smut				
Year 11 Team (5x500m)	2500m	8:20.0	2017	Stuartholme
Belle Townsend, Phoebe Robinson, Genevieve James, Elke Marriott, Harriet Donaldson				
Year 12 Team (5x500m)	2500m	8:15.3	2018	Stuartholme
Belle Townsend, Phoebe Robinson, Genevieve James, Elke Marriott, Sophie Marriott				
All Age Relay (10x200m)	2000m	6:27.9	2017	Stuartholme
Stella Hosking, Aurelia Byrne, Bridie Roche, Erin Lafferty, Emma Tucker, Zara Wareham, Belle Townsend, Phoebe Robinson, Jessie Macqueen, Rosie Brodie				



Regatta Information for Competitors

BSRA Regatta season is conducted at Wyaralong. See the website www.bsra.org.au go to regatta page and click on venue for directions.

Race Schedule for lead up regattas

Please note that each division races a final twice (except for the single sculls). The first race is for **seeding and pennants** and the second race is for **seeding only**. The seeding determines lane allocation in the Head of the River.

The numbers of divisions for each Year Level are an estimate prior to confirmation of boat numbers by each school at season commencement.

Head of the River

The BSRA Head of the River holds a different schedule than lead up regattas. This is due to a single-round finale to each divisional race.

Refer to the website www.bsra.org.au for up-to-date information.



Regatta Schedules

Typical Schedule for the lead-up Regattas 1 to 5

α	#	Time	Race Division	Distance (m)
A	1	8:00	Year 12 Single Scull	1000
B	2	8:05	Year 11 Single Scull	1000
C	3	8:10	Year 9 Single Scull	1000
D	4	8:15	Year 8 Quad Division 8+	1000
E	5	8:20	Year 8 Quad Division 7	1000
F	6	8:25	Year 8 Quad Division 6	1000
G	7	8:30	Year 8 Quad Division 5	1000
H	8	8:35	Year 8 Quad Division 4	1000
I	9	8:40	Year 8 Quad Division 3	1000
J	10	8:45	Year 8 Quad Division 2	1000
K	11	8:50	Year 8 Quad Division 1	1000
L	12	8:55	Year 10 Single Scull	1000
M	13	9:00	Year 9 Quad Division 7+	1000
N	14	9:05	Year 9 Quad Division 6	1000
O	15	9:10	Year 9 Quad Division 5	1000
P	16	9:15	Year 9 Quad Division 4	1000
Q	17	9:20	Year 9 Quad Division 3	1000
R	18	9:25	Year 9 Quad Division 2	1000
S	19	9:30	Year 9 Quad Division 1	1000
T	20	9:35	Year 8 Single Scull	1000
U	21	9:40	Senior Coxed Eight Division 3+	2000
V	22	9:45	Senior Coxed Eight Division 2	2000
W	23	9:50	Open Coxed Eight	2000
X	24	10:00	Senior Coxed Four	1500
Y	25	10:05	Year 10 Quad Division 4+	1500
Z	26	10:10	Year 10 Quad Division 3	1500
A	27	10:15	Year 10 Quad Division 2	1500
B	28	10:20	Year 10 Quad Division 1	1500
C	29	10:30	Year 8 Quad Division 8+	1000
D	30	10:35	Year 8 Quad Division 7	1000
E	31	10:40	Year 8 Quad Division 6	1000
F	32	10:45	Year 8 Quad Division 5	1000
G	33	10:50	Year 8 Quad Division 4	1000
H	34	10:55	Year 8 Quad Division 3	1000
I	35	11:00	Year 8 Quad Division 2	1000
J	36	11:05	Year 8 Quad Division 1	1000
K	37	11:20	Year 9 Quad Division 7+	1000
L	38	11:25	Year 9 Quad Division 6	1000
M	39	11:30	Year 9 Quad Division 5	1000
N	40	11:35	Year 9 Quad Division 4	1000
O	41	11:40	Year 9 Quad Division 3	1000
P	42	11:45	Year 9 Quad Division 2	1000
Q	43	11:50	Year 9 Quad Division 1	1000
R	44	11:55	Senior Coxed Eight Division 3+	2000
S	45	12:00	Senior Coxed Eight Division 2	2000
T	46	12:05	Open Coxed Eight	2000
U	47	12:15	Senior Coxed Four	1500
V	48	12:20	Year 10 Quad Division 4+	1500
W	49	12:25	Year 10 Quad Division 3	1500
X	50	12:30	Year 10 Quad Division 2	1500
Y	51	12:35	Year 10 Quad Division 1	1500



Typical Head of the River Race Schedule

Head of the River Race Schedule is confirmed annually, in the weeks leading up to the event.

α	#	Time	Race Division	Distance (m)
			Rolling presentations post-race throughout	
A	1	8:00	Year 8 Single Scull	1000
B	2	8:07	Year 9 Single Scull	1000
C	3	8:14	Year 10 Single Scull	1000
D	4	8:21	Year 11 Single Scull	1000
E	5	8:28	Year 12 Single Scull	1000
F	6	8:35	Year 8 Quad Division 9+	1000
G	7	8:42	Year 8 Quad Division 8	1000
H	8	8:49	Year 8 Quad Division 7	1000
I	9	8:56	Year 8 Quad Division 6	1000
J	10	9:03	Year 8 Quad Division 5	1000
K	11	9:10	Year 8 Quad Division 4	1000
L	12	9:17	Year 8 Quad Division 3	1000
M	13	9:24	Year 8 Quad Division 2	1000
N	14	9:31	Year 8 Quad Division 1	1000
			15-minute break	
O	15	9:46	Year 9 Quad Division 7+	1000
P	16	9:53	Year 9 Quad Division 6	1000
Q	17	10:00	Year 9 Quad Division 5	1000
R	18	10:07	Year 9 Quad Division 4	1000
S	19	10:14	Year 9 Quad Division 3	1000
T	20	10:21	Year 9 Quad Division 2	1000
U	21	10:28	Year 9 Quad Division 1	1000
			20-minute break, distance change (changeovers for volunteers)	
V	22	10:48	Year 10 Quad Division 5+	1500
W	23	10:55	Year 10 Quad Division 4	1500
X	24	11:02	Year 10 Quad Division 3	1500
Y	25	11:09	Year 10 Quad Division 2	1500
Z	26	11:16	Year 10 Quad Division 1	1500
A	27	11:23	Senior Coxed Four	1500
			15-minute break, distance change	
B	28	11:40	Senior Coxed Eight Division 3	2000
C	29	11:50	Senior Coxed Eight Division 2	2000
D	30	12:00	Open Coxed Eight Division 1 (First Eight) [BSRA Cup]	2000
			Presentations: BSRA Cup, Aggregate Cup, Percentage Cup	

Safety and Training

The BSRA are committed to ensuring that safety practices are 'best practice' within our member schools. The BSRA is subject to the authority of Rowing Queensland, Transdev and in turn the Maritime Authority to ensure that our behaviours on the water reflect all guidelines.

The BSRA has several steps to encourage safety awareness amongst its members:

1. An online BSRA Safety Quiz identifies the critical elements to consider on our river and waterways and within our sport. Available on the website
2. A PowerPoint presentation is available to **coaches** to enhance the schools' own safety initiatives. There is a link to access this on the website.
3. The link below is a video created by the Queensland Government in partnership with the Maritime Authority and Rowing Queensland, it is the primary information shared with the BSRA members as they begin their rowing season.
[Brisbane RiverShare – 'Because we're all in the same boat.' on Vimeo](#)
4. A Safety Audit is conducted with each BSRA member school's shed and operational procedures to ensure compliance. Each member school's coordinator has access via the website.
5. CityCat interactions are scheduled for Rowers, coxes, and coaches for the 7 member schools that are located in CityCat operation areas.
6. Boat Race Officials will visit each school to talk through racing procedures. This is organised and paid for by each school independently. Please contact the BSRA EO if you have any queries. The contact details are available below in the next section.
7. The Risk Assessment in Appendix B identifies the risk relevant to rowing. It is a shared resource for the BSRA community.

Safety and Racing

Each BSRA member school is encouraged to have a Boat Race Official visit their school prior to the racing season. This interaction is aimed to inform them of racing procedures and encourage questions to fill gaps in knowledge and to compliment the schools own racing preparation procedures.

To book this interaction, please call Rowing Queensland on 07 3842 1200 and schedule an appropriate time. The cost is approximately \$70.00.

See Appendix A for Wyaralong traffic rules maps.



Regatta Officials

The Regatta Committee

Is defined as:

- The Executive Officer (BSRA)
- The Regatta Secretary (RQ)
- Regatta Referee (RQ)

The Regatta Committee is responsible for the orderly conduct of the regattas, for applying the BSRA By-Laws, and the decisions of the Principals, meeting as the Board of Directors
The BSRA Regatta Committee will be responsible for all aspects of the running of the BSRA regattas.

Rowing Queensland Boat Race Officials or Boat Race Officials (BRO's) appointed by the Regatta Committee shall be responsible for the on-water conduct of racing except where the BSRA By-laws may state otherwise.

The Rowing Queensland Laws of Boat Racing shall be adopted in full except where not applicable or where BSRA By-laws indicate otherwise. The BSRA shall decide on the appropriateness of Rowing Queensland Laws of Boat Racing.

All boats shall have a BSRA approved lane number affixed to the bow. These numbers will correspond with the lane drawn by that crew/sculler in the official draw.

Racing procedures

The maps in Appendix A indicate the course on Lake Wyaralong and the traffic flow that competitors follow.

Terminology to know:

- **Transit Lane** – the lane (course) you take to the start line
- **Traffic** – referring to boats and the direction they take on the course
- **The course** - the 10-lane buoyed racing area
- **No go area** – this is the area close to the Dam wall. For safety reasons, rowing in this area is not permitted
- **Course numbering** – lane ten is the closest to the transit lane.
- **Tail wind** – wind is in the direction you are moving
- **Head wind** – wind is against the direction you are moving



Racing Rules and Etiquette Guidelines

BEFORE BOATING FOR A RACE

- Check program to establish race time and lane number
- Obtain bow number and attach to the bow of your boat
- Ensure your boat is rigged and ready for time of your race
- Advise regatta officials, **as early as possible**, if you are withdrawing, changing your crew or encountering difficulties which may delay your arrival at the start
- Check weather conditions, e.g. wind direction
- Ensure crew members are aware of the scheduled time for boating and present on time
- Plan to leave boating area with time to ensure you are at starting area at least 5 minutes before scheduled start time of your race **ALWAYS** assume your race will start on time unless an announcement is made by regatta officials (not your club or school officials)
- Establish where the transit lane is to use on the way to the start

MOVING YOUR BOAT FROM THE SCHOOL ZONE TO THE WATER

- Arrange your oars on the bank before placing your boat in the water
- Leave the boating area as soon as possible (This minimises the time you need to use the boating area and avoids congestion)

IN THE TRANSIT LANE

- Keep moving in the Transit lane.
- **STOP** When a race is going past on the course within 100m When a race is within 250m of the start or finish – **DO NOT ROW IN EITHER DIRECTION ACROSS THE START OR FINISH LINE WHEN A RACE IS IN PROGRESS**
- Travel to the start/marshalling area as quickly as possible.
- YEAR 8, 9 and Single Scull Marshalling area will be after the 1000m marker.
YEAR 10 and Senior 4+ Marshalling area will be after the 1500m marker. OPEN and Senior Eights Marshalling area will be 250 metres past the *start line*. **DO NOT** go beyond the sight of the start marshal in your warmup.
- **The BSRA regattas requires line of sight supervision.**

IN THE MARSHALLING ZONE

- When in the transit lane to the start line, **DO NOT STOP** at the start line.
- Row past the start line to the designated marshalling area explained above.
- Look for other boats with the same alpha bow number try and group together.
- **DO NOT** turn your boat around until instructed by the Regatta Officials
- If you are not in the starting area 5 minutes before the start of your race, you may be issued a yellow card (false start).
- Maintain *your position* in the marshalling zone.
- **RESPOND AND OBEY PROMPTLY** BRO's signals and instructions.
- Marshalls will try and position you in correct order behind your lane
Strokes should observe umpires (you can see them) and help by relaying the umpire's instructions to coxswains.
- Check all gear in the boat, especially gates, to ensure they are tight.



Wind

1. If there is a **following (tail) wind** in the direction of the race, stop the boat approximately - 150m past the start.
2. If there is a **head wind** in the direction of the race, stop the approximately 100m past the start.
3. **Wait for instructions** from the regatta officials.

Observe The Starter

- To learn his/her technique. Each starter has their own idiosyncratic behaviours. Learn them.

Moving From The Marshall Zone To The Start

- Listen carefully and respond immediately to the instructions from the regatta officials.
- You must respond immediately to the starters instructions or risk being disadvantaged.

The Starter will:

1. Call you onto the course in lane order: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
2. Aim to bring all crews up to the start line together

Coxswains must:

1. Have their boats straight
2. Be in their correct lane before reaching the start line
3. Indicate you have heard the official by raising your hand and then drop it immediately after
4. Ensure their boat is ready to start.
5. Both coxswains and bow seat raise hands if you have a problem. This makes it easier for the starter to see
6. Keep trying to fix the problem while your hands are raised
7. The starter will not delay the start because a coxswain's hand is raised unnecessarily

Managing the Wind:

1. Keep the bow of your boat pointed into to the wind rather than away
2. Crosswinds – Anticipate Drift i.e. from the - RIGHT remain to the right - LEFT remain to the left

Only touch when called to by the starter.

- Generally, touches should be bow pair only (in still or tail conditions) or full crew (in a headwind).
- To straighten your boat, back down on the relevant side



FLAGS AND BELLS

Know what to do when a BRO uses a RED FLAG, WHITE FLAG, THE BELL (refer to Starters Instructions, Reasons for race stoppages and Umpire Instructions further down this document).

STARTERS INSTRUCTIONS

Countdown

Depending on conditions

1. Starter will announce time to the start.
2. "Two minutes" all crews are now under starters orders - keep boat aligned.
3. Lane Numbers announced.

The Start

1. Starter calls "ATTENTION" and the Red Flag is raised.
2. Variable Pause.
3. Red Flag dropped to the side simultaneously with "GO!".

Be alert and ready for the "Quick Start".

Quick Start

- Starter calls "Quick Start Attention"
- Clear Pause but length of time is variable
- Red Flag is dropped to the side simultaneously with "GO"

Held Start (for the 8+'s races only)

- Enter your lane.
- Turn either before or after the so that you drift towards the pontoon rather than away pontoon depending on the wind.
- Connect with the boat holder as soon as possible.
- Racing tap to straighten boat – Pass the blades forward to the rower in front of you to tap so that there is on lateral movement.
- The pontoons may move so the starter may use backing to achieve a straight line.
- In very windy conditions the starter may count down to the starting instructions.



REASONS FOR RACE STOPPAGES

If the bell is rung and a red flag is waved: **Stop Rowing**. You are in immediate danger BROS will Wave the Red Flag and ring the Bell for when there is a **False start**.

Penalty Yellow Card

Any crew that breaks the start will be issued a yellow card – 2 yellow cards will result in the crew being withdrawn from the race.

Collision

When a major collision occurs, the race will be stopped and the crew causing the collision may be excluded from the race.

Hazard

There is a **hazard** on the course ahead (for example, a capsized boat from the previous race blocking the course)

Breakage

NB. Previous BREAKAGE RULE NO LONGER APPLIES – races will not be stopped because a crew suffers a breakage within the first 100m.

Coxswains ensure:

- A straight course is steered.
- No other crew is interfered with.

THE RACE TO THE FINISH LINE

- **Maintain Your Starting Lane.** If you started in the incorrect lane, remain in that lane unless otherwise instructed by the umpire.
- **Always pay attention to the Race Umpire** and respond immediately.
- **Obey Instructions Promptly.**
- Strokes help coxswain (you can see the umpire).

Umpires will:

- Follow you up the course during the race to ensure a SAFE and FAIR competition.
- Direct you to change your course should you be heading for danger or a possible collision.

UMPIRES SIGNALS

WHITE FLAG HELD CONTINUOUSLY OVERHEAD AND UMPIRE CALLS YOUR NAME

⇒ **Response** STOP IMMEDIATELY

WHITE FLAG MOVED TO THE SIDE AND CALLS YOUR NAME

⇒ **Response** Change course to side shown by position of Umpires Flag

RED FLAG HELD CONTINUOUSLY ABOVE HEAD AND BELL RUNG

⇒ **Response** Entire race to STOP IMMEDIATELY



AT THE FINISH LINE

- **DO NOT STOP** at the finish line – let the boat run on.
- A crew has finished a race when the bow has crossed the finish line a little past the buoy line and in line with the BIG ORANGE BUOYS.
- A coxed boat crossing the finish line without the cox shall not be placed.
- Maintain your lane after the race is finished.
- Don't turn into another lane while you are slowing down.
- If the wind is against you, row 100m past the finish line before turning so you do not blow back over the line.
- As soon as possible after the finish, return to the boating area being careful to avoid other crews on the course.

REMOVING THE BOAT FROM THE WATER

- Remove your boat and oars from the boating area ASAP to allow for other crews.
- Stay off the course on the way to the start – do not impede races in progress - penalty yellow card.

SAFE AND FAIR CHECKLIST

The crew and coxswain can:

- Transport their boat and equipment to and from the water safely.
- Check the bow ball is securely fixed.
- Fix the correct bow number securely in its holder.
- Check foot stretchers are tight.
- Secure heels to no greater than 7cm. We suggest quick release straps for your shoes are fitted as well.

The crew and coxswain are:

- Aware of the prevailing weather conditions and of their possible effects on the start and during the race
- Capable of handling the weather conditions (Head/Tail/Cross Winds)

The crew and coxswain are familiar with:

- The RQ Course Map
- Key hazard points on the course (as indicated on the RQ Course Map)
- Local on-water traffic rules and flow
- Key landmarks on the course
- The location of the marshalling and start zone.

The crew and coxswains:

- Understand the Rules of Racing.
- Are fully prepared to respond promptly to instructions from Boat Race Officials.
- Are familiar with the start procedures for their start zone (1000/1500/2000m).



BSRA Behaviour Protocol

Everyone is required to deal respectfully with each other.

The Boat Race Officials (BRO) from Rowing Queensland are volunteers and commit a great deal of time and energy to BSRA racing. Please follow their directions.

If you have an altercation, the directions from one BRO to another are conflicting, or you are unsure of what they mean please talk/report to your school coordinator for clarification. The purpose of the regattas is to learn about the sport, about racing and about yourself.

BSRA Handling of Protests and Disputes

At lead up regattas to the Head of the River Regatta, decisions regarding the cancellation of events or the adjudication of disputes or protests on the day will be made by the **Regatta Committee**, consisting of the Regatta Referee, the Regatta Secretary and the BSRA Executive Officer. Rowing Coordinators may not serve as school nominees.

The responsibility of the Head of the River Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

- Adjudicating disputes and/or protests.
- Deciding the cancellation, postponement, or other variations to the published program of events.
- Communicating decisions made to representatives of member schools.
- Any crew wishing to protest a race should have one competitor raise her hand at the conclusion of the race and advise the umpire that a protest is to be lodged. This protest should then be submitted in writing to a member of the Regatta Committee by the rowing coordinator of the school lodging the protest. Under no circumstances should any other person become involved with the protest except by the express invitation of the Regatta Committee.
- The Chair of the BSRA will also be consulted, if necessary, in the capacity as a member of the Head of River Committee. The Chair may appoint another Principal of a BSRA school as his/her nominee in the event of absence or illness. The nominee must be communicated to the other members of the Committee prior to the commencement of the Regatta.

Please note: Whilst it is important that the BSRA rules be followed it should be recognised that at times regattas are often run in difficult circumstances with the adverse effects of wind offering less than ideal circumstances.

Coordinators should take this into account when considering whether or not to lodge a protest after a race.



Parking at Regattas

Athletes and Coaches are encouraged to travel with the school buses. Each school is given a few coaches vehicle passes. Distribution of these is up to your school coordinator.

BSRA vehicle passes give **FREE PARKING**, but they DO NOT give you an allocated car park. Car parking is available for purchase online. See the website bsra.org.au the Monday before each regatta.

Please see Appendix A maps where the location of parking is illustrated. P2,3 and 4 are within walking distance of the headlands. P5, 6 and 7 require a shuttle bus ride.

Athletes travelling by car with parents/carer/friends etc are required to park and make their way on foot to the competitor headland.

Parking for the Head of the River will be confirmed closer to the date.

Belbaker are operating the shuttle bus service for the P5 and 6 (7 for HOR).



Appendix A – Venue

Aerial photographs and maps of Wyaralong are available [here](#).

Appendix B – Tent Locations

School Competitor Tent location

Competitor tent locations are based on HoR OPEN 8+ Results from the previous year Schools in order of OPEN 8+ event.

See Appendix A, Map link for yearly updates

Spectator Tent Location

Rotational. See Appendix A Map link for yearly updates.

Delivery and collection of spectator tents to and from the spectator headland is logistically managed so that the traffic flow and bus operations are not hindered. Please talk to your coordinator for a vehicle pass to the spectator headland. The instructions are printed on this vehicle pass.

Appendix C – Hosting Schedules

Hosting Schedules 2024-2030 (Updated October 2023)

Lead-up Regatta Hosting Rotations

- **2024:** 1- STH, 2- BSHS, 3- BGGs, 4- STM, 5- LHC
- **2025:** 1- SOM, 2- SPLC, 3- STU, 4- STH, 5- AHS
- **2026:** 1- BSHS, 2- BGGs, 3- STM, 4- LHC, 5- SOM
- **2027:** 1- SPLC, 2- STU, 3- STH, 4- AHS, 5- BSHS
- **2028:** 1- BGGs, 2- STM, 3- LHC, 4- SOM, 5- SPLC
- **2029:** 1- STU, 2- STH, 3- AHS, 4- BSHS, 5- BGGs
- **2030:** 1- STM, 2- LHC, 3- SOM, 4- SPLC, 5- STU

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- **2024:** Stuartholme School
- **2025:** Lourdes Hill College
- **2026:** St Hilda's
- **2027:** Brisbane Girls' Grammar School
- **2028:** Brisbane State High School
- **2029:** Somerville House
- **2030:** All Hallows' School



Appendix D – Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ'S for Wyaralong

How do I get a parking pass to access Wyaralong?

The BSRA website provides a link each Monday prior to a regatta for you to purchase parking

I understand Wyaralong has no mains water. What provision is available?

Drinking water at the competitor headland is tank water.

Bottled water is for sale on the spectator headland.

Tank water for washing up etc on spectator headland (RQ will give you keys to the tank water).

Is there food available for purchase on both headlands?

Yes, pre-orders for coaches, spectators and boarders' vouchers are redeemable also.

Are there two roads that can be used to access Wyaralong?

No, so be warned, entry and exit can be congested.

If I do not travel with my school where is the drop off?

The BSRA would prefer that you remain in the car until parked and access the competitor headland via the walking path cut under the road that connects the spectator headland with the competitor headland. RQ have indicated that some roadworks will be completed prior to the BSRA season commencement. There will be a drop off area so that the safety risk of a roadside drop-off is eliminated. This is yet to be confirmed.

Who does the merchandise? How do I purchase?

The school that is the current Chair of the BSRA is allocated the merchandise. In 2019, it is Stuartholme. Purchasing will be available at each regatta and online at the BSRA website in due course.

What time does the gate open and close at Wyaralong?

It opens at 6:30am and closes at sunset.

Why does the competitor headland close at 7am until 8:30am to vehicles?

Because we have the highest amount of foot traffic at this time and we are limiting the interaction for safety.

When can boats arrive for weekly regattas and Head of River?

Anytime – security is your own.

