

Head Of The Yarra - Policy on Club Members' Participation

Preamble

The annual Head of the Yarra is a significant activity of the Club. Not only is it one of the major events in the Australian rowing calendar; it is also recognized as one of the important international head events. It is Hawthorn's main contribution to Australia's rowing competition, and its success is vital in maintaining the Club's position in the rowing world. In particular, the financial success of the Head of the Yarra benefits all Club members in the form of boats, facilities, equipment, etc. as well as underwriting the junior programme.

Policy

Accordingly it is the policy of the Club that as far as possible all members should contribute to the running of the event by making themselves available to assist with the event, both on the day itself, and in the preparation for the event, even if this will generally prevent Club members from competing in the event itself.

It is recognized that some Club members would like the opportunity to row in the Head of the Yarra, and therefore this policy provides for a small number of members to compete under the following arrangements:

(a) in a crew entered by the Club. At most one Club crew may be entered in the event in any year. The entering of such a crew must have the support of the Captain and Regatta Secretary, and must be approved by the Committee. It is expected that the members of the crew will for the most part not have rowed in the event before. It is also expected that the crew members contribute to the preparation for the event, and as far as possible on the day of the regatta.

(b) in composite crews with other clubs. A small number of members, in particular those who have not rowed in the event before, may be permitted to compete in other club's crews. It is expected that members obtain the support of the Captain and Regatta Secretary prior to agreeing to participate, and that they contribute to the preparation for the event, and as far as possible on the day of the regatta.

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