

## CUCBC Rule Changes

Following the consultation with Captains in Michaelmas 2018, the CUCBC Exec and Senior Committees have drafted the rule changes we would like to implement to make the CUCBC rules clearer and easier to enforce fairly.

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### Rowing outside of “college rowing”

- There was no clear consensus on this, so no rule changes are proposed at this time.

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### Substitutions in Bumps

- A proposal to make the rules stricter for the top divisions but allow more leniency in the lower divisions was met positively, so we therefore propose to change Rule 5.a of the “Regulations for Racing - General” from:

*5.a. That the crew which competes in the first heat of a CUCBC event (including the Getting on Race) be considered the official crew for the duration of that event. No change in the official crew shall be allowed, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which will usually be given only in the case of accident or illness.*

to:

*5.a. That the crew which competes in the first heat of a CUCBC event (including the Getting on Race) be considered the official crew for the duration of that event. No change in the official crew shall be allowed, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which will usually be given only in ~~the case of~~ exceptional circumstances such as accident or illness, or subject to Rule 25 in the case of the Lent and May races.*

and then add Rule 25 to the “Regulations for Racing - Lent and May Races” under “Eligibility and Conditions of Races”:

*25. Substitutes must be deemed capable by the Executive Committee of competing safely in the division they will be subbing into, and all substitutes must be eligible competitors for the crew they will be subbing into. Permission for substitution shall only be given in the exceptional circumstances allowed by Rule 5 and:*

- a) to crews in the first or second division in the case of compulsory and immovable academic commitments;*
- b) to crews in the third division in the case of academic commitments, or other sporting commitments;*
- c) to crews in lower divisions for those reasons or any other reason,*
- d) provided permission for any eligible substitute is sought at least 24 hours before racing.*

## Gender Rules

- In light of changing college admissions policies, we propose the following changes. Current rules:
- 3. *That Women's and Men's races be considered discrete.*
  - a) *That only Men's Crews shall row in Men's races, and only Women's Crews shall row in Women's races, but when the gender of an event is unspecified, mixed crews and crews of either sex may compete.*
  - b) *That a Men's Crew be defined as a crew consisting of oarsmen and no oarswomen, and a Women's Crew be defined as a crew consisting of oarswomen and no oarsmen.*
  - c) *That notwithstanding Rule 3.b above, the coxswain need not be of the same sex as the crew.*
  - d) *That the lowest Men's Crew of a club entered into a set of Bumps be given an exception to Rules 3.a and 3.b and may ~~consist of~~ include up to four oarswomen.*
- Proposed Additions:
- e) *Rowers who were assigned male at birth, and do not identify as male, and whose testosterone levels are not suppressed below 10 nmol/L and who have not had a gonadectomy:*
  - i) *may not row in a women's boat for their college,*
  - ii) *may row in a men's boat for their college, notwithstanding Rule 3.b above,*
  - iii) *if their college has no men's crews, the rower may choose one college where they are not a student to compete with for the duration of their rowing in men's crews. This choice must be agreed by both the rower and the new adoptive club. They are to be regarded as a full member of that college boat club, and not to be limited to the lowest boat irrespective of CUCBC Regulation for Racing 4.b,*
    - *this decision is made once, does not need to be approved at the Captains meeting, and does not need to be declared every term,*
    - *when a rower previously rowing with an adoptive club under Rule 3.e.iii becomes eligible for Rule 3.f, they may elect to return to the original college or to begin rowing with the women's squad of the adopted club, but this decision may be made only once.*
- f) *Rowers who were assigned male at birth, and do not identify as male, and who could provide a letter from their GP stating that either their testosterone levels are suppressed below 10 nmol/L or that they've had a gonadectomy (the letter does not need to be specific about which criteria applies; CUCBC will cover the cost of said letter from the GP; this letter will be seen by one and only one member of the committee, who will not discuss the contents of the letter with anyone else):*
  - i) *may row in a women's boat for their college.*

- g) *Rowers who were assigned female at birth, and do not identify as female, and have not started testosterone treatment*
  - i) *may row in a women's boat for their college, notwithstanding Rule 3.b above,*
  - ii) *may row in a men's boat for their college,*
  - iii) *if their college has no men's crews, the rower may choose one college where they are not a student to compete with. This choice must be agreed by both the rower and the new adoptive club. They are to be regarded as a full member of that college boat club, and not to be limited to the lowest boat irrespective of CUCBC Regulation for Racing 4.b,*
    - *this decision is made once, does not need to be approved at the Captains meeting, and does not need to be declared every term.*
- h) *Rowers who were assigned female at birth, and do not identify as female, and have started testosterone treatment:*
  - i) *may not row in a women's boat for their college,*
  - ii) *may row in a men's boat for their college*
  - iii) *if their college has no men's crews, the rower may choose one college where they are not a student to compete with. This choice must be agreed by both the rower and the new adoptive club. They are to be regarded as a full member of that college boat club, and not to be limited to the lowest boat irrespective of CUCBC Regulation for Racing 4.b,*
    - *this decision is made once, does not need to be approved at the Captains meeting, and does not need to be declared every term.*
- i) *Rowers rowing for an adoptive college under Rule 3.e, Rule 3.g or Rule 3.h may elect to cox for one of their original or adoptive club.*

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## Uni IVs

- Uni IVs is technically open to University trialists; even though they haven't entered in years. We propose bringing it in line with the Lents eligibility rules by changing from:

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- a. ~~*That no person currently trialing for a University boat may compete in the University Fours competition without the permission of the relevant President.*~~
- b. ~~*That at the relevant President's discretion in order to assist University trials, any two Colleges may form a composite Four to compete in the University Fours competition.*~~

to:

56. *That no person currently trialing for a University boat may row or steer for his/her College in the University Fours without the permission of the Executive Committee and the relevant University Club President. Permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances.*

## Small Boats Regatta

- SBR has been poorly attended in recent years and we often have lots of entries drop out last minute citing college mock exams, among other reasons. However, there isn't really any other time of year where we could hold it and reasonably expect more people to be available and willing to enter, so we instead propose tweaking the rules to achieve a more healthy competition structure:
- Stop offering the Bushe-Fox Freshman's Sculls. It doesn't have a women's equivalent, and then entries won't be split between it and the Fairbairn Junior Sculls. We propose to remove from "Regulations for Racing - CUCBC Small Boats Races":

### **~~Bushe-Fox Freshman's Sculls~~**

- ~~86. That they be rowed on the 0th Monday to the 0th Wednesday of the Easter Term.~~
- ~~87. That only men be eligible to enter.~~
- ~~88. That only members of the CUCBC in their first year of residence be eligible to enter.~~

- Tighten up the eligibility criteria to force trialists to enter the "Elite" events, also in "Regulations for Racing - CUCBC Small Boats Races":

### **Forster-Fairbairn Pairs**

- 78. That they be rowed from the 0th Monday to the 0th Wednesday of the Easter Term.
- 79. That Blues, *half-blues*, *Goldie and Blondie colours*, *Trial Caps*, winners of the Magdalene Pairs, and previous winners of the Forster-Fairbairn Pairs be ineligible to enter.

### **Fairbairn Junior Sculls**

- 82. That they be rowed from the 0th Monday to the 0th Wednesday of the Easter Term.
- 83. That *Blues*, *half-blues*, *Goldie and Blondie colours*, *Trial Caps*, previous winners of the Fairbairn Junior Sculls, *Delafield Trophy*, and the Colquhoun Sculls are ineligible to enter.

- Change the rules such that University medals and Michell Cup points are not awarded in the non-"Elite" events, unless 4 or more boats actually race. Change "Regulations for Racing - CUCBC Trophies" to:

1. That Bronze Medals be awarded to the following oarsmen and oarswomen:
  - a. ...
  - h. The winner of the Fairbairn Junior Sculls Race *if there are four or more entrants, men's and women's races being counted separately.*
  - i. The winning crew in the Forster-Fairbairn Trial Pairs Race *if there are four or more entrants, men's and women's races being counted separately.*
  - j. The winners of the Lowe Double Sculls Races.
  - k. ~~The winner of the Bushe-Fox Freshmen's Sculls Race.~~

- Change “Regulations for Racing - CUCBC Trophies - Michell cup” rules to:
  6. *That the top 2nd and 3rd Men's eights and the top 2nd and 3rd Women's eights be awarded 6 points for each night that they row over.*
  7. *...*
  9. *That 12 points be awarded to the Boat Club winning the Light Fours, Men's and Women's 1st division Coxed Fours, Magdalene Pairs, Foster-Fairbairn Pairs\*, Lowe Double Sculls, Colquhoun Sculls, Fairbairn Junior Sculls\*, ~~Bushe-Fox Sculls~~, Delafield Sculls, Peter Brandt and Maiden Sculls\*, Fairbairn Cup (Senior eights), or Clare Novices' Regatta (Cup event), or any event subsequently approved by the CUCBC for competition in the Michell Cup (the points are divided if the winners of the Pair-Oared and Double Sculls events come from different Boat Clubs). That should any of these events be tied with the winners from different Clubs, each Club be awarded the full number of the points.*
    - \* Points will only be awarded for these events if there are four or more entrants in each of the men's and women's races.*

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## Eligibility for CUCBC events

- CUCBC receives more and more varied requests for eligibility decisions each year, as the university adapts to providing more of the collegiate structure to post-docs as well as undergraduate & graduate students and fellows.
- CUCBC Bumps is a predominantly student competition. Although there are regularly at least a few fellows or members of staff in some crews, the proportion is very small, but the effort required to provide consistent decisions on these members is disproportionately large.
- Historically, postdocs have accepted that they are no longer eligible for CUCBC events and many choose to row in Town crews instead. However, as colleges invite more postdocs to affiliate with them, those expectations may continue to change.
- Most colleges have a limited number of JRF or research associate positions which are appointed by a rigorous application process. It seems fair to consider these people just as much a part of the college as students, fellows and staff. However, a few colleges now provide relatively simple affiliation with MCRs or Post-Doc societies which have very relaxed application processes. It seems unfair to allow these colleges to have access to a much larger pool of rowers just because they're easier to affiliate to.
- One of the principal arguments put forward for allowing non-student members of colleges to compete in CUCBC races is to allow everyone with an affiliation to the college to be a part of the boatclub, whilst some smaller clubs rely on these people to get a crew together at all. However, CUCBC

rules apply to all clubs equally, and allowing non-student members without limit could then lead to non-student boats getting-on at the expense of boats of mostly students, particularly in Lents where there is no extra division capacity due to University restrictions and daylight hours.

- We have three different options to propose, but the CUCBC Committees are very keen to ensure one of these is adopted over the status quo, which is becoming extremely difficult to police fairly.

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## Eligibility Option One

- Change the eligibility rules to restrict eligibility to undergraduates, postgraduates, and members of each college's governing body (i.e. college fellows who've been appropriately appointed). Change "Regulations for Racing - General" rule 1.b. from:
    - b. *That other members of the University who are ~~Fellows or Employees or elected or appointed Members~~ of a college may compete for that college only after approval by the Executive Committee and that such approval must be sought within the first two weeks of term. Such rowers are defined as of 'exceptional status', and the permission stands ~~for the duration of their appointment. only for the term in which it is granted. Any person only employed by a college as an academic supervisor is not eligible as an Employee of the college.~~*
- to:
- b. *That other members of the University who are **members of the Governing Body** of a college may compete for that college only after approval by the Executive Committee and that such approval must be sought within the first two weeks of term. Such rowers are defined as of 'exceptional status', and the permission stands **for the duration of their appointment.***

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## Eligibility Option Two

- Change the eligibility rules to allow any appointed member of the college (including postdoc societies), but limit the total number per club. Change "Regulations for Racing - General" rule 1.c. from:
  - c. *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. Exceptional cases (such as Fellows boats) may be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Committee. See Rule [4.c.](#) for details of members of more than one college.*

to:



- c. *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~~ for that college in each of the men's and women's races. Exceptional cases (such as Fellows' boats) may be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Committee. See Rule 4.c. for details of members of more than one college.*

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## Eligibility Option Three

- As previously mentioned, there's no extra capacity in the Lents, but there is capacity for an extra tenth division in Mays. Therefore, a compromise; stricter eligibility rules in Lents, and more relaxed rules in Mays (i.e. any appointed member of the college). Modify "Regulations for Racing - General" rule 1.a. to:
  - a. *That only resident bona fide student members of the University who are also members of the CUCBC be eligible to row or steer in CUCBC races, except as specified in Regulations for Racing, Rule 2 or Rule 20. For the purposes of this regulation a bona fide student is defined as one who is in statu pupillari and is therefore:*
    - i. *a matriculated member of a College; and*
    - ii. *currently reading for a recognised degree of the University; and*
    - iii. *fulfilling the University residence requirements in both time and place.*
  - And move rules 1.b and 1.c to a new rule 20 under "Regulations for Racing - Lent and May Races - Eligibility and Conditions of Races":
    - a. *That other members of the University who are Fellows or Employees or elected or appointed Members of a college may compete for that college in the May Bumps only after approval by the Executive Committee and that such approval must be sought within the first two weeks of term. Such rowers are defined as of 'exceptional status', and the permission stands only for the term in which it is granted. Any person only employed by a college as an academic supervisor is not eligible as an Employee of the college.*
    - b. *That such other 'exceptional status' members of the University will not normally be allowed to row in their College's 1st boat in the May Bumps, unless the College has only one boat. That no more than two such other 'exceptional status' members of a college will be allowed to row in any boat, except in the case of full college fellows, who may row in a Fellows' Eight.*