

New RNBA Fee Structure

RCA Change

At the RCA Semi Annual Meeting January 2017, Members voted for a new Membership Model. Effective April 1st, 2018:

- RCA moves from the current two-tiered model of "Sport" and "Competitive" rower to a single category of membership "Rower". Instead of the current fees of \$15 / Sport Rower and \$50 / Competitive Rower - every participant in a rowing program will pay the same RCA membership fee of \$20. And they will pay an RCA "Seat Fee" of \$3.25 for each event they enter in within a "regatta".
- This means that a rower who wants to enter just one event will no longer have to pay to upgrade their membership to "competitive".
- A "Regatta" is defined as: any on-water, indoor rowing event or rowing tour in which participants from two or more clubs are involved or, RCA umpires are being used.
- Every "Regatta" must be sanctioned through RCA's On-line sanction process. Sanctioning is managed by your Provincial Rowing Association.
- Every RCA Member organizing a sanctioned "Regatta" will have free access to the RegattaCentral system, a premium online regatta registration system. Regatta organizers must use this system to register all their event participants.
- For On-Water Regattas and Touring events, Canadian participants must be registered and active members of a Club to be eligible to participate. Each time they enter an event, their RCA membership will be verified.
- For indoor rowing events, Canadian participants are not required to be registered and active members of an RCA Club to be eligible to participate. Indoor rowing event participants will be assessed the appropriate "seat fees" when they register to participate in the event.
- The RCA Seat Fee will be automatically added to a "regatta" participant invoice and every participant and regatta will have the convenience of "on-line" payment of regatta fees and any associated seat fees.
- All Canadian "Regattas" including touring and indoor rowing events will be on one common platform for event registration. All Canadian events will be listed in one location for the convenience of event participants.

RNBA Proposal

To align with RCA's new membership model, RNBA is proposing the following;

Athlete Fee will now become \$5 per athlete. This will be a change from \$5 for sport and \$10 for competitive. Additionally, RNBA is proposing a seat fee of \$1 per athlete per event. This fee is significantly lower than other provinces in Canada. For example, Ontario will be charging a \$2.25 seat fee and Nova Scotia a \$1.75 seat fee.

RNBA has chosen to keep the fees low to have minimal impact on the clubs. Funds raised through seat fees will be used for Umpire development, training, assistance and umpire regatta equipment expenses.

An illustration of the potential impact on each club is provided with this document. RNBA only considered New Brunswick Regattas when calculating the impact of seat fees. This is due to the fact that no revenue comes to RNBA from out of province regattas. Conversely though, any out of province participants at New Brunswick regattas become a source of revenue to RNBA through seat fees.

In calculating the impact to each club, 2017 membership numbers were used. As well a conservative estimate of the average number of New Brunswick races every member would race in a year is given. Average for all members was used which gives a smaller number. It is appreciated some members will race 3-5 races but the majority will row 2-3 as used in the illustrations. Again, this pertains only to the 2 New Brunswick races; The Head of the Four Bridges and the Paris Crew High School Regatta.