



## Reclassification Report 2017

As required under Rule 13.5 (f) of the NZRA Rules of Racing 2017, Rowing NZ is required to publish a re-classification report. The purpose of this report is to give the rowing community an understanding of the outcomes of the reclassifications requests received. Rowing NZ apologises for the delay in producing this report. Given the calling of an SGM, and the uncertainty around the Rules of Racing for the 2017/18, Rowing NZ did not feel it was in a position to produce this report until such a time as the outcomes of the SGM were known.

As this was the first season of the Classification by Ability in the 2017 Rules of Racing, the volume of people seeking reclassification was higher than what Rowing NZ would expect to see in future years. In total 152 applications for reclassification were received. This amounts to approximately 3% of the licensed rowers in the 2016/17 season.

The applications for reclassification across the grades: 1 application was received to move a rower from Premier to Senior, this was approved. 65 were requesting a move down from Senior to Club – of those 17 were accepted. 76 were requesting a move down from Club to Intermediate – of those 32 were accepted. 10 requests were made requesting a move down from Intermediate to Novice or Unclassified, 7 were accepted.

### Approved

Prem down to Senior	1
Senior down to Club	17
Club down to Intermediate	32
Intermediate to Novice/Unclassified	7
	57

### Declined

Prem down to Senior	0
Senior down to Club	47
Club down to Intermediate	44
Intermediate to Novice/Unclassified	2
	93

Pending - waiting on more info	2
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Totals 152

Rowing NZ notes the following:

1. Reclassification to Novice will not be an option in future years. It was done this year to confirm that the records were correct. The assignment of rowers to some of the lower grades in some cases is based on very little information (e.g. hardly any race records, or they have coxed but not rowed or had rowed a local race since end of Maadi etc). The rules are very clear in that “No rower can become Novice again” (Rule 13.4 (d)).
2. Regatta Organisers, Clubs and Coaches are reminded of the importance of having the correct crews listed in online results. This will now have greater importance as results from Classification Regattas throughout the season will have an impact on the classification of rowers for the following season.
3. In line with the guidelines issued, a club having low numbers or another rower in a lower grade were not reasons considered for reclassification.
4. A rower stops being Premier and immediately becomes a Senior when they are no longer a RPC rower. No reclassification request is needed in that case. Should an RPC rower miss selection or choose to not retriial for an RPC, this change will be managed at Rowing NZ.