

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITIES ROWING

Classification of Grades

(Approved by the University Committee August 2022)

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1) **Novice grade** - The novice grade competitors must not have rowed or received any rowing coaching prior to February 1st of the current year.

2) **Tournament grade** - The tournament grade is for competitors who have only ever raced at University Rowing Regattas or only raced a novice season at club/school and was not a medallist at the NZ Championships or NZSSRA Championships during that season.

3) **Varsity grade** - Rowers INELIGIBLE to row in Varsity grade include:

- a) A rower who has won an Under 20 or Under 22, Senior, Premier, Championship, Lightweight event at the New Zealand Rowing Championships, or who has been a Rowing NZ Pathway Tier 1 or 2 athlete, within the previous two seasons;
- b) A rower who has competed within the previous two seasons as a New Zealand representative in any New Zealand Elite, Under 23, Junior Crew, Youth Olympic Crew, New Zealand Academy crew, New Zealand development crew, New Zealand University crew (excluding Trans-Tasman Lightweights), or any other similar New Zealand representative crew as may be defined by the Committee.

4) **Championship grade** - All rowers are eligible to row in the Championship grade.

- a) To be eligible to row in the Championship 8+ at the University Championships, at the time of the regatta the competitor must be enrolled in 3 or more undergraduate papers unless;
- b) the competitor is in limited full-time study or;
- c) is in post graduate study, provided that they are enrolled in .25 EFTS (2 papers/courses in the calendar year of the regatta)