

New Way of Selecting Premier Eights and Quads – Draft System

The goals of the Draft concept are to create close racing of more evenly matched boats, the opportunity for all premier/RPC level athletes to compete in bog boats while maintaining their loyalty to their home club. This concept ensures people don't have to swap clubs in order to get into a bigger boat meaning that single representatives wear their club colours proudly completing that connection back to their home clubs.

How will the crews be chosen:

1. Nominations are called for from rowers in Senior and above grades. They will advise if they are wanting to be in 8+ (Bow/Stroke/Both) or 4x-.
2. Nomination deadline is same as Nationals entry deadline, so we have the names well in advance.
 - this ensures we know the number of athletes that are available for the number of boats.
 - (current pool of Elite is 50+ and RPC 60+ so potentially 50 each gender just from this group).
3. Winners or place getters (depending on the number of boats we can crew from the number of nominations) of Premier Single and Premier Pairs heats become the Team Captains for Quad and Eight respectively and will select their crews in a closed draft (chosen one by one by the team captains). Heats occur Tuesday morning so this can happen Tuesday evening/Wednesday morning.
4. The crews which are established in the draft process are then announced at the Draught @ the Draft function, this creates a function mid-week for the rowing community to attend and creates some hype/discussion around the crews.