

a draw, supervised by a member of the Jury, to determine their starting order. Each separate race shall be started at not more than five-minute intervals.

2. *Time trials conducted as one trial for all crews in an event*
If the time trial is for the heat, the highest seeded crew starts first, followed by the second highest seeded crew, etc., and after all the seeded crews then the remaining crews shall start in order of a random draw, supervised by a member of the Jury, made for this purpose. If the time trial is for a subsequent round (repêchage, quarter-final, semi-final, final) the crews shall start in order according to their placings in the previous round. Where two or more crews have the same placing in the previous round then there shall be a draw, supervised by a member of the Jury, to determine their starting order.

Rule 71 – Adverse Weather Conditions

1. At International Regattas, when unfair or unrowable conditions prevail, after consultation with appropriate members of the Jury and the organising committee, the President of the Jury may decide to apply provisions as described in the Bye-Laws to Rule 71 (below).
2. For World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing Cup regattas, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Fairness Committee consisting of three persons with appropriate experience and ability to take the appropriate measures if the weather has created, is about to create, or is likely to create unfair or unrowable conditions. The President of the Jury shall implement the decisions of the Fairness Committee.

Bye-Laws to Rule 71 – Alternative Programmes in cases of Adverse Weather Conditions

1. *It is the duty of the Fairness Committee to determine if the weather has created, is about to create, or is likely to create unfair or unrowable conditions. It is then their responsibility to adopt the most appropriate alternative from those described below. In adopting these alternatives the Fairness Committee will always consider 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 before considering 1.4:*
 - 1.1 *To use the lanes offering the most equal conditions;*
 - 1.2 *To recommend to the Executive Committee to change the time table of the regatta to avoid adverse weather conditions;*
 - 1.3 *To suspend racing when weather conditions are, or are about to become, unfair or unrowable and recommend alternative times for racing;*

1.4 *To re-allocate the lanes for each individual race, using the placings from the previous round to put the crews with similar placings from the previous round into adjoining lanes and giving the crews having achieved better placings better lanes. Where two or more crews have the same placing in the immediately previous round (e.g. each were heat winners), then there shall be a new draw for the crews with the same placing, supervised by a member of the Jury, to determine their reallocated lanes. This alternative shall not be used for heats (or in finals of an event with less than seven crews where there has been no preliminary rounds or preliminary race).*

In each scenario, information about the decisions must be communicated to the Team Managers promptly at a Team Managers' Meeting or through other appropriate communication means.

2. *After the Fairness Committee has adopted any of the alternatives at 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, or 1.4 above, or has determined that those alternatives are not appropriate solutions, it is the duty of the Executive Committee or its designated representative at World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing Cup regattas, to decide whether to implement one of the following solutions in order to continue the regatta:*
 - 2.1 *To start racing earlier than previously scheduled after consultation with the Fairness Committee.*
 - 2.2 *To resume racing at a later time when conditions have improved, after consultation with the Fairness Committee.*
 - 2.3 *To omit one or more rounds of the event (e.g. semi-finals) where adverse conditions have stopped racing for a significant period of time or where the weather forecast indicates that racing will not be possible on any of the remaining days. In such a case the composition of the next rounds will be determined on the basis of the results of those rounds that have been completed and may necessitate more than six crews in each race. Wherever possible the rankings of the crews in the previous rounds will be used as the basis for the composition of the next rounds.*
 - 2.4 *To implement the Time-Trial System for each individual race, e.g. if there were four heats from the official draw, then there shall be four separate time trial races.*
 - 2.5 *To implement a time trial in which all the remaining crews in a round or rounds of an event compete together in one time trial.*

2.6 *To reduce the length of the race to no less than 1,000m where conditions are so adverse that no other alternative is possible.*

In each scenario, adequate time must be given to the teams to prepare and information communicated to the Team Managers promptly at a Team Managers' Meeting or through other appropriate communication means.

3. *Results from the previous rounds of racing may be used other than in accordance with the normal progression system.*

SECTION 6 – Penalties

Rule 72 – Penalties

In any case of breach of the rules, the Jury shall impose appropriate penalties. The penalties available to the Jury are:

1. Reprimand;
2. Yellow Card which shall constitute a formal warning. A crew awarded two Yellow Cards applying to the same race shall be awarded a Red Card and excluded from the event;
3. Relegation where specifically provided in these rules;
4. Red Card which excludes the crew (from all the rounds of the event in question);
5. Disqualification (from all events in the regatta).

In cases of exclusion or disqualification, the Jury may also order a race to be re-rowed with all the remaining crews or with a limited number of the crews should this be necessary, in his opinion, to ensure the fairness of the competition.

Bye-Laws to Rule 72 – Yellow and Red Cards

When a Yellow Card or Red Card is awarded to a crew, the penalised crew shall be informed immediately or as soon thereafter as possible.

At World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing Cup regattas, the penalty shall be confirmed in writing on the same day by delivery to the Team Manager at the team's regatta mail box. This written notification shall state:

1. *The crew to which the penalty is awarded;*
2. *The penalty;*