



2023 Rowing WA Regatta Feedback

With the 2023 Masters, All Schools and Pennant seasons now complete, Rowing WA turns its attention to an extensive review of the 2023 regatta program to make improvements for future years.

This survey is your opportunity to provide us with direct input that will assist in the development of future regatta programming and event scheduling. The survey results will be used to guide a series of forums, meetings and workshops with clubs and other stakeholders as we develop the 2024 Regatta Season calendar and programs.

We thank you for your ongoing support of rowing in Western Australia and look forward to delivering another exciting season of racing in 2024.

The survey should only take you approximately 10 minutes and will be open until midnight Thursday 5th October 2023 .

If you provide your details at the end of the survey you will go in to the draw to win a \$100 Visa Card and the club with the most number of survey responses will win a \$200 fuel voucher. Your personal details will be used for no other purposes within the survey results except to enter this draw (if you choose).

Kind Regards

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Section

1. (Required) What age category are you in? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Under 18 (by selecting this box I am confirming that I am completing this survey under the supervision of my legal guardian)
- ☐ 18-26
- ☐ 27-40
- ☐ 41-60
- ☐ 61+

2. (Required) What is your gender? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-Binary
- ☐ Differently Identify
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

3. (Required) What Rowing Club are you a primary member at? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ I wasn't a registered member in the 2023 season
- ☐ Albany Rowing Club

- ☐ ANA Rowing Club
- ☐ Bunbury Rowing Club
- ☐ Champion Lakes Boating Club
- ☐ Curtin University Boating Club
- ☐ Fremantle Rowing Club
- ☐ Greenough Rowing Club
- ☐ Margaret River Rowing Club
- ☐ Murdoch University Rowing Club
- ☐ Old Scotch Collegians
- ☐ Perth Rowing Club
- ☐ Swan River Rowing Club
- ☐ University of West Australia Boat Club
- ☐ West Australian Rowing Club

4. What school do you go to (if applicable)?

5. (Required) Were you registered as a competitive or non-competitive rower this season? (Please tick ONE option)

The difference being competitive rowers are able to compete at regattas.

- ☐ Competitive
- ☐ Non-competitive

6. (Required) What aspects of rowing do you find most enjoyable? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ Training
- ☐ Regattas/racing
- ☐ Physical health benefits
- ☐ Mental health benefits
- ☐ Social/community
- ☐ Culture within the sport
- ☐ Other (please specify below)

7. Other reason:

8. (Required) What aspects of rowing do you find least enjoyable? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ Training
- ☐ Regattas/racing
- ☐ Physical health benefits
- ☐ Mental health benefits
- ☐ Social/community
- ☐ Culture within the sport
- ☐ Other (please specify below)

9. Other reason:

Section

10. (Required) Did you compete in any Pennant regattas this season? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. If not, why not? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ I don't like these regattas
- ☐ My focus is on the Masters Season
- ☐ My Club doesn't participate
- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Other

12. Other reason:

13. (Required) What grade were you in this season? (Please tick ONE option)

If your grade changed, what grade did you finish the season in

- ☐ A Grade
- ☐ B Grade
- ☐ C Grade
- ☐ D Grade

14. (Required) Do you feel the current grading system accurately adjusts your rowing score/grade to ensure enjoyment/meaningful racing? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. If you rowed in events graded differently to your primary grade, what was the main reason for this? (Tick all that apply)

Select all relevant answers

☐ To be able to row in more events per regatta

☐ To help my club/fellow rowers compete in more events

☐ To achieve a better racing experience

☐ Because I feel I am incorrectly graded

16. (Required) Did you find participating in Pennant regattas meaningful and competitive? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

17. (Required) During the Pennant regatta season, how often would you prefer to compete in a competitive rowing event? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Weekly

☐ Fortnightly

☐ Monthly

☐ Other

18. (Required) During the Pennant regatta season how many events per regatta, on average, did you compete in? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 0

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

19. (Required) How many events would you have preferred to compete in at regattas? (Please tick ONE option)

The number of events you prefer to race in will impact the overall length of the regatta.

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

20. If you didn't typically race in the number of events per day that you would have liked to, what is the reason for the difference between what you wanted to and what you did enter? (Tick all that apply)

☐ Program didn't allow for it

☐ Cost

☐ Time

☐ Focus on certain event

☐ Club/Coach influence

☐ Other (please specify below)

21. Other reason

22. (Required) What progression of regattas do you think would best prepare you for building toward the pennant regatta season? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Head Races -> Sprint Regattas -> Pennant Regattas

☐ Sprint Regattas -> Head races -> Pennant Regattas

☐ No preference

23. (Required) Did you find the 2023 Pennant regatta season provided a better racing experience than in 2022? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I didnt compete in 2022

24. Why/Why Not?

25. Do you have any more feedback with respect to the Pennant regatta season?

Section

26. (Required) As a Masters-aged competitive rower, did you compete in Masters regattas this year? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

27. If no, Why Not? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ I don't like these regattas

☐ My focus is on the Pennant Season

☐ My Club doesn't participate

☐ Cost

☐ Other

28. Other reason:

29. (Required) Do you agree or disagree that, overall, you enjoyed the Masters regatta season this year? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

30. (Required) Did you find participating in Masters regattas meaningful and competitive? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

31. (Required) How many regattas would you prefer to compete in over the season? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5

☐ 6

☐ 7+

32. (Required) During the Masters regatta season how many events, on average, did you compete in? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 0

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

33. (Required) How many events would you have preferred to compete in at regattas? (Please tick ONE option)

The number of events you prefer to race in will impact the overall length of the regatta.

☐ 0

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

34. Do you have any more feedback with respect to the Masters regatta season?

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35. (Required) As an All Schools-aged competitive rower, did you compete in All Schools regattas this year? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

36. If no, Why Not? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ I don't attend High school

☐ I don't like these regattas

☐ My focus is on the Pennant Season

☐ My Club/School doesn't participate

☐ Cost

☐ Other

37. Other reason:

38. (Required) Did you find participating in All Schools regattas meaningful and competitive? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

39. (Required) How many regattas would you prefer to compete in over the season? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5

☐ 6

☐ 7+

40. (Required) During the All Schools regatta season how many events, on average, did you compete in? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 0

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

41. (Required) How many events would you have preferred to compete in at regattas? (Please tick ONE option)

The number of events you prefer to race in will impact the overall length of the regatta.

☐ 0

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

42. Would you prefer to compete against all other school-aged rowers in a larger combined regatta? (Please tick ONE option)

This regatta would encompass PSA, IGSSA and All Schools athletes.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure / Undecided

43. Do you have any more feedback with respect to the All Schools regatta season?

Section

44. (Required) Why do you participate/engage in rowing? (Tick all that apply)

☐ To keep fit and active

☐ to develop/maintain friendships

☐ to give back to the rowing community

☐ to give back to the broader community

☐ Other

45. Other reason

46. (Required) Would you be interested in participating in any of the following inter-club activities if made available? (Tick all that apply)

☐ No

☐ Social Mini regattas (up to 500m racing)

☐ 'coffee' rowing (meet other rowers at a specific location on the river)

☐ Indoor rowing competition

☐ Off-water fitness type classes

☐ Rowing tourism (day trips/tours)

☐ Other

47. Other reason

Section

48. (Required) Did you compete in any Head Races this season? (Please tick ONE option)

Head Races are traditionally used by rowers as a tool to develop endurance prior to the pennant season (or maintain fitness in the off-season). However participation in these regattas in WA have decreased over the past 5 years.

☐ Yes

☐ No

49. If not, why not? (Tick all that apply)

☐ They are too hard

☐ They are held at the wrong time of the season

☐ I wasn't really aware of them

☐ My Club doesn't promote participation at these regattas

☐ They make the season too long

☐ Other

50. Other reason

51. (Required) What would encourage you to compete in more Head Races?

Section

52. Did you compete in the Age Based Regatta in 2023 (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

53. Would you like to see more Age Based Regattas? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

54. Why/Why not would you like to see more Age Based regattas?

55. Would you be interested in being involved with Coastal Rowing and/or Beach Sprints in the Off-season?
(Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

56. Please provide any additional information you would like RWA to consider when developing the 2024 regatta program?

57. Thank you for completing this survey. We are running a competition for a \$200 Visa Card. Please provide your name, contact phone number and email address if you wish to be entered in the draw.

Your details will not be attached to your survey responses. All results are de-identified.