KRI Policy for Para/Adaptive (PA) and Inclusion Events

This policy applies only to events organised by KRI. It excludes NZ Championships and NZSSRA events.

1. A para/adaptive (PA) rower is a rower who meets any of the following three Para-rowing criteria as defined in Rule 18 of the RNZ Rules of Racing 2025:
    a. PR1
    b. PR2
    c. PR3 including PR3-VI (Visual Impairment) and and PR3-PI (Physical Impairment) as defined by World Rowing

    In addition, KRI will recognise the following Adaptive rowing classifications:
    d. PR3-II / Virtus II1 (Intellectual Impairment)
    e. Virtus II2 (Significant Intellectual Impairment)
    f. Virtus II3 (Autism)
    g. Any other Para-rowing or Adaptive classification recognised by RNZ

    All the above rowers will be referred to as PA-classified rowers.
2. RNZ and/or the Para Rowing Committee will provide KRI with a list of PA-classified rowers and their classifications before the start of the rowing season; updates will be provided as soon as available based on RNZ's published classification schedule.
    a. For the sake of clarity, KRI is not responsible for the determination of classifications and will not consider challenges to the classifications.
3. KRI will offer Inclusion Events in which 50% of the crew must be PA-classified rowers; the other 50% must be rowers who are not PA-classified.
4. KRI will provide events in the following classes:
    a. PA 1X (1km up to and including Xmas Regatta, 2km after Xmas)
    b. PA 2X (1km up to and including Xmas Regatta, 2km after Xmas)
    c. Inclusion 2X (1km up to and including Xmas Regatta, 2km after Xmas)
    d. Inclusion 4X+/4+ (1km at Memorial, 2km at other regattas)
5. Coxswains of PA/Inclusion crews can be of either gender and are not required to be PA-classified.
6. KRI will accept any boat that meets the design and specifications of boats and equipment permitted in World Rowing events.
    a. In PR1 events, all boats must be equipped with pontoons
    b. For all other events, pontoons are optional
7. External steering will be permitted for PR3-VI singles
    a. Crews must provide their own electronic communications devices, which must minimise disturbance to other rowers
    b. The communications device must be disclosed to KRI prior to its first use at a KRI event in order to be approved for racing
    c. Each crew must provide a suitable chase boat that will follow the crew and communicate steering advice, unless otherwise agreed with KRI
8. PA and Inclusion events are non-elimination; i.e., all crews will progress to a final.
9. If entry numbers are low, Regatta Control will determine the most efficient way to schedule the events into the race programme.
    a. For example:
        i. Adaptive 2X and Inclusion 2X might be combined into one race
        ii. Inclusion 2X might be combined with another event of similar speed (e.g., intermediate 2X)

iii. Adaptive / Inclusion 4X+/4+ might be combined with another event of similar speed

b. Combined events will be scheduled to reduce the number of races required only. Each event will be treated separately for the purposes of progressions and medals. An Adaptive crew in a combined race must not prevent a crew in another event from progressing to a final.

10. Inclusion events do not count toward the per rower limit for rowers who are not PA-classified.
11. Medals. At the North Island Championships:
    a. Medals will be awarded in each PA classification to the top three finishing crews
    b. A separate event for each PA class will be held to ensure that a full set of medals is available for each class (note that the racing may combine events for two or more PA classes if entry numbers are low).
    c. Singles events will be separated by gender for the awarding of medals.
    d. Separation by gender for medals in other events is at KRI's discretion and will depend on the number and mix of entries in the event.