

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Rowing Tasmania provides an opportunity for everyone to compete at its Pennant Regattas. There are competitive opportunities for:

- Able bodied athletes from Seniors to Juniors
- Veterans
- Beginners
- Disrowers

In like manner RT does not discriminate against rowers who may suffer from medical conditions such as asthma and epilepsy. It is for this reason that RT provides an on-water “rescue” service in using rubber duckies. It should be noted however that the operators of rubber duckies are not trained medical personnel, and their role is to facilitate removal of an athlete from the water and quick conveyance to medical personnel on the shore.

Entry into all competition at a RT controlled event is at the risk of the participant. RT does not accept liability.

If you suffer from a medical condition, and wish to compete in events at a RT Regatta, RT recommends and advises:

- It is compulsory for you to be registered with RT (the registration includes compulsory insurance cover)
- That you seek doctors advice as to the affect of competition on your medical condition
- That, if appropriate, you carry medication with you at all times
- That, if appropriate, you consider wearing a Personal Flotation advice while competing
- **That you consider advising the Regatta Secretary of the medical condition, and request particular attention from on water rescue services.**

At the present, there are several athletes who suffer from chronic asthma and epilepsy who have advised the Regatta Secretary of their condition. At their request, and with the support of their families, the races they are involved with (small boats and big boats) are followed by a rescue craft. On rare occasions the rescue craft has taken athletes from their boat to afford assistance. On other occasions athletes have been taken from the water.

THE SAFETY OF THE ATHLETE IS THE PRIME ROLE OF THE BOAT RACE OFFICIALS.