

**Head of the Colorado Regatta  
Penalty Guide**

<b>SO</b>	<b>Start Order Violation</b>	Entering the starting chute in the wrong order is grounds for a 30 second penalty. This includes boats that are late to the starting line and therefore asked to start at the end of their event. A boat that is so late to the start that it cannot row in its event may be excluded.
<b>AR</b>	<b>Arch Violation</b>	Rowing through an out-of-bounds arch results in a 60 second penalty.
<b>BV</b>	<b>Buoy Violation</b>	Oars crossing a small buoy will result in a 10 second violation per incident. Oars hitting large buoys in the basin during the turn around the island will result in a 30 second violation per incident. A boat's hull crossing on the wrong side of a buoy will result in a 60 second penalty (or possible exclusion if it leads to a Disregard for Safety violation).
<b>IS</b>	<b>Severe Collision: Yield committed by boat ahead</b>	An incident in which there is hull-to-hull, oar-to-hull, or hull-to-rower contact or damage or injury. "Clash of oars" does not count as a collision. If a passing boat forces a boat off the course into a fixed obstacle (bridge arch, shoreline), or hits or cause damage to the overtaken boat, the passer may be assessed a 60 second penalty. Severe collisions are often preceded by a Non-Yield committed by the boat ahead.
<b>IN</b>	<b>Interference: Non yield</b>	When an overtaking boat closes within 1 boat length of the stern of the boat ahead (and continues to close) and there is no visible effort on the part of the boat ahead to yield (where yielding can be done safely), a 60-second penalty is assessed. As a rule of thumb, the yielding action should be well underway by the time the passing boat is within ½ boat length.
<b>SV</b>	<b>Disregard for Safety</b>	A crew that acts in a way that shows blatant and severe disregard for their own safety or the safety of other will receive a 60-second penalty or face disqualification. Traffic violations may fall into this category.
<b>UC</b>	<b>Unsportsmanlike conduct</b>	Gross, directed profanity or other actions that violate the bounds of civil conduct will result in a 60-second penalty or possible exclusion. This includes incidents on or off the water.