

## **Metropolitan Regatta 2017**

**COURSE:** Six/Seven lanes 2000m on still water

**RACING:** Under British Rowing Rules of Racing and Row Safe. Where events are banded into Tiers refer also to Personal Ranking Reference Book.

### **ENTRY FEES:**

Eights ..... £150  
Fours/Quads ..... £80  
Pairs/Doubles ..... £55  
Single Sculls ..... £35

### **EVENT ORGANISATION**

Events will be run using the new Ranking Index. Boat Classes (the events on BROE) will be banded into Tiers. The number of crews in each Tier will be determined by the size of the entry and the spread of the Ranking Indexes. In 2017 the old status points of crews may be used to assist the banding of crews into Tiers, for instance if the Ranking Index does not appear to provide sufficient information.

Where crews are allocated to heats, this will take regard of Ranking Index. Lanes will be allocated randomly.

These events will be run in either the Morning session up to approximately 2pm, or the Afternoon Session from approximately 2pm. Alternate tiers will be in different sessions, for example

Morning      Championship (Tier 1), Tier 3, Tier 5

Afternoon    Tier 2, Tier 4

Crews may double up within the same event, unless their Ranking Index places them in the Championship tier. Where a crew wishes to double up they should enter the event twice (see below) and the second entry will be placed in the next Tier up.

To enable crews to enter an event twice, each relevant event will be listed twice on BROE, and crews should be entered into both. The second version of the event should only be used for crews that are doubling up in the same event.

See also the section on doubling up.

Some events will not be banded into Tiers (e.g. Lightweight Singles or

Junior Quads). These will be raced through the day.

## **CHALLENGE EIGHTS**

The Regatta will be offering Challenge Eights and Masters Eights on the Sunday. These will be run as time trials followed by side-by-side races, as in previous years. Crews cannot double up within Challenge Eights.

Semi-finals will be held in the Senior Challenge Eights for the top 28 crews in both Open and Women's, and we hope to offer more semi-finals if time allows. There will be a complete set of finals so all eights will race at least twice, and some will race three times.

Masters events will consist of a time trial followed by finals only. The results of the Masters events will be based on handicap, but crews should note that the handicap will be applied to finish times, not at the start.

In the Challenge Eights crews will enter as either Club or Academic. The top trophy (Peter Coni Cup for Open and Di Ellis Trophy for Women) will be awarded to the fastest overall crew. The second trophy (Old Barnes Cup for Open and Sun Life of Canada Cup for women) will be awarded to fastest crew in the other category. If a Club crew wins the Peter Coni Cup, then the Old Barnes Cup will be awarded to the fastest Academic crew.

If there are sufficient entries extra we will offer extra prizes as follows.

If the entry is such that the event should be banded into 3 Tiers, there will be an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> tier for crews with a lower Ranking Index.

If the entry is such that the event should be banded into 4 or 5 tiers, and there are sufficient J19 entries (at least 6 crews), then we will offer prizes for the fastest J19 crew, but crews in J19 will then not be eligible for other prizes. Other Tiers will be determined by Ranking Index.

The Regatta will decide where to place the boundary between Tiers, and as with other banded events this will depend on the size of the entry and the spread in Ranking Index.

In Challenge Eights, no crew may win more than one prize.

Academic crews can represent one or more university, college or school, and every member of the crew must be, or have been within one month of the Regatta, a full time student of their university, college or school. If there are insufficient entries to run a J19 event, eligible school crews will be transferred to the Academic event.

## **SINGLE SCULLERS**

In previous years the Regatta has asked that all single scullers be at least Intermediate 3 standard. With the new Ranking Index system, we reserve the right to apply a minimum ranking to single scullers.

Where a single sculler believes that their Ranking Index does not reflect their ability, clubs may provide additional evidence. If the single sculling events are over-subscribed then priority will be given to scullers with the higher Ranking Indexes, unless clubs have provided compelling evidence.

## **CREW COMPETENCE**

All crews must be able to attach their boats to the start pontoon and get straight within a reasonable time, in all conditions, to ensure that racing runs to time. Any crew that is not capable of attaching and then getting straight will not be allowed to start. Coaches and coxes should read the document "How to attach to a stake-boat", and carry out the relevant training.

If weather conditions make it necessary the heats in some events may be replaced by time trials. The Regatta reserves the right to award prizes on the results of a time trial.

## **DOUBLING UP**

Competitors may only enter a maximum of 2 events on a day. In banded events these will be one morning and one afternoon event. Clubs should avoid entering combinations of crews that cannot be resolved into morning and afternoon. For instance if a club enters an eight and two fours, and there are two rowers from the eight in each four and two other rowers in both fours, the Regatta will not be able to allocate the crews to different sessions.

It may be that a crew that is doubling up in a different event has to be moved into a higher tier if both end up in either the morning or afternoon sessions.

Crews that are likely to be in Tier 1 (Championship) are advised to avoid doubling up between events where Tier 1 will be in the same session (e.g. 4+ and 4-).

No competitor may enter both an Open event and a Women's event. On Sunday only they may not enter a sweep oar and a sculling event. These restrictions also apply to coxes and boat sharing.

Competitors may compete in both Junior events and Senior events.

We anticipate that these rules will allow us to provide at least 40 minutes' gap between races for athletes that are doubling up, but as always crews double up at their own risk.

If a crew ignores these rules we will make no allowance in the timetable. If a crew makes a substitution after the draw they no longer have to abide by these rules, but no allowance will be made if the Regatta then has to change the order of racing.

### **COMPETITORS MUST BE REGISTERED**

Crews are reminded that the all competitors representing British clubs must be registered with the relevant governing body, and this will also apply to substitutes. Foreign crews are not affected by this rule.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

All substitutions must be made on BROE before a crew races. Clubs should ensure they have a means of logging on to BROE to make substitutions. Substitutions must be in accordance with British Rowing's Rules of Racing, and also with the latest version of British Rowing's Personal Index Reference Book when competing for a prize on the basis of Ranking Index.

Crew names will be published in the results.

### **OVER-SUBSCRIBED EVENTS**

It may be necessary to limit the number of entries in some events.

In an oversubscribed event we will first eliminate any crews that have not provided complete entries. The Regatta will then give priority to when an entry was made, but will also consider a crew's status, whether the crew is doubling up and whether a club has made more than one entry in the same event.

Crews that have not paid in full at the time entries close will be considered to have submitted incomplete entries.

### **UNDER-SUBSCRIBED EVENTS**

The Regatta will not normally run an event with three or fewer entries. Where there are insufficient entries we will try to contact clubs. Please supply telephone numbers **that will be manned over the draw weekend.**

## **ONLINE ENTRIES**

All entries must be made using the BROE system.

Please allow sufficient time to complete entries on BROE. If you are a foreign crew and have not previously entered an event using BROE you will need to contact British Rowing before you will be able to make your entry.

## **COMPOSITE CREWS**

Composite crews must be entered correctly. If you are unsure as to how to enter a composite crew please contact British Rowing.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

Please ensure that your BROE contact details are up to date, as the draw information will be sent electronically.

## **OVERSEAS AND SCOTTISH CREWS**

At present we are advised that Scottish and foreign crews should be put in the top tier unless the clubs have given us sufficient details of their status or ranking in their own country to allow us to place them in a lower tier.

Foreign crews are not covered by the British Rowing's insurance, and are required to confirm that they are covered. Some national rowing associations provide cover as long as they are notified in advance. The Regatta does not need to see evidence of insurance cover.

## **E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS**

"Anti-spam" software may result in genuine messages being filtered out. You are advised to check if no acknowledgement or reply is received.

## **PAYMENT**

All entry fees must be paid **before the close of entries**. The Regatta regrets that it cannot accept incomplete entries. The Regatta will be using the BROE payment system, or cheques should be sent to Entries Secretary, Metropolitan Regatta, c/o London Rowing Club, Embankment, Putney, London SW15 1LB. Cheques should be made payable to "Metropolitan Amateur Regatta". Please identify the club and crews the payment refers to on the back of the cheque. Please do not send payment by recorded delivery in case it gets returned to the Sorting Office.

Clubs should note that a crew's priority (if an event is oversubscribed)

depends on the date of entry, not the date of payment. You may wish to defer payment on a crew where it is likely to be withdrawn before entries close. We will refund entry fees to crews that withdraw before the draw, subject to a handling charge to reflect charges incurred by the Regatta.

The Regatta regrets that no refunds can be made for crews withdrawn after the draw has taken place.

**If all or part of the Regatta has to be cancelled for safety reasons, entry fees will regrettably not be fully refundable.**

## **JUNIOR CREWS**

In line with the Regatta's Welfare Policy and Plan for Juniors, any club official entering junior competitors at the Regatta must read the Metropolitan Regatta Junior Welfare Policy and Plan, even if the Junior is competing in a senior event. An on-site contact for a responsible adult, including telephone number must be provided at the time of entry for any crew containing Junior athletes.

## **CLOSE OF ENTRIES**

Entries close at 12 noon on Friday 26 May 2017

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Competitors are requested to read the Safety Instructions and the "Other Information for Competitors" on the Regatta's web site.

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