

## Metropolitan Regatta 2021

**COURSE:** Eight lanes 2000m on still water

**RACING:** Under British Rowing Rules of Racing. Crew Ranking Index will only be utilised for the start order for the Time Trials.

### ENTRY FEES:

Eights .....	£165
Fours/Quads .....	£95
Pairs/Doubles .....	£65
Single Sculls .....	£40

### EVENT ORGANISATION

Boat classes are allocated to a specific session each day.

Morning        W8, Open 4-, Open 4+, W 4x, Open 2x, W2-, W 1x  
Afternoon      Open 8, Open 4x, W4- W4+, Open 2-, W2x, Open 1x

Each boat class will race Time Trials the results of which will determine their allocation to a Final within the same session.

Crews will enter an event within a boat class. The events offered are listed in the Regatta Notice. Medals will be awarded to the highest ranked crew in each event in the finals assuming a minimum of four entries in that event.

Should there be fewer than four crews in the event, crews will be moved to another event in the following form, Junior to Championship. Lightweight to Academic or Club, should they qualify and if not to Championship. Academic and Club to Championship.

Lightweight and Junior are as per the classification in British Rowing Rules of Racing.

Academic is open to crews from tertiary education institutions. School crews are not eligible.

The overall winner of a boat class will receive the Championship medal, no crew will receive two medals in a boat class.

The following will not be eligible to enter as Club or Academic.

- Club crews containing students who have been rowing for an academic institution within 2 months of the Regatta.
- Crews from an Academic institution containing rowers who are neither full-time students at that institution or full time students at the institution within two months of the Regatta.
- Composite crews, except for parts of a larger institution such as separate colleges within the same university.
- The A boat of any HPP funded Academic institution or Club.
- A crew containing any athletes that had elite pathway extension status during the last lockdown.

Should conditions prohibit side by side racing, medals will be awarded on the basis of Time Trial results if conditions permit their completion.

Masters eights will be run with the rest of the eights crews, and will not have a separate final. The winner will be determined on the handicap basis, by applying a correction to their time in

the finals.

### **MINIMUM AGE**

Where we offer a Junior event in a boat class, all competitors (except coxes) must be born before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005. In other boat classes all competitors other than coxes must be born before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004.

### **SINGLE SCULLERS**

We reserve the right to apply a minimum ranking to single scullers, for instance if the Regatta is over-subscribed.

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

### **CREW COMPETENCE**

It is assumed that all crews entering are able to be attached at the start, straight and ready to race prior to two minutes before the scheduled time of the race, any who are not are liable to be excluded by the Starter. All crews should expect their race to start on time and plan accordingly. Finals will contain eight boats with limited time between races and crews are very strongly encouraged to practice attaching in all conditions during their training. Coaches and coxes should read the document "How to attach to a stake-boat" and carry out the relevant training.

### **DOUBLING UP**

Competitors including coxswains may only enter once in a session.

### **OVER-SUBSCRIBED EVENTS**

It may be necessary to limit the number of entries in some boat classes

In an oversubscribed boat class we will first eliminate any crews that have not provided complete entries. The Regatta reserves the right to prioritise entries based on when the entry was received. The Regatta may also consider a crew's status, whether it is doubling up and whether a club has made more than one entry in the 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 may try to contact clubs, so please supply a telephone number **that will be manned over the draw weekend.**

### **ONLINE ENTRIES**

All entries must be made, and paid for, 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.

### **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. All events will be un-banded so there is no limit to the number of Ranking point when substituting For the clarification of doubt an

individual with a positive Covid-19 test or displaying symptoms can be substituted as a medical substitute under rule 7-2-4 (e), in neither case should the individual attend the Regatta site. Crew names will be published in the online results.

### **COMPOSITE CREWS**

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

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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

### **OVERSEAS CREWS**

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. This year the Regatta will be using the BROE payment system only, and cannot accept cheques.

Clubs should note that a crew's priority (if an event is oversubscribed) depends on the date of entry, not the date of payment, as long as payment was received before entries closed. 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 any 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 28 May 2021

### **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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