



Met 2017 - Format of Racing Incorporating "Ranking Index"

The committee of The Metropolitan Amateur Regatta are committed to providing the best possible racing experience for crews. At the 2017 event we are looking to include the changes to the competitions structure proposed by British Rowing as well as utilising the new Ranking Index.

It is accepted that this is a system still in development and we will look to develop how we manage the Met as the new system matures.

Our aim is:

To provide high level competitive racing across every event, running to time and focusing on our competitors racing experience.

The Met will be looking to continue offering our Challenge Eights events in both the Open and Women's categories on Sunday as in previous years.

Please see the guidelines for entries and explanatory notes below. As the new competition system inherently relies upon the range of the Ranking Index and size of the entry, the regatta reserves the right to alter the structure of the event as required but always as per the above stated aim.

Events Offered - We have not changed the boat classes that can be entered.

All boats will be entered into an "Event" based on their type (i.e. O8+, W2-). Each event will be ranked based on the RI of each crew and then divided into "Tiers"

Event Tiers - There will be between 1 and 5 Tiers in each event depending on the size and range of RIs of the crews who entered. The size and number of Tiers will be based on the following considerations:

- Size of the entry. In general tiers within an event will be similar in size.
- Tiers will ideally be between 3 and 18 crews
- Where RIs of crews is similar fewer 'wider' tiers will be offered.
- Where the distribution of RI's of crews is a large range a larger number of tiers will be offered.

We expect that Events will be tiered approximately as follows:

54+	Entires	=	5 Tiers
19 - 53	Entries	=	3 - 4 Tiers
12 - 18	Entries	=	1 - 2 Tiers
3 - 6	Entires	=	1 Tier

For reference Appendix 1 shows how we anticipate the "new" system will compare to the "old" based on a few events from 2016. This is indicative only.

Taking Women's 4+ entries from 2016 as a worked example for the following issues:

W4- Entry 2016 = 29 Crews (2 x Elite, 2 x Senior, 7 x IM1, 7x IM2, 21x IM3) -

This would be drawn in 2017 into 4 Tiers.

Tier 1 = 5 Crews = Straight Final

Tier 2 = 12 Crews = 2 Heats (First 3 and fastest 4th to Final in certain circumstances)

Tier 3 = 12 Crews = 2 Heats (First 3 and fastest 4th to Final in certain circumstances)

Tier 4 = 10 Crews = 2 Heats (First 3 and fastest 4th to Final in certain circumstances)

Crews who do not progress to a second round will receive no points. Points would be distributed to Tiers as per the formula created and held within the ranking point system.

Racing - Events will have a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 rounds. A repechage will be offered where there is space in the timetable in tiers where there are 15-21 crews. This is dependant on the size of the entry and will not be possible in all events.

Doubling Up - Where doubling up within an event is accepted (generally in all events) a doubling up entry should be made.

i.e. You wish to race twice in W4+ with two similar crews or an identical crew.

*You enter the "W4+" **and** "W4+ Doubling" events as two separate entries. Every event will be mirrored by a "Doubling up" event. Where any members of the crew are common this method should be used.*

A crew has entered W4- and their RI puts them into Tier 4. Their entry into W4- Doubling Up will be placed in Tier 3 (unless the crew is altered significantly and should then as a result be in Tier 1 or 2 based on their RI).

Timetabling

Generally "Even" Tiers will be raced in one half of the day and "Odd" Tiers will be raced in the other half. This will allow doubling up within one Event as well as from Event to Event. The events listed as AM will have Tier 1 raced AM and vice versa for PM)

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