

THE METROPOLITAN REGATTA

Entry Rules – 2023 Regatta –

COURSE

Up to eight lanes of side-by-side racing over 2000m on still water.

RACING

Under British Rowing Rules of Racing (BRRoR). Crew Ranking Index will only be utilised for the start order of the Time Trials.

ENTRY FEES

Eights	.....	£170	Fours/Quads	.....	£100
Pairs/Doubles	.....	£70	Single Sculls	.....	£40

EVENT ORGANISATION

Boat classes are allocated to a specific session each day, and will be run in the following order:

Morning	W8	Open 4-	Open 4+	W4x	Open 2x	W2-	W1x
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 Academic should they qualify but, if not, to Championship; Lightweight to Academic or Club should they qualify but, if not, to Championship; Academic and Club to Championship.

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

Academic is open to crews from tertiary education institutions and schools.

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

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

- Club crews with students who have been rowing for an academic institution within two months of the Regatta;
- Crews entered by an academic institution with athletes who are not full-time students at that institution at the time of the Regatta and have not been full-time students at the institution within two months of the Regatta;
- Composite crews, except for parts of a larger institution such as individual colleges within the same university;
- The 'A-crew' within each boat class of any HPP funded academic institution or Club, or clubs benefitting from equivalent funding schemes; and,
- Any crew that is ineligible for Henley Royal Regatta Club/Academic events or Henley Women's Regatta Aspirational events.

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Should conditions preclude side by side racing, medals will be awarded on the basis of Time Trial results if conditions permit their completion. Should a time trial not be completed, for instance because of lightning, crews will be allocated to finals based on the event they entered and then their ranking index.

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.

SINGLE SCULLERS

We reserve the right to apply a minimum ranking to single scullers – for instance if the Regatta is over-subscribed – after which the same approach to over-subscribed events will be followed as detailed below.

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 practise 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 may enter only 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. (See under Payments: “An entry that has not been paid for when entries close is considered incomplete.”)

UNDER-SUBSCRIBED EVENTS

The Regatta will normally only run an event with four or more 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 points when substituting. Substitutions after the close of entries must adhere to BRRoR 7-2-4. Crew names will be published in the online results.

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COMPOSITE CREWS

Composite crews must be entered correctly. If you are unsure as to how to enter a composite crew then 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. Payment can be made through BROE, or by bank transfer. If a payment is made by bank transfer, clubs should send an email to the Regatta explaining which crews are covered by the payment. The Regatta 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 **12-noon on the day before the Draw (27th May 2023)**, subject to any charges incurred by the Regatta.

The Regatta regrets that no refunds can be made for crews withdrawn after 12-noon on the day before the Draw (27th May 2023).

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

JUNIORS

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 26th May 2023.

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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