

**THE
METROPOLITAN REGATTA**

**Metropolitan Regatta: Entry Instructions
– 2024 Regatta on 1st and 2nd June –**

COURSE: Dorney Lake – Eight lanes of side-by-side racing over 2000m on still water.

RACING: Under British Rowing Rules of Racing with BR Crew Ranking Indices and single sculler PRIs used to inform the start order of the Time Trials.

FORMAT: Time Trial progressing to seeded final in a morning or afternoon session...

Morning	Open 4–	W8s	Open 4+	W4x	Open 2x	W2–	W1x
Afternoon	Open 8s	Open 4x	W4–	W4+	Open 2–	W2x	Open 1x
For: Championship – Lightweight – Club – U23 – Academic – Junior							

ENTRY FEES:

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

ENTRIES OPEN:

12-noon on Saturday, 13th April 2024.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR REGATTA SATURDAY:

12-noon on Friday, 24th May 2024.

DRAW FOR REGATTA SATURDAY:

Saturday, 25th May 2024.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR REGATTA SUNDAY:

12-noon on Saturday, 25th May 2024.

DRAW FOR REGATTA SUNDAY:

Sunday, 26th May 2024.

OPTION OF RACING ON SUNDAY IF REGATTA SATURDAY OVER-SUBSCRIBED: The regatta is usually over-subscribed for the Saturday. So – **as a change for 2024** – after the Saturday Events Draw has been made, the Regatta will remain open as stated in the Regatta Notice for entries to be made for Sunday Events ... thus giving any crew excluded from racing on the Saturday the possibility of racing on the Sunday.

ENTRIES SECRETARY EMAIL FOR ENQUIRIES:

[**entries@metregatta.org**](mailto:entries@metregatta.org)

OR PHONE ON:

+44 7729 710178

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BRITISH ROWING'S ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM – BROE2:

- BROE2 must be used for all Entries and the payment of Entry fees.
- Clubs are responsible for allowing sufficient time to complete entries on BROE2 and **ensuring their BROE2 contact details are current.**
- A **Composite crew** must be entered correctly on BROE2. A club unsure of how to enter a composite crew should first contact the Regatta's Entries Secretary or British Rowing.
- An **Overseas crew** may only make an Entry using BROE2. An Overseas club that has not previously entered an event using BROE2 will need to engage British Rowing's assistance with how to proceed.

INCOMPLETE ENTRIES: An Entry for which the information provided is incomplete or otherwise incorrectly submitted will be rejected by BROE2.

WITHDRAWALS: An entry fee after the deduction of any charges incurred by the Regatta will be refunded if an Entry is withdrawn **before** 'Entries Close' for the event.

PAYMENT:

- Entry fees must be paid **before** 'Entries Close' for an event either through BROE2 or by Bank transfer. Cheques cannot be accepted, and if an entry fee is paid by Bank transfer then the club should email details of the crew concerned to the Entries Secretary.
- **Should all or part of the Regatta have to be cancelled or abandoned for any reason then entry fees are not refundable.**

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS FOR DRAW WEEKEND: As the Entries Secretary may need to contact clubs during the draw to discuss their entries, it is important that clubs provide the Regatta with a phone number that will be answered during the Draw weekend.

DOUBLING-UP: Competitors including coxes may only enter one event in the morning and one event in the afternoon session. Doubling-up within a session is not permitted.

CREW CLASSIFICATIONS:

- **Lightweight, U23, Junior and School / Junior** are as the BRRoR classifications.
- The **Academic** classification covers entries from schools and tertiary education institutions where every member of a crew either is or, within two months of the Regatta, was a full-time student of the school or institution.
- The following should only be entered into the **Championship** classification...
 - Club crews with any member who has been rowing for an academic institution within two months of the Regatta – or, crews entered by an academic institution but not satisfying the Academic classification;
 - Composite crews – unless a crew represents parts of a larger institution such as individual colleges within the same university in which case, and if otherwise eligible, the crew may be entered into the Academic classification;
 - the 'A-crew' within each boat class of a club or academic institution having HPP financial support or otherwise benefitting from an equivalent funding scheme in the UK or overseas; and,
 - a crew that is ineligible for either Club or Student events at Henley Royal Regatta, or is ineligible for Henley Women's Regatta Aspirational events.

JUNIORS: In line with the Regatta's Safeguarding Policy / Plan for Juniors, a club official entering junior competitors at the Regatta must be aware of the Regatta's safeguarding requirements even for a Junior competing at a senior level ... including that a **mobile telephone number for a responsible adult who will be at the Regatta** must be provided to the Regatta at the time an Entry is made for any crew with a Junior.

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CREW COMPETENCE:

- All Finals will have up to eight boats side-by-side and short time intervals between races so crews should have practised attaching for a stake-boat-start in all conditions during their routine training ... with the British Rowing document "How to attach to a stake-boat" setting out for coaches and coxes the recommended training for crews.
- It will be presumed that all crews entering will be able to attach at the Start, straight and ready to race at least two minutes before the scheduled time of the race; and a crew found not to be competent in this regard is liable to be excluded by the Starter.

UNDER-SUBSCRIBED EVENTS: An event attracting fewer than three Entries is unlikely to be run but the Regatta will try to contact clubs concerned about the options of withdrawing with the full Entry fee refunded, changing day, or changing classification...

- Junior to Academic if so eligible ... otherwise to Championship;
- Lightweight to Club or Academic if so eligible ... otherwise to Championship; and,
- Club and Academic to Championship.

MINIMUM BR RANKING (DOMESTIC – OVERSEAS – SINGLE SCULLERS):

- Upon Entries Close, the Regatta **may** apply a minimum BR Crew Ranking Index threshold for inclusion in the Draw for a boat class which is over-subscribed. And should the single scull boat class be over-subscribed then scullers having higher BR PRIs (or equivalent) will take precedence for inclusion in the Draw.
- Therefore, crews – and particularly single scullers – who consider that their BR Ranking Index does not reflect their competence and experience are advised to provide additional evidence at the time of entry. This evidence should take the form of results from other competitions and / or an indication that the crew or sculler is being considered for Junior, U23 or Senior Selection for their national federation.

OVER-SUBSCRIBED BOAT CLASSES: It may be necessary to limit or reduce the number of crews in an event taking into consideration...

- when an Entry was made – with an earlier entered crew taking precedence;
- when the entry fee was paid – with an earlier paying crew taking precedence;
- whether a club has more than one crew entered in the boat class;
- whether any member of a crew is Doubling-up at a higher status or in a larger boat class;
- and, a crew's ranking index or other information in relation to their standard.

SUBSTITUTIONS BEFORE THE REGATTA must be made on BROE2.

SUBSTITUTIONS AFTER ENTRIES CLOSE / DURING THE REGATTA: Substitutions after the close of Entries must comply with BRRoR 7-2-4 including...

- all Substitutions must be made on BROE2 before a crew races in their Time Trial;
- **FAILING TO COMPLETE SUBSTITUTIONS FOR A CREW BEFORE RACING WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION UNDER BRRoR 7-2-4;**
- all events are without banding so there is no limit on Ranking Points when substituting;
- as it will not be possible to make substitutions at Crew Control, clubs wishing to register crew changes on BROE2 at the Regatta will need to do so online;
- a Substitute if asked must be able to show their BR Racing Licence on the day of racing;
- and, crew names will be published in the online results.

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ENTITLEMENT TO MEDALS: Medals for the Regatta will be awarded to the winning crew in an event's primary final subject to, for an event below Championship status, there having been at least three Entries and at least two crews racing at the Regatta, noting...

- the overall winning crew in the Championship status primary final of a boat class will be awarded the Championship medals ... and should that Championship winning crew have been racing at a lower status – such as Club – then medals will not be awarded for the lower status event; and,
- medals will be awarded on the basis of Time Trial results should the holding of subsequent multi-lane Finals be rendered unsafe or otherwise unviable.

THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE:

- Note that for an individual's insurance cover derived through British Rowing membership to be valid **the member must be resident in the UK** for more than 6 months in a year.
 - **Overseas crews** are not covered under British Rowing's insurance arrangements and so are required to confirm to the Regatta when making an Entry that they already have, or will have arranged before their arrival at Dorney Lake, third-party insurance cover for competing at the Regatta. In this context, it is known that some national rowing associations can provide insurance cover as long as they are notified in advance of a member club's intention to make an overseas crew Entry for the Regatta.
 - The Regatta does not need to see evidence of insurance cover.
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