

SCOTTISH ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SCOTTISH SCHOOLS' ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS



5 June 2017

Dear Entries Secretary,

Enclosed is the provisional draw for the 2017 Scottish Rowing Championships and the Scottish Schools' Rowing Championships, which will take place this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please refer carefully to the guidance below to assist us in the smooth running of the regatta. In particular, please note instructions for **checking in, which will be strictly enforced**, and ensure that **crews boat early** and are in the **start area for their race within hailing distance of the Starter in good time**.

**Please also note that there have been changes made to the site – the boating pontoons have been (temporarily) relocated, all racing will be from the 2000m start, and a floating curtain has been installed approximately 100m beyond the finish line.**

- **For those involved in the events involving Time-trials on Friday evening please see the separate instruction sheet which will follow.**
- **Check the draw published on the day:** the enclosed draw is **PROVISIONAL**. The draw can change, and the race draw followed will be the one available on the day.
- **Read the programme:** The programme will also include the **circulation pattern** and information for competitors. Copies will be available from the Regatta Office and the Catering Tent.
- **Check in on time:** Crews **must** check in at the Regatta Office (Meeting room in the Scottish Rowing Centre) **strictly between 2 hours and no later than 1 hour before the FIRST race of their event. Mass check-in by club captains will not be allowed.** (This is to allow the re-draw of any races in the event of withdrawals). Lightweights must weigh in between 1 and 2 hours before the first race in **each event** in which they are entered.
- **Boating pontoons:** The boating pontoons have been relocated to approximately 200m above the finish line, beyond the presentation pontoon. (See Site Plan)
- **Boat in good time:** collect your bow number and boating slip together from the Regatta Office 30 mins before your race time. Get afloat in good time, and stay within easy hailing distance of the Starter from 10 mins before your scheduled race time
- **Boats:** It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that all boats they use at the regatta comply with the Scottish Rowing Water Safety Code. Control Commission may apply checks at the regatta.
- **The Start: ALL STARTS WILL BE FROM 2000M.** Ensure your crews, especially inexperienced competitors, have received appropriate training in attaching and staying attached to stake-boats. In a cross wind, approach stake boat from windward side and, once attached, keep bows pointing into the wind until the Starter advises otherwise.
- **Obey the circulation pattern: At this time we do not know if there will be access below the bridge to the Tower. Two circulation patterns are enclosed. Check on the day and follow the appropriate circulation.** Failure to obey the circulation pattern (in the programme and displayed at the Regatta Office and Control Commission) constitutes a safety hazard and is likely to result in racing penalties. **Note that there is a floating curtain across the entire width of the loch, approximately 100m beyond the finish line.**
- **Medal winning crews:** Medal winning crews should go directly to the 'IN' pontoons, put their boat away and proceed on foot to the marquee to collect their medals.

- **Club Uniform:** ensure your crews comply with Rule C7 by wearing the uniform your club has registered with Scottish Rowing; umpires at Control Commission will be checking this point (in addition to their other duties) as confusion caused by crews not properly attired can seriously disrupt the regatta.
- **Trailer parking.** As the boating pontoons have been relocated, it is suggested that clubs park their trailers in Car Parks one and two to minimise the distance they will have to carry boats (see Site Plan). Boat racking will still be available on the water-front and, for singles and doubles, in the field behind the catering tent. Competitors are reminded that, although security is in place, equipment is left entirely at their own risk.
- **Catering:** Catering will be provided in the Regatta Marquee from one hour before the first race until an hour after racing. A licensed bar will be in operation from 11am until an hour after racing. Clubs or individuals wishing to provide catering outwith the officially approved caterer at the regatta location must have applied for permission from the Regatta Chairman at time of close of entries. Any such catering should be of a hospitality nature with no charges being made for food or drink.
- **Club gazebos:** The area around the newly located pontoons is reserved for trestles etc. Club gazebos may be erected inside the secure area adjacent to the fence – see Site Plan.
- **Toilets:** Toilets are available in the Watersports Centre, the toilet block adjacent to car park one and in the Scottish Rowing Centre
- **Changing/showering Facilities:** Male and Female Changing rooms are located upstairs in the Watersports Centre. Please note there is public access to the changing rooms. Lockers are available in the changing rooms and keys can be obtained from the Watersports Centre reception desk for a small deposit. Please do not leave kit bags in the changing rooms unattended unless they are in lockers.
- **Warm-up/stretching:** The Scottish Rowing Centre may be used for this purpose. Please be aware that the gym has members who are non-rowers and who may also wish to use stretching mats. Please further note the ergometers in the rowing tank area belong to the local rowing club and are not for general use. The rowing tank may only be used if booked and paid for by arrangement with the Scottish Rowing Centre.
- **Competitors' Marquee:** located adjacent to the catering marquee to be used as a rest area for athletes. It will be floored and there will be a number of chairs and tables. Please encourage your athletes to utilise this and free up the public areas in the Watersports Centre.
- **Safeguarding:** Scottish Rowing is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and protected adults in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children and protected adults from harm, abuse and exploitation. The policy (including procedures for reporting concerns) and the code of conduct related to the policy can be found at <http://www.scottish-rowing.org.uk/index.php/about-us/childprotection> The contact details of the child Protection Officer is also on this page of the website.
- **Photographs:** The Regatta takes place in a public environment, therefore photography and filming by the general public cannot be controlled by the organisers. Competitors, club managers and parents should bear this in mind when considering participation.

Yours faithfully,

Alistair Neill

Chairman, Regatta Organising Committee

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Substitutions to same email by 9pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, thereafter to Regatta Office as early as possible on Saturday morning.