



Selection Policy Scotland team 2024 British Junior Inter- Regional Regatta

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This document outlines the process that Scottish Rowing will follow to select a team to represent Scotland at the 2024 British Junior Inter-Regional Regatta.

Background

The British Junior Inter-Regional Regatta (JIRR) is an annual competition for J14, J15 and J16 athletes contested by teams representing the various British Rowing regions.

In 2024, following a review of the event format by the JIRR Organising Committee, Scotland will be represented for the first time and Scottish Rowing has been asked to identify a team.

Event Details

The 2024 Junior Inter-Regional Regatta will be held on Saturday, 20th April at the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham.

The Regatta is contested between 13 JIRR Teams, based on the British Rowing Regions plus Scotland, with the Thames Region split into its three sub-regions and Wales competing with WAGS.

The following events are offered at the Regatta:

Junior 14	Junior 15	Junior 16
	J15 1x *	J16 1x *
	W J15 1x *	W J16 1x *
J14 2x	J15 2x	J16 2x
W J14 2x	W J15 2x	W J16 2x
		J16 2-
		W J16 2-
J14 4x+	J15 4x+	J16 4x-
W J14 4x+	W J15 4x+	W J16 4x-
	J15 4+	J16 4+
	W J15 4+	W J16 4-
		J16 8+
		W J16 8+
Adaptive J1x **		
Adaptive W J1x **		

** Two entries are permitted in these events, which will be divided into 1st Boats and 2nd Boats classes based on time trial results.*

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All crews will first race a time trial (over 1000m) followed by a side-by-side final (over 1,500m).

Full details on the race format can be found at:

[2024-JIRR-Notice-of-Competition-v1.pdf \(britishrowing.org\)](#)

Selection Principles

Scottish Rowing is aiming to select a **full team** using the following principles:

1. Competing at the JIRR should be a positive experience for everyone involved.
2. As many rowers as possible, from as many clubs as possible, should have the opportunity to represent Scotland therefore a) doubling up will only be considered as a last resort; and b) rowers (excluding coxes) should normally compete in their own age group.
3. Crews identified through the selection event should be able to demonstrate a minimum standard to ensure that they can be competitive at the JIRR.
4. The JIRR should provide an opportunity for rowers, coaches and clubs to work together using a 'Team Scotland' ethos.

Eligibility

To be eligible to represent Scotland at the 2024 British Junior Inter-Regional Regatta all athletes should:

1. Be a current member of Scottish Rowing (including valid racing licence).
2. Be a member and currently representing an affiliated Scottish Rowing member club.
3. Meet the age eligibility as per the British / Scottish Rowing rules of racing.

Selection Event

The Inverness Winter Head (2-3 March 2024) will serve as the 'main selection event' with the competition providing racing in all of the same boat classes as offered by the JIRR.

Athletes should ensure that they are entered in the boat class(es) that they wish to be considered for selection in. Athletes are encouraged to demonstrate their potential across multiple boat classes over the Inverness weekend – the race schedule has been designed to support this.

Age Group		Selection Strategy
J14	Sculling	- The double scull (2x) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method. - The quad scull (4x+) will be selected after consideration of the 2x & 4x+ results.
J15	Sculling	- Two single sculls (1x) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method. - The double scull (2x) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method. - The quad scull (4x+) will be selected after consideration of the 1x, 2x & 4x+ results.
	Sweep	- The coxed four (4+) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method.
J16	Sculling	- Two single sculls (1x) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method. - The double scull (2x) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method. - The quad scull (4x-) will be selected after consideration of the 1x, 2x & 4x- results.
	Sweep	- The coxless pair (2-) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method. - The girls' coxless four (4-) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method. - The boys' coxed four (4+) will be selected on a 'first past the post' method. - The girls' eight (8+) will be selected after consideration of the 2-, 4- & 8+ results - The boys' eight (8+) will be selected after consideration of the 2-, 4+ & 8+ results

If an athlete(s) is 'first past the post' in multiple boat classes, then a discussion between the selectors and the relevant club / school coach will take place to better understand personal preferences and assist the selectors, who will be responsible for the final decision relating to team selection.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances (e.g. Inverness cancellation due to weather) consideration will be given to other domestic competitions and events across the 2023/24 season.

JIRR Event Logistics

Travel, accommodation, coaching support and athlete welfare for the trip to Nottingham will be the responsibility of individual club / school programmes, although it is anticipated that many parents may also travel to support the team.

Scottish Rowing will cover the trailering costs for transporting boats to and from Nottingham and will liaise with club / school programmes to co-ordinate the best way to get clubs boats to the event.

A management team will be appointed by Scottish Rowing and they will oversee the team entry and will be in attendance at Nottingham to provide additional support on the ground. Scottish Rowing will supply team gazebos which will act as a base for the team during the competition day.

Scotland team rowers will compete in a yellow team t-shirt provided by the race organisers, although club / school kit can be worn underneath. Scottish Rowing is also looking into the possibility of setting up an online shop to allow team members the option of purchasing additional race and leisure kit.

Selection Process

To be considered for selection athletes should:

1. Ensure that they are entered into the relevant boat class at the Inverness Winter Head.
2. Complete the [online registration](#) process to confirm that they wish to be considered for selection.

The selection panel will announce the provisional team by no later than Wednesday 13th March.

Selection Panel

Selections will be overseen by the following panel:

- Lee Boucher, Scottish Rowing Head of Performance and Pathways
- Tom Young, Scottish Rowing Lead Performance Pathway Coach
- Ronan Welch, Scottish Rowing Pathways Manager

Representatives of the selection panel will be in attendance at the Inverness Winter Head.

Additional Information

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