

SCOTTISH ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

30 May 2026

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is the provisional schedule for the Scottish Rowing Championships, which will take place on Saturday 6 April and Sunday 7 June. Please refer carefully to the guidance below to assist us in the smooth running of the regatta. The full draw will be circulated by the Entries Secretary over the weekend and will appear online on Monday on the [Scottish Rowing Championships webpage](#).

- **Club information form:** All clubs must complete this [online club information form](#) by **10pm on Tuesday 2 June**. This allows us to make sure we can make arrangements for your arrival, space for trailers and collect emergency contact numbers.
- **Check the draw published on the day:** the enclosed schedule is **PROVISIONAL**. The draw can change, and the race draw followed will be the one available on the day. The most up to date information will be provided on the [Scottish Rowing Championships webpage on the Scottish Rowing website](#).
- **Communication:** It is mandatory that each club provides a working mobile phone number and email address for at least one representative **that must be on site during the regatta** – this should be provided using the Club Information Form (link above). These details will be used to disseminate essential information throughout the day of the regatta and will include a WhatsApp group for event communication. All contact details will be deleted at the end of the weekend.

All athletes, support staff and spectators are encouraged to join the Spring Regatta WhatsApp group to receive important announcements and regatta updates. Simply scan the QR code to the right or use the following link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/HsFdljdj0XstlMCUuOp5rmA?mode=gi_t

- **General enquiries** should be made in person to the Crew Information Desk, which will be located in the Scottish Rowing Centre.
- **Scratches and substitutions:**
 - Substitutions must be made in line with Scottish Rowing Rules of Racing, Rule B10.
 - Until 9pm on Thursday 4 June, substitutions and scratches can be:
 - done by clubs themselves online at <https://sr.regattaentry.co.uk> **Advance registration is required** and access may take up to 24 hours to be approved.
 - made in writing by email to entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk
 - After 9pm on Thursday 4 June, substitutions and scratches may only be done by clubs themselves online at <https://sr.regattaentry.co.uk> and will close 60 minutes before the start of each racing block. **Advance registration is required** and access may take up to 24 hours to be approved.
 - Any scratches and substitutions which are required within 60 minutes of the start of the racing block should be made in person to the Crew Information Desk, which will be located inside the Scottish Rowing Centre.
- **No check-in/registration is required at this regatta.**



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- **Bow numbers** for straight finals can be collected 60 minutes before the race start time. For races preceded by heats/semi-finals, bow numbers can be collected 60 minutes before the race start time or as soon as lanes have been drawn, whichever is later.
- **Boats:** Clubs should note that it is their responsibility to ensure that all boats they use at the regatta comply with the safety requirements of the Rules of Racing and as described in RowSafe Scotland, which is available on the [Scottish Rowing website](#). Control Commission may apply checks at the regatta. Participants should be prepared to demonstrate to Control Commission observers that the key safety features (bow ball, buoyancy compartments, heel restraints/foot release) are in place and effective. A Boat Safety Check video is available at https://youtu.be/oKuEzPj6uV0?si=R_RgTijUobyzFq6i
- **Boat in good time:** Get afloat in good time and stay within easy hailing distance of the Starter from 10 minutes before your scheduled race time.
- **Obey the circulation patterns, attached to this letter and available online.** Failure to obey the circulation patterns constitutes a safety hazard and is likely to result in racing penalties. Training is permitted as indicated. Boat movements on land are not permitted in the pedestrian areas next to the marquees, medal pontoons or Piper Alpha memorial.
- **Cycling:** No cycling is permitted within the competition site, i.e. within the trailer parks, the boating areas and the areas adjacent to the Finish Tower and Medal Pontoon. Coaches are permitted to follow races but not within the competition site. It is strongly recommended that only **one** bicycle per crew follows a race. Coaches shall take due care and attention when cycling: traffic must be single file and pedestrians have right of way at all times.
- **Lightweight events:** Athletes shall weigh in at the Scottish Rowing Centre between two hours and one hour before the start of their time trial each day.
- **Coxswains:** No weigh-in will be required for coxed events at this regatta.
- **Time trials:** These will be raced over 1900m. Please refer to the circulation pattern before boating. Any crews who do not follow the published circulation pattern may be disqualified.

A marshal on the water in a coaching launch in the start zone area will turn crews in order and assign lanes (2, 4 or 6). Boats will be sent off with approximately 15-20 second gaps, which will give a minimum gap of 45 seconds in any lane. The Starter will be positioned before the start line and will call "CREW [Number...x] GO" as boats pass them to ensure all boats are racing through the start line. Boats being overtaken should move out of the racing line and into lanes 3, 5 or 7. **Boats impeding others by not moving out of the way risk being disqualified.** There will be safety marshals on the water.

Time trial emergency stop procedure

In the event of it being necessary for a time trial to be stopped for any reason, the signal to stop will be a series of loud blasts using the siren of a loudhailer. This will be repeated by all officials on the course. ALL CREWS MUST STOP RACING IMMEDIATELY before making their way carefully back to the pontoons under the instruction of officials.

- **The Start and side-by-side racing: all races will start from the 2000m start.** Ensure your crews, especially inexperienced competitors, have received appropriate training in attaching and staying attached to stake-boats. In a cross wind, approach the stake-boat from the windward side and once attached, keep bows pointing into the wind until the Starter advises otherwise. For 1000m races, crews should paddle down in their racing lane until they reach the finish tower, then proceed to the pontoons or enter the cool-down loop.

- **Winning events, medals and trophies:**

Medals will only be awarded if a crew has beaten at least one other crew in its category. Some races at this regatta consist of more than one event. **The winner of each event within a combined race will be the fastest crew entered in that event.** Masters events: medals will be awarded for each race and it is not necessary to beat another crew in the same category.

For events with larger entries, minor medals will be awarded: **silver** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **four** or more entries in that category, and **bronze** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **six** or more entries in that category. The number of entries is the number included with the provisional schedule. A gold medal will also be awarded to the coach of the winning crew for every Championship event.

Medals will be awarded at the medal presentation pontoon immediately following each Final A or Final. If a crew cannot go directly to the medal presentation pontoon, medals can be collected 'on foot' as soon as possible afterwards. There will also be an opportunity for photographs during the day.

Trophies will be presented to the winners of O 1x, W 1x, O 2- and W2-.

- **Club uniform:** ensure your crews comply with Rule C7 by wearing the uniform your club has registered with Scottish Rowing or British 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.
- **Trailers:** When you arrive on site, please check-in with a marshal who will direct parking of trailers. Access to the event site is not available until 9am on Friday 5 June and all trailers must be removed by 9.30pm on Sunday 7 June. The gates to the Watersports Centre area close at 8:30pm; late arrivals will have to park in the alternative parking areas. The gates will reopen at approximately 7am on Saturday morning. 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 by Strathclyde Park Rowing Club from one hour before the first race until an hour after racing (approximately). All payments will be cashless so please bring a payment card with you. Any individual club providing catering should be of a hospitality nature, for their members only, and with no charges being made for food or drink.
- **Club gazebos:** These may be erected beyond the regatta field, but please note this is not a secure area. Clubs who wish to erect a gazebo within the regatta field which is closed to the public overnight should do so behind the regatta marquee and ensure they do not encroach on the area reserved for Trade Stands or trailers.
- **Toilets:** Portable toilets are provided in the event field. There is also a toilet block at the rear of the event field towards Car Park 1. The toilets in the Scottish Rowing Centre are for umpires, officials, volunteers and those with specific needs – they should not be used by other athletes or members of the public. No access to the Watersports Centre is available during this regatta.
- **Changing/showering facilities:** No access to the Watersports Centre is available during this regatta and no showering facilities are available except in the event of a medical incident or capsize. Male and female changing areas are provided in a marquee in the event field.
- **Warm-up/stretching:** An area is set aside in the Scottish Rowing Centre for this purpose.
- **First aid:** First aiders will be based in front of the Watersports Centre during the regatta. Emergency club and coach phone numbers should be provided on the Club Information Form prior to the regatta. Please make sure the details are up to date and the representative(s) can answer the phone during the whole regatta.

- **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 [here](#).

The Regatta Organising Committee recognises its Duty of Care to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to provide a safe environment for all those attending the regatta in whatever capacity. Each coach is responsible for the welfare, safety and appropriate supervision of their crew(s) and is expected to know the whereabouts of his/her crew at all times during the regatta.

If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of a child before, during, or after the event, you can report those concerns in confidence to:

- The Scottish Rowing Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer, Mark Senter: childprotection@scottish-rowing.org.uk / 07852 947 907, or alternatively
- The NSPCC's general helpline for adults: 0808 800 5000, and Childline for children and young people 0800 1111

In an emergency, you should dial 999.

- **Photography and video:** Within the competition site, there will be photographs and video content recorded for use by Scottish Rowing and/or their partners. This material may be used for promotion and/or marketing. In addition, the event may be streamed live on the day of the event, and the footage may also be shared with the media and press.

For this competition, Scottish Rowing have an opt-out policy for those who do not wish for their photo to be taken. By entering this competition, you are agreeing to have your image either in photograph or film format to be published on Scottish Rowing social media platforms and/or used for Scottish Rowing and their partners promotional material.

Wristbands will be issued with club packs at Registration for those who have opted out. This wristband should be visible whilst on site. These wristbands will be used so the photographer/videographer can identify who should not be photographed or who to remove from photos before publishing.

As the event takes place in a public environment, competitors and those responsible for them should be aware that other, non-official, photographers may operate at national sporting events and the subsequent photographs or videos may be freely used in print, digital media or elsewhere, over which Scottish Rowing has no control.

Coaches, responsible adults and competitors agree that by entering competitors they have made the competitors and their parents/guardians (where in loco parentis) aware of the above paragraphs. Coaches, responsible adults, and competitors agree that by entering the competition, they have made their athletes and their parents or caregivers aware of this and that further they consent to this.

If you have any questions or concerns around photography and video at the event, please get in touch via office@scottish-rowing.org.uk. If you wish to opt-out on the day, please ask for a wristband at registration.

Yours sincerely,

Jen Thomson, Chair, SR Regatta Organising Committee

Queries to: Becky Bannister as soon as possible; email entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk