

## SCOTTISH ROWING BEACH SPRINT AND OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

(Part of the Four Nations Beach Sprint Series)

### Beach Sprints - EVENT OVERVIEW

The Scottish Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will take place on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August** at [Ayr Beach](#).



This will be an 'Open Championships' with entries accepted from both Scottish Rowing members and other visiting competitors (i.e. British Rowing members, etc).

Championship racing will be offered in the following categories:

Category	Sub-Category	Open 1x (CO1x)	Women 1x (CW1x)	Mixed 2x (CMix2x)
Junior	J16 & U19	X	X	X
Senior	Senior	X	X	X
Masters (50+ crew average)	-	X	X	X

The Scottish Rowing Beach Sprint Championships is one of the qualifying events as part of the [Four Nations Beach Sprint Championship](#), where there is the opportunity for competitors in selected Solo (1x) categories\* to compete for points towards the Four Nations Beach Sprint Championship trophies and the opportunity to win the 'Grand Slam'.

\*eligible categories (CM1x, CW1x, CJM1x, CJW1x)

*Capacity to the event may be limited to accommodate safe and fair racing over the day. The organiser reserves the right to limit or restrict entries from clubs should this be necessary.*

## FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

Racing will take place across [Beach Sprint course\(s\)](#), using a combination of processional time trial and two-lane side-by-side racing. All races will start and finish with a sprint on the beach of up to 50m.

There will be a time trial block for all age groups, followed by side by side racing.

The running order will be:

CM1x, CW1x, CJM1x, CJW1x

Followed by prize giving

CMix2x, CJMix2x, CMasMix2x

Please note that schedule will not be published until after entries have closed. Both the volume of entries, and external factors such as the weather/tidal forecast will be used to build the race schedule. While it is our intention to allow for as much side-by-side racing as possible, the minimum provision for each category will be as follows;

Following the processional time trial races, the 8 quickest crews in each category will progress through to the knockout side-by-side races which will take the format quarter-final, semi-final, B-final and A-final.

We reserve the right to reduce this as appropriate in response to weather conditions.

Rowers should therefore be prepared **in each event** to race in up to 4 separate races in quick succession within an approximate 2 hour window (the side-by-side races will involve a quick turnaround).

Any J16 competitors will compete within the corresponding Junior category and results will be extracted in order for prizes to be awarded. Those racing in a subcategory will compete within their corresponding category (e.g. J16 and U19 will all compete in Junior category) and results will be extracted in order for prizes to be awarded. Sub-category prizes will be awarded based on the quickest time from the final round involving eligible crews.

The Championships will be run under the [British Rowing Rules of Racing](#) [Appendix F2 – Beach Sprints Competition Rules] and where any exceptions are made these will be published ahead of the event.

The prizegiving will take place at the end of each block of racing and medals will be awarded for all categories where a crew has beaten at least one other crew in its category. Where there are four or more entries in a category / sub-category then silver medals will be presented. Where there are eight or more entries in a category / sub-category then bronze medals will be presented.

The final schedule, number of races and format of racing will be dependent on the number of entries, weather conditions and other factors. This information will be circulated no later than one week prior to the Championships. The race organisers reserve the right to make any adjustments necessary to deliver a successful Championships.

The Beach Sprints format uses pool boats. Swift Racing Boats will be provided **however rowers should bring their own sculling oars**. To enquire about oar hire please email [beachsprints@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:beachsprints@scottish-rowing.org.uk).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The event organisers **will not provide boat handlers** for racing. Each athlete should ensure they arrange for their own boat handlers to be present throughout their racing schedule.

## ELIGIBILITY

To compete at the Scottish Rowing Beach Sprint Championships you must be a Scottish Rowing member. Members of British Rowing / Rowing Ireland can [register for free with Scottish Rowing](#) to enable them to represent their home club. If you have any questions about this please email [beachsprints@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:beachsprints@scottish-rowing.org.uk)

To be eligible to enter a Junior category, rowers must be born no earlier than 1 September 2006 and no later than 31 August 2010. Rowers aged J14 and under cannot enter this event.

To be eligible to enter a Masters Category rowers must have a crew average age of 50 years or over on the day of the Championships.

Whilst the Championships are open to both experienced coastal scullers and those new to the Beach Sprint format. The race organisers would advise against any new or very inexperienced scullers entering (particularly in the solo and offshore events). Managing a boat on the sea is markedly different to managing craft in a classic rowing format and it is the participants responsibility to ensure they are competent to race on the sea.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Within the competition site, there may be photograph and video content recorded of the event for use by Scottish Rowing or their partners. This material may be used in the promotion and/or marketing of the event on the Scottish Rowing and partners news and/or social media channels. By entering the competition, competitors and those responsible for them consent to this. ***If for whatever reason you do not wish to be captured on event media, please complete the opt out form that will be issued with the event information document and you will be issued a wristband at registration.***

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 two paragraphs.

In addition to the above, the event may be streamed live on the day of the event and the footage may also be shared with the media and press. 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 our event, please get in touch via [beachsprints@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:beachsprints@scottish-rowing.org.uk)

## ENTRY INFORMATION

All entries for the Scottish Rowing Beach Sprint Championships should be made via spreadsheet entry. Entries will open on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**The deadline for entries is 6pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025.**

Entry fees are as follows (no charges for coxes):

Event	Price per seat
Senior (inc. U23)	£20
Masters	£20
Junior (inc. J16)	£20

### Refund Policy

Scratchings made before 9pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 will be accepted and a full refund given. Scratchings after this time will receive no refund.

If the event is cancelled before 8pm on Thursday 14 August 2025, Scottish Rowing will endeavour to offer a partial refund once costs already expended on the event have been covered.

In the event of the Championships being cancelled for reasons beyond its control after the deadline of 8pm on Thursday 14 August 2025, no entry fees will be returned.

## LOGISTICS AND ACCOMMODATION

The train station in Ayr is well connected, with a regular train service running from all major Scottish cities. The train station is a 15-20 minute walk from the [beach location](#). The bus station also offers a regular service and is a 10-15 minute walk from the beach location.

We encourage the use of public or shared transport where possible to minimise the environmental impact of attending an event.

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Championships, we are delighted to offer an early bird **discount of 10%** on any bookings made **before 31<sup>st</sup> July**. Please use the discount code **DA-ROWING25** for any bookings.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## Offshores - EVENT OVERVIEW

The Scottish Rowing Offshore Championships will take place on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August** at [Ayr Beach](#).



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Championship racing will be offered in the following categories:

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Junior	U19	X	X	X	X	X	X
Senior	Senior	X	X	X	X	X	X
Masters (50+ crew average)	-	X	X	X	X	X	X

*Capacity to the event may be limited to accommodate safe and fair racing over the day. The organiser reserves the right to limit or restrict entries from clubs should this be necessary.*

## FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

Racing will take place over an offshore course which will be confirmed prior to the race weekend. Our intention is to run a course of at least 4km, with crews boating from, and finishing on the beach.

Categories will be grouped appropriately depending on entry numbers in each category. If any one category exceeds 6 crews, they will have their own start time. Boat categories will remain

separate (ie. All 1x will race separately to the 2x crews etc.) Heats may be appropriate if the entry is large, and we reserve the right to cap entries.

Proposed running order:

All 1x categories, all 2x categories, all 4x+ categories.

Please note that the full schedule will not be published until after entries have closed. Both the volume of entries, and external factors such as the weather/tidal forecast will be used to build the race schedule.

The Championships will be run under the [British Rowing Rules of Racing](#) [Appendix F2 – Beach Sprints Competition Rules] and where any exceptions are made these will be published ahead of the event.

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**Competitors will be expected to supply their own boats, oars and handlers.**

Boats may be available to hire from Swift, any hire enquiries should be directed to [beachsprints@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:beachsprints@scottish-rowing.org.uk) in the first instance.

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