

## Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

### Will you be using the handicap system?

Yes we will use the handicap system in the Championship events where there would be no race. For example if we receive 2 D.4+ and 1 E.4+ these will be raced as a handicap race. In general handicapped races will be raced in the division of the event which has the greater number of crews.

### What happens if there are more than 6 entries in my event?

There will be heats to determine the crews that will race in the final. See the 'Progression System' in the Notice of the Regatta for further details.

### How will the Non-Championship events be raced?

Crews will be ordered according to their combined ranking points – crews ranking index (CRI) and then banded into straight finals according to the progression system. There will be 3 age categories – A&B&C for crew with an average age of at least 27, D&E&F for crews with an average age of at least 50 and G&H&I&J&K for crews with an average age of at least 65. You may double up in each races.

For example if we have 13 entries in the A&B&C.4+ then they will be grouped as follows

Race 1: crews with 6 highest CRIs

Race 2: crews with 7-10<sup>th</sup> highest CRIs

Race 3: crews with 3 lowest CRIs

### Are there any restrictions on the Non-Championship events?

Yes. No-one (excluding coxswains) who has won a gold medal in a Championship or IM3 event in previous Championships in the relevant discipline, i.e. sculling or sweep may enter a Non-Championship event in any crew. We will have a list of previous winners on the Masters Champs website. BROE2 will allow these entries but we will reject any crew which does not abide by this rule.

### Can I double up?

Yes, provided that each boat, and each crew member (including the coxswain) is only entered once in each division you can double or triple up as you like on each day.

### Can foreign crews enter?

Yes. Each year we get several foreign crews entered. Provided the club is recognised by the national federation which is recognised by FISA then you are welcome to race. Please contact British Rowing on +44 20 8237 6700 if you require a login for the BROE2 system.

### **Can I enter by post?**

No. We require all entries to be made by the BROE2 entry system.

### **Can I pay on the day?**

No. The Entries Secretary must receive all entry fees by the closing date shown on the poster. No payment – no entry!

### **Can my crew use the course on the Saturday evening?**

No. It is probably that the lake will not be open for practice after racing on the Saturday evening. If this changes an announcement will be made on this website with details of times the lake will open and close.

### **Can we have a practice outing on the course during racing?**

No, this is not possible. You can go for an outing on the River Trent if you wish but you must make sure you have an appropriate boat licence (see above).

### **Can you adjust the racing programme to fit in with my travelling arrangements?**

This is not normally possible because of the impact on other crews who may be doubling up. Racing is provisionally expected to be from 09:00 to 18:30 (depending on entries) and you should make travel arrangements to fit around these times. In particular please check train and flight times to make sure you are on a late enough train or flight to fit in with the racing schedule.

### **How will you contact me or my club if there are any queries about my entry?**

Automatic e-mails from BROE2 will be sent to the club administrator that put the entries in. If we need to contact you we will use the same e-mail addresses and phone numbers that are set up in BROE2 for your administrators so you should make sure their contact details are entered correctly. If you have given us your personal e-mail address or phone number we may also use that to contact you.

### **What happens if you cannot arrange anything for my crew or me?**

You will be given a full refund.

### **What are the arrangements for parking?**

The Centre now charges for parking. Last year the charges were £5 for the day and they had Stewards on duty advising where to park. Please follow their instructions. Once the areas are confirmed we will post a map showing the parking locations.

### **Can we use the lake on the Friday afternoon?**

Yes you can but you must make your own arrangements with the Centre and pay the appropriate lake-use fee. Our hire of the lake only starts on Saturday morning. You are free you use the Trent at any time provided your boat has the suitable licences.

### **Do you hire boats?**

No, but there are several boat clubs based in the vicinity and we can provide details if you require boat hire. These are listed here <https://www.britishrowing.org/go-rowing/find-a-rowing-club/?postcode=ng12ab&distance=5&areyou=none>

### **Can I enter Non-Championship on Sunday if I win on Saturday?**

Yes. The Championships are a single regatta and any change of status only takes effect at the end of racing on Sunday.