

SCOTTISH ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCOTTISH SCHOOLS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Dear Entries Secretary

Please find enclosed the provisional draw for the 2008 Scottish Rowing Championships and Scottish Schools Rowing Championships, which will take place this coming Saturday and Sunday. We are introducing a number of changes in our administration processes so to assist us in the smooth running of the regatta, please refer carefully to the guidance below. 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**.

- **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 maps of the regatta venue, facilities, circulation pattern, etc. Copies available from the Control Portacabin and the Catering Tent.
- **Check in on time:** Crews **must** check in at the Regatta Office (far end boat park) **strictly between 1.5 hours and no later than 1 hour before their race. 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.
- **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.*
- **Spot checks on racing licences:** you may be asked at check-in to produce your crew's licences – please have them available. If a crew is making a substitution please present Racing Licences for **all** members of the crew.
- **Boats:** It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that all boats they use at the regatta comply with the SARA Water Safety Code. Control Commission may apply checks at the regatta.
- **The Start:** 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:** 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.
- **Carry your racing licence when afloat:** you will not be able to claim your medal at the presentation pontoon without showing your racing licence. For junior clubs, an adult coach may present the licences en bloc as the crew approaches the pontoon for presentation. "Punched" licences will be available for collection from the Ceremonial Marquee 20 minutes after each medal ceremony.
- **Club Uniform:** ensure your crews comply with Rule C7 by wearing the uniform your club has registered with the SARA: 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.** Park your trailers in the area to the left as you enter the main car-park. Officials may park behind the marquee. Trailers are NOT to be parked in any other areas. Please note in particular that the road access around the National Rowing Academy is a Fire Lane and must not be obstructed at any time. Competitors are reminded that, although security is in place, equipment is left entirely at their own risk.
- **Toilets:** the nearest toilets to the boat park are upstairs in the Watersports Centre. The nearest toilets to the refreshment tent are in the toilet block immediately to its rear. The toilets in the National Rowing Academy are **CLOSED** to regatta competitors, officials and spectators.

Finally **listen to announcements** and enjoy the regatta!

Yours faithfully

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