

SCOTTISH ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Dear Entries Secretary,

Enclosed is the provisional draw for the 2010 Scottish Rowing Championships and Scottish Schools Rowing Championships, which will take place this coming Saturday and Sunday. Please refer carefully to the guidance below to assist us in the smooth running of the regatta. In particular, please note the 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 are available from the Regatta Office, the Catering Tent and the yellow Commission Control Portacabin.
- **Check in on time:** Crews **must** check in at the Regatta Office (at the far end of the boat park) **strictly between 2 hours and no later than 1 hour before their race**. (This is to allow the re-draw of any races in the event of withdrawals). **Mass check-in by club captains will not be allowed**. 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 Scottish Rowing 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 can be collected 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 Scottish 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.
- **Trailer parking.** Park your trailers in the area to the left as you enter the main car-park or in the field behind the marquee (dependant on ground conditions). Trailers are NOT to be parked in any other areas. Please note in particular that the road access around the Scottish Rowing Centre 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. There will be some boat racking behind the marquee – please park your trailers behind these and do not allow your athletes to carry their boats in the public area in front of the marquees.

- **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. There are also toilets located in the Scottish Rowing Centre
- **Warm-up/stretching** The meeting room in the Scottish Rowing Centre may be used by competitors. It will open at 7.30am closing at 5pm on Saturday and be open between 8am and 5pm on Sunday. It will be equipped with mats for stretching and a number of ergometers for warm-up purposes. Please note the ergometers in the rowing tank area belong to the local rowing club and are not for general use.
- **Catering:** Catering will be provided in the Regatta Marquee from one hour before the first race until an hour after racing. A licensed bar will be in operation from 11am until an hour after racing. Clubs or individuals wishing to provide catering outwith the officially approved caterer at the regatta location must have applied for permission from the Regatta Chairman at time of close of entries. Any such catering should be of a hospitality nature with no charges being made for food or drink .
- **Photographs:** The Regatta takes place in an environment to which the general public has free access. A number of people attending the event - over whom the organisers have no control - will no doubt wish to take photographs. Competitors, club managers and parents should be aware of this when considering participation.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman, Regatta Organising Committee

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