

LICENCES

Before participating in an open event run under SARA Rules, competitors require to hold a current Racing Licence. The licence includes insurance cover. Licence applications must be submitted with full details, and signed, via your nominated club representative, i.e. Secretary or Membership Secretary etc. Individual applications will not be accepted.

A form must be submitted for each applicant, be properly completed with the correct status inserted and signed by the applicant. **Applicants attention is drawn to the note on the form in respect of the Novice box (Only one box should be marked for each discipline and a Novice should NOT insert a 0 as well as a tick).** Provision of the correct date of birth is essential and this is a key piece of information and a licence cannot be processed without one. If there are queries concerning completion of the form it is better to ask to avoid later argument.

Fees for 2009 agreed at the SARA AGM as follows:-

- Senior £35
- Student £25
- Junior £18
- Cadet £8

A surcharge for racing without a licence will have the effect of doubling the licence fee, i.e. following a demerit a Senior will pay £35 plus £35 licence fee equals £70, etc.

A student has been defined as a Senior in FULL TIME education.

Licences processed now remain valid until 31/12/09.

Competitors will be required to produce their licence at regattas and have it punched following a qualifying win. Regattas will be entitled to withhold prizes until licences have been produced. The ARA confirms that production of a SARA licence may also be required in England by Scottish crews. When applying for a new licence the old licence, where appropriate, will require to be submitted with the application with the form.

From the foregoing it will be noted that care requires to be taken of the licence, as a replacement will not be issued at short notice. A replacement fee of £2 must be submitted before a second licence will be issued.

Licence applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fee payable to SARA and sent to the Convenor of Racing Control at the address below. Two weeks should be allowed for processing and this should be noted in relation to entry closing dates. **The Rules of Racing require a competitor to have a valid licence AT TIME OF ENTRY or to purchase a Day Ticket.**

Day Tickets covering one regatta can be obtained in place of a full licence at a cost of £15 for Seniors including Students and £8 for Juniors and Cadets. The Day Ticket fee will not be deducted from the fee on application for a full licence. The standard form should be used with the words 'Day Ticket' written on it.

Following discussion at the AGM on free water access for SARA licence holders there is a probability that this facility will no longer be available sometime in the New Year and those intending to use the Park should watch for announcements.

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