



Scottish Rowing Championships 2026

Entry Information, Conditions of Entry and Regatta Facilities

04/05/2026

Please note that in 2026, significant building work is taking place at Strathclyde Country Park. Consequently, this may have an impact on regatta activities. Events may be limited to a certain number of entries and events may need to be combined with other similar boat classes and/or age groups to ensure that all races can take place each day.

Due to the uncertainty, the Scottish Rowing Regatta Organising Committee (SRROC) requests that clubs are flexible with their entries and recommends booking refundable accommodation and transport in case regatta activities are significantly affected or curtailed by the building work. The SRROC takes no responsibility for club-incurred costs associated with planning to attend the regatta.

Entries close at 10pm on Monday 18 May 2026 – this is earlier than usual due to extra time needed to balance demand with venue availability.

Failure to pay on time, by 5pm on Monday 1 June 2026, without prior arrangement and agreement from the Entries Secretary, will lead to a late payment fee of £100. No crews from a late-paying club will be given bow numbers at the regatta until all fees are paid. If you cannot meet the payment deadline, please contact entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk as soon as possible.



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1. Date, venue, and rules

- 1.1 The regatta will take place at Strathclyde Country Park, Motherwell, ML1 3ED on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June 2026.
- 1.2 The regatta will be run under the Scottish Rowing Rules of Racing. These are available on the Scottish Rowing [website](#). Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with the Rules of Racing.
- 1.3 All events will be rowed over a straight multi-lane course and from a stake-boat start (except time trials).
- 1.4 The competition is open to all competitors, regardless of nationality or residence.
- 1.5 All competitors must have reached the age of 12 years old before 1 September 2025.
- 1.6 Competitors who have not attained the age of 14 years before the 1 September 2025 will be classed as a Cadet. A Cadet is not permitted to race in events that are more than one age band above their own age band or in Senior events.
- 1.7 Capacity to the event may be limited to accommodate safe and fair racing over the two days. The regatta organiser reserves the right to limit or restrict entries from clubs should this be necessary.
- 1.8 Up to date information will be available on the event [webpage on the Scottish Rowing website](#).
- 1.9 By entering this competition, participants agree to be bound by the Scottish Rowing Anti-Doping Rules. Anti-doping information can be found [here](#).
- 1.10 Scottish Rowing has adopted the [British Rowing Trans and Non-Binary Competition and Eligibility Policy and Procedures](#) with effect from 1 June 2025. Under the policy, only individuals assigned female at birth will be eligible to compete in a women's event.

2. Competition Licences

- 2.1 Every competitor must be registered with the Scottish Rowing Membership System or hold a valid Competition Licence which includes insurance cover issued by their home nation's governing body of rowing which should be available for inspection to confirm eligibility for events entered. Scottish Rowing members do not need to carry a physical copy of their licence.
- 2.2 Membership/licences held must be valid for the day(s) of competition.
- 2.3 Any competitor who is not registered with the Scottish Rowing Membership System or does not have a Competition Licence issued by their home nation's governing body of rowing at time of entry will not have their entry accepted. For Scottish clubs, please make sure your intended competitors have registered and been authorised by the club (and parent/guardian in the case of juniors) in good time for making your entries. Remember that this process may take a little time, so do not leave this until the day before entries close. **Updates to member details on the entry system can take up to an hour.**
- 2.4 Non-registered substitutes made on the day of racing must purchase a Day Ticket costing £33 for seniors and £17.50 for juniors. Forms must be fully completed and submitted to the registration desk with payment before the substitute can race. Please note payment will need to be made by bank transfer and cash on card payments will not be possible on site.

3. Equipment and safety

- 3.1 Competitors must provide/have access to sufficient boats to meet their entries.
 - 3.2 Coaches and competitors should be familiar with, and comply with, the RowSafe Scotland safety guidance and the Water Safety Guidelines for Rowers at Strathclyde Park. These documents can be found in the Safety section of the [Scottish Rowing website](#).
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3.3 Clubs should note that it is their responsibility to ensure that all boats they use at the regatta comply with the safety requirements, including buoyancy and heel restraints, described in RowSafe Scotland. Control Commission may apply checks at the regatta. You can find some useful boat checking tips from Scottish Rowing Umpire Gary Bain [here](#).

4. Entry fees, events and scheduling

4.1 The full list of events offered is provided separately and is also available [online](#). Additional adaptive and para rowing events may be available and are on request – if you are interested in entering such an event, please contact the Entries Secretary (entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk) to discuss this.

4.2 The categories of events are as described in the Scottish Rowing Rules of Racing, section E. For those who have a racing licence from another governing body, they should send a summary of their rowing career to entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk before entering to confirm their status. The race organiser reserves the right to include or exclude any individual from any category, for any reason, at their sole discretion. The regatta organiser's decision is final.

4.3 Entry fees are as follows. There is no charge for coxswains.

Event	Price per seat
2000m events (Senior Championship, J18, J16, Intermediate, Para, Adaptive)	£22
1000m events (Novice, J15, J14, Masters)	£20

4.4 The organisers reserve the right not to run any event with fewer than three entries or any event where all the competitors are members of the same club. Club Secretaries will be contacted in such cases and may amend their entries as appropriate.

4.5 Participants shall only enter one event per block and obey the restrictions regarding Championship and non-Championship events (full details below). In summary, athletes may not enter both Championship and non-Championship events in the same weekend. There are two key exceptions:

- Masters (Championship) events are exempt, i.e. an athlete may enter Novice (non-Championship) AND Masters (Championship), but not Novice (non-Championship) AND Senior (Championship)
- In large Intermediate crew boats (4x, 4-, 4+, 8+), 25% of the crew members may also be entered into the Championship 1x or 2- events. All other Championship events are excluded. For example, one member of a 4x is racing in Open Championship 1x, but all others are not.

4.6 The general principles for event scheduling are as follows. The regatta organiser may deviate from these principles in order to schedule the required number of events based on the entry received. The regatta organiser reserves the right to combine individual events and will prioritise side by side racing over time trials. The regatta organiser's decision on event scheduling is final

- For any combined event with a total of six entries or fewer, straight finals will be scheduled.
- For any combined event with a total of 7-16 entries, the regatta organiser will endeavor to schedule two semi-finals and two finals (Final A and Final B), but a straight final may be scheduled for events with 7 or 8 entries, or a time trial may be used if the wider competition entry is large. B Finals may also be omitted from the schedule due to time constraints.
- For any event with more than 16 entries, crews will participate in a time trial followed by a side-by-side final.
- Masters races will be scheduled with side-by-side finals based on age. If more than eight crews enter a single age category, the gold medal will be awarded to the fastest crew over the course, regardless of which final they race in.

The regatta organiser reserves the right to include or exclude any individual from any category, for any reason, at their sole discretion. The regatta organiser's decision is final.

4.7 The following event categories are offered and will be organised as described below:

Senior, Lightweight, Junior 18 and Junior 16 events (Championship):

- For 1x and 2- boat classes in Senior, Lightweight (1x only), J18 and J16 categories, all entries shall be combined into one event and raced over 2000m. The highest placed eligible crew in each boat class for each category (Senior, Lightweight, J18, J16) will become Scottish Champion.
- For boat classes other than 1x and 2-, the events will be combined at the regatta organiser's discretion.

Masters events (Championship):

- Masters events are Championship events and will be raced over 1000m.
- The organisers' objective is to create races consisting of a single age category, but where this is not feasible, the Scottish Rowing handicapping system will be applied. The handicapping tables used at Scottish Rowing events can be found [here](#). The handicap will be applied at the Start.
- The organisers shall limit the number of separate Masters categories to four in any one race to ensure fair and safe operations at the Start. These do not necessarily need to be adjacent age categories. These categories will be grouped to allow fair competitive racing and will be at the discretion of the organisers.

Para-rowing and Adaptive events (Championship):

- 1x is offered for Para-rowing PR1 and Adaptive AR1, racing over 2000m.
- 1x and Mix2x is offered for Para-rowing PR2 and Adaptive AR2, racing over 2000m.
- Additional Para-rowing and Adaptive events for other boat classes may be accommodated on request; please email entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk if interested in entering an event other than those stated above.
- All athletes with a PR1, PR2, AR1 or AR2 classification are eligible to enter; entries for athletes with other classifications are on request (see above).
- Entrants may compete in a more functional classification than their assigned one, but not a less functional one.

Junior 15 and Junior 14 Events (Championship):

- Junior 15 and Junior 14 events will be raced over 1000m.

Intermediate events (Non-Championship):

- Intermediate events are Non-Championship events and will be raced over 2000m.
- Non-Championship Intermediate eligibility:
 - Not entered in any Championship event at the regatta, whether rowing or sculling (this does not include Masters events)
 - EXCEPTION - in Intermediate crew boats, a maximum of 25% of the crew may be made up of entrants who are competing in the Championship 1x or 2- events. For example, one member of a 4x may be racing in Open Championship 1x, but all others are not.
 - Not have represented their country at a Rowing World Cup or World Rowing Championships (Senior, U23 or Junior/U19).

Novice events (Non-Championship):

- Novice events are Non-Championship events and will be raced over 1000m.
 - Non-Championship Novice eligibility:
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- Must have been Novice status on 1 January 2025.
- Not entered in any Championship event at the regatta, whether rowing or sculling (this does not include Masters events)
- An entrant who has lost their Novice status since 1 January 2025 may still enter but entrants who win a Novice Championship event at the Scottish Rowing Championships will earn one point providing that there are four starters.

5. Time Trials

5.1 If required, time trials will be held over 1900m for Senior, Intermediate, J18, J16, Para-rowing and Adaptive events.

5.2 If required, time trials will be held over 900m for Novice, J15, J14 and Masters events.

5.3 The ranking of crews in the time trials will be used to seed crews into side-by-side races of the same event. The fastest crews from the time trial will race in Final A, the next fastest set of crews will race in Final B, etc.

6. Medals

6.1 Medals will be awarded to all event winners immediately following the final of the event.

6.2 Medals will only be awarded if a crew has beaten at least one other crew in its category.

6.3 Events with larger entries will award minor medals: **silver medals** will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **four** or more entries in that category, and **bronze medals** will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **six** or more entries in that category.

7. How to enter

7.1 Entries may only be made by completing a copy of the Scottish Rowing Championships Entry Form (Excel spreadsheet). The form will be emailed to all Club Secretaries but can also be downloaded using the link provided on the [competition webpage](#). The entry form must be returned electronically and by email to entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk **Your entry is only accepted once you have received an email acknowledgement.**

7.2 Entries close at 10pm on Monday 18 May 2026. – please note that this is earlier than usual.

7.3 Late entries will not be accepted.

7.4 The preferred method of payment for entry fees is by bank transfer to the Scottish Rowing account: Sort Code 80-02-73, Account 00706460, payment reference 'Scot Champs' **& your club abbreviation**, e.g. ABC. If you cannot pay by bank transfer, a cheque, made payable to Scottish Rowing, must be sent to the address below to arrive by 5pm on Monday 1 June 2026.

7.5 Failure to pay on time, by 5pm on Monday 1 June 2026, without prior arrangement and agreement from the Entries Secretary, will lead to a late payment fee of £100. No crews from a late paying club will be given bow numbers at the regatta until all fees are paid.

8. The Draw

8.1 The Draw will be held virtually on Saturday 30 May 2026.

8.2. The regatta organisers may require to contact you by email or telephone in the period between entries closing and the draw if there are any issues to discuss. Please monitor emails between Monday 18 May and Saturday 30 May.

9. Registration, substitutions and scratchings

9.1 Scratchings and substitutions should be made as early as possible.

9.2 Until close of entries at 10pm on Monday 18 May 2026, unlimited substitutions and changes to entries will be accepted. All changes shall be advised in writing by email to entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk

9.3 From the close of entries (10pm on Monday 18 May 2026) until 9pm on Friday 29 May 2026, unlimited substitutions and changes to entries will be accepted subject to approval by the regatta organisers. All changes shall be advised in writing by email to entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk

9.4 Once the draw has been published, substitutions and changes will be limited by what is permitted by the Scottish Rowing Rules of Racing. All substitutions, changes and scratches should be made in writing by email to entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk until 8pm on Thursday 4 June 2026. For changes that are required after this time, details of the process will be included with the draw.

9.5 Bow numbers will be provided for time trials and side by side racing. It is the crew's own responsibility to ensure they display the correct bow number.

10. Refund Policy

10.1 10.1 Scratchings made before 10pm on Monday 18 May 2026 will be accepted and a full refund given. From the close of entries (10pm on Monday 18 May 2026) until 9pm on Friday 29 May 2026, refund requests are subject to approval by the regatta organiser and dependent on the progress of the regatta draw processes and scheduling. Any scratchings made after the draw has been published will receive no refund.

10.2 If the regatta is cancelled before 8pm on Thursday 4 June 2026, Scottish Rowing will endeavour to offer a partial refund once costs already expended on the regatta have been covered.

10.3 In the event of the regatta being cancelled for reasons beyond its control after the deadline of 8pm on Thursday 4 June 2026, no entry fees will be returned.

11. Facilities

11.1 On both days of the regatta, catering will be available throughout the racing programme.

11.2 Clubs or individuals wishing to provide catering at the regatta outwith the officially approved caterer should apply to the Regatta Chair by 5pm, Monday 1 June 2026. Any such catering should be of a hospitality nature with no charges made for food or drink supplied.

12. Spectators

Spectators at the regatta are very welcome. Car parking is available on site and parking areas will be highlighted in the event information circulated closer to the event. Ample car parking for spectators is available in the lochside car parks.

13. Photography and Video

Within the competition site, there will be photographs and video content recorded for use by Scottish Rowing and/or their partners. This material may be used for promotion and/or marketing. In addition, the event may be streamed live on the day of the event, and the footage may also be shared with the media and press.

For this competition, Scottish Rowing have an opt-out policy for those who do not wish for their photo to be taken. By entering this competition, you are agreeing to have your image either in photograph or film format to be published on Scottish Rowing social media platforms and/or used for Scottish Rowing and their partners promotional material. **If you do not wish for your image to be used in either format, please ensure you select 'no' on the photo consent tab on your entry spreadsheet.**

Wristbands will be issued with club packs at Registration for those who have opted out. This wristband should be visible whilst on site. These wristbands will be used so the photographer/videographer can identify who should not be photographed or who to remove from photos before publishing.

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 paragraphs. 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 office@scottish-rowing.org.uk. If you wish to opt-out on the day, please ask for a wristband at registration.

14. Safeguarding

14.1 Scottish Rowing is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and protected adults in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children and protected adults from harm, abuse and exploitation. The policy (including procedures for reporting concerns) and the code of conduct related to the policy can be found [here](#).

14.2 The Scottish Rowing Welfare Officer is Mark Senter who can be contacted at childprotection@scottish-rowing.org.uk for advice or to report concerns.

15. Contact details

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