2015 British Rowing Sculling Festival

Notice of Regatta
The British Rowing Sculling Festival is an “Omnium of Events” run over two days with points from individual events contributing to the overall ranking of each sculler.

**Date & Venue**
The 2015 British Rowing Sculling Festival will be held on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August 2015 at:

National Water Sports Centre
Adbolton Lane
Holme Pierrepont
Nottingham NG12 2LU

**Events Offered & Prizes**
1. Entries will be taken in single sculls ONLY.

2. Competitors may enter may enter one of four events:
   a. Main Event: Open
   b. Main Event: Women
   c. Beginners’ Event: Open - offered to those genuinely in their first year of the sport.
   d. Beginners’ Event: Women - offered to those genuinely in their first year of the sport.

3. Prizes will be awarded to the top sculler in the following categories:
   a. Main Event Overall Winner, Open: Senior, U23*, J18*
   b. Main Event Overall Winner, Women’s: Senior, U23*, J18*
   c. Beginners’ Event Overall Winner: Open
   d. Beginners’ Event Overall Winner: Women
   e. Main Event Sprint Champion, Open: Senior, U23*, J18*
   f. Main Event Sprint Champion, Women’s: Senior, U23*, J18*
   g. Main Event Skills Champion, Open: Senior, U23*, J18*
   h. Main Event Skills Champion, Women’s: Senior, U23*, J18*
   i. Beginners’ Event Sprint Champion: Open
   j. Beginners’ Event Sprint Champion: Women
   k. Beginners’ Event Skills Champion: Open
   l. Beginners’ Event Skills Champion: Women

*The U23 and J18 results will be extracted from the Senior event.

4. Two team events will be offered, one each in the Main and Beginners events, although no prizes will be awarded. Entries specifically for the team events are not required, but will be determined by the cumulative overall points of the top scullers from an individual club. Full details regarding the team events are covered in the Team Rankings section.
General Rules
1. There will be no separate lightweight categories offered. All competitors will race as “openweight”.

2. U23s are those competitors who are born on or after 1 January 1993.

3. For this event J18s are those competitors who are born on or after 31 December 1996 and before 1 September 2000. In exceptional circumstances, entries will be accepted from competitors born after 1 September 2000. Anyone wishing such an entry to be considered should contact the entries secretary prior to the closing date (1700 on Thursday 6 August 2015).

4. The event will be run under the British Rowing Rule of Racing with the addition of specific local rules.

Racing Format
1. All entries will be expected to compete in all events on both days. The provisional order of events is as follows:

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2. **250m Side by Side**: after the 250m time trials, all boats will be ranked. Boats ranked 1-6 will be seeded into Final A, boats ranked 7-12 will be seeded into Final B etc.

3. **1000m/2000m Semi-Finals**: at the end of the first day, all boats will be ranked according to their overall points to determine the seedings for the 1000m/2000m semi finals. Boats ranked 1-12 will be seeded in to A/B Semi-Finals, boats ranked 13-24 at will be seeded into C/D Semi-Finals etc.

4. **1000m/2000m Finals**: the first 3 boats from each of the Semi-Finals A/B will progress to Final A, positions 4, 5, 6 from Semi-Finals A/B will progress to Final B. Similarly from Semi-Finals C/D to Finals C and D respectively.

5. **Manoeuvrability Testing**: this will be run three abreast and each individual sculler will be timed.
6. **Skills Testing**: each sculler will be assessed on a numbers of skills and be awarded pass, intermediate or fail on each skill assessed. Details of the skills to be assessed will be available on the Sculling Festival Website.

**Overall Points Scoring**

1. Scullers will be allocated “overall points” based on their rankings/scores in individual events.

   a. **Racing events**: points allocated will be equivalent to the scullers ranking position i.e. the top ranked sculler will receive one point, the second placed sculler will receive two points etc. For the purposes of side by side racing, the ranking will be determined by a scullers race finishing position (not time) as shown below

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   b. **Manoeuvrability testing**: points will be allocated equivalent to a scullers overall ranking based on time. Points will be awarded in increments of 0.5 i.e. the fastest sculler will be awarded 0.5, the second fastest sculler will be awarded 1.0 etc.

   c. **Skills testing**: zero points will be awarded for a pass, two points will be awarded for intermediate (where applicable), four points will be awarded for a fail.

2. **Scoring events**: “overall points” will be awarded in the following events:

   - Open Event
   - Beginners’ Event
   - 3800m (2 x 1900m) Time Trial
   - 2000m (2 x 1000m) Time Trial
   - Manoeuvrability Test
   - Manoeuvrability Test
   - Skills Testing
   - Skills Testing
   - 250m Side by Side
   - 250m Side by Side
   - 2000m Finals
   - 1000m Finals

3. The overall winner of each category will be determined by a sculler’s cumulative overall points. The sculler with the fewest overall points will be declared the winner.
Sprints & Skills Champions
Scullers rankings will be determined as follows:

1. Sprint Champion: a sculler’s 250m time trial time and 250m side by side time will be added together to produce and overall sprint time. The overall sprint times will be ranked and the fastest sculler shall be declared the Sprint Champion.

In the event of a tie, the sculler with the fastest 250m side by side time will be declared the winner.

2. Skills Champion: a sculler’s overall points accumulated from the 5 skills tests and the manouevrability test shall be added together and a ranking produced. The Sculler with the fewest overall points shall be declared the Skills Champion.

In the event of a tie, the sculler with the fastest manouevrability time will be declared the winner.

Team Rankings
The Team Event rankings will be determined as follows:

Main Event: the overall points from a club’s top three scullers, regardless of gender, shall be combined. The team will the fewest cumulative overall points will be declared the winner.

Beginners’ Event: the overall points from a club’s top two scullers, regardless of gender, shall be combined. The team will the fewest cumulative overall points will be declared the winner.

In both the Main and Beginners’ Event, the following criteria shall apply:

3. The overall points used to determine the team rankings shall be those accumulated by and individual in the Senior rankings i.e. overall points totals from the U23 or J18 rankings will not be used to determine the team event.

4. If a club does not have three (Main Event) or two (Beginners’ Event) entered, it will not qualify for a team ranking.

5. Only one team per club will be included in the team event and this shall be formed of the highest ranked scullers as determined by their overall points ranking.

Entry Fees
The entry fee is £30 per sculler which must be paid in advance. The entry fee covers the two days of competition, a barbecue on Saturday evening and an event t-shirt.

Conditions of Entry
1. The Sculling Festival is open to all scullers that are registered members of a club affiliated to any Great Britain Rowing Body. Entries will only be accepted from scullers whose membership will be valid for the period of the Sculling Festival.
2. The Sculling Festival is a national event. Foreign entries are specifically excluded.

3. Any junior sculler entered shall have a named coach or responsible adult, who must be over the age of 18, and must be named on the entry together with a current mobile telephone number. If a substitute coach comes to the Sculling Festival he/she must contact Registration and register his/her mobile telephone number.

4. To enable a safe and efficient event to happen coaches are kindly requested to assist in marshalling, timing and safety roles. Each club that makes an entry will be required to provide at least one coach to assist in the roles listed. A jobs list will be published and made available at registration and these will be confirmed at the briefing each morning. Coaches and any supporters should not expect to accompany their rowers during the Festival.

Regulations for Racing
1. The Sculling Festival is held under the Rules of British Rowing and the British Rowing Rules of Racing shall apply with the addition of some local rules.

2. When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the Sculling Festival or an event, rankings from those events which have been completed may be used to determine overall finishing positions.

3. Entry fees will not be refundable if it should become necessary, for any reasons, to abandon the Sculling Festival.

4. Entrants who fail to register by the deadline may not be permitted to compete. Those who have registered, but fail to appear for any of the individual events, will be deemed to have the lowest ranking in that event for the purposes of allocating overall points and for seeding of later events where necessary.

5. Entrants who wish to withdraw from the Sculling Festival at any point after they have registered must do so officially by reporting to Race Control.

6. It is the competitor’s responsibility to keep him/herself informed of any changes to the event programme.

Entry Information
1. Entries must be submitted through BROE by 1700 on Thursday 6 August when the system will be closed. All possible contact details should be complete. We may need to contact you before or during the Sculling Festival so it is in your interests to ensure that your contact details are accurate and up to date.

2. A copy of the timetable and other information, including registration details, will be emailed to submitting BROE administrators on Tuesday 11 August. You should ensure that this email address is monitored and up to date.

3. Payment for entries should be made:
   
   a. Online via BROE or
b. by cheque, payable to “British Rowing Ltd” and sent with the details of the club, the contact person and a list of entries. This should be sent to: Entries, British rowing Sculling Festival, 6 Lower Mall, Hammersmith W6 9DJ

4. Entries may be rejected if payment is not received by midday Monday 10 August.

Competitors’ Information

1. Competitors who decide to scratch before the Sculling Festival should inform the Entries Secretary by e-mail (anna.liddell@gbrowningteam.org.uk)

2. All competitors must register by the deadline. A club representative may register on behalf of all scullers from their club providing they are able to provide all requested information for each entrant.

3. Racing Licences must be presented when registering. Failure to do so may result in a sculler being unable to compete in the sculling Festival.

4. At registration, each sculler shall pay a £10 deposit and will receive a racing bib and corresponding boat number which will remain with them for the duration of the Sculling Festival. At the conclusion of the Sculling Festival all bibs and boat numbers must be returned to race control and the £10 deposit will be refunded. Failure to return one or both items will result in the £10 deposit being retained by the organisers.