



MASTERS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

British Rowing Masters Championships 2019

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Will you be using the handicap system?

Yes we will use the handicap system in the Championship events where there would be no race. For example if we receive 2 D.4+ and 1 E.4+ these will be raced as a handicap race. In general handicapped races will be raced in the division of the event which has the greater number of crews. Please indicate if you do not want your crew to be in a handicap race.

What happens if there are more than 6 entries in my event?

There will be heats to determine the crews that will race in the final. See the 'Progression System' in the Notice of the Regatta for further details. In events with 7 entries in order to avoid 5 of the crews racing a heat we will run a 7 boat straight final. This will be the only occasion when more than 6 lanes will be used.

How will the Non-Championship events be raced?

Crews will be ordered according to their average ages. There will be 3 age categories – A&B&C for crews with an average age of at least 27, D&E&F for crews with an average age of at least 50 and G&H&I&J&K for crews with an average age of at least 65. Events where there are more than 12 entries will be divided into groups – by age – of roughly equal sizes. Heats and a final will be run.

For example if we have 17 entries in the A&B&C.4+ then they will be grouped as follows

Group 1: the 9 crews with the highest average age will race 2 heats and a final.
Group 2: the 8 crews with the lowest average ages will race 2 heats and a final.

Non-championship winners' medals will be awarded to the winning crew only

Are there any restrictions on entering the Non-Championship events?

Yes. No-one (excluding coxswains) who has won a gold medal in a Championship or IM3, or a medal in a Tier 1 event in previous Championships, or in a previous Scottish Championships, in the relevant discipline, i.e. sculling or sweep may enter a Non-Championship Intermediate event in any crew. We will have a list of previous winners on the Masters Champs website. BROE will allow these entries but we will reject any crew which does not abide by this rule.

No-one may enter a Non-Championship Beginner event, coxswains excluded, if they have been rowing (either sweep or sculling) for more than 2 years (before 1st June 2017).



Can I double up?

Yes, provided that each boat, and each crew member (including the coxswain) is only entered once in each division you can double or triple up as you like on each day.

Can international crews enter?

Yes. Each year we get several international crews entered. Provided the club is recognised by the national federation which is recognised by FISA then you are welcome to race. Please contact British Rowing on +44 20 8237 6700 if you require a login for the BROE system.

Are composite crews allowed?

Yes. There are no restrictions of the number of clubs which can form composites.

Can I enter by post?

No. We require all entries to be made by the BROE entry system.

Can I pay on the day?

No. The Entries Secretary must receive all entry fees by the closing date shown on the poster. No payment – no entry!

Can we use the loch on the Friday afternoon?

Yes you can but you must make your own arrangements with the Centre and pay the appropriate loch-use fee. Our hire of the loch only starts on Saturday morning.

Can my crew use the course on the Saturday evening?

No. It is probable that the loch will not be open for practice after racing on the Saturday evening. If this changes an announcement will be made on this website with details of times the loch will open and close.

Can we have a practice outing on the course during racing?

Crews can practise on the loch during racing. Please collect and return a special practice bow number from reception and ensure that the crew is familiar with the practice circulation pattern.



Can you adjust the racing programme to fit in with my travelling arrangements?

This is not normally possible because of the impact on other crews who may be doubling up. Racing is provisionally expected to be from 09:00 to 18:30 (depending on entries) and you should make travel arrangements to fit around these times. In particular please check train and flight times to make sure you are on a late enough train or flight to fit in with the racing schedule.

How will you contact me or my club if there are any queries about my entry?

Automatic e-mails from BROE will be sent to the club administrator that put the entries in. If we need to contact you we will use the same e-mail addresses and phone numbers that are set up in BROE for your administrators so you should make sure their contact details are entered correctly. If you have given us your personal e-mail address or phone number we may also use that to contact you.

What happens if you cannot arrange anything for my crew or me?

You will be given a full refund.

What are the arrangements for parking?

Parking at Strathclyde Country Park is free. Please consult the map for the designated car parks.

Do you hire boats?

No, but there are several boat clubs based in the vicinity and we can provide details if you require boat hire.

Can I enter Non-Championship on Sunday if I win on Saturday?

Yes. The Championships are a single regatta and any change of status only takes effect at the end of racing on Sunday.

Will I get a refund if my event is cancelled?

If the event is cancelled before Saturday we will endeavour to refund some of the entry fees after the costs of the event have been covered. Once the event has started we will be unable to refund entry fees. Any refunds will be made through BROE to the card that paid for the entry originally.