



BRITISHROWING

Sprint Festival

Notice of Competition

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1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

- 1.1. The 2020 British Rowing Sprint Festival will be held on Saturday, 31 and Sunday, 1 November 2020 at the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham NG12 2LU.
- 1.2. All time-trials and side-by-side races will take place over 500m.
- 1.3. Junior and Student events will take place on Saturday, Senior (including Para) and Masters events will take place on Sunday. Competitors will race on one day only unless they choose to enter events on both days.
- 1.4. The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Regulations, the Rules of Racing and RowSafe guidance together with its associated documents, and also the British Rowing Return to Competition guidance. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents. Local Rules will also apply.

2. Events, Fees and Prizes

Events Offered and Entry Fees

- 2.1. The following Open (O) and Women's (W) events are offered at the competition for the entry fees indicated:

Saturday 31 October 2020

Event	J15		J16		J17		J18		Student Beginner		Student Championship	
	O	W	O	W	O	W	O	W	O	W	O	W
Single Sculls	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25
Coxless Pairs	-	-	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	-	-	£50	£50
Double Sculls	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50

Sunday 1 November 2020

Event	Masters B-D		Masters E+		Para - AR 1/2/3		Para - Mixed Ability	Senior Beginner		Senior Championship	
	O	W	O	W	O	W		O	W	O	W
Single Sculls	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	£25	-	£25	£25	£25	£25
Coxless Pairs	£50	£50	£50	£50	-	-	-	-	-	£50	£50
Double Sculls	£50	£50	£50	£50	-	-	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50

Definitions

- 2.2. Student - competitors shall be registered internal students of the university or higher education college for the whole of the academic year 2020-21
- 2.3. Beginner - offered to those genuinely in their first year of the sport. N.B. The Organising Committee reserves the right to move any competitor/crew up to Championship if the Committee deems the entry to be inappropriate.
- 2.4. Championship - those not eligible for beginner

- 2.5. Masters - entries for Masters events have been grouped into the above listed options and no provision will be made for use of the Masters handicap system.

Prizes

- 2.6. In order to ensure the event is COVID Secure, signed certificates will be awarded to Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists in each of the events set out in section 2.1. The method of delivering these will be confirmed within the Competitor Instructions.

3. Conditions of Entry

- 3.1. The British Rowing Sprint Festival is open to any individual member of a club affiliated to any Great Britain rowing body.
- 3.2. The British Rowing Sprint Festival is a national event; entries from Northern Ireland are welcomed. Please note that British Rowing membership insurance is only valid for individuals who are UK residents for more than six months in a year.
- 3.3. Competitors must provide their own equipment.
- 3.4. Any crew that includes junior athletes shall have a named coach or responsible adult present at the Regatta. The coach, who must be over the age of 18 years, must be named in the “coach name” section of their BROE entry and a current mobile telephone number for that person must be provided in the “coach mobile number” section. If a substitute coach comes to the Regatta he/she must contact Registration and register his/her mobile telephone number.
- 3.5. A competitor shall not be allowed to enter more than one event per day. No provision will be made for boat sharing. Boat sharing on the day is actively discouraged to assist with COVID security.
- 3.6. The Committee strongly encourages single club entries to enter the above events to gain an Event Ranking for their club; however composites are permitted for those that genuinely do not have suitable partners from within their club.
- 3.7. The Competition is run in accordance with the British Rowing Return to Rowing Guidance for Competitions as reviewed by the DCMS, in entering the competition you hereby agree to comply with any additional instructions given by the Organising Committee in order for the competition to be COVID-Secure.
- 3.8. All competitors must provide their full contact details to the Event Organising Committee to assist with Test and Trace.

4. Making Entries

- 4.1 Entries must be made through British Rowing Online Entry (“BROE2”) system. Entries will open at 16:00 on Tuesday, 6 October 2020 and **must be submitted by 15:00 on Monday, 26 October 2020** when the system will close. The competition does not accept late entries and may impose a limit on either individual events or the competition at large.
- 4.2 If you have any queries regarding entries or the entries process, or if you are having difficulties with the BROE system, please email sprintfest@britishrowing.org in good time. Email is the preferred method of contact, but if this is not possible then telephone 0208 237 6724 up until close of entries.
- 4.3 Please note when submitting entries through BROE:
 - a. Payment must be made by credit or debit card through BROE before close of entries.
 - b. All possible contact details should be completed. We may need to contact you before or during the Regatta, so it is in your interests to ensure that your contact details are accurate and up to date.
 - c. You should ensure that the pre-competition contact’s email address is monitored and up-to-date in order that they receive the Regatta information, including the documentation described at paragraph 5.1

4.4 Please note:

- a. Neither late entries nor late payment will be accepted.
- b. Errors made by the Organising Committee will be rectified in the published information.
- c. On request, errors made by competitors may be rectified at the Organising Committee's discretion. Any such requests must be sent by email to sprintfest@britishrowing.org by 12:00 on Wednesday 28 October. Responses to such requests will only be available after this time.
- d. If a crew scratches before the Regatta and this makes a major change to race timings, this information will be posted on the website as soon as possible. It is a competitor's responsibility to check for updates.

5. The Draw Process

- 5.1 The draw will be co-ordinated digitally from British Rowing, 6 Lower Mall, London W6 9DJ on Tuesday, 27 October from 12:00 noon onwards. No details will be disclosed before 22:00 on Tuesday, 27 October when the Provisional Timetable will be published on the website: www.britishrowing.org/sprintfest. A link to an information pack containing the Entries List, Provisional Timetable and Event Information (giving general and safety instructions) will be emailed to pre-competition contacts who have entered crews. These documents will also be posted on the website.
- 5.2 Enquiries regarding the draw should be made by email to sprintfest@britishrowing.org. Please remember to include your full contact details.

6. Making Changes to Entries

- 6.1 Crew changes must be notified to the Entries Secretary before the crew goes afloat, in accordance with the Rules of Racing. Crews must use BROE to notify substitutions prior to the Regatta; the system will be open from 09:00 on Wednesday, 28 October until 18:00 on Friday, 30 October. After this time, changes must be notified in person at the Regatta Office, with details of the substitute's registered club, name, date of birth and Racing Licence number as recorded by the relevant Great Britain Rowing Body.
- 6.2 Crews that scratch before the Regatta should scratch on BROE or inform the Entries Secretary directly by email. The BROE Crew ID must be included in the email. Crews scratching from an event at the Regatta must inform the Entries Secretary at the Regatta Office. Crews that have scratched cannot be reinstated.
- 6.3 A representative of every crew must collect a Club pack from the Regatta Office at least 60 minutes before the time of the first time trial in the event for which it has been entered.
- 6.4 Any crew/sculler which fails to show at its allocated boating time will be deemed to have scratched and not be eligible to participate in further rounds of the competition.
- 6.5 Withdrawal after a crew's first race will be allowed if notice is given to the Entries Secretary and there are acceptable reasons.

7. Racing Format

Subject to the size of the entry and the provisions of paragraph 9.3, the following racing format will apply:

- 7.1 Time Trials - The first round will be a 500m time trial with crews grouped by boat type.
- 7.2 Semi-Finals - After the time trial all boats will be ranked; crews 1-12 will be seeded into semi-finals A/B, crews 13-24 will be seeded into semi-finals C/D etc. Racing will be side-by-side over 500m. Adjustments will be made to avoid one-boat row-overs. Should the size of the entry dictate that this racing format cannot be completed in the indicative timetable, the Organising Committee reserves the right to rank crews to minor finals.
- 7.3 Finals - The first 3 from each semi-final A/B will progress to final A; positions 4, 5 and 6 will progress to final B. A similar progression will apply to the semi-finals C/D etc. Racing will be side-by-side over 500m.
- 7.4 Para rowing events - The first round will be a 500m time trial with crews grouped by class. This will be followed by side-by-side 500m finals, which will be seeded from the time trial on boat speed independent of class (e.g. a AR1 Ix may race in the same 500m final as an AR3). Certificates will nevertheless be awarded for each of the sub-classes.
- 7.5 Should the size of entry exceed the time available, the Organising Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of semi-finals and/or finals.
- 7.6 Information on redraws will be posted online at least one hour before the first race in an event. The lane draw for finals will be seeded on the results of previous rounds.

8. Indicative Timetable

Saturday, 31 October 2020

07:00	Site Opens*
09:30	Time trial
11:30	Semi-finals
13:30	Finals
15:30	Finish Racing

Sunday, 1 November 2020

07:00	Site Opens*
09:30	Time trial
11:30	Semi-finals
13:30	Finals
15:30	Finish Racing

General notes about the indicative timetable

- 8.1 The final race timetable for semi-finals and finals is subject to change until all crews intending to race have completed the time trial. The above plan is indicative only, and all times are approximate.
- 8.2 *The venue will open at 07:00 but there will be no access to the lake for crews/scullers until their allocated boating time for their races.

9. Regulations for Racing

- 9.1 The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Rules of Racing and Row Safe guidance together with its associated documents including amended competitor instructions for COVID security. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents prior to attending the competition.
- 9.2 Entry fees will not be refunded if it should become necessary, for any reason, to abandon the Regatta or any event.
- 9.3 When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the competition or an event, the draw pattern may be changed or times from time trials, or semi-finals may be used to determine which crews will progress to later rounds, or to determine the finish positions.
- 9.4 Crews that fail to show at the scheduled time for their time trial will be deemed to have withdrawn and will not be eligible to compete in any further rounds of the competition.
- 9.5 Should a substitute coach attend the Regatta representing a junior competitor/crew, he/she must contact the Regatta Office and register his/her mobile telephone number.
- 9.6 The Organising Committee reserves the right to exclude any crew or sculler from further competition in an event if it does not show sufficient competence in either attaching to the Start pontoons or progressing down the course during a race, this includes during a time trial. This is applied in the interests of safety and fairness to other competitors.
- 9.7 To win a certificate a crew must beat another crew, except for gold in an event from which all other crews have withdrawn. Events with fewer than three entries at the close of entries may be withdrawn.
- 9.8 It is the competitor's responsibility to keep him/herself informed of any changes to the event programme.
- 9.9 All winners' identification shall be confirmed. Winners who cannot confirm their identity shall not receive any crew or individual prize until their eligibility has been confirmed.

10. Photography & Media

- 10.1 There are official photographers and videographers at the competition. Official photographs may be available for sale at the Regatta and subsequently from the photographer's website. These photographs and videos may be used on websites and social media channels of the competition or by British Rowing and/or their partners. By entering the Regatta, competitors and those responsible for them consent to this.
- 10.2 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 British Rowing has no control.
- 10.3 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 two paragraphs.
- 10.4 In addition to the above, the event may be streamed live on the day of the event and the footage may also be shared with the media and press. 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.

11. COVID-19

- 11.1 The British Rowing Sprint Festival is run in line with the British Rowing Return to Competition guidance which has been reviewed by the DCMS as required by the UK Government.
- 11.2 By attending this competition you consent to abide by all instructions given by the competition in order for the competition to operate in a COVID-Secure manner.

12. Clean Sport Statement

- 12.1 The British Rowing Sprint Festival is committed to Clean Sport. All athletes, athlete support personnel and clubs are bound and must abide by the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. Athletes competing at the British Rowing Sprint Festival could be tested at any time, and by entering this event it will be deemed that consent to be tested has been given.
- 12.2 To understand more about anti-doping, the rules and your responsibilities, go to www.britishrowing.org/antidoping or email antidoping@britishrowing.org

13. Table of Key Dates

16:00	Tuesday, 6 October 2020	Entries open via BROE2
15:00	Monday, 26 October 2020	Entries Close
22:00	Tuesday 27 October 2020	Provisional Timetable Published
09:00	Wednesday 28 October 2020	BROE2 re-opened for substitutions only
18:00	Friday 30 October 2020	BROE closes for substitutions; any further substitutions must be notified in person at the Regatta Office
07:00*	Saturday, 31 October 2020	Regatta Office opens.
16:00*	Saturday, 31 October 2020	Regatta Office closes.
07:00*	Sunday, 1 November 2020	Regatta Office opens.
16:00*	Sunday, 1 November 2020	Regatta Office closes.

- * The opening and closing times for Regatta Office may be amended once the draw is known. Any amended times will be published with the Provisional Timetable.

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