





BEACH SPRINTS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Introduction

British Rowing is committed to ensuring that rowing is an accessible sport which provides opportunities for enjoyment and achievement at all levels. To better achieve this goal, British Rowing understands the need to expand these opportunities to include all types of sea rowing.

World Rowing has been supporting the growth of coastal boat based competitions, providing two formats - Endurance (Offshore) and Beach Sprint. The Endurance (Offshore) events use three boat classes as defined in World Rowing's Rules of Racing and in British Rowing Rules of Racing. These are solo (C1x), double (C2x) and coxed quadruple sculls (C4x+). The British Rowing Beach Sprint event has two boat classes, solo (C1x) and double (C2x)

The Beach Sprint format is a side by side 250m slalom course starting and finishing on the beach.

In 2018 British Rowing hosted the first Commonwealth Beach Sprint Regatta, the format of which has been part of the Mediterranean Beach Games (2015) and the Asian Beach Games (2016). In 2019 the first British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships were held on Sandbanks Beach, Poole. The Beach Sprint format is an important part of World Rowing's future and has been designed to be low cost to run, provide strong event presentation and spectator appeal and allow jeopardy to be part of the competition outcome!

All types of rowing have increased in popularity over the last few years. To support this British Rowing are aiming to enable British crews of all disciplines the chance to be able to race in coastal events in the UK with a beach start and finish. Racing with a beach start and finish gives spectators a much better experience of watching the racing.

Barbara Wilson
Chair of Organising Committee
British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships

1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

- 1.1. The 2021 British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will be held on Sunday, 18 July, 2021 at Exmouth Beach, located near to the RNLI on Queens Drive, Exmouth, EX8 2AZ
- 1.2. The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Regulations, the Rules of Racing (in particular Appendix F2) and RowSafe guidance together with its associated documents. 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 Championships for the entry fees indicated:

	Open & U19	Women & U19	Mixed
Solo (C1x)	£35	£35	
Double (CMix2x)	n/a	n/a	£70

Prizes

- 2.2. Individual gold and silver medals will be awarded to the winner and loser in the A Final.
- 2.3. Individual bronze medals will be awarded to the winner in the B Final.
- 2.4. A gold medal will be awarded to the fastest U19 CO1x and CW1x where there are 3 or more U19 entries in each event.
- 2.5. The names of the winning crew for each event will be recorded in the British Rowing Championships Book of Winners.

3. Conditions of Entry

- 3.1. The British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships is open to any individual member of a club affiliated to British Rowing .
- 3.2. Personal boats are not allowed to be used. The Organising Committee will provide matched boats.
- 3.3. **All competitors must provide their own blades.** The British Rowing Offshore Championships will not be making blades available for hire.
- 3.4. The Order of Finals which will help competitors in deciding which events to enter is provided at Section 8.

- 3.5. All competitors must be J17, i.e. over 16 on the 1 September 2020
- 3.6. All competitors **must provide their own boat handlers**, without whom an entry cannot be accepted.
- 3.7. For 2021 we are unable to accept entries from overseas competitors due to UK Government guidelines. However, under the Common Travel Area, entries from the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man are all allowed. **Please check the UK government website for the latest guidelines before entering as these can regularly change.**

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/ireland>

4. Making Entries

- 4.1. Entries must be made through BROE. Entries will open after **15.00 on Monday 7th June 2021** and must be submitted by **15:00 on Monday 5th July 2021** when the system will close. The Championships do not accept late entries.
- 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 **offshoreentries@britishrowing.org** in good time. Email is the preferred method of contact, but if this is not possible then telephone 07836 774603 up until close of entries.
- 4.3. Please note when submitting entries through BROE:
- Payment must be made by credit or debit card through BROE before close of entries.
 - 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.
 - A copy of the Entries List, Provisional Timetable and other information will be emailed to each crew's submitting BROE administrator and Pre-Competition Contact on **Thursday 8th July by 22:00**. You should ensure that this email address is monitored and up-to-date.
 - You should check that you can comply with the Conditions of Entry (see Section 3).
- 4.4. Please note:
- Neither late entries nor late payment will be accepted.
 - Errors made by the Organising Committee may 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 **offshoreentries@britishrowing.org** by 12:00 on Monday 12 July. 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 duty to check for updates.

The Draw Process

- 5.1. The race programme will be coordinated from British Rowing, 6 Lower Mall, London W6 9DJ on **Tuesday 6th July from 12:00** noon onwards. No details will be disclosed before 22:00 on Thursday 8th July when the Provisional Timetable will be published on the website: www.britishrowing.org/broc A link to an information pack containing the Entries List, Provisional Timetable and Event Information Leaflet (giving general and safety instructions) will be emailed to all submitting administrators 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 offshoreentries@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 **12 noon on Tuesday 1st June until 19.00 Thursday 15th July**. After this time, changes must be notified in person at the Registration Tent, 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 Registration Tent. Crews that have scratched cannot be reinstated.
- 6.3. A representative of every crew must confirm its intention to race to the Entries Secretary at the Captains Meeting.
- 6.4. 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

be opened until it has been set up after the British Rowing Offshore Championships.

- 8.2. The final race timetable is subject to change until all crews intending to race have registered at the Regatta. The above plan is indicative only, and all times are approximate.
- 8.3. Any multiple entries are made at the competitor's own risk and race timings will not be changed.

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. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents.
- 9.2. Entry fees will not be refunded if it should become necessary, for any reason, to abandon the Regatta or any event. Should the Government introduce any restrictions on travel or competitions taking place, entry fees will be refunded.
- 9.3. When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the Championships or an event, the times from the time trials may be used to determine the medal positions.
- 9.4. Crews that fail to confirm their entry to the Entries Secretary at the Captain's Meeting will not be permitted to start. Those that have confirmed but then fail to appear at the Start for any of their races in the event may be disbarred from other events in the Championships.
- 9.5. Should a substitute coach attend the Championships, he/she must contact the Entries Secretary 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 they do not show sufficient competence in progressing down the course during a race. This is applied in the interests of safety and fairness to other competitors.
- 9.7. To win a medal 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. All winners' identification shall be confirmed. Winners who cannot confirm their identity may not receive any crew or individual prize until their eligibility has been confirmed.
- 9.9. It is the competitor's responsibility to keep him/herself informed of any changes to the event programme.
- 9.10. Competitors are reminded that they must bring a photographic ID card with them.

10. Photography & Media

- 10.1. There may be official photographers and videographers at the Championships. Official photographs may be available for sale from the photographer's website. These photographs and videos may be used on websites and social media channels of the Championships 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 the 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. Selection for the World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals

- 11.1. The World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals (WRBSF) will be held in Oeiras, Portugal 24-27 September 2021.
- 11.2. The team will be selected by the Great Britain Rowing Team (GBRT).
- 11.3. Selection criteria will be published at <https://www.britishrowing.org/gb-rowing-team/rowing-for-gb/beach-sprints/>
- 11.4. Information on the WRBSF is available at <https://oeirascoastalrowing.com/wrbsf/>

12. Clean Sport Statement

- 12.1. The British Rowing Offshore Championships 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 Offshore Junior Championships 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

15:00	Monday, 7 June	Entries open on BROE
15:00	Monday, 5 July	Entries close
22:00	Thursday 8 July	Provisional Timetable published
09:00	Friday 9 July	BROE re-opened for substitutions only
12:00	Monday, 12 July	Deadline for requests for corrections to the draw
19:00	Friday, 17th July	BROE closes for substitutions; any further substitutions must be notified in person at Registration from 15:00 on Saturday, 17 July
15:00 tbc	Saturday, 17 July	Course opens for training
18:00 tbc	Saturday, 17 July	Course closes for training
08:00*	Sunday, 18 July	Registration opens for registering and making substitutions
18:00*	Sunday, 18 July	Registration closes for the day

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

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