



BRITISHROWING

# 2024 Rules of Racing

Changes from 2023 Rules of Racing  
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Rule	2023 Wording	Proposed 2024 Wording	Comments
Heading	Rules of Racing 2023	<b>Replace:</b> “23” with “24	
Through out	Unsportmanlike	<b>Change:</b> “unsporting”	
Through out	membership card	<b>Add:</b> “Digital” before “membership card”	
2-1-1a	...with Race membership, and who...	<b>Add:</b> “or have a Day Ticket for a day of the competition (if permitted by British Rowing and accepted by the competition)” after “with Race membership”	The day ticket trial is continuing into 2024
4-1-1	“if the gender of the rower is female in BROE”	<b>Change:</b> “if the rower is recorded as female in BROE”	
	New rule	<b>Add:</b> “5-2-2 Welfare Officer Before a competition the Organising Committee shall appoint a Welfare Officer, who shall become a member of the Organising Committee and who is responsible for producing appropriate Welfare Plans for the competition.”	Defining Welfare officer role in the rules and position on Organising Committee
5-2-3	...with the Race Committee Chair, and the Safety Adviser shall...	<b>Change:</b> “...with the Race Committee Chair, the Safety Adviser and the Welfare Officer shall...”	Add in Welfare Officer
5-2-2		<b>Renumber:</b> 5-2-3	
5-2-3		<b>Renumber:</b> 5-2-4	
5-2-3		<b>Add bullet:</b> welfare plan and how to summon help if required	
6-1-5a	A team of officials who check...	<b>Add:</b> “may” after who	Clarify that Control Commission don’t do a 100% check.
7-2-2	...crew boating areas to check that all...	<b>Add:</b> “and may” after “boating area”	Clarify that Control Commission don’t do a 100% check.
7-2-3	All competitors shall take their membership card with them to a competition. Any competitor who cannot produce this document when requested... ..If the card is not available (e.g. lost or not yet received)..	<b>Delete:</b> “All competitors shall take their membership card with them to a competition.” <b>Change:</b> “this document” to “their digital membership card” <b>Change:</b> “the card” to “it” <b>Delete:</b> “lost or”	Physical membership cards are no longer sent to members. It is down loaded to their smartphone’s wallet.
7-2-4b	Thereafter, up to half of the rowing members of a crew and the cox may be substituted before the crew’s first race in an event.	<b>Add:</b> “until the first race of the crew in the competition has started,” before “up to half before the crew’s first race in an event.” <b>Delete:</b> “before the crew’s first race in an event”	Clarification when the medical substitution rule starts.
7-2-4e	Further substitutions will only be permitted...	<b>Move:</b> to “7-2-4c” <b>Change:</b> “Any further substitutions after the official close of entries additional to those allowed under Rule 7-2-4b will only be permitted ...”	Moves and clarify the medical substitution rule
7-2-4c		<b>Renumber:</b> “7-2-4c” to “7-2-4d”;	
7-2-4d		<b>Renumber:</b> “7-2-4d” to “7-2-4e”	
7-3-4		<b>Add:</b> “7-3-4d When the Starter has omitted the words “Two minutes” in accordance with rule 7-3-1c the Starter shall first announce the race and then announce any ‘Official Warnings’ ”	Clarify order race details and Official Warnings when “2 minutes” is omitted

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7-3-4		<b>Re-number:</b> “7-3-4d” to “7-3-4e” “7-3-4e” to “7-3-4f” etc to end of section	
7-3-4d	...[x-l] to x...	<b>Change:</b> “...[x-l] to l...”	Typo correction
8-1b	The decision of an umpire in a side-by-side race shall be final and without appeal.	<b>Add:</b> “in a side-by-side race” after “The decision of an umpire”	
		<b>New:</b> “8-1c In a processional race the Race Committee Chair shall moderate all the penalties awarded during the race to ensure that they are awarded consistently across all stations in the race.”	Allows the RC Chair to make sure that all penalties are applied equally down the course
8-1c		<b>Re-number:</b> “8-1c” to “8-1d”	
8-1d		<b>Re-number:</b> “8-1d” to “8-1e”	
8-5	Unsportmanlike Behaviour	<b>Change:</b> “Unsporting Behaviour”	
9u	Membership Card: the card issued to all paid up registered members of British Rowing.	<b>Change:</b> “the card” to “a digital file” <b>Add:</b> “and stored on their personal mobile devices or otherwise” after “British Rowing”	
9kk	shall mean a stable rowing boat such as an ‘Explore Rowing’ boat. This definition specifically excludes the use of fine boats in recreational competition	<b>Change:</b> “A stable boat is one used commonly for recreational rowing”	Simplify and widen the definition of recreational boats
10	Head of Control Commission	<b>Delete:</b> “means for competitors to put together any necessary dead-weight e.g. sand, freezer bags and staplers”	It is the crews’ responsibility to provide deadweight
13	Stable Boat Events & Competitions	<b>Throughout delete:</b> “Explore Rowing”	The “Explore Rowing” programme does not exist.
14	Offshore Competitions	The whole section has been reorganised to reflect the order in the main rules. Rule References added.	
14-14b	The Starter shall direct the crews to float and hold... (Now 14-12-3b)	<b>Change:</b> “When the Starter directs the crews to put their boats on the water and hold...”	
14-14-2	the Starter shall say “One minute!”. At this time all boats shall be ready on the water. (Now 14-12-4)	Change: “the Starter shall say “One minute!” and ask the crews to place their boats on the water by saying “Put the boats in the water”.	
15	Beach Sprints	The whole section has been revised to reflect latest best practice for Beach Sprints.	