



BEACH SPRINTS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025 Notice of Competition

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1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

- 1.1. The 2025 British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will be held on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August at Bournemouth, Dorset, in front of the ZIG-e-ZAG. The venue postcode is BH1 3EP. What3Words: pool.doll.oath
- 1.2. The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Regulations, the Rules of Racing (in particular Appendix F2) and with reference to RowSafe guidance together with its associated documents. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents. Local Rules may also apply.

2. Events, Fees and Prizes

Events Offered and Entry Fees

- 2.1. The following Junior, Student, Senior and Masters events are offered at the Championships:

CATEGORY	Open 1x (CO 1x)	Women 1x (CW 1x)	Open 2x (CO 2x)	Women 2x (CW 2x)	Mixed 2x (CMx 2x)
Senior	x	x	x	x	x
Student *	x	x			
Masters**	x	x			
Junior	x	x			x
Junior U16	x	x			

** For the student events, the entrant must be a registered student at a University (but need not row for the University). Student ID will be required at registration. (See sub-section 3.10)*

*** Masters events will not be handicapped and are for crews that meet Sub-Category Masters B or older. (See sub-section 3.11)*

Entry fee: £40 (1x), £80 (2x).

- 2.2. **NEW for 2025:** At the end of **each day we will be offering “Mixed Challenge 4x+”** for up to 8 crews each day. You can enter a mixed quad (£125 per crew), or enter for a rowing seat in a crew (£35 per seat). ‘Seat entries’ will be drawn into quads on the day, with additional seat entries advertised and available on the day if we have not already received entries for eight crews to race on that day.

Prizes

- 2.3. Gold and Silver medals will be given to both finalists in the A Final - gold to the fastest and silver to the second. Bronze medals will be awarded to the winner in the B Final.
- 2.4. Only crews from a British Rowing Affiliated Club, or Associated Organisation may be declared “British Champions”.

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 as well as overseas rowers.
- 3.2. All race entries need to be made using BROE2. The process for overseas clubs is outlined here:
<https://www.britishrowing.org/events/entering-competitions/overseas-entry/>
- 3.3. A British Rowing RACE, Scottish Rowing membership or British Rowing Overseas Race License is required to make the entry.
- 3.4. Please note that British Rowing membership insurance is only valid for individuals who are UK residents for more than six months in a year.
- 3.5. Overseas crews are expected to have their own liability insurance.
- 3.6. Personal boats are not allowed to be used. The Organising Committee will provide matched boats, with spans set at 158 cm.
- 3.7. **All competitors must provide their own blades.** The British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will not be making blades available for hire.
- 3.8. The Indicative Timetable, which will help competitors in deciding which events to enter, is provided at Section 8.
- 3.9. Junior events will be in accordance with British Rowing's definition of Junior (BR Rule 2-3a and 2-3c)
- 3.10. For the Student events, the entrant must be a registered student at a University (but need to race for the university). Student ID will be required at registration.
- 3.11. To enter a Masters event a crew member must be able to race in masters sub-category B, or older, (see BR rule 4-4a). Events will not use a Masters Handicap.

- 3.12. There will be two separate Mixed 4x+ Challenge events, one at the end of each day. (see subsection 2.2). 50% of the crew shall be eligible to row in women's events and 50% of the crew should not be eligible for women's events, excluding the coxswains, with the exception of crews formed on the day (from individual seat entries) where there is not sufficient entries for a 50:50% eligibility crew
- 3.13. All competitors **must provide their own boat handlers**, without whom an entry cannot be accepted. The boat handlers must be available at all times when the competitor is racing.

4. Making Entries

- 4.1. Entries must be made through BROE. Entries will open after 09:00 on Saturday 31st May 2025 and must be submitted by 11:00 on Wednesday 20th August 2025 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 **brbsentries@britishrowing.org** in good time.
- 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 **Friday 22nd August by 10:00**. 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:

- a. Neither late entries nor late payment will be accepted.
- b. 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 **brbsentries@britishrowing.org** by 12:00 on Monday 25th August. Responses to such requests will only be available after this time.
- d. If a crew scratches before the competition and this makes a major change to race timings, this information will be posted on the British Rowing website as soon as possible. It is a competitor's duty to check for updates.

5. The Draw Process

- 5.1. The race programme will be coordinated virtually on **Wednesday 20th August from 12:00 noon** onwards. No details will be disclosed before **10:00 on Friday 22nd August** when the Provisional Timetable will be published on the website: www.britishrowing.org/brbsc. 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 **brbsentries@britishrowing.org**. Please remember to include your full contact details.
- 5.3. The draw for the Challenge quads will be declared on the day.

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 competition; the system will be open from **10.00 on Friday 22nd August to 19.00 on Friday 29th August**. After this time, changes must be notified in person at Registration, 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. Substitutions of crew members can be made before registration each morning; substitutes in crew boats may come from any club and not just the clubs in the original entry.
- 6.3. Crews that scratch before the competition 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 Registration. Crews that have scratched cannot be reinstated.
- 6.4. A representative of every crew **must** confirm its intention to race each morning at Registration by 15 minutes before the Captains' Meeting.
- 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

- 7.1. The Start and Finish of the races are on the beach.
- 7.2. All crews will race in time trials to determine the fastest 8 crews. This includes all events with fewer than 9 crews. Where appropriate, repechage race(s) will be used to determine crews to race in quarter/semi finals. (Aiming to give all crews a race after the time trial).
- 7.3. The time trials will be run in a processional time trial format. Further information regarding the processional time trial operation can be found here from page 8:

https://worldrowing-admin.soticcloud.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2022-WRB_SF_Processional-Time-Trial_Regulations-and-Guidance_280922_.pdf

- 7.4. Please note that the provisional timetable may change due to weather conditions.
- 7.5. Where 8 crews have been identified to progress to quarter finals (through time trials and repechage):

7.5.1 The quarter finals will be raced as:

Q1: 1st v 8th Q2: 4th v 5th Q3: 2nd v 7th Q4: 3rd v 6th

7.5.2 The semi-finals race as:

S1: Q1 v Q2 S2: Q3 v Q4

7.5.3 The finals will be

FB: loser S1 v loser S2 FA: winner S1 v winner S2

- 7.6. Following the World Rowing Rules proposed for 2025 (RCB Rule 13), a crew's selection of preferred lane for the quarterfinal round will also apply to the semifinal and final rounds. Full instructions on this will be published in the pre-event instructions.
- 7.7. Information on the draw and progressions will be confirmed at the Captain's Meeting.
- 7.8. All crew members must attend the Captain's Meeting.

8. Indicative Timetable (to be confirmed once the draw has taken place)

Saturday 30th August & Sunday 31st August (*times to be confirmed)

08:00	Registration Opens
08:15	Registration Closes
*08:30	Captains' Meeting
*09:00	Time trials Begin
*13:00	Side by Side Racing
Post racing	Prizegiving

General notes about the indicative timetable

8.1. The competition will follow the following order (time trials and knockout):

<i>Sat 30th Aug</i>	<i>Sun 31st Aug</i>
CW 2x	CW J 1x
CO 1x	CW J16 1x
CO Stu 1x	CW 1x
CO Mas 1x	CW Stu 1x
CMx 2x	CW Mas 1x
CO J 1x	CO 2x
CO J16 1x	CMx J 2x
Challenge Mx 4x+ (SATURDAY)	Challenge Mx 4x+ (SUNDAY)

8.2. The course **is not available for training outside of these hours.**

8.3. The final race timetable is subject to change until all crews intending to race have registered at the competition. The above plan is indicative only, and all times are approximate.

9. Regulations for Racing

9.1. The competition is run in accordance with the British Rowing Rules of Racing and with reference to RowSafe 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 competition or any event.

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 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. 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 competition, 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. Clean Sport Statement

- 11.1 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 Rowing Offshore Championships could be tested at any time, and by entering this event it will be deemed that consent to be tested has been given.
- 11.2 To understand more about anti-doping the rules and your responsibilities, go to www.britishrowing.org/cleansport or email cleansport@britishrowing.org

12. Sustainability Statement

- 12.1 At the British Rowing Beach Sprints Championships, our aim is to deliver an enjoyable and competitive event while minimising the impact the event has on the environment. Linked to the [British Rowing Environmental Sustainability Strategy](#), we are taking steps in planning for the event to achieve this overall goal, including promoting active travel, providing facilities for recycling at the event, water bottle refill points and reviewing concessions and vendors for sustainability practices. Further details will be provided in the competitor's instructions.

13. Table of Key Dates (2025)

Entries Open	09:00 Saturday 31st May
Entries Close	11:00 Wednesday 20th August
Provisional Entries List & Race Programme Published	10.00 Friday 22nd August
BROE Open for Subs only	10.00 Friday 22nd August
Deadline for substitutions on BROE	19.00 Friday 29th August
Registration Opens	07.00 Saturday 30th August

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

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