



Notice of Competition

15 April 2026

Version 1.0



Date, Venue and Application of the Rules

Dates: 13th -14th June 2026

Venue: National Watersports Centre, Nottingham, NG12 2LU

Course - 1000m - 6 Lanes

The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Regulations, the Rules of Racing and 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.

Events Offered

The following events are offered for all age categories in Championship events:

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Average age	36	43	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85

		1x	2-	2x	4-	4x-	4+	8+
Open / Women	Championship	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sun
Open Lwt / Women Lwt	Championship	Sat						
Mixed	Championship			Sat		Sat	Sun	Sun
Open Adaptive / Women Adaptive	Championship	Sun						

Adaptive events, open to any Masters competitor, will be organised dependent on the entries to ensure at least one side-by-side race. There will be no age categories

The following events are offered in the Intermediate category. These events are restricted to those who have not won an event at Championship or Intermediate 3 level or Tier 1 level at previous British Rowing Masters Championships or at the Scottish Rowing Championships, or who have competed in a national representative senior crew at a World Rowing regatta.

These events will be grouped according to ranking points. Please see the rules for details.

	B	D	G
Average age	36+	50+	65+

		1x	2x	4x-	4+	8+
Open	Intermediate	Sun	Sun	Sun	Sat	Sat
Women	Intermediate	Sun	Sun	Sun	Sat	Sat
Mixed	Intermediate		Sun	Sun		



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- Events will be in divisions, please see below which events will be in each division.
- A minimum of 40 minutes is aimed for between heats and finals.
- A minimum of 40 minutes is aimed for between divisions in an Age Category.
- No events with fewer than 3 entries will be run. **In Championship events only** the handicap system will be used to make an event where possible.
- All Championship events will be limited to a maximum of 24 entries.
- **There will be a maximum of 135 races each day. If this limit is reached incomplete entries will be moved to a wait list. Complete entries will be moved from the wait list as space becomes available in individual events.**

Entry Information

- Entries will open on BROE2 at 12 noon on 15th April
- Entries will close at **1300 on Monday, 1 June 2026** or earlier if the capacity of the event is reached, in such case **priority will be given to fully complete and paid entries.**
- Entries and payment via the BROE2 System only
- **Single Sculls: £26, Double Sculls/Pairs: £52, Quad Sculls/Fours: £104, Eights: £208.**
- All entry fees must be received by **1300 on Monday, 1 June 2026.**
- The Draw will take place on Sunday, 7 June 2026 and will be posted on the British Rowing website by 1900 on Monday, 8 June 2026
- A crew that withdraws from an event after entries have closed will still be liable for the entry fee.

For entry enquiries please email: masterschamps@britishrowing.org or contact Paul Holmes, 07831 317794.

Event Information and Rules

1. Entries are accepted from Clubs affiliated to Federations that are members of World Rowing, and not currently suspended.
2. **Conditions on a multi-lane course can be challenging. Crews should not be entered unless they have had some previous experience of regatta racing, especially attaching to a stakeboat and keeping straight.**
3. All competitors must bring their digital membership cards to the Regatta (or equivalent for non British Rowing crews). A competitor without appropriate documentation **MAY** be allowed to race but must produce that documentation within 48 hours of the end of racing to the Entries Secretary. Any medals or trophies won



will be retained by the Organising Committee until such times as the documentation is produced. Failure to produce the documentation will cause the crew/crews to be disqualified and any medals awarded to the next crew accordingly. Entries to future Masters Championships may also be refused.

4. If all crews except one withdraw from an event after the draw the remaining crew will still be liable for the entry fee and must row over the course to receive any prize.
5. Where more than 6 entries are received for a Championship event the Progression System shown below will be used to determine the number of Heats and Semi-Finals and the number of crews that will qualify for the Final.
6. Lightweight 1x events will be run separately if 4 or more entries are received, otherwise the entries will be combined with the openweight categories or handicapped. Lightweights who do not make weight on the day will be disqualified.
7. Intermediate events: if there are more than 6 entries the event will be split into tiers of approximately equal size according to CRI.
8. No individual rower who has won a gold medal at the British Rowing Masters Championships or the Scottish Championships, in the relevant discipline, i.e. sweep or sculling, or at Intermediate 3 or Tier 1, or who have competed in a national representative senior crew at a World Rowing regatta may be entered in any entry in Intermediate events. These restrictions do not apply to coxswains. The list of previous winners is on the Masters Championships website.
9. Events will be run in divisions. Each competitor (including coxswains) and each boat may be entered only once in each division. We will endeavour to allow a minimum of 40 minutes between heats and finals and a minimum of 40 minutes between divisions in an age category.
10. The Organising Committee does reserve the right to alter the order of events if necessary.
11. Crews or individuals entered in more than one event, or who are sharing equipment, or who are unable or unwilling to comply with the Programme of Racing may withdraw from an event but will forfeit the entry fees for that event.
12. The decision of the Organising Committee of the Championships on any aspect of the Regatta operation will be final.

Progression system for Championship events

- 3–6 entries: Straight final. The crews will be drawn at random.
- 7 entries: 1 heat of 6 crews with 1 crew randomly drawn to the final. The other crews will be drawn according to their heat ranking from the middle lanes outwards



- 8–12 entries: 2 heats. The first 3 crews of each heat will progress to the final. The heat winners will be drawn to lanes 3 and 4, the second placed crews to lanes 2 and 5 and the third placed crews to lane 1 and 6.
- 13–18 entries: 3 heats. The winners of each heat will progress to the final together with the three next fastest crews from all the heats. The heat winners will be drawn to lanes 3, 4 and 2 and the next three crews to lanes 5, 1 and 6.
- 19–24 entries: 4 heats. The winners of each heat will progress to the final together with the two next fastest crews from all the heats. The heat winners will be drawn to lanes 3, 4 and 2 and 5, and the next two crews to lanes 1 and 6.

Progression system for Intermediate events

- 3–6 entries: one final.
- 7–12: entries: two finals. Each race will have a minimum of 3 crews and ranking points will be used to split the entry and to determine the draw.
- 13–18 entries: three finals. Each race will have a minimum of 3 crews and ranking points will be used to split the entry and to determine the draw.
- 19–24 entries: four finals. Each race will have a minimum of 3 crews and ranking points will be used to split the entry and to determine the draw.

Progression system for Adaptive events

- 3–6 entries: one preliminary race and a final.

Cancellation and Changes to Racing

- Coaches, competitors, volunteers and spectators are reminded that safety is the Organising Committee's primary concern. In cases when the Organising Committee considers that the Regatta cannot be run safely, the Organising Committee may choose to take appropriate action, which may include (amongst other things) suspending racing, changing the timetable, shortening the course, cancelling specific events or cancelling the Regatta altogether. The Organising Committee will seek to make a decision as early as practicable based on the circumstances in question and in the event of advance cancellation, the Organising Committee will aim to make and communicate this decision at least 24 hours in advance of the Regatta. Coaches, competitors, volunteers and spectators should take this into account when making plans for travel, accommodation etc.
- In the event that the Championships are cancelled for reasons beyond its control entry fees will not be refunded. If the Championships are cancelled before they have



begun we will endeavour to return as much of the entry fee as possible once costs have been covered.

- When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the Regatta or any event, times from the heats may be used to determine medal winners, declare the victores ludorum and award other prizes.
- The Race Committee will monitor conditions throughout the Regatta and, if necessary, will adjust the draw patterns to create the fairest racing conditions.
- It is the responsibility of all competitors to keep themselves informed of any changes to the Regatta programme.

Awards

- There will be a Victor Ludorum prize of £250 for the highest ranked large club, medium club and small club and a further £250 for the highest ranked club. Please see the BRMC webpage for categorisation of clubs. The OC will take queries on this categorisation up until the end of April but their decision shall be final.
- Winners of all Championships events will receive gold Championship medals. Silver medals will be awarded to runners-up in events with 3 or more starters. Bronze medals will be awarded to the third placed crew in events with 4 or more starters.
- The winners of each race in the Intermediate events will receive Intermediate winners' medals.
- Non-British crews will be eligible for medals but not the title of British Rowing champion.

FAILURE OF COMPETITORS TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES MAY LEAD TO THEIR ELIMINATION FROM AN EVENT OR THE REGATTA.

Photography and Media

There may be photographers and videographers at the Regatta. Their photographs and videos (which may include live streaming) may be used on the website and social media sites of the Regatta or by British Rowing. By entering the Regatta, competitors and those responsible for them consent to this.

Competitors and those responsible for them should be aware that other, non-official photographers and videographers might operate at national sporting events and the subsequent photographs may be freely used in print, digital media or elsewhere, over which the Organising Committee has no control.

Coaches and competitors agree that by entering crews they have made the crew members and their parents/guardians (where in loco parentis) aware of the above two paragraphs.

The use of drones is not permitted under any circumstances at the National Water Sports Centre without written permission from the Event Manager. Any club which is seen to be



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using drones for any purpose within the boundary of the venue risks disqualification of their crew being filmed or of all their crews at the Regatta.

Clean Sport

The Regatta 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 Regatta could be tested at any time, and by entering this competition it will be deemed that consent to be tested has been given.

To understand more about anti-doping, the rules and your responsibilities, go to <https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/cleansport/> or email cleansport@britishrowing.org.

Sustainability

At the British Rowing Masters 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 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 instructions to competitors.

Volunteers

Without the dedication of volunteers, competitions like this simply would not happen. It is an expectation that clubs that enter also provide volunteers to support the running of the regatta. Volunteer roles will range from collecting numbers through to timing and can be fitted around the individual's racing. To volunteer in general, please click [here](#) to register for the British Rowing Volunteer Hub, or contact us directly via champscrew@britishrowing.org.

Saturday, 13 June 2026

Div 1	Div 2	Div 3
B.1x C.1x D.1x B.Lwt.1x C.Lwt.1x D.Lwt.1x	W.B.1x W.C.1x W.D.1x W.B.Lwt.1x W.C.Lwt.1x W.D.Lwt.1x	
Mx.B.2x Mx.C.2x Mx.D.2x	B.2x C.2x D.2x	W.B.2x W.C.2x W.D.2x
W.B.4x W.C.4x W.D.4x	Mx.B.4x Mx.C.4x Mx.D.4x	B.4x C.4x D.4x
W.E.1x W.F.1x W.G.1x W.E.Lwt.1x W.F.Lwt.1x W.G.Lwt.1x		E.1x F.1x G.1x E.Lwt.1x F.Lwt.1x G.Lwt.1x
E.2x F.2x G.2x	W.E.2x W.F.2x W.G.2x	Mx.E.2x Mx.F.2x Mx.G.2x
Mx.E.4x Mx.F.4x Mx.G.4x	E.4x F.4x G.4x	W.E.4x W.F.4x W.G.4x
	H.1x I.1x J.1x K.1x H.Lwt.1x I.Lwt.1x J.Lwt.1x K.Lwt.1x	W.H.1x W.I.1x W.J.1x W.K.1x W.H.Lwt.1x W.I.Lwt.1x W.J.Lwt.1x W.K.Lwt.1x
W.H.2x W.I.2x W.J.2x W.K.2x	Mx.H.2x Mx.I.2x Mx.J.2x Mx.K.2x	H.2x I.2x J.2x K.2x
H.4x I.4x J.4x K.4x	W.H.4x W.I.4x W.J.4x W.K.4x	Mx.H.4x Mx.I.4x Mx.J.4x Mx.K.4x
Intermediate Events		
	B.4+	W.B.4+
B.8+	W.B.8+	
D.4+	W.D.4+	
W.D.8+		D.8+
W.G.4+		G.4+
	G.8+	W.G.8+

Sunday, 14 June 2026

Div 1	Div 2	Div 3
B.2- C.2- D.2-	WB.2- WC.2- WD.2-	
	B.4- C.4- D.4-	WB.4- WC.4- WD.4-
WB.4+ WC.4+ WD.4+		B.4+ C.4+ D.4+
B.8+ C.8+ D.8+	WB.8+ WC.8+ WD.8+	Mx.B.8+ Mx.C.8+ Mx.D.8+
WE.2- WF.2- WG.2-		E.2- F.2- G.2-
E.4- F.4- G.4-	WE.4- WF.4- WG.4-	
	E.4+ F.4+ G.4+	WE.4+ WF.4+ WG.4+
WE.8+ WF.8+ WG.8+	Mx.E.8+ Mx.F.8+ Mx.G.8+	E.8+ F.8+ G.8+
	H.2- I.2- J.2- K.2-	WH.2- WI.2- WJ.2- WK.2-
WH.4- WI.4- WJ.4- WK.4-		H.4- I.4- J.4- K.4-
H.4+ I.4+ J.4+ K.4+	WH.4+ WI.4+ WJ.4+ WK.4+	
Mx.H.8+ Mx.I.8+ Mx.J.8+ Mx.K.8+	H.8+ I.8+ J.8+ K.8+	WH.8+ WI.8+ WJ.8+ WK.8+
W AR1/2 1x W AR3 1x		AR1/2 1x AR3 1x
Intermediate Events		
B.1x	WB.1x	
WB.2x	B.2x	Mx.B.2x
B.4x	Mx.B.4x	WB.4x
WD.1x		D.1x
D.2x	Mx.D.2x	WD.2x
Mx.D.4x	WD.4x	D.4x
	G.1x	WG.1x
Mx.G.2x	WG.2x	G.2x
WG.4x	G.4x	Mx.G.4x