



**BRITISH ROWING**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# **2026 Club Championships**

## **Notice of Competition**

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## 1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

- 1.1. The 2026 British Rowing Club Championships will be held between Friday 17 and Monday 20 July 2026 at Holme Pierrepont Country Park, Nottingham, NG12 2LU.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. This is a single regatta run over four days. Entry criteria based on that at the time of closing of entries.

## 2. Events, Fees and Prizes

### Events Offered and Entry Fees

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

Event	Championship			Champ' ship Lwt		Club			Beginner		Adaptive		Junior	
	O	W	Mxd	O	W	O	W	Mxd	O	W	O	W	O	W
<b>Single Sculls</b>	-	-	-	£45	£45	£45	£45	-	£45	£45	£45	£45	£45	£45
<b>Double Sculls</b>	£75	£75	-	-	-	£75	£75	-	£75	£75	-	-	£75	£75
<b>Coxless Pairs</b>			-	-	-	£75	£75	-	-	-	-	-	£75	£75
<b>Coxless Fours</b>	£125	£125	-	-	-	£125	£125	-	-	-	-	-	£125	£125
<b>Coxed Fours</b>	-	-	-	-	-	£125	£125	£125	£125	£125	-	-	£125	£125
<b>Quad Sculls (coxed/coxless)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	£125	£125	-	-	-	-	-	£125	£125
<b>Eights</b>	-	-	£210	-	-	£210	£210	-	-	-	-	-	£210	210



## Prizes

- 2.2. Individual gold, silver or bronze medals will be awarded to the fastest three crews in Final A of each event provided they have beaten another crew.
- 2.3. The principal coach of each medal-winning crew will also receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.
- 2.4. The names of the winning crew for each event will be recorded in the British Rowing Championships Book of Winners.
- 2.5. The highest-placed non-composite crew in each event will receive the club champion plaque for that event.

## Victor Ludorum

- 2.6. The most successful club at senior level and the most successful club/school at junior level, based on the results of all four days' racing taken together, will each be declared the Victor Ludorum and will be presented with commemorative plaques.

## 3. Conditions of Entry

- 3.1. The British Rowing Club Championships is open to any individual member of a club affiliated to any Great Britain Rowing Body. Individual competitors, including substitutes, must have been registered members of their declared club(s) by 1 June 2026.
- 3.2. The British Rowing Club Championships is a national competition; entries are accepted from Clubs affiliated to Federations that are members of World Rowing, and not currently suspended.
- 3.3. Competitors must provide their own equipment.
- 3.4. All junior crews must have a named coach or responsible adult. The coach, who must be 18 years of age or older, must be named on the entry form and a current mobile telephone number for that person must be provided.
- 3.5. A competitor shall not enter more than one event on a day. No provision will be made for multiple entries or boat sharing.
- 3.6. The Committee strongly encourages single club entries to enter the above events to gain an Event Ranking for their club; however, composites (excluding Club or Beginner events) are permitted for those that genuinely do not have suitable partners from within their club.



- 3.7. Beginner events are only open to athletes who have taken up classic rowing on the water (regardless of discipline) after 1 June of the preceding year.
- 3.8. Senior crews/scullers must enter Championship events if they contain any members (excluding the cox) who are current GB squad athletes (senior or age-group), funded athletes, or athletes who have competed (regardless of discipline) since 1 April 2023 at any of the following:
- a. The Olympic and Paralympic regattas
  - b. The World Rowing Championships
  - c. A World Rowing Cup regatta
  - d. The World Rowing Under 23 Championships
  - e. The World Rowing Junior/Under 19 Championships
  - f. The Oxford-Cambridge University Boat Races (Blue or Reserve races but not Lightweight)
  - g. A semi-final at Henley Royal Regatta in any event (including junior events)
  - h. A final of a Championship event at Henley Women's Regatta
  - i. A Championship event at BUCS Regatta and finished in the top three.
- 3.9. The Championship organisers may, in exceptional circumstances, notify a club that an entry will not be accepted in certain events if they consider such an entry to be inappropriate.

## 4. Making Entries

- 4.1 Entries must be made through BROE. Entries will open at 15:00 on Thursday, 7 May 2026 and **must be submitted by 13:00 on Tuesday, 7 July 2026** 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, please email [brchampionships@britishrowing.org](mailto:brchampionships@britishrowing.org) in good time.
- 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. 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 by Friday, 10 July. You should ensure that this email address is monitored and up to date.
- d. You should check that you 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.

## 5. The Draw Process

- 5.1 The draw will be coordinated virtually on Wednesday, 8 July from 13:00 onwards. The Provisional Timetable will be published by Friday, 10 July on the website: [British Rowing Club Championships](#). The Entries List, Provisional Timetable and Competitor Instructions will be posted on the website and a link will be emailed to all BROE administrators who have entered crews.
- 5.2 The deadline for corrections to the draw should be made to [brchampionships@britishrowing.org](mailto:brchampionships@britishrowing.org) by Monday, 13 July.

## 6. Making Changes to Entries

- 6.1 If, after entries have closed, an athlete is selected to represent Great Britain or race at the Home International Regatta and will therefore be unable to attend the Championships, that athlete may either be substituted without affecting the crew's overall substitution numbers, or the crew may be withdrawn from the event and a refund of the entry fee given. In this instance the coach or BROE administrator should contact the Entries Secretary as early as possible.
- 6.2 Crews that scratch before the Regatta should scratch on BROE. Crews that have scratched cannot be reinstated.



## 7. Racing Format

- 7.1 The Championships draw system aims to identify the fastest 3 crews in each event.
- 7.2 All events (even for straight finals) **may** be subject to a time trial to determine progression to later rounds. The precise structure of later rounds cannot be determined until the number of crews that have completed the time trial is known.
- 7.3 J15 doubles & singles and J14 coxed quads, doubles & singles events side-by-side races take place over 1000m and time trials over 900m.
- 7.4 All other events will be raced over 2000m and time trials over 1500m.
- 7.5 Information on redraws will be posted on the results website as soon as verified and available. The lane draw for finals will be seeded on the results of previous rounds.
- 7.6 At the time of the draw, events will have the following rounds:

Number of Crews	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Repechage Semi-Finals	Finals
6 or fewer	Time Trial	-	Final A : 1 – 6
7	Time Trial <i>1<sup>st</sup> to Final A Remainder to Repechage</i>	1 x Repechage <i>1<sup>st</sup> 5 to Final A Remainder eliminated</i>	Final A : 1 – 6
8-12	Time Trial <i>1<sup>st</sup> 2 to Final A Remainder to 2 x repechages</i>	2 x Repechages <i>1<sup>st</sup> 2 to Final A Remainder to Final B</i>	Final A : 1 – 6 Final B : 7 - 12
13	Time Trial <i>1<sup>st</sup> 12 to Semi-Finals Remainder eliminated</i>	2 x Semi-Finals <i>1<sup>st</sup> 3 to Final A Remainder to Final B</i>	Final A : 1 – 6 Final B : 7 - 12
14 or more	Time Trial <i>Top 12 to Semi-Finals Remainder to Minor Finals or eliminated</i>	2 x Semi-Finals <i>1<sup>st</sup> 3 to Final A Remainder to Final B</i>	Final A : 1 – 6 Final B : 7 – 12 Final C : 13 -18 etc

- 7.7 The Committee reserves the right to offer minor final C only to crews placed 13th to 18th in the time trial: minor finals (D, E, F etc.) for the remaining crews will only be offered if the timetable permits.
- 7.8 The Committee reserves the right to combine finals if crews withdraw before the start of the race. This may happen at the start.



## 8. Indicative Timetable

8.1 The Events will be raced on the following days:

Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday	
Senior (2,000m)	Junior (2,000m)	Senior (2,000m)	Junior (2,000m)	Senior (2,000m)	Junior (2,000m)		Junior (1,000m)
O Club 4-	O J18 1x	Mxd Ch 8	W J18 1x	O Ch 4-	O J18 4x		O J14 1x
W Club 4-	W J18 2x	O Club 8	O J18 8	W Ch 4-	W J16 4x		W J14 1x
O Ch Lwt 1x	O J16 2x	W Club 8	W J18 8	O Club 4+	W J18 4x		O J14 2x
W Ch Lwt 1x	W J16 1x	O Club 4x	O J18 2x	W Club 4+	O J16 4x		W J14 2x
O Club 1x	W J18 2-	W Club 4x	W J16 2x	O Ch 2x	O J15 4x+		O J14 4x+
W Club 1x	O J18 4-	Mxd Club 4+	O J16 1x	W Ch 2x	W J15 4x+		W J14 4x+
W Beg 4+	W J16 2-	O Beg 1x	O J18 2-	O Club 2x	OJ-AR-O 1x		W J15 1x
O Beg 2x	O J16 4+	W Beg 2x	W J18 4-	W Club 2x	WJ-AR-O 1x		W J15 2x
			W J16 4+	O Club 2-			O J15 1x
			O J16 2-	W Club 2-			O J15 2x
				W Beg 1x			
				O Beg 4+			
				O AR1/2 1x			
				W AR1/2 1x			
				O AR3 1x			
				W AR3 1x			

8.2 General notes about the indicative timetable:

- The final race timetable is subject to change until all crews intending to race have registered and completed the time trial or preliminary race. The above timetable is indicative only, the Committee reserves the right to move events should it be necessary.
- For each event, final A will follow immediately after final B (if required). The time interval between these finals will not be known until entries close.



## 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.
- 9.3 When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the Championships or an event, the draw pattern may be changed or times from time trials or side by side races may be used to determine which crews will progress to later rounds, or to determine the medal positions or the plaque winners.
- 9.4 Crews that fail to confirm their entry to the Entries Secretary at least 45 minutes before the time of the first race (for 1500m TT 2000m SBS) or 30 minutes before the time of the first race (for 900m TT or 1000m SBS) in the event for which they have been entered may 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 Regatta they must contact Registration and register their 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 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 Winners' identification may be checked. 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 themselves informed of any changes to the event programme.



- 9.10. Competitors are reminded that they must make their digital membership card with a clear up-to-date photograph available at the competition if requested by the Organising Committee. If an up-to-date photograph is not required by their Great Britain Rowing Body, the competitor must bring a photographic identity document with them to the Regatta.
- 9.11. BROE administrators agree that by entering competitors they have made the competitors and their parents/guardians (where in loco parentis) aware of the above regulations and other relevant notices within this document.
- 9.12. Further competition documentation will be released on the website in due course, all competitors, coaches, responsible adults, parents & carers are expected to comply with such documentation.

## **10. Photography and Media**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 The use of drones is not permitted under any circumstances at the National Water Sports Centre. Any club which is seen to be 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.

## **11. Selection for the GB Rowing Team or Home International Regatta**

- 11.1 The Organising Committee of the British Rowing Club Championships understands that crews or individuals trialling for the Great Britain Rowing Team (GBRT) or the Home International Regatta (HIR) may also wish to enter the Championships. Currently they have to enter the Championships before they know whether they are selected for the Junior GBRT or HIR as Championships entries are closed before the GBRT or HIR selection processes have been concluded.



- 11.2 To make sure clubs are not deterred from entering the Championships for financial reasons, any crew which includes an athlete who is selected as a competitor or spare for the current Junior GBRT or HIR may have its entry fee for the Championships refunded in full if, as a result of that selection, it then has to scratch from the Championships.
- 11.3 All requests for refunds must be received by the Entries Secretary by Tuesday 21 July 2026.

## 12. Clean Sport Statement

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 To understand more about anti-doping, the rules and your responsibilities, go to <https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/cleansport/> or email [cleansport@britishrowing.org](mailto:cleansport@britishrowing.org).

## 13. Sustainability

At the British Rowing Championships, our aim is to deliver an enjoyable and competitive event while minimising the impact the event has on the environment. We are taking steps in planning for the event to achieve this goal. Further details will be announced in the competitor's instructions.

## 14. 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](mailto:champscrew@britishrowing.org).



## 15. Welfare & Safeguarding

The Organising Committee recognises their Duty of Care to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to provide a safe environment for all those attending the Regatta in whatever capacity. The Organising Committee believes that the safety, welfare and wellbeing of all children and vulnerable adults is paramount. The Organising Committee has in place a comprehensive welfare and safeguarding policy which will be circulated prior to the Regatta and published on the website.

Each club is responsible for the welfare, safety and appropriate supervision of their team and is expected to know the whereabouts of their club at all times during the Regatta. Sufficient appropriate supervision should be in place within each team to accommodate the number of junior competitors attending the Regatta. Any safeguarding concerns **must** be escalated to the Regatta Welfare Officer immediately.

## 16. Table of Key Dates

Date (2026)	Activity
Thursday, 7 May	15:00 Entries open on BROE
Tuesday, 7 July	13:00 Entries close
Friday, 10 July	Provisional Timetable published
Saturday, 11 July	BROE re-opened for substitutions only
Monday, 13 July	Deadline for requests for corrections to the draw
Friday, 17 July - Monday, 20 July	07:30* The Registration Office opens daily from 60 minutes before the first race of the day. *Time may change subject to race timetable

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