



**BEACH SPRINTS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2026 Notice of Competition

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1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

- 1.1. The 2026 British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will be held on Friday, 4-Sunday, 6 September in Bournemouth, Dorset, in front of the “Toft Zig-Zag”. The venue postcode is BH1 3EP. <https://what3words.com/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, BUCS, Under 23, Inclusive, 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)
Masters *	x	x			
Inclusive **					CInMx 2x
Senior	x	x	x	x	x
BUCS ***	x	x			
Under 23 ****	x	x			
Junior	x	x			x
Junior U16	x	x			

* Masters events will not be handicapped and are for crews that meet Sub-Category Masters B or older. (See sub-section 3.12)

** The mixed inclusive double is for a mixed double (one athlete is eligible to compete in women's events, and one of the two athletes has a PR3 classification. (See sub-section 3.13)

*** For the student events, the entrant must be a registered student at a University - and entry made on BUCS Play. (See sub-section 3.10)

**** For those athletes that are eligible to row as Under 23 but can not enter a BUCS event. (See sub-section 3.11)

Entry fee: £40 (1x), £80 (2x).

Following on from the success in 2025, on Saturday and Sunday 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/Medals

- 2.2. Events with more than 3 entries entered will have Gold, Silver and Bronze medals; If only three entries in an event then only Gold and Silver Medals will be awarded.
- 2.3. The winners of the BUCS student events will be awarded BUCS (British & Universities Colleges Sport) medals
- 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 should provide their own blades.** Concept2 will be making blades available for hire - competitors should contact Concept2 directly to arrange.
- 3.8. The Indicative Timetable is provided at Section 8.
- 3.9. Junior events will be in accordance with British Rowing’s definition of Junior (British Rowing Rule of Racing 2-3a and 2-3c)
- 3.10. For the BUCS events, entries must be made on BUCS Play; entry information

will be published directly via BUCS and there is no need to enter separately via BROE.

- 3.11. For the Under 23 events, the entrant must be eligible to row as an Under 23 athlete but unable to enter a BUCS event (see sub-section 3.10) at this competition (e.g. they are not at a University).
- 3.12. To enter a Masters event a crew member must be able to race in masters sub-category B, or older, (see British Rowing Rule of Racing 4-4a). Events will not use a Masters Handicap.
- 3.13. A coastal Inclusive Mixed double must have at least one athlete eligible to row in a women's event (see British Rowing rule 4-1-1); and one athlete must have a PR3 classification.
- 3.14. There will be two separate Mixed 4x+ Challenge events, one at the end of Saturday and one at the end of Sunday (see subsection 2.1). At least 50% of the crew, excluding the coxswains, shall be eligible to row in women's events (see British Rowing Rule of Racing 4-1-1); an exception to that will be where crews formed on the day (from individual seat entries) where there are not sufficient entries for at least 50% of the crew to be eligible to row in women's events.
- 3.15. All competitors **should provide their own boat handlers**. 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 at 18:00 on Tuesday, 23 June 2026 and must be submitted by 11:00 on Wednesday, 26 August 2026. The Championships does not accept late entries.
- 4.2. Students entering the BUCS solo events must enter on BROE (paying £34) and also enter on BUCSplay, paying £6. Full details on the process will be published by BUCS.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. Please note when submitting entries through BROE:
 - a. Payment must be made by credit or debit card through BROE before close of entries for the entry to be accepted.
 - 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 on **Friday, 28 August by 10:00**. You should ensure that this email address is monitored and up-to-date.
 - d. You should check that you can comply with the Conditions of Entry (see Section 3).
- 4.5. Please note:
 - a. Errors made by the Organising Committee may be rectified in the published information.
 - b. 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, 31 August. Responses to such requests will only be available after this time.
 - c. 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, 26 August**. No details will be disclosed before **10:00 on Friday, 28 August** when the Provisional Timetable will be published on the website: www.britishrowing.org/brbsc.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Enquiries regarding the draw should be made by email to **BRBSentries@britishrowing.org**. Please remember to include your full contact details.
- 5.4. 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, 28 August** to **19.00 on Thursday, 3 September**. 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 (clearly stating the BROE Crew ID and event name 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 day of their event at Registration by 15 minutes before the Crew Briefing (see 7.10 and 7.11).
- 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.
- 6.6. Refund of and entry fee will be made in full where either of the following are true:
 - 6.6.1. Entry is 'withdrawn' prior to time of entries closing
 - 6.6.2. After entries close, the Organising Committee communicates a change of venue/events and provides a time window for entries to 'scratch'.

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.
- 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. All entries in an event will have a final position based on their last round / position / time. (So all Quarterfinalists not progressing to SF will be ranked based on their time in the QF).
- 7.7. Please note that following the close of entries, when entry numbers are known some events may be merged to share the same quarter final set of races - where winners of the individual events will be the highest placed crews. (Aiming to give all crews the best possible race experience we can).
- 7.8. The provisional timetable may change due to weather conditions.

- 7.9. A crew's selection of preferred lane before their first side-by-side race will carry across all subsequent rounds, and the faster of the crews will get their preference.
- 7.10. Information on the draw and progressions will be confirmed at the Pre-Race Crew Briefing.
- 7.11. All crew members must attend the Pre-Race Crew Briefing that their event runs on.

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

	Fri 4 Sept	Sat 5 Sept	Sun 6 Sept
8:00		Pre-Race Crew Briefing	
9:00		Group A Knockout	Pre-Race Crew Briefing
10:00	Setup		Group B Knockout
11:00			
12:00			
13:00	Registration for Group A / Pre-Race Crew Briefing	Prizegiving for Group A / Registration for Group B	
14:00	Group A TT	Group B TT	
15:00			Quads
16:00			Prizegiving and Pack up
17:00			
18:00		Quads	

General notes about the indicative timetable

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

<i>Fri 4 - Sat 5 Sept (Group A)</i>	<i>Sat 5 - Sun 6 Sept (Group B)</i>
CW 2x	CW J1x
CO 1x	CW J16 1x
CO BUCS 1x	CW 1x
CO U23 1x	CW BUCS 1x
CO Mas 1x	CW U23 1x
CO J1x	CW Mas 1x
CO J16 1x	CO 2x
ClInMx 2x	CMx J2x
CMx 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 themselves 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 and 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

- 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

- 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 (2026)

Entries Open	18:00 Tuesday, 23 June
Entries Close	11:00 Wednesday, 26 August
Provisional Entries List & Race Programme Published	10.00 Friday, 28 August
BROE Open for Subs only	10.00 Friday, 28 August
Deadline for substitutions on BROE	19.00 Thursday, 3 September
Registration Opens	13.00 Friday, 4 September

** 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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