

Stourport Winter Head 22nd January 2017

Notes for Clubs and Competitors

The Head is run under **British Rowing Rules** and the **Row Safe**.

Trailers will be parked within the club grounds, towing vehicles must be removed from the club grounds. The car park at the rear of the Sports Centre has recently been sold and at present we are unsure whether this will be available on the day. Car parking may involve using the public pay and display sites which are located on the other side of town. Please note that our neighbours Stourport Swifts FC may have a match during the morning and clear access should be left for them to access and exit, do not park within their grounds unless advised by a monitor that it has been approved to do so.

Clear access should be left from SBC to the main road for emergency vehicles.

On arrival, all competitors must report to registration (upstairs in the members bar) before they race where registration details will be checked. If you have **any changes** to your entry these must be declared before collecting your number. You may only change 50% of the original crew you entered. In the event of single scullers, the scullers named on the entry form can not be changed. Numbers will be issued when all fees are paid. **(The appropriate number to be worn by the Bow)**

You must have your Rowing licence with you in order to compete.

It is advised that competitors and junior coaches attend the safety briefing sessions which will be held in the boat house prior to each division. The timing of these will be announced on the day'

Boating starts from 08.30hrs for the morning division and 1200hrs for the afternoon division. This may alter dependent upon the number of entries. Please adhere to instructions to boat when called. The morning division is due to start at 1030hrs and the afternoon at 1330hrs

All crews must be away from the Club landing stage at least 30 minutes before each division is due to start and be in their marshalling positions 10 minutes before the start of each division. Crews ignoring these instructions risk starting at the rear of the racing order. Blatant abuse of the system may result in time penalties being added or disqualification.

Crews must proceed to the start on the east bank (Town side) unless they are told by the monitors that centre stream is clear. On reaching the marshalling area crews will be allocated marshalling positions by the Launch monitor (remember you're number. You will be asked). Crews and scullers must not row at full pressure anywhere in the marshalling area. Boats will be marshalled with bows facing upstream with the lowest numbered crew furthest upstream.

On finishing, all crews must continue paddling until well clear of the finish before turning to give following racing crews room. Proceed back to the Club on the west bank (Club side). Ensuring that you are tight into the bank and remain aware of crews still racing. A finish monitor will in position to ensure compliance. **Returning crews must not overtake.**

If a boat fails a safety check, the umpire will complete a failure form, a copy of which will be given to you on request.

At all times please respect other river users, particularly on the way to the start by not making contact with the moored cruisers. Please ensure all competitors are familiar with the map of the river

In the event of an accident/ incident the event will log a report with British Rowing. Individuals and or visiting clubs should do so as well.

Results – Due to racing being split over the two divisions, results and times will only be issued once the second division has finished. We thank you in advance for your patience with this.

GENERAL NOTICES

The Organising committee accepts no responsibility for competitors' or spectators' personal property.

Please be considerate to our neighbours at all times – Thank you.

There is a public pay-phone in the High Street near the Wheatsheaf Public House – In an emergency 999 calls can be made in the boat house by the gentlemen's changing room or from the club telephone located in the upstairs members bar.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your entry. Our annual regatta and sprint takes place on the weekend of August 12th & 13th 2017.