

Stourport Winter Head 28th January 2024

Notes for Clubs and Competitors

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

Entries

Entries open at the start of December 2023. Planned closing is 18th January 2024 at 9pm, unless we reach our entry limit sooner- in which case entries will close early. Therefore, **please enter early to avoid disappointment**.

Low CRI events are accepted. Points must not exceed 10 per rower. In the case of making an entry where you believe a crew to be Low CRI but they exceed this limit, please contact via email at entries@stourportbc.co.uk to discuss further.

Trailer Parking

Please note that we need your co-operation to ensure that we can accommodate trailer parking. Trailers will be directed by a marshal where to park. Towing vehicles **must** be moved- you will be directed by a marshal to show you where allocated spaces have been reserved for you. Trailers parked on the rear carpark must allow clear access from SBC to the main road for emergency vehicles.

Car Parking

Competitors and supporter's car parking will be at the public pay and display sites in town which are located on the other side of the river.

This year there will also be parking available at the neighbouring medical centre.

Registration

Registration is located upstairs in the committee room.

All numbers will be issued to the nominated person for your club.

It will be assumed that all crews not scratched or withdrawn have arrived and are ready to race.

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 is to be worn by the Bow person – on racing kit please

A bow number will also be issued for your empacher slot. These are aluminium metal this year- for the purpose of trialling a new system- and require the provided cable ties to secure the number in place. They are heavier than previous empacher numbers but allow for fair racing as every crew has one. **Please return the empacher number upon landing-** there will be a box to put them in. If you forget to put it in the box please make sure you return it to registration. **If a crew's number is not returned the attending club will be charged £10 per number- the club will be emailed using the provided entry secretary details on BROE- bank details will be sent to transfer the money to.**

Numbers not clearly visible may result in a 'No Time Recorded' verdict.

You must have your Rowing license with you in order to collect winner's prizes

Safety Briefing

There will be a safety briefing at 0830hrs and 1200hrs for morning and afternoon division respectively.

Boat Checking

Crews will be responsible for the safety and good working order of their own equipment. Spot checks will be made. 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.

Boating on

Please ensure you move away from the landing stage as quickly as possible once boated.

- **Morning Division**

- Crews **1 to 41** will boat from 9am until 9:25am and go downstream from the club to warm up. Crews not boated by 9:25 will need to wait until 10:00am and receive a 10 second time penalty.
- Crews **44 to 87** will boat from 9:25am to 10:00am and go up stream to the start. Crews not boated by 10:00 will receive a 10 second time penalty.

- **Afternoon Division**

- Crews **101 to 147** will boat from 1300hrs to 1325hrs and go downstream from the club to warm up. Crews not boated by 1325pm will need to wait until 13:30pm and receive a 10 second time penalty.
- Crews **149 to 177** will boat from 1325hrs to 1400hrs and go up stream to the start. Crews not boated by 1400hrs will receive a 10 second time penalty.

Proceeding to the start

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 your number- you will be asked).

Crews must not row at full pressure anywhere in the marshalling area. Boats will be marshalled with bows facing upstream according to the starting formation.

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

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.**

Recording Incidents

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.

In the event of an accident/incident on the water, competitors MUST follow the instruction of race officials.

Any umpire or SBC race official can request that the event be cancelled, or racing be stopped if in their opinion it is dangerous to run the event safely due to inclement weather, i.e. lightning strikes, strong winds, etc. Race Control will immediately consult with umpires and race officials and agree to either delay racing, or call the event off. The decision will then be relayed to all officials, competitors and spectators.

All crews on the water MUST follow the instructions of the marshals/umpires, who will ensure crews are escorted back to the landing stage by safety and marshalling launches.

Insurance

Please note that the British Rowing membership insurance for our event is only valid for UK residents who are resident in this country for more than six months in a year.

Results

Events will be held per division and results will be issued as soon as possible after the division. Prizes will be issued to winning crews wanting to head off early. Results will be posted on the internet after the event at www.webscorer.com. It is hoped that split times will be available. If your crew is racing time only, prizes will not be awarded and the race fee will be halved.

NEW FOR 2024: EVENT PENNANTS

We are pleased to be offering event pennants this year to the following crews:

- Fastest Open Crew of the Day**
- Fastest Women's Crew of the Day**
- Fastest Open Junior Crew of the Day**
- Fastest Women's Junior Crew of the Day**

Pennant winners will be announced and presented at the end of the day's racing in the clubhouse, where overall results will also be read out.

GENERAL NOTICES

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

There is a public pay-phone in the High Street near the Wheatsheaf Public House – In an emergency 999 calls can be made from the telephone located upstairs at registration.

Our grounds tend to become quite muddy and there are big puddles in the trailer area- please consider suitable footwear i.e. wellies.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your entry.