



LINCOLN HEAD



Local Rules 2017

General

1. This head race is run by the Lincoln Rowing Centre under the British Rowing Rules, British Rowing Rules of Racing, RowSafe, these Local Rules and any other instructions published by the Committee.
2. The event is open to all club and composite crews.
3. The committee reserves the right to alter the list of entries to correct a mistake or should it be in the best interests of racing. The committee reserves the right to withdraw any event unless there are 3 entries with 2 to race. This shall form the basis of what is defined as a "competitive event"
4. Entry numbers may be limited for safety reasons.
5. Captains must ensure that they only enter competent crews and that their crews are properly prepared for the race. The weather in March can be wet and cold; hypothermia is a real danger. Crews should therefore take sufficient warm clothing on the water with them (a plastic bag is useful for placing clothing in for the duration of the race).
6. All coxes and steersmen should be familiar with the Marshalling Instructions.
7. Coxes will not be weighed.
8. Unless otherwise advised by Control Commission crews not reaching the finish line 15 minutes prior to the scheduled division start time, or Washingborough staging 5 minutes prior to this time may be turned around and not allowed to race as it is considered unfair to other crews who have made it on time. Crews who arrive at Washingborough staging less than minutes before scheduled division start time due to race the standard course may be given a 10 second penalty.
9. In the case where 2 crews are likely to be abreast alongside Washingborough landing stage the slower crew must give way to allow the faster crew to pass.
10. Infringement of Rules, non-compliance with Official instruction, or Unsportsmanlike conduct may also result in the application of time penalties. This is supplementary to any action taken in accordance with the Rules of Racing
11. In the case of having to cancel the race. An administration fee of £3/seat may be levied before refunds are issued.

Entries and Events

1. Entrants should indicate an alternative event in which they wish to compete if there are insufficient entries in the chosen event. Out of preference crews racing the same event will be combined in the same division, but the Organiser Committee will allow racing for the same event across divisions on application.
2. If no alternative event can be found, crews will race for the Fastest Boat of the type entered (e.g. fastest women's quad, or open pair, etc.). This will be designated as Elite on the draw / BROE.
 - i. In exceptional circumstances this may result in the same crew racing twice for the same "Fastest Boat" as long as there is other competition for this "event".
 - ii. A crew winning a Fastest Boat event will only receive this prize for that boat entry.
3. If it is not possible to allocate a crew to any event, a crew may be given the option of rowing the course with their time recorded. The entry will be designated as Time Only (TO) and entry fee reduced by £3/head.
4. A Novice category race over the shorter course is offered for rowers who are new to the sport (first year of rowing), that do not hold points and that are not entered into any other events at the Head.
5. Masters: If it proves necessary to combine events the current British Rowing handicapping system will be used. Events will be formed by combining no more than 3 adjacent Masters' categories (e.g. B, C, D, but not B, C, E). Other statuses may race for fastest crew in their (Masters) boat category if an event exists in said category.
6. Once entries close the club entering a crew will be responsible for the payment of their entry.
7. If you scratch an incorrect entry and replace it, please ask the competition's Entries Secretary to transfer your payment: PLEASE DO NOT PAY TWICE.