



**LINCOLN ROWING CENTRE
LINCOLN HEAD
15 MARCH 2026**

Local Rules

General

1. This head race is run by the Lincoln Rowing Centre under the British Rowing Rules of Racing, RowSafe, these Local Rules, and any other instructions published by the Organising Committee.
2. The Organising 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 Organising 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"
3. Entry numbers may be limited for safety reasons.
4. 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).
5. All coxes and steersmen should be familiar with the marshalling instructions and circulation patterns.
6. Coxes will not be routinely weighed although they must still meet the minimum weight requirements in rule 7-2-7d of the Rules of Racing.
7. Crews that have not boated or are not in the queue to boat by their allotted boating time (as shown on the draw) may be given a time penalty of 15 seconds or may be disqualified from racing.
8. Boats that do not have a boat identity (see Rules of Racing 7-2-9f) or that have a clearly incorrect boat identity may be given a time penalty of 15 seconds.
9. 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 racing the standard course who arrive at Washingborough staging less than 10 minutes before the scheduled division start time may be given a 10 second penalty.
10. 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.
11. Infringement of the Rules, non-compliance with Official instructions, or unsportsmanlike conduct, may result in the application of time penalties or in disqualification. This is supplementary to any action taken in accordance with the Rules of Racing.
12. If the race has to be cancelled (either in total or a single division) 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 their chosen event. Out of preference crews racing the same event will be combined in the same division, but the Organising Committee will allow racing for the same event across divisions on application.
2. Boat classes may be banded using similar ranking.
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. If no Masters event is available, the Organising Committee may place Masters crews into Open events unless the crew indicates otherwise on their entry.
5. If no Junior event is available, the Organising Committee may place Junior crews into Open events, in accordance with the Rules of Racing, unless the crew indicates otherwise on their entry.
6. Once entries close the club entering a crew will be responsible for the payment of their entry.