

**SCOTTISH ROWING SPRING REGATTA  
SCOTTISH STUDENT SPORT ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

20 April 2024

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is the provisional draw for the Scottish Rowing Spring Regatta, which will take place on Saturday 27 April and Sunday 28 April. Please refer carefully to the guidance below to assist us in the smooth running of the regatta.

- **Club information form:** All clubs must complete this [online club information form](#) by **5pm on Wednesday 24 April**. This allows us to make sure we provide enough racking on the day, space for trailers and collect emergency contact numbers.
- **Check the draw published on the day:** the enclosed schedule is **PROVISIONAL**. The draw can change, and the race draw followed will be the one available on the day. The most up to date information will be provided on the [Spring Regatta website](#).
- **Communication:** It is mandatory that each club provides a working mobile phone number and email address for at least one representative (coach or club contact) that will be present on the days of the regatta – this should be provided using the Club Information Form (link above). These details will be used to disseminate essential information throughout the day of the regatta and will include a WhatsApp group for event communication. All contact details will be deleted at the end of the weekend.
- **General enquiries** should be made in person to the Crew Information Desk, which will be located in the Scottish Rowing Centre meeting room.
- **Scratches and substitutions:**
  - Substitutions must be made in line with Scottish Rowing Rules of Racing, Rule B10.
  - Until 9pm on Thursday 25 April, substitutions, entry changes and scratches must be made in writing by email to [entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk)
  - After 9pm on Thursday 25 April, substitutions and changes should be done by clubs themselves online and will close 60 minutes before the start of each racing block. **Advance registration is required** – details will be circulated to clubs early next week.
  - Any scratches and substitutions which are required within 60 minutes of the start of the racing block should be made in person to the Crew Information Desk, which will be located inside the Scottish Rowing Centre in the meeting room.
- **No check-in/registration is required at this regatta.**
- **Bow numbers** for straight finals can be collected 60 minutes before the race start time. For races preceded by heats/semi-finals, bow numbers can be collected 60 minutes before the race start time or as soon as lanes have been drawn, whichever is later.
- **Boats:** Clubs should note that it is their responsibility to ensure that all boats they use at the regatta comply with the safety requirements, including buoyancy and heel restraints, described in RowSafe Scotland, which is available on the [Scottish Rowing website](#). **RowSafe Scotland is new for 2024 and particular attention should be paid to this publication.**



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Control Commission may apply checks at the regatta. Participants should be prepared to demonstrate to Control Commission observers that the key safety features (bow ball, buoyancy compartments, heel restraints/foot release) are in place and effective.

- **Boat in good time:** Get afloat in good time and stay within easy hailing distance of the Starter from 10 minutes before your scheduled race time.
- **Obey the circulation patterns, attached to this letter and available online.** Failure to obey the circulation patterns constitutes a safety hazard and is likely to result in racing penalties. Training is permitted as indicated.
- **Cycling:** No cycling is permitted within the competition site, i.e. within the trailer parks, the boating areas and the areas adjacent to the Finish Tower and Medal Pontoon. Coaches are permitted to follow races but not within the competition site. It is strongly recommended that only **one** bicycle per crew follows a race. Coaches shall take due care and attention when cycling: traffic must be single file and pedestrians have right of way at all times.
- **Coxswains:** No weigh-in will be required for coxed events at this regatta.
- **The Start and side-by-side racing: all races will start from the 2000m start.** Ensure your crews, especially inexperienced competitors, have received appropriate training in attaching and staying attached to stake-boats. In a cross wind, approach the stake-boat from the windward side and once attached, keep bows pointing into the wind until the Starter advises otherwise. For 1000m races, crews should paddle down in their racing lane until they reach the finish tower, then proceed to the pontoons or enter the cool-down loop.

- **Winning events and medals:**

Medals will only be awarded if a crew has beaten at least one other crew in its category. Some races at this regatta consist of more than one event. **The winner of each event within a combined race will be the fastest eligible crew.**

- For Spring Regatta events: events with larger entries will award minor medals: **silver** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **four** or more entries in that category, and **bronze** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **six** or more entries in that category. The number of entries is the number included with the provisional schedule.
- For Scottish Student Rowing Championship events: events with larger entries will award minor medals: **silver** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **six** or more entries in that category, and **bronze** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **eight** or more entries in that category. The number of entries is the number included with the provisional schedule.

Medals will be awarded at the medal presentation pontoon immediately following each Final A or Final. If a crew cannot go directly to the medal presentation pontoon, medals can be collected 'on foot' as soon as possible afterwards. There will also be an opportunity for photographs during the day.

- **Club uniform:** ensure your crews comply with Rule C7 by wearing the uniform your club has registered with Scottish Rowing or British Rowing; umpires at Control Commission will be checking this point (in addition to their other duties) as confusion caused by crews not properly attired can seriously disrupt the regatta.
- **Trailers:** When you arrive on site, please check-in with a marshal who will direct parking of trailers. Access to the event site is not available until 2.30pm on Friday 26 April and all trailers must be removed by 9.30pm on Sunday 28 April. The gates to the Watersports Centre area close at 9:30pm; late arrivals will have to park in the alternative parking areas. The gates will reopen at approximately

7am on Saturday morning. Competitors are reminded that, although security is in place, equipment is left entirely at their own risk.

- **Catering:** Catering will be provided in the Regatta Marquee by Strathclyde Park Rowing Club from one hour before the first race until an hour after racing (approximately). All payments will be cashless so please bring a payment card with you. Any individual club providing catering should be of a hospitality nature, for their members only, and with no charges being made for food or drink.
- **Club gazebos:** These may be erected beyond the regatta field, but please note this is not a secure area. Clubs who wish to erect a gazebo within the regatta field which is closed to the public overnight should do so behind the two regatta marquees and ensure they do not encroach on the area reserved for Trade Stands.
- **Toilets:** The toilets within the Watersports Centre will be open to the public. There is also a toilet block near the Tea Tent. The toilets in the Scottish Rowing Centre are for umpires, officials, volunteers and those with specific needs – they should not be used by other athletes or members of the public.
- **Changing/showering facilities:** Male and female changing rooms are located upstairs in the Watersports Centre; codes for entry to these can be obtained from reception in the Watersports Centre. Please note there is public access to the changing rooms. Lockers are available in the changing rooms and keys can be obtained from the Watersports Centre reception desk for a small deposit. Please do not leave unattended kit bags in the changing rooms unless they are in lockers.
- **Warm-up/stretching:** An area is set aside in the Scottish Rowing Centre for this purpose.
- **First aid:** First aiders will be based in front of the Watersports Centre during the regatta. Emergency club and coach phone numbers should be provided on the Club Information Form prior to the regatta. Please make sure the details are up to date and the representative(s) can answer the phone during the whole regatta.
- **Safeguarding:** Scottish Rowing is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and protected adults in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children and protected adults from harm, abuse and exploitation. The policy (including procedures for reporting concerns) and the code of conduct related to the policy can be found [here](#).

The Regatta Organising Committee recognises its Duty of Care to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to provide a safe environment for all those attending the regatta in whatever capacity. Each coach is responsible for the welfare, safety and appropriate supervision of their crew(s) and is expected to know the whereabouts of his/her crew at all times during the regatta.

If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of a child before, during, or after the event, you can report those concerns in confidence to:

- The Scottish Rowing Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer, Mark Senter: [childprotection@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:childprotection@scottish-rowing.org.uk) / 07852 947 907, or alternatively
- The NSPCC's general helpline for adults: 0808 800 5000, and Childline for children and young people 0800 1111

In an emergency, you should dial 999.

- **Photography:** The regatta takes place in a public environment, therefore photography and filming by the general public cannot be controlled by the organisers. Competitors, club managers and parents/guardians should bear this in mind when considering participation. Within the competition site, there is a zero-photography policy for junior participants outwith their own club. For example, a photograph of your club's winning junior crew, with no other participants in the

photograph is acceptable; a photograph of your club's junior crew racing, with other participants' faces visible in the photograph is not acceptable.

Yours sincerely,

Jen Thomson, Chair, SR Regatta Organising Committee

Queries to: Becky Bannister as soon as possible; email [entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk)

