

**2021 South Coast Rowing Championships.  
Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley, Southampton.  
Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.**

**General instructions.**

Note: The Regatta organising committee and the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association and the South Coast Rowing Council can accept no responsibility for any injury, loss or damage however it may be caused as a result of this event. The committee has taken reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and competitors must obey the instructions of the Committee and all of the Officials, Marshal's and Royal Victoria Park staff.

- 1) All races to be rowed under the rules of the South Coast Rowing Council.
- 2) All participating clubs, crews and officials must comply with the British Rowing water safety code "Row safe". All coxswains must wear lifejackets.
- 3) The committee reserves the right to make alterations to the programme and reserves the right to amend the programme to ensure that all Championships races start at the advertised time.
- 4) All Championship, Open and invitation races are to be rowed over a straight 1800m course and will be a free start, started from a start boat. All Junior events will be raced over a straight 1000m course and there will be a free start from a Start boat.
- 5) Changes to crew personnel and crews scratched after the closing date for entries must be notified to the organising committee on the official form already provided as part of the entry pack - a further copy is included in this pack. Only 50% of a crew can be changed.  
Changes in crew personnel for championship events must be notified before the draw for positions.  
Changes to crew personnel in the Open and Junior events must be notified before or at the Captains' Briefing on regatta morning.  
Only in exceptional circumstances will council consider changes to crew personnel after these deadlines.
- 6) All crews must comply with the instructions of the Umpires and Marshals. This is for your safety and that of other crews.
- 7) Crew numbers will be visibly displayed at all times when afloat on the back of the coxswain and on the back of the bow person. Crew numbers will be provided by the organizers and can be collected from Regatta Control on the morning of the Regatta. A Crew will retain the same crew number throughout the Regatta.
- 8) Lane numbers, in line with the Rules of the South Coast Council, will be displayed on the bows of the boats. Clubs must provide their own lane numbers. Numbers one through to eight may be required.
- 9) Lane number one is nearest the Start boat, which is furthest from the shore.
- 10) Crews must follow the published Racing Circulation pattern, unless otherwise directed by a race Official or Marshal. Disqualification may result for crews failing to follow the published circulation pattern or the instructions of a Race Official or Marshal. There will be no training on the course on the day of the Regatta's.
- 11) All crews proceeding to the start in the transit lane must exercise extreme caution, follow the one way direction and keep shoreside but close to the inside course marker buoys on the way to the start.

- 12) All Boats must have been inspected by the Boat Inspection team and labelled as having passed inspection before proceeding to the boating area.
- 13) A "Boat" Marshal will chase clubs up and check crews are going afloat in good time for their race.
- 14) Crews must report to the "Beach" marshals (Green Hi-Viz Jacket), who will be stationed near to the boating area or at Regatta Control - no later than 45 minutes before the start of their race. No crew will be allowed afloat more than 45 minutes before the start of their race. The Beach Marshals will check that boats have been inspected and passed by the Boat Inspection team as they go into the water and log crews as they go afloat.
- 15) Crews must proceed to the start along the transit lane and report to the Race Marshals at the start no later than ten minutes before the start of their race.
- 16) Races may be started without reference to late arrivals.
- 17) The start will be an audible "GO", together with the simultaneous dropping of a yellow flag.
- 18) The waving of a red flag by the Starters or Umpires will signal that the race has been stopped.
- 19) The finish will be signalled by an audible signal for all crews crossing the finish line.
- 20) Crews will remain in their designated lanes and obey any steering instructions given by the following Umpires boat i.e. by flag or audible command. All protests will be settled by the Umpires in accordance with South Coast Council Rules.
- 21) Unless advised otherwise in the event of a dead-heat the crews involved should return to the start, via the return/warm-up channel immediately and the race will be re-rowed as soon as possible. Only the dead-heat crews will re-row.
- 22) The positions for finals resulting from heats will be decided by a draw made by Regatta Control (SCC Rule 60).

### Captains Briefing.

The Captains/Race Officials Briefing will take place at 7.30am on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Marquee/Tent near the boat park.