

## Notes and Conditions of Entry

- WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY WITHOUT STATING A REASON.
- Bedford Amateur Regatta is held under the BR rules of racing and will conform to the Rowsafe: Guide to Safe Practice in Rowing (<http://www.britishrowing.org/taking-part/staying-safe/rowsafe>).
- Competitors will provide their own boats, oars and sculls, which must conform to current British Rowing rules especially in respect of heel restraints and bow ball security. All boats and equipment are brought to the regatta at the owner's risk. All boats must display their Environmental Agency identification code at all times.
- The course is 1,200 meters downstream, two lanes. A pontoon start is intended unless conditions do not permit this. All races are bank umpired over the whole course.
- Clubs may alter the details of their entries at any time up to the close of entries.
- All events are subject to a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 16 entries (If the maximum is exceeded, we will endeavour to create two divisions). Our aim is to allow as many people to race as possible within the confines of the racing day and creating a safe manageable day.
- If the regatta is oversubscribed entries may be suspended early.
- Substitutions will be permitted on BROE2 up until Wednesday before the Regatta and within normal substitution rules i.e.: not more than half a crew.
- No doubling up or boat sharing is allowed in any one event. We will endeavour to arrange the timetable so as to minimise clashes between events but reserve the right to refuse entries where these impose severe difficulties in the scheduling of races. Doubling up and boat sharing is at your own risk.
- Competitors may not enter more than two events.
- Crews that scratch after the close of entries will be liable for payment of their entry fees. In the event of postponement or cancellation of the Regatta we will endeavour to refund entry fees on a pro rata basis once our unavoidable costs have been covered. In the event of a partial cancellation or cancellation of specific events on the day, no refunds will be made.
- Please ensure that you include a contact name, address and telephone number on BROE2 so that we can return the draw to you and contact you when entries close if necessary. The draw will also be displayed on this website.
- Please note that this event, in common with all rowing events, may be photographed by amateurs or professionals who sell their photographs. By entering you recognise that you may be photographed in this way.

## British Rowing (BR) Licenses

All competitors representing BR clubs must have a valid BR competition license and you must quote its number with your entry. Please check that your license starts with the numbers 201805xxxxxx or higher. You can renew Online via the BR website here.

Competitors representing clubs affiliated to Scottish Rowing, or to overseas clubs, are exempt from the BR licensing requirements providing they are representing a Club affiliated to Scottish Rowing or an overseas rowing association.

Overseas/Scottish crews must contact the BR in order to submit entries via BROE2.

NOTE: The British Rowing membership insurance is only valid for UK residents who are resident in this country for more than six months in a year.

## Priority in Accepting Entries

In all previous years at Bedford Amateur Regatta we have received more entries than we can cope with in a single day. It is just as disappointing for us, as it is for you, to have to turn entries away.

Our limitation is the number of races that we can stage - 11 hours of racing, with races at 2-3 minutes' intervals lets us have approximately 320 races.

We are quite systematic about how we decide which entries to accept or reject within an event, as follows. Entries are categorised as:

- Confirmed - completed via BROE2 and payment received.
- Provisional - completed via BROE2, but no payment received.

Note that entries are placed on the confirmed list in the order in which the payments are received, and not according to the date of the provisional entry into the BROE2 system.

Hence, in order to have the greatest chance of being accepted into the regatta, we would recommend you enter early - with immediate payment. Last minute entries are unlikely to get in!

**Entry Fees** All events cost £11.00/head (coxes free) for entries where payment is received by Wednesday 6th May 2020, otherwise £13 / head.

- £88 for all eights,
- £48 for all fours/quads.

Once entries close and your entry is accepted you are liable for your entry fee whether you race or not.

## **Special note to coaches of inexperienced crews**

We expect to have a full programme of races throughout the day at 2-3-minute gaps. In the last few years we have experienced some delays to races involving the most inexperienced crews. These delays have primarily been caused by the inability of the least experienced crews to back down and attach themselves to the start pontoon, or to cope with a cross wind at the start.

We wish to encourage all levels of grass-roots rowing and we all have to compete at our first regatta somewhere, but it spoils the regatta for other competitors including from your own club if the event is delayed by a small number of crews who aren't quite ready to compete. Please ensure that all your entries have sufficient waterman ship skills to get themselves attached to the start promptly when called and then to stay straight. If this is the first regatta your crew has ever attended, it might be wise to practice these skills at your own club before the regatta.

**We reserve the right to prevent crews who cannot attach to the starting pontoons from racing.**