



## AVON COUNTY SPRING HEAD 2018

Under British Rowing Rules and Rules of Racing and RowSafe

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 on the River Avon at Saltford  
Long course 3250m downstream at 10:00, 12:45 and 15:30  
Short course ( J14 and below ) 1500m downstream at 09:45, 12:30 and  
15:30

Races for adults and juniors - all ages - all boat types

Using BROE 2 - Crews may be divided into bands for medals, determined by Ranking Points, status points and age categories. Bands will be declared on the draw. Medals for winners of all contested categories and bands.

Entry fees: £10 per seat, coxes free  
Entries: via BROE, payment on-line or by cheque or BACS  
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Entries close: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 12:00 noon  
Draw details: Posted on the website by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Emailed out with safety docs and instructions

For further details see [www.avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk](http://www.avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk)  
The Committee reserves the right to restrict entries for safety reasons

## **General Notes**

### **Arrangement of Divisions**

All categories of boat can be accommodated in each long division. It is possible to double up between all three long divisions although timings will be tight and crews will not be allowed to launch late. We will assume you have chosen your divisions so that doubling up is not a problem for crews or boats.

If, when you go into BROE, the division you wish to enter appears to be closed, this means it has been suspended as it is full or nearly so. Please do not then put your entry into another division and write in the notes that you really wanted to compete in the suspended division, as your entry cannot be accommodated there. If you want to make an entry into a suspended division, please mail [philippa@haringtonglass.co.uk](mailto:philippa@haringtonglass.co.uk) with your request including full details of the crews. Such requests will be accommodated if possible.

For the last three years, entries have had to be suspended earlier than the published closing time, while we considered whether any more entries could safely be accommodated.

**Divisions - please note ( times provisional ):**

**Division 1 - short course - launching at 08:35 and starting at 09:45**

**Division 2 - long course - launching at 08:20 and starting at 10:00**

**Division 3 - short course start - 12:30**

**Division 4 - long course start - 12:45**

**Division 5 - short course start - 15:15**

**Division 6 - long course start - 15:30**

Please make sure you allow plenty of time for travel so you arrive with us in time for your crews to boat on schedule.

**Events set up are:**

**In long divisions 2,4 and 6**

- Open, women's and mixed senior eights, coxed fours, coxless fours, coxless quads, pairs, doubles and Open and Women's singles, as separate events in each division.

- Open, women's and mixed novice coxed quads for crews with low Ranking points and no more than 2 Status points overall.
- Open and women's J16 beginner coxed quads for crews with low Ranking points and no more than 2 Status points overall.
- Open, Women's and Mixed Masters B to H eights, coxed fours, coxless fours, coxless quads, pairs, doubles and Open and Women's singles.
- Open and women's junior eights, fours, quads, pairs, doubles and singles, as appropriate, for J15 and above.

### **In short divisions 1,3 and 5**

- Beginner J15 singles, doubles and coxed quads. This is for less experienced crews and a low ranking index is expected. Crews with too high a ranking (compared to the other crews) will be moved to the long course.
- J14 octuples and J14, J13, J12 and J11 coxed quads, doubles and singles, open and women's. A J14 crew wanting to do the long course must be eligible to enter as J15 and octuples will be not be allowed in the long course.

### **For J11, J12 and J13 events**

- Please note that if we get competition in OJ13, WJ13, OJ12, WJ12, OJ11 and WJ11 we will separate out the events, otherwise we will make them respectively OJ13, OJ12 and OJ11.

## **Medals and categories 2018**

- Senior, Masters and Junior Crews may be divided into bands within their age band and boat category, according to the numbers of crews entered and the spread of ranking points.
- Medal for the Head of the River ( on non-handicapped times ).
- Medals for any contested category or band ( 2 to race ) e.g. OJ 17 1x, women's eights ( band X ), Masters C 2x etc

- Medals for masters: Masters' handicaps will be applied by boat type, using the time of the winning senior boat of the appropriate type in the Head as the basis for the handicaps. Where different age categories are competing in the same boat type, the fastest masters' boat in each boat type after handicap will get a medal, unless it won a contested race within its own masters' category.

### **Notes on medals and categories**

"Boat type" means eight, coxed four, coxless four, coxed quad, coxless quad, pair, double, single and is applied separately for men and women.

To maximise the number of contested categories, crews with no opposition will be bumped up one category without consultation - see Bumping Policy on website.

If scratches on the day mean that a category becomes uncontested, the remaining boat in that category will also be bumped up one category without consultation.

To ensure that senior crews can get two races, a competitor or crew may race in the same event in more than one division.

It can only win one prize unless it competes in different events or bands and it can ask in the notes to be put in different bands in different divisions, if the event is banded. If it races twice in the same event and band in each division, its fastest time will be used to allocate prizes.

Example. The same crew enters open eights in Divs 2 and 4. It can do this as "Open eights div 2" and "Open eights div 4" are set up as distinct events on BROE. ( This is not the same for juniors and masters who can row up or down an age group under BROE 2 as they always could before ).

All the open eights taken together are banded if there are enough of them; some will be racing more than once and some will not. For those racing twice, their fastest time will be taken.

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