



AVON COUNTY SPRING HEAD 2020

Under British Rowing Rules and Rules of Racing and RowSafe

Saturday 29th February 2020 on the River Avon at Saltford

Long course 3250m downstream at 10:00, 12:45 and 15:30

Short course (J14 and below and beginners) 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 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:	Thursday 20 th February 2020 at 12:00 noon
Draw details:	Posted on the website by Monday 24 th Feb Emailed out with safety docs and instructions

For further details see www.avoncountyrrowingclub.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.sondheimer@gmail.com 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.

Please note that coxes will be weighed and should provide their own deadweights.

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.
- **Open, women's and mixed coxed quads for Low CRI crews.**
- **Open and women's J16 coxed quads for Low CRI crews.**
- 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

- **Open, women's and mixed coxed quads, fours and doubles for Low CRI crews. Event open to beginner masters.**
- 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 2020

- 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.
- Medals are awarded across the whole Head Race, not by division.
- Medal for the Head of the River (on non-handicapped times).

- Medals for any contested category or band (2 to race) e.g. OJ 16 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, women and mixed..**

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. (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).

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.

Any queries, phone 07889 750 545 or email philippa.sondheimer@gmail.com