

Entry Notes - Avon Bluefriars Small Boats Head 2024

Arrangement of Divisions

The categories of boat which can be raced in each long division are shown on the poster. 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. 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. A waiting list will be set up and 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 - might change depending on entry numbers

Division 1 - short course start - 10:00

Division 2 - long course start - 10:15

Division 3 - short course start - 12:30

Division 4 - long course start - 12:45

Division 5 - short course start - 14:45

Division 6 - long course start - 15:00

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.

If a division is suspended before close of entries, payment will be required to secure your place. If you wish to enter a suspended division, please contact the Entries Secretary to be put onto the waiting list. Waiting list places will be allocated as crews withdraw.

Prizes and categories 2024

- If your crew is unopposed, you will be able to specify on BROE whether you wish to withdraw, race unopposed or be bumped, but taking account of the fact that you might then be bumped into a different division.
- Ideally, a low CRI four or quad should have 10 or fewer ranking points. But, on an experimental basis this year, as coaches look for flexibility in entering their crews and want to give everyone a race, if we find that there is a spread of points in any low CRI category, we will band crews if appropriate.
- If we get competition in OJ13, WJ13, OJ12, and WJ12, we will separate out the events, otherwise we will make them respectively OJ13 and OJ12.
- 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.
- On a trial basis, if there are several masters scullers wishing to race more than once in a single, OMas 1x and WMas 1x may be offered in more than one division. In this case, the race reserves the right to allocate to a particular division the masters categories of a sculler who is doubling up, to try to organise fair and complete races in each division.
- Prizes are awarded by boat category.
- Prize for the Head of the River (on non-handicapped times)
- Prizes for any contested category or band (2 to race) e.g. OJ 16 1x, women's fours (band X), Open Masters CDE 2x etc
- Prizes 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. Masters' entries will be grouped by boat type and age category; the spread of ages will not normally exceed three where entries allow. "Boat type" means coxed four, coxless four, coxed quad, coxless quad, pair, double, single and is applied separately for open, women and mixed..

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