

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR CAPTAINS



Fáilte Ireland

It is imperative that all Club Captains read the following notes prior to the regatta.

CHAMPIONSHIP DECLARATIONS IMPORTANT CHANGE

Event declarations must be confirmed (by signature) at or before the appropriate Captain's meetings. However, Club representatives are encouraged to make on line declarations in advance of the regatta with the view of reducing the duration of Captain's meetings. During the regatta, declarations will also be accepted at the regatta office which will be entered into tracker on behalf of your club. Once the Captain's meeting has been convened, the status of declarations for all clubs recorded in tracker at that time will be used to complete the draw for each event on the following day. Up to this point, clubs who are in attendance or represented at the meeting can still amend their declaration for the events entered.

For events subject to time trial(only Men's J16 1X), On-Line Declarations will close on Monday 12th July at 2.00pm (crews declaring on line for time trial who do not compete will subject to fine under the rules). At this time all Clubs entered in these events will be contacted to ensure their declaration has been captured. Should the number of declared entries for an event reduce below 24 then a time trial will not be necessary for that event.

Under no circumstances will a crew not declared be included in the allocation of lanes. Crews declared which subsequently fail to race shall be liable to a substantial fine unless the Club provides an explanation acceptable to the Board.

The above declaration process applies to both championship & non-championship events.

SECURITY & ACCESS

The National Rowing Centre will be available for the Championships from 10:00am on Thursday 15th July. Any club wishing to use the facilities prior to this date must make their own arrangements with the NRC. Security will be in place from 12 midday

on Thursday 15^h July until 8 pm on Saturday 18th July. During the regatta access will only be allowed to vehicles towing trailers. Towing vehicle details will be logged upon arrival and access to the venue will be controlled per the logged data.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION PATTERN (TRAINING) CHANGE

See circulation pattern map for Training and Competition on page 59.

BOW NUMBERS

Bow numbers will be in use. Numbers will be available from the control commission at the boathouse. A Crew Numbering System rather than the current Lane Numbering System is being considered for the Championship events. It should serve to reduce the management of bow numbers for all clubs for each heat/race. Should this be implemented, a clear and simple process will be published before the event, and presented at the Captain's meeting.

Should the lane numbering system be retained for this year, please note the following Number will be allocated up to a maximum of one hour before each race. Clubs are requested to return numbers as quickly as possible after racing. A deposit of €10 will apply for each number.

All boats must have number slots. Any boat not having a number will not be allowed slip.

TRAINING

Absolutely no training will be allowed on any part of the lake during racing. All boats not racing must be off the water 30 minutes before the start of the first race each day and will not be allowed on the water until 10 minutes after the last race finishes. Coaching launches are not allowed at any time on the Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

COXWAINS BALLAST

Ballast must be carried in the boat close to the cox at all times. It must be available for inspection by the control commission at the end of the race. **Any crew not having its ballast available for inspection at the end of the race will be disqualified.**

REGISTRATION CARDS

Championship Events – Registration Cards **with photographs** for all finalists must be handed into the office 1 hour before the start time of the race. Any crew not doing so will not be allowed come under starter's orders. Winners may collect their cards at the presentation. Other crews may collect their cards from the office immediately after the race.

Non-Championship Events – Cards for all winners must be available when collecting medals.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Presentation times for winners will be announced in advance of events. Clubs are asked to co-operate with the timed arrangements and to present their crews in uniform style of attire. Times may vary due to weather delays. The individual tankards and pennants will be presented and there will be an opportunity to have photographs taken with the perpetual trophies. In accordance with the Championship rules, the perpetual trophies may not be taken away by the winning clubs.

Junior Championship crews who come second or third together with any non-championship winners should disembark at the regular inward pontoon and after they put their boat on their rack return to collect their medals. Registration cards must be presented in order to obtain medals.

CONTROL COMMISSION

Members of the Umpiring Team will be on the slips carrying out checks on bow balls, heel restraints, buoyancy aids for coxes, Bow Numbers and number holders, ballast etc. This year these umpires will be recovering ballast after races to verify compliance with the regulations. Crews failing to maintain their ballast will be subject to disqualification and possible fine for their club.

The primary aim of the Control Commission is the safety of all competitors and the Championship Committee would ask that you give them your full cooperation in this critical task.

CAR PARK

Arrangements have been made with Coillte to provide a limited number of car passes to the car park. Captains or individual designated by club can sign for and pick up their passes from Security staff at the main entrance,

TRAILER PARKING

No trailers or boats are allowed below the access road at the side of the boathouse. Storing of club boats in the boathouse is strictly prohibited.

SPEED LIMIT

Clubs are reminded that a speed limit of 15kph exists in the vicinity of the NRC. The access roads are used extensively by walkers and we would ask that you use respect the other users of the Coillte woods by driving with care.

CAMPING

We have been advised by Coillte that absolutely no camping will be allowed in the woods during the regatta. Security personnel will be instructed to remove any tents remaining each evening.