



**SCOTTISH  
ROWING**

# 2024 Scottish Rowing Spring Regatta (incorporating Scottish Student Rowing Championships)

*Entry Information, Conditions of Entry and Regatta Facilities*

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## 1. Date, venue and rules

1.1 The regatta will take place at Strathclyde Country Park, Motherwell, ML1 3ED on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April 2024.

1.2 The regatta will be run under the Scottish Rowing Rules of Racing. These are available on the Scottish Rowing [website](#). Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with the Rules of Racing.

1.3 All events will be rowed over a straight multi-lane course and from a stake-boat start (except time trials).

1.4 The event is open to all competitors, regardless of nationality or residence.

1.5 All competitors must have reached the age of 12 years old before the 1 September 2023.

1.6 Competitors who have not attained the age of 14 years before the 1 September 2023 will be classed as a Cadet. A Cadet is not permitted to race in events that are more than one age band above their own age band or in senior events.

1.7 Capacity to the event may be limited to accommodate safe and fair racing over the two days. The regatta organiser reserves the right to limit or restrict entries from clubs should this be necessary.

1.8 Up to date information will be available on the event [website](#).

## 2. Competition Licences

2.1 Every competitor must be registered with the Scottish Rowing Membership System or hold a valid Competition Licence which includes insurance cover issued by their home nation's governing body of rowing which should be available for inspection to confirm eligibility for events entered. Scottish Rowing members do not need to carry a physical copy of their licence.

2.2 Membership/licences held must be valid for the day(s) of competition.

2.3 Any competitor who is not registered with the Scottish Rowing Membership System or does not have a Competition Licence issued by their home nation's governing body of rowing at time of entry shall not be permitted to enter. For Scottish clubs, please make sure your intended competitors have registered and been authorised by the club (and parent/guardian in the case of juniors) in good time for making your entries. Remember that this process may take a little time, so do not leave this until the day before entries close. **Updates to member details on the entry system can take up to an hour.**

2.4 Non-registered substitutes made on the day of racing must purchase a Day Ticket costing £30 for seniors and £16 for juniors. Forms must be fully completed and submitted to the regatta office with fee payment before the substitute can race.

## 3. Equipment and safety

3.1 Competitors are expected to provide sufficient boats to meet their entries.

3.2 Coaches and competitors should be familiar with, and comply with, the RowSafe Scotland safety guidance and the Water Safety Guidelines for Rowers at Strathclyde Park. These documents can be found on the [Scottish Rowing website](#). **RowSafe Scotland is new for 2024 and particular attention should be paid to this publication.**

3.3 Clubs should note that it is their responsibility to ensure that all boats they use at the regatta comply with the safety requirements, including buoyancy and heel restraints, described in RowSafe Scotland. Control Commission may apply checks at the regatta.

#### 4. Entry fees, events and scheduling

4.1 The full list of events offered is provided separately and is also available at <http://www.scotchamps.org/> Adaptive and para rowing events may be available and are on request – if you are interested in entering these events, please contact the Entries Secretary ([entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk)) to discuss this.

4.2 Scottish Student Rowing Championship (SSS) event information and rules are separate to the events covered in this document.

4.3 The categories of events are as described in the Scottish Rowing Rules of Racing, section E. For those who have a racing licence from another governing body, they should send a summary of their rowing career to [entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk) before entering to confirm their status. The race organiser reserves the right to include or exclude any individual from any category, for any reason, at their sole discretion. The regatta organiser's decision is final.

4.4 Entry fees are as follows. There is no charge for coxswains.

Event	Price per seat
Senior Open, R1 & R2	£20
Novice & Masters	£17.50
J18 & J16	£15
J15 & J14	£12.50

4.5 For members of Scottish Rowing Clubs, only those who have a competition licence on the [Scottish Rowing Membership System](#) will be listed on the entry system. Updates of the entry system can take up to an hour and competitors are strongly advised to purchase a membership well in advance of the entry deadline.

4.6 The organisers reserve the right not to run any event with fewer than three entries or any event where all the competitors are members of the same club. Club Secretaries will be contacted in such cases and may amend their entries as appropriate.

4.7 Participants shall only enter one event per block. Entries in adjacent blocks (i.e. blocks 1 & 2 or 1 & 3) must be in the same category (denoted by colour). For example, if you race in Senior Open in block 1, you can only enter Senior Open events in block 2 (and also block 3 if entering all three blocks). This restriction allows the organisers to accommodate doubling/tripling up and keep time gaps between blocks to a minimum. Participants who only enter blocks 1 & 3 may choose any combination of event categories.

Participants do not need to enter the same category on both Saturday and Sunday.

4.8 The general principles for event scheduling are as follows. The regatta organiser may deviate from these principles in order to schedule the required number of events based on the entry received. The regatta organiser reserves the right to combine individual events and will prioritise side by side racing over time trials. The regatta organiser's decision on event scheduling is final.

- For any event with six entries or fewer, straight finals will be scheduled.
- For any event with 7-16 entries, the regatta organiser will endeavour to schedule two semi-finals and two finals (Final A and Final B), but a straight final may be scheduled for events with 7 or 8 entries, or a time trial may be used if the wider competition entry is large.
- For any event with more than 16 entries, crews will participate in a time trial followed by a side-by-side final.
- Masters races will be scheduled with side-by-side finals based on age. If more than eight crews enter a single age category, the gold medal will be awarded to the fastest crew over the course, regardless of which final they race in.

## 5. Time Trial Progressions

5.1 If required, time trials will be held over 1900m for Senior, J18 and J16 events.

5.2 If required, time trials will be held over 900m for Novice, J15, J14 and Masters events.

5.3 The ranking of crews in the time trials will be used to seed crews into side-by-side races of the same event. The fastest crews from the time trial will race in Final A, the next fastest set of crews will race in Final B, etc.

## 6. Medals

6.1 Medals will be awarded to all event winners immediately following the final of the event.

6.2 Medals will only be awarded if a crew has beaten at least one other crew in its category.

6.3 For Spring Regatta events: events with larger entries will award minor medals: **silver** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **four** or more entries in that category, and **bronze** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **six** or more entries in that category.

6.4 For Scottish Student Rowing Championship events: events with larger entries will award minor medals: **silver** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **six** or more entries in that category, and **bronze** medals will be presented for each boat class and category where there are **eight** or more entries in that category.

## 7. How to Enter

7.1 Entries may only be made on-line using Playwaze. The system can be accessed using the link provided on the event [website](#).

7.2 Clubs should ensure they have an administrator account on the entry system prior to making entries. For clubs who have not entered a Scottish Rowing event previously, the Secretary must contact [entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk) to request access.

7.3 The preferred method of payment for entry fees is card payment through the entry system. Offline payment can be made via by bank transfer to Scottish Rowing: Sort Code 80-02-73, Account 00706460, payment reference 'Spring Regatta' (with your club abbreviation, e.g. ABC)". If you cannot pay by card or by bank transfer, a cheque, made payable to Scottish Rowing, must be sent to the address below to arrive by 5pm on Friday 19 April 2024.

**7.4 Entries close at 10pm on Friday 12 April 2024.**

7.5 Late entries will not be accepted and failure to pay on time, by any of the methods described above, will lead to entries being removed from the draw.

## 8. The Draw

8.1 The Draw will be held virtually on Saturday 20 April 2024.

8.2. Please ensure that the club official who has made the entries has a copy of the entries available to consult – and their mobile switched on – on that date, in case of queries during the draw. The regatta organisers may also require to contact you by email or telephone in the period between entries closing and the draw if there are any issues to discuss.

## 9. Registration, substitutions and scratchings

9.1 Scratchings and substitutions should be made as early as possible.

9.2 Until close of entries at 10pm on Friday 12 April 2024, unlimited substitutions and changes to entries will be accepted. All changes should be advised in writing by email to [entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk)

9.3 From the close of entries (10pm on Friday 12 April 2023) until 9pm on Friday 19 April 2024, unlimited substitutions and changes to entries will be accepted subject to approval by the regatta organiser. All changes should be advised in writing by email to [entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk)

9.4 Once the draw has been published, substitutions and changes will be limited by what is permitted by the Scottish Rowing Rules of Racing. All substitutions, changes and scratches should be made in writing by email to [entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:entries@scottish-rowing.org.uk) until 9pm on Thursday 25 April 2024. For changes that are required after this time, details of the process will be included with the draw.

9.5 Bow numbers will be provided for time trials and side by side racing. It is the crew's own responsibility to ensure they display the correct bow number.

## **10. Refund Policy**

10.1 Scratchings made before 9pm on Friday 19 April 2024 will be accepted and a full refund given. Scratchings after this time will receive no refund.

10.2 If the regatta is cancelled before 8pm on Thursday 25 April 2024, Scottish Rowing will endeavour to offer a partial refund once costs already expended on the regatta have been covered.

10.3 In the event of the regatta being cancelled for reasons beyond its control after the deadline of 8pm on Thursday 25 April 2024, no entry fees will be returned.

## **11. Facilities**

11.1 On both days of the regatta, catering will be available throughout the racing programme.

11.2 Clubs or individuals wishing to provide catering at the regatta outwith the officially approved caterer should apply to the Regatta Chair by 5pm, Tuesday 23 April 2024. Any such catering should be of a hospitality nature with no charges made for food or drink supplied.

## **12. Spectators**

Spectators at the regatta are very welcome. Ample car parking for spectators is available in the lochside car parks.

## **13. Photography**

The Regatta takes place in an environment to which the general public has free access. A number of people attending the event, over whom the organisers have no control, may take photographs. Competitors, club managers and parents should bear this in mind when considering entering the competition.

## **14. Safeguarding**

14.1 Scottish Rowing is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and protected adults in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children and protected adults from harm, abuse and exploitation. The policy (including procedures for reporting concerns) and the code of conduct related to the policy can be found [here](#).

14.2 The Scottish Rowing Welfare Officer is Mark Senter who can be contacted at [childprotection@scottish-rowing.org.uk](mailto:childprotection@scottish-rowing.org.uk) for advice or to report concerns.

## **15. Contact details**

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