



HENLEY OPEN EVENTS 2018

NOTES TO COMPETITORS AND COACHES **PLEASE ALSO READ THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Car parking:

This is the Henley Royal Regatta Car Park (Lion Meadow).by special permission. There is a **£5 charge** for all cars, including those carrying boats (minibuses/coaches and towing vehicles are exempt). We are limited for space and need to reduce the number of vehicles on the land and also to minimise potential damage. Please arrange car share if you can. Trailers to be parked on the hard surfaces or as directed. The car park gates will be locked at 5pm on race day.

2. Facilities:

Toilets are in the boating area. Competitors must not use any facilities of Leander Club including landing stages, car park and changing facilities. The fenced off area enclosing the Stewards Enclosure is out of bounds.

No gazebos or tents of any sort may be erected on HRR land. Please do not bring private BBQs and cooking facilities.

A refreshments tent will serve hot and cold drinks, bacon sandwiches and cakes, etc. A drinking water tap is available. Please bring your own re-usable bottles. Bottled water will not be available.

The First Aid tent is situated next to the Registration tent.

3. Boat Identification Code:

All boats being used for racing must have the three letter club code, as determined by British Rowing together with a three digit fleet number determined by the club. Boats not correctly displaying the code will not be eligible to race.

4. Crew Registration:

Race numbers will be issued at Crew Registration in the boating area from 75 minutes before the scheduled start of the race. These must be

- fixed to the boat behind bow on both sides of the boat
- pinned to bow's racing top (note: 2 numbers are provided – one for the racing top and one for the warm up top – don't forget to keep warm). Make sure your number will be visible at the finish.

No number will be issued unless the entry fee has been paid.

5. Boating:

Crews should boat promptly from the rafts in accordance with the boating times. This will be published on the web site and displayed on the board at registration. Follow the instructions of the raft marshals to ensure efficient boating. Crews must be appropriately dressed for the conditions (and allowing for marshalling time). Anyone not suitably dressed will not be allowed to boat.

6. Procedure to the Start and Marshalling:

- Rowing to the start: The EA requires a navigation channel in the centre of the river. Boats must proceed to the start on the BUCKS side and keep to that side of Temple



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Island. Any boat passing on the BERKS, towpath, side of the Island when going down stream to the start may be penalised.

- Marshalling: Assemble at the start in race order (see Marshalling map). Competitors must be in their marshalling position 10 minutes before the start of the division. All late arrivals will be held above the island and started at the end of that division. Crews must not row at full pressure anywhere in the marshalling area. Failure to observe this instruction will lead to penalties. Crews may only warm up upstream of Temple Island.

7. Starting procedure:

- All boats must round the last downstream buoy or the Marshal's launch below the Start.
- On being called to the start keep a distance of two clear lengths between boats. The Starter will say "Number...XX.Go!". Boats will be started at approximately 15 second intervals. The Timing Point is about 25 metres from the Starter.
- Boats must race on the BERKS side of Temple Island. Failure to do this will lead to disqualification.

8. Overtaking – give way to faster crews:

- Boats being overtaken must give way to the faster crew (ie the slower crew should move towards the centre of the river). Race Monitors stationed along the bank will report any baulking to the Chief Umpire who may decide to impose a time penalty.

9. Finishing:

- After finishing, boats must continue to move upstream away from the finishing line. Any boat passing the finishing post upstream a second time will be disqualified.
- Cooling down is only permitted above Henley Bridge at your own risk. Safety cover is not provided upstream of the bridge.
- Any crew failing to finish the race must report this to a race official as soon as possible.

10. Coaches and cyclists:

The towpath is a Public Right of Way. Coaches and supporters must always take care and be courteous to spectators, dog walkers and children in particular. No cycling is allowed in the boating area.

11. Results and Prize Giving:

Provisional times will be posted at Race HQ and via the web site during the day. Prizes will be presented at after the finish of racing at Henley Rowing Club. All enquiries should be made to the race chairman at the registration tent.

12. Before you leave:

Please check the boating area before you leave to make sure that you are not leaving behind any equipment eg sculls, shoes, tressles. This always happens and is a hassle for us and for you to return equipment.

Please put all litter, eg. backing for numbers and food waste, in the bins provided.

