



## **Bedford Rowing Club – Head Races LOCAL EVENT RULES**

### **Entry Fees**

Payment is required for ALL live entries on BROE at the time that Entries officially close. A live entry is defined as one that has not been withdrawn or rejected.

If the race is oversubscribed then Time Only entries may not be included in the Draw; in this case, any entry monies paid will be refunded in full.

### **Divisions**

Unlike many events, we offer a system of open divisions, so you can race at whatever time you like. Divisions will be closed on BROE once full, though may be reopened if crews scratch. Late entries may be reallocated if space in their preferred division becomes available. Racing in consecutive divisions is possible, though will entail very little recovery time. Division compositions are determined at the draw. Crews may only change division from that published in exceptional circumstances, by agreement of the Entries Secretary before the day of the event or the Chairman of the Race Committee on race day.

### **Doubling up**

Banded events excepted (see below), note that no entire crew is allowed to race more than once in the same event for a prize. However, individual rowers may do so, as long as there is at least one difference in the crew list. Changing the coxswain or swapping seat positions does NOT count as a different crew. If the same crew is entered more than once in the

same event, you will be contacted by the Entries Secretary and asked to move to a different event. If this is not possible, then one or more entries may be designated as racing for a Time Only. This must be agreed with the Entries Secretary before the Draw is done, and may not be subsequently modified.

Attempting to circumvent this Local Event Rule by undeclared substitutions, or those made on race day at Registration, will result in disqualification.

## **Banding**

Depending on entries received, some Senior events will be banded, and doubling up is permitted within a Banded event. If you enter an identical crew multiple times, it will be assigned to the most appropriate Band, with other entries assigned to higher bands (if available). Which is raced first is up to you, though changes must be communicated to the Entries Secretary before race day.

Should higher bands not be available, crews will race for a Time Only.

## **Masters**

Entries in Masters events will be handicapped as appropriate using British Rowing's handicap system (see Rule 16-2). Generally, ranking points are not taken into consideration; however, if points are sufficiently imbalanced, Masters events may be banded as well as handicapped. For example, we have run Mas.CE.4X & Mas.BD.4X - the C & E crews were effectively Novice, whereas the other crews were effectively Elite.

## **Overtaking**

Overtaking is FORBIDDEN in the first 300 metres of the course, i.e. before Hitchin Railway Bridge (the second bridge after the Start) and will lead to disqualification.