Cambridge Champs Junior Sculling Head
Sunday 19th March 2017
Competitor Information

Numbers

Numbers will be available at Clare College boathouse from 10:45.

Two numbers will be issued per boat for coxed quads - 1 for the Cox and 1 for the Bowman. Numbers MUST be clearly displayed throughout the race (use pins at each corner of the number!). Two numbers will be provided for coxless crews - 1 for top clothes and 1 for racing kit.

Race Regulations

Junior Classification – British Rowing Rules of Racing

1. A junior is a competitor who had not attained eighteen years of age before the first day of September preceding the event (1st September 2016)
2. Coxswains of junior crews must be juniors.
3. J13, J14, J15, J16, J17 and J18 are competitors who have not attained 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age respectively before the first day of September preceding the event (i.e. 1st September 2016).

J13 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/2003 - 31/8/2004; school year 8
J14 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/2002 - 31/8/2003; school year 9
J15 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/2001 - 31/8/2002; school year 10
J16 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/2000 - 31/8/2001; school year 11
J17 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/1999 - 31/8/2000; school year 12
J18 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/1998 - 31/8/1999; school year 13

4. Juniors in J14, WJ14 or younger age groups are not permitted to race in events that are more than one age group category above their own age category (coxswains excepted).

Where there are insufficient entries, you will be entered in the next highest age category unless you state otherwise with your entry – please specify an alternative event, if possible.

Boating

We recommend that boating takes place from 10:45 for Division 1 and from 12:45 for Division 2. All boats must be afloat by the times given below. Please note that if your boat is not beyond the Green Dragon Footbridge 20 minutes before the race start, you may be turned back and unable to race.

10:45 Division 1 – Begin boating (visitors will be boating from Clare/Pembroke/Emmanuel/Queens)
11:20 Division 1 – **All boats must be afloat**
11:40 Division 1 – **All boats must be beyond Green Dragon Footbridge**
12:00 Division 1 – Race starts

12:45 Division 2 – Begin boating **There may be crews from division 1 returning – prioritise their landing if boat sharing**
13:20 Division 2 – **All boats must be afloat**
13:40 Division 2 – **All boats must be beyond the Green Dragon Footbridge**
14:00 Division 2 – Race starts

Start

The race will commence with a rolling start on the Plough reach (near The Plough pub lawns).

The Plough, Green End, Fen Ditton, Cambridge CB5 8SX.

Crews will be started at approximately 30 second intervals. Timing will commence as the bow ball passes past a feather flag approximately 40 metres upstream.

The Course

The course runs upstream from the Plough Reach, around the bend at Ditton Corner, up Long Reach, under the railway bridge and finishes at Peters Post.

There are footbridges that cross the Cam at the bottom of Manhattan Drive (Cutter Ferry Bridge) and at Water Lane (Green Dragon Bridge) which allow bank party visibility from opposite Churchill to near the finish. (The only section with no towpath is from the Green Dragon Bridge to the Penny Ferry pub. These sections are connected by access along Water Street (approx. 300 metres).

Finish

The finish is at Peters Post. All crews must keep rowing after the finish, until they have passed under the Green Dragon Bridge, to prevent the river becoming blocked for following crews.

Marshalling

PLEASE NOTE – there is restricted access to the river, and a number of moored houseboats, between CCRC and the edge of Stourbridge Common (adjacent to Riverside – there is a high concrete wall abutting the roadside). Please take extra care when rowing through this section (approximately 300 metres) until clear of the Green Dragon Bridge.

Crews should have passed the Green Dragon Bridge 20 minutes before their division is due to start. If you are late you risk being turned back. All competitors must proceed directly to the start, and not spin to practice. The designated point to spin is near Bovis Bridge (A14). Please follow marshal instructions.

Crews should then pull in along the bank on the towpath side of the river (between the Gut and Bovis Bridge). There will be marshalling numbers sequentially posted along the bank.

Please be considerate and be aware of other river users at all times but particularly at the crossover points. Competitors and bank parties are reminded of the need for courtesy to other river users, including walkers and anglers.

Overtaking

Crews must overtake on the outside (i.e. the side farthest from the towpath).

If being overtaken it is your responsibility to move out of the racing line, and keep sufficiently to one side to ensure that you do not hinder or impede the progress of the overtaking boat.

If you are the overtaking boat make sure that the boat in front is aware in good time that you are coming up behind them by calling to them. Pass carefully and safely.

Results

There will be other judged special prizes for style and cornering at Ditton.

Please do not interrupt the results coordinators, as this will only delay the results!

Results will be made available via www.rowclock.com and category winners posted on the Champion of the Thames website (http://www.championrowing.org.uk). They will also be emailed to all clubs during the week following the race.

Prize giving will take place at Clare College boathouse at approximately 16:15. As results will be available via rowclock, we will not be posting print-outs. They can be checked on your smartphone or other internet-enabled device.

Thank you for your entry.