



7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Irish Rowing Championship Regatta 2022

As our sport continues to recover from the Covid Pandemic, there has been an excellent entry to the Championships with 722 crews from 49 clubs from all corners of the island. As usual we will cover all aspects of the logistics at the Captains meeting on the Thursday evening. We are also detailing below some information that may assist clubs prior to their arrival at the course.

### COVID

Unfortunately, Covid is still present with us at the current time. We would encourage any athletes, coaches or officials that feel unwell to take a Covid test and not to attend the event if they test positive.

### DECLARATIONS

Declarations for all races must be made at the Captain's Meeting on the evening preceding the day you are racing. The meeting will take place in a marquee in the compound between the slips. At the meeting, the Captain or his/her representative, must declare each crew as part of a roll call. Following the declarations, each declared boat will be allocated a heat and lane number strictly following the pre-assigned numbered sequence on the Tracker draw. Under no circumstances will a boat 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 Disciplinary Officer.

The declarations will take place as follows:

- The declarations for all Friday events will take place at the meeting at 18:30 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July
- The declarations for all Saturday events will take place at the meeting which will be held at 17:00 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- The declarations for all Sunday events will take place at the meeting at 17:00 on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### TIMETABLE

It is important that Captains note that they must have sufficient equipment and coxes for all events in which they have entered. Races will not be rescheduled to facilitate equipment or personnel clashes.

## RACING FORMAT

The following is the format for racing over the weekend:

6 crews or less – straight final

7-12 crews – two heats with three qualifying from each

13-18 crews – Three heats with two qualifying from each

>18 crews – multiple time trials with the fastest six crews qualifying for the final.

Should an event with time trials drop to 18 crews or less, it will be changed to heats. The matrix used to seed crews for the finals can be found at the end of this document.

## SECURITY & ACCESS

Security will be in place from 13:00 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July to 18:00 on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. All trailers are requested to arrive between 9:00 and 19:00 on Thursday. Any trailers arriving on Friday morning must be in place by 08:30 at the latest as the road from the NRC to the beach is then closed to vehicular traffic. Due to the large number of boats which will be present, we cannot reserve space for trailers arriving after Thursday evening. In such circumstances it may be necessary to direct late arriving trailers to the Coillte car park. Rowing Ireland does not accept any responsibility for the theft or damage of equipment left in the NRC before, during or after the regatta. There will be a limited number of disabled parking spaces close to the NRC. Contact [championships@rowingireland.ie](mailto:championships@rowingireland.ie) in advance for details. Authorised buses and mini-buses which arrive before racing starts will be allowed park at the triangle between the NRC and the Beach. Trailer Towing Vehicles will be issued with a towing vehicle pass on arrival. No other club vehicles will be allowed. If you have any queries regarding trailer parking or will be arriving late on Thursday evening please contact Brendan O’Dea on 086 2498637.

## CAR PARK

Rowing Ireland has no control over the adjacent car park which is operated by Coillte. Our current understanding is that the car park will be unmanned this year with only card payments accepted and no discounts for multiple entry. For those who use Coillte forest parks on a regular basis there is an annual pass available – see [here](#) for details.

## 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. Any vehicle breaking the speed limit will have their trailer vehicle access pass revoked.

## BOW NUMBERS

Bow Numbers will be available in the NRC and at the beach. Numbers will only be issued as the boat is being launched and will be retrieved as soon as the boat returns. There will not be a deposit system in use. Please do not request a number before your boat approaches the launching area.

## CLUB COLOURS

Clubs are reminded that they must wear their club colours and that all blades must be painted in club colours. Rowing with blades painted in the Rowing Ireland colours is not permitted.

## DRINKING WATER

Drinking water is available outside the boathouse. In addition, drinking water will be available at the beach.

## RECYCLING

We would ask all clubs to encourage their athletes to bring reusable water bottles to help reduce our environmental footprint over the weekend. Each club will be provided with a supply of black and clear bags on arrival. We would appreciate your assistance by asking your athletes to only use the clear bags for recyclable material. Once full these can be left at the side of the road for collection or can be placed in the dedicated recyclable wheelie bins.

## RACKING

Clubs will be allocated racking at either the enclosure beyond the finish line or at the beach area. Designated areas for trailer parking will be advised on arrival. Racking will be available for eights and fours. Pairs and singles should be stored on trailers wherever possible.

The area behind the finish is reserved for food vending so no boat racking or car parking is permitted in the area.

## CLUB TENTS

Clubs are welcome to erect club tents but should only do so in an area agreed with Brendan O'Dea (086 2498637), who is coordinating the trailers and tents. Tents erected without permission in an area designated for trailer parking will be removed.

## TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

As present it would appear that water levels are normal so the traditional path to the start on lane 7 is likely to be in use. Unfortunately water levels can change rapidly so it is possible an alternative traffic pattern could be in use. It is critical that you consult the traffic pattern boards at the centre and the beach area before going on the water. The pattern to be used for racing will be explained at the Captains meeting on the Thursday evening.

## TRAINING

Training will be allowed as follows:

Prior to Thursday – No Training permitted

Thursday from 10:00 - 20:00

Friday from 07:30 – 8:30 & 16:30 – 18:30

Saturday from 07:30 - 08:30 & 16:30 – 18:30

Sunday from 07:00 - 08:00

In the interest of safety all boats must be off the water 30 minutes before the start of racing to facilitate the changeover from the training to the racing pattern.

No coaching launches are permitted on the course during the above hours.

Absolutely no training will be allowed on any part of the lake throughout the regatta, including the lunch break.

### **COXSWAINS BALLAST**

Weighing will take place between 2 and 1 hours before the first heat in each event. Ballast must be carried in the boat close to the cox at all times. Any crew not having its ballast available for inspection at the end of the race will be automatically disqualified. The maximum ballast permitted is 10kg. Coxswains must provide photo identification at weigh-in. Acceptable forms of identification include current Rowing Ireland registration card, passport, drivers licence or College ID Card. Weighing will be on the ground floor through the door beyond the regatta office.

### **CAMPING**

We have been advised by Coillte that absolutely no overnight camping will be allowed in the woods during the regatta. Clubs will be permitted to erect club tents during the day but must ensure that they do not obstruct access to slipping areas etc.

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICE**

A photographic service will be provided by TAPhotos.

### **STREAMING**

We will again provide a streaming service this year. The link to access this service will be provided closer to the event.

### **CATERING**

The building will not be accessible during the regatta so the normal catering service will not be available. Several external caterers will however be available in the spectator area behind the finish.

### **AMBULANCE**

An ambulance will be on site in front of the boathouse through racing until 20 minutes after the finish of the last race of the day.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE**

The merchandise tent is back this year and will be located in the spectator area behind the finish.

### **BOAT REPAIR**

D. Wall Racing Boat Repairs will be located in the area behind the finish during the regatta. To contact them in advance call them on 086-832 5964

### **RESULTS**

Results and updated draws will be available live on GoogleDocs – (see links at bottom) Those with smartphones should scan the bar codes in the programme, on noticeboards or at the bottom of this document.

### **CLUB FLAGS**

Clubs are requested to provide their club flags which will be flown from the balcony during the weekend.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned.

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## Link for timetable & live results

<https://tinyurl.com/ChampResults22>



## Method used to determine lanes for the Final

### Crews coming from heats

	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6
<b>3 from 2 Heats</b>	3rd Heat 1	2nd Heat 2	1st Heat 1	1st Heat 2	2nd Heat 1	3rd Heat 2
<b>2 from 3 heats</b>	2nd Heat 2	1st Heat 3	1st Heat 1	1st Heat 2	2nd Heat 1	2nd Heat 3

### Crews coming from a Time Trial

Lane 1      Lane 2      Lane 3      Lane 4      Lane 5      Lane 6

**Fastest 6  
crews**

