



23rd February 2022

To: All Club Secretaries and Captains

Re: Irish Rowing Championships 15-17th July 2022 – Advance Notice

The Championship Committee wish to provide all clubs and competitors with information on the 2022 Championship Regatta in order to allow them make appropriate plans.

2022 Changes

Following the disruptions caused over the past number of years, we are cautiously optimistic that we will be in a position to revert to a regatta similar to that offered in the past. In that regard we are hopeful that the restrictions on spectators will be lifted and we are also currently working on a number of additional measures to make the regatta enjoyable for both competitors and spectators.

Events

In recent years, the number of entries at the regatta increased significantly and by 2019 had reached a level whereby the committee had agreed that measures needed to be taken to reduce the size of the regatta. We did not have a Championship regatta in 2020 and in 2021 we were forced to make reductions due to Covid which saw the removal of the non-championship events. The shorter days and less congestion in the boat park proved popular and as a result the clubs agreed at the fixtures meeting to continue the regatta with a reduced entry. To facilitate this, the 1000m events (J13-J15 & Masters) are being staged at the Rowing Ireland 1k Classic at the NRC the previous week. This event is also being run by the Championship Committee at a similar standard to the Championship regatta.

The Junior 19 events offered in 2021 were a one-time solution to facilitate the 2020 juniors who did not have an opportunity to compete in a Championship that year. As a result, that grade will not be offered again this year.

As Junior 16 events are raced over 2k, these will be offered at the Championship Regatta. For the J16 1x events, a limit of 4 scullers per club in each event will apply.

A significant number of Para events were added at the recent rules change EGM. It is however unlikely that there will be entries in more than one or two of those categories in 2022. We have not therefore scheduled these events but commit to ensuring that if there are entries in more than one event we will work with the entrants and will ensure they are run in separate blocks.

Format

In a bid to reduce the amount of time competitors were required to remain on-site in 2021, semi-finals were eliminated. For events with 19 or more entries time-trials were utilised with the fastest six crews/scullers progressing to the final. This format proved extremely popular and as a result we will be repeating it in 2022.

The sequence of events follows below:

Friday Morning

Women's Junior 16 4x+
Men's Lightweight 1x
Women's Junior 18 2-
Women's Novice 8+
Women's Lightweight 1x
Men's Senior 4-
Men's Junior 18 1x
Women's Intermediate 2x
Women's Senior 4-

Friday Afternoon

Men's Junior 16 4x+
Women's Club 4+
Women's Junior 18 1x
Men's Intermediate 8+
Men's Junior 18 2-
Women's Senior 2x
Men's Club 4+
Men's Senior 2x
Women's Intermediate 8+

Saturday Morning

Women's Junior 16 8+
Women's Novice 4x+
Men's Intermediate 1x
Men's Junior 18 4x
Women's Junior 18 2x
Men's Senior 2-
Women's Senior 4x
Women's Intermediate 2-
Men's Novice 4x+

Saturday Afternoon

Men's Junior 16 8+
Men's Intermediate 2-
Men's Junior 18 8+
Men's Club 1x
Women's Club 8+
Women's Junior 18 4-
Women's Intermediate 1x
Men's Senior 4x
Women's Senior 2-

Sunday Morning

Men's Junior 16 1x
Women's Senior 1x
Men's Club 8+
Men's Junior 18 4+
Men's Intermediate 2x
Women's Intermediate 4+
Men's Senior 1x
Women's Junior 18 8+
Women's Club 1x

Sunday Afternoon

Women's Junior 16 1x
Men's Novice 8+
Men's Junior 18 2x
Men's Intermediate 4+
Women's Senior 8+
Women's Junior 18 4x
Men's Senior 8+

Limit of 4 crews per club applies

Para races to be scheduled once we know what categories there are entries in.

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