

Newnham Head Saturday 4th February 2023 RACE REGULATIONS

1) Rules

- a) All entrants shall comply with any applicable rules, regulations and byelaws, including: i) the CUCBC rules; ii) British Rowing regulations iii) Bylaws of the Conservators of the Cam.
- b) In the event that any regulation of Newnham Head is contrary to a mandatory rule of the CUCBC or the British Rowing, the latter shall take precedence.

2) Control

Newnham Head shall remain under the control of Newnham College Boat Club (NCBC) and its appointed race organisers. The control desk will be located at Corpus Boathouse.

3) Eligibility

- a) Any member of a college or CRA affiliated club qualified to row under the CUCBC rules, or an invitational crew invited at NCBC's discretion
- b) The race is open to senior boats only (i.e. no juniors or novice crews)
- c) Events will run for 8+, 4+ and 4x, separated by women and men/mixed, for college lent bumps 1st division, college lent bumps 2nd division, and college lent bumps lower divisions, as well as CRA and invitational categories.

4) Date and time

The races shall take place on Saturday 4th February 2023 from approximately 09:00 to approximately 16:00. In the event of any delays, NCBC shall endeavor to inform any affected crews via social media.

5) Entries and entry fee

- a) The entry fee shall be £9 per seat including the cox
- b) All fees shall be paid to Newnham College Boat Club's bank account prior to the race
- c) Entries are by the form on the website
- d) Entry deadline is Thursday 26th January 2023
- e) In the event that the race is oversubscribed, entries will be on a first-come-first-served basis and affected crews will be notified as soon as possible.

6) Course and Row-Throughs

- a) All crews shall begin with a rolling start. Crews shall start three boat lengths downstream of the A14 Motorway Bridge and timing shall start when the bowball passes the A14 Motorway Bridge
- b) The race shall finish at the Railway Bridge
- c) Timing will be to the nearest second. A tie will be declared if crews finish less than 1 second apart
- d) Motorway Bridge and Railway Bridge shall be deemed to be where the marshals indicate them to be
- e) After the finish line, all rowers must continue rowing upstream and follow instructions from marshals

f) The river will be closed inbetween the P&E and baitsbite lock during the races, as specified in 4). Row-throughs will be permitted inbetween divisions but must be arranged with NCBC in advance. In the event of any delays to divisions, crews may be asked to wait until it is safe to row-through. Marshalls will advise crews when it is safe to row-through.

7) Start order

- a) The start order shall be arranged by the organisers prior to the race, at the discretion of NCBC. Crews will be informed of the draw and start order prior to the race
- b) The organisers will take reasonable endeavours to comply with the following guidelines: i) Where boat sharing is required and the organisers are informed in advance, any crews sharing the boats shall, where possible, be placed in different divisions. ii) Any other extenuating circumstances shall receive due consideration
- c) Crews will be asked to start with a 20-30 second gap unless a longer gap has been arranged with NCBC by email in advance.

8) Marshaling and Bank Parties

- a) Division 1 must marshal at Baitsbite Lock no later than 30 mins before the start of their division
- b) All other divisions should marshal at the P&E 40 minutes prior to the start of their division
- c) All boats must follow marshals' instructions on spinning and parking
- d) All boats must have marshaled before the time stated on the event timetable
- e) Bank parties should not exceed 4 persons, must not use loudhailers and should clear the towpath for marshals if necessary.

9) Safety

- a) In accordance with the relevant CUCBC regulations:
 - i) All coxes must wear a serviceable lifejacket when on the river and must be able to demonstrate how to inflate it
 - ii) All boats must be correctly fitted with a bow-ball
 - iii) All boats must be fitted with heel restraints, which comply with BR regulations. Concept II type footplates must be modified in accordance with BR guidelines
 - iv) All boats must have covers correctly fitted to all hatches, and canvasses must be watertight. Crews failing to comply with safety regulations may, at the marshalls' discretion, not be permitted to race or disqualified without a refund. All coaches, coxes and crews are responsible for assessing their ability to row in the weather conditions and for bringing appropriate clothing
- b) The emergency stop signal will be a sustained blast on a siren. Upon hearing this signal all crews must stop.

10) Disqualification

- a) Any boat being overtaken must give way to the overtaking boat. Failure to do so shall at the organisers' discretion result in disqualification or another appropriate penalty
- b) The coxswain of a boat seeking to overtake shall make the slower boat's coxswain aware of their intention in good time

- c) Any boat which fails to marshal at its designated time shall, at the organisers' discretion, be turned back and disqualified without a refund
- d) Abuse towards marshalls or fellow participants will not be tolerated and may, at the organisers' discretion, result in disqualification.

11) Prizes

- a) Prizes will be awarded to the fastest crews for events such as College 8+ in 1st division of Lent Bumps (male/mixed and female), College 8+ in 2nd division of Lent Bumps (male/mixed and female), College 8+ in lower divisions of Lent Bumps (male/mixed and female), and any 4+, 4x, CRA and invitational events subject to there being at least 3 entries per event. Events may be grouped together at NCBC's discretion
- b) The prizegiving will take place on the evening following the event. The exact location and time will be advertised in advance via social media.

12) Cancellation and scratching

- a) Should a club seek to cancel its entry or entries, it shall inform the organisers in reasonable time before the race. Any cancellations after the entry deadline cannot be guaranteed a refund; this will be at the discretion of the organisers. Any cancellations less than 48 hours before the race will not receive refunded entry fees
- b) The organisers may at their reasonable discretion cancel a race or races, or postpone a race or races, for safety reasons. In the event of a cancellation, full reimbursement of entry fees unfortunately cannot be guaranteed, as a result of expenses incurred prior to Race Day. Every attempt will be made to inform affected crews directly or via the CUCBC Contacts list as soon as the decision is made.

13) Disclaimer

The organisers of Newnham Head, NCBC, and its members accept no responsibility for any loss or damage howsoever caused in relation to Newnham Head.

14) Interpretation

- i) Any queries as to the interpretation of these rules should be directed to Emma Gough (ncbc.regattasec@gmail.com)
- ii) In the event of disputes regarding rules on the day of the event, the decision of any authorised marshal shall be conclusive.