



North of England Sprint Rowing Championships 2026 Additional Entry Information r2 26-07-18

Please read these notes in conjunction with the regatta poster.

Entry Process

Please note that this regatta has proved popular and it is possible that the regatta will be full within a day of entries opening. We strongly advise you to get your entries in as soon as possible. This year we again plan to reduce the racing programme by one hour, so this will put more pressure on entries.

We are not running an Explore Event alongside the regatta this year.

Entries open 12.00 noon Sunday 26th July.

Once paid entries reach 350 a waitlist will be opened. Please ensure waitlist entries are paid. Priority where possible will be given to the earliest paid entries. Until the start of the regatta the organising committee may accept further entries from the waitlist and fit them into available slots if the draw has already been made.

We advise you not to enter crews, boats or blades in adjacent divisions. BROE will not prevent you from doing this. We will pick up competitor doubling automatically, but it is your responsibility to identify any equipment sharing on BROE. Do this by using the boat field on the entry form – any unique identifier will do – name or registration number. Identify blade or cox-box sharing in the notes box.

Entries close 12.00 noon Thursday 13th August or sooner if the regatta is full.

The draw will take place at 18:00 on Saturday 15th August virtually. We will then provide a provisional draw by Monday 17th August – which we ask you to review for errors and a final draw by Wednesday 19th August.

Entries not paid by the close of entries will be rejected. Any placeholder entries must be completed before the closing date or may be rejected. Entries withdrawn after the close of entries will not be eligible for a refund except in extenuating circumstances.

Regatta Cancellation

You will not be surprised to hear that the water level in the Lake is low this year. At present the organising committee believe that the event can be run safely. However, a final go/no go decision in relation to lake water levels will be made on Monday 17th August or sooner if the conditions are apparent. If this results in cancellation then all entry fees will be repaid in full.

If for any reason we have to cancel the regatta, specific divisions, boat classes or competitor categories after 17th August including the day of the regatta then entries will be refunded less costs incurred up to that point.

Race Format

The regatta is organised by divisions to facilitate doubling and trebling up. We will try to organise events with a maximum of two races - a semi-final and a final – but this will of course depend on the number of entries, the range of points and the distribution of crew ages. Event finals will take place in the same division as semi-finals and successful crews will remain on the water after their semi-final for their final.



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It is unlikely that crews will have sufficient room on the water to conduct a thorough warm-up. We recommend warming up on land and ergo's will be available.

Local Rules

The forward port and starboard rigger on all boats other than single sculls will be protected by a backstay.

Boats will have adequate buoyancy.

Crews are expected to be capable of all manoeuvres associated with attaching to a stakeboat and maintaining a suitable position until the race start. They are also expected to understand and execute related instructions that may be provided by the start team. Please see below for further explanation. Umpires may at their discretion disqualify crews that are not able to undertake this.

Finals must be rowed over in order to win a medal and Victor Ludorum points.

Competitor Competence

In order to create a sufficient race programme, races are run at three-minute intervals. This therefore requires a crew to paddle across into the correct lane, spin the boat and attach to a stakeboat. They then need to get straight and remain so until the start of the race.

Hollingworth Lake is an exposed location and in some years wind can make it difficult to attach and remain aligned. 2024 was challenging when an unusual north-easterly wind affected racing in the afternoon. Most crews were able to cope with these conditions, but some were not sufficiently competent – either not being able to execute a particular manoeuvre or even not understanding some basic instructions. This competence is not age related – it is down to training. A local rule means that umpires may disqualify crews that are not capable of managing the conditions.

The regatta organisers will make judgements on the weather in relation to running a safe regatta, but they will assume a basic level of competence. Please ensure that your crews are familiar with the whole process of attaching to a stakeboat, the elements of start procedure and how to get and stay aligned. The document "Stake Boat Starts" is provided for your use.