

Hants and Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

HANTS AND DORSET ARA REGATTA RULES

Title

These Rules are established by the Hants and Dorset Amateur Rowing Association (Hants and Dorset ARA or The Association) and shall be known as the Hants and Dorset ARA Regatta Rules.

Purpose

The purpose of these Rules are to:

- Provide a basis for safe, fair and equal racing whilst adhering to the requirements of British Rowing's Row Safe Document and British Rowing's Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy
- Provide a consistent framework for the regulation and organisation of regattas and other rowing events (events)

Interpretation

Wherever possible these rules should be interpreted consistently with each other. In general provisions regarding safety shall take precedence over any other provision.

Scope

These Rules shall be observed by all clubs and competitors taking part in any event affiliated to the Association.

1.0 DEFINITION OF OARSMAN, OARSWOMAN, REGATTA AND SEASON.

1.1. In these Rules "oarsman/woman" shall include "sculler", "rowing", "sculling", regatta, a race or processional event unless the contrary intention is expressed.

1.2. Regatta does not include an Invitation race or Races restricted to entries by invitation only.

1.3. The season shall extend from the 1st January to the 31st December in each year.

2.0 AREA COVERED BY RULES.

2.1. The Rules governing racing laid down by the Association shall be observed by all regattas, clubs and competitors taking part in any regatta affiliated to the Association.

3.0 REGATTA ENTRY FEES.

3.1. Entry fees for Championship Races shall be as prescribed by the Association at its Annual General Meetings and may be returned to the Clubs where an event is cancelled at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.

3.2. Late Entry Fees for championship races shall not exceed the scale last laid down by the Association at an Annual General Meeting.

4.0 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION.

4.1. Clubs representing the Association must reside primarily within the boundaries of Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight.

5.0 EVENTS HELD OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION AREA.

5.1. Events and Heads staging events outside the area of the Association wishing to hold events or divisions of events for members of the Association (and other Coastal Clubs) may apply to the Association for a permit paying with their application a fee of £20 at least two months before the event and if granted may advertise the event as being held under the rules of the Association in which case the rules of the Association shall be observed.

5.2. The Association shall use its best endeavours to provide its own officials or the organiser will ensure that their officials shall enforce the Associations rules if six or more coastal crews compete but if less than six coastal crews take part such events shall be classified as non-status invitation race without effecting status.

6.0 ALL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS TO BE INCLUDED.

6.1. Regattas applying for Championship points must undertake to include races for all events for which Championship points are awarded unless the executive committee authorise any events to be omitted.

7.0 ENTRIES TO REGATTAS.

7.1. All entries must be submitted on the Association forms by the competing club together with the entry fee.

7.2. Regatta Committees may, subject to the consent of the Executive Committee of the Association being first obtained, limit the number of crews accepted from each club in each event.

7.3. Names of Novice Crews are not required before the day of the Event but must be submitted before the start of the Event after which any changes are subject to the usual rules. Novice Oarsman/Women must be registered with the Association in accordance with H&D Registration and Competition Rules.

8.0 NOTIFICATION OF CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY TO REGATTAS.

8.1. Regatta committees shall give adequate notice to all affiliated clubs of the closing date for entries which must not close more than three weeks before the event.

8.2. A copy of the letter inviting entries to a particular event shall be sent to the Association Secretary.

9.0 WINNING NOVICE CREWS.

9.1. A Novice crew who has won at another regatta and gained promotion to Junior status after the draw has been made shall be automatically entitled to race in the junior event

without payment of a further fee and regatta committees should make provision in the draw for such entries whenever possible.

9.2. Any new novice crew picked by a club to replace the crew who have become juniors shall be treated as a late entry.

10.0 REJECTION OF ENTRIES.

10.1. Regatta committees may reject any entry not detailing the surname and initial of each individual entrant and shall do so if one club enters two crews for the same event without names or if the names are not provided 3 clear days before the event

10.2. The regatta committee shall investigate any questionable entry irrespective of any objection being received and may reject any entry which they do not hold to be in accordance with these rules.

10.3. Regatta committees may refuse entries received after the closing date.

11.0 THE DRAW FOR ENTRIES TO REGATTAS.

11.1. Regatta committees shall give adequate notice to all affiliated clubs of the time and place of the draw which shall take place at least three clear days before the event.

11.2. The regatta committee shall not divulge the names of entrants until such entries have closed but shall do so on request by an affiliated club after the closing date.

11.3. The draw shall take place once entries have closed and representatives of clubs entered shall be permitted to be present at the draw.

11.4 Crews will normally be drawn with No 1 position counting from nearest to the starter. Exceptions to this rule shall be approved individually by the Association.

11.5. Where a race is rowed in heats it shall be permissible for a regatta committee to cede to ensure fair and equal racing.

11.6. Where more than one event is taking place within a race then the lane draw should be grouped to make it easier for officials and competitors alike.

12.0 REGATTA PROGRAMMES AND PUBLISHING OF ENTRIES TO A REGATTA.

12.1. The regatta committee shall publish the names and details of individual crews in a programme, a copy of which must be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Association before the event, and copies of which must be distributed to each official officiating at the event and to each club competing and exhibited at the regatta committee headquarters. Wherever possible such names and details should be published in the official programme.

12.2. Regatta committees shall state on their bills, programmes, notices and advertisements the time of the first race and that the races are held under the rules of the Association

12.3. Copies of the programme or details of the times of the races should be sent to all competing clubs, Association Secretary and the Officials before the event

12.4. Regatta Programs should include the scheduled start time of the Event and the anticipated start time of each race.

12.5. Regatta Committees must publish details of all competing clubs registered colours and designs in their programmes.

13.0 REGATTA PROVISIONAL DATES AND CANCELLATION CONTACT DETAILS.

13.1. Recommendation Events prone to postponement should agree a provisional date for postponement with the Association in advance and a decision should be made where possible sufficiently early to save clubs wasting a journey.

13.2. Regatta committees shall advise all competing clubs the telephone numbers of responsible officials available at stated times on the morning of the event to advise clubs on weather conditions and the advisability of proceeding to the event.

14.0 ALTERATIONS TO ENTRIES.

14.1. Any alterations to crews must be given to the regatta committee in writing at least one hour before the race is timed to start with the names of the substitutes.

14.2. Not more than half the crew may be substituted and no substitution is permitted in a single sculling races.

15.0 LATE ENTRIES.

15.1. Recommendation - Late entries after the draw has taken place should always be added on the outside of the draw and should not be accepted if this would overcrowd the draw. However, when a crew's start number exceeds the number of buoys at the turn crews should be re-numbered (not redrawn).

15.2. Recommendation - Late entries should not be accepted if they disrupt the published programme - i.e, if they force a re-draw or additional heats in any event.

15.3. The first late entry from a Club in an event should be accepted on a first come first serve basis but second late entries from the same club in the same event should only be accepted when all other Clubs have had the opportunity to make their late entries.

16.0 COMPOSITE NOVICE CREWS.

16.1. Composite Novice crews will be allowed under the following rules –

(a) This will be controlled by the controller of the regatta

(b) The controller will take the names of all novices (both men and women) that wish to race in composite crews on that day. The captains will provide them at check in. The controller will then draw the names for crews on a random basis.

(c) The regatta should allow provision for 'Comp' 1, 2 etc in the program to prevent any disruption to the program.

(d) The rowers should all compete in their own club colours.

(e) If a composite crew should win then there will not be a H&D championship point awarded for that race however the members of the crew will be deemed to have won a qualifying race at novice i.e. will have to race at Junior status at next regatta (unless Novice status rule is 'two wins and up').

(f) The composite crew would be awarded prizes.

17.0 OBJECTIONS TO QUALIFICATIONS OF COMPETITORS.

17.1. Any objections to the qualifications of a competitor or crew shall be made to the Regatta secretary in writing immediately a query arises and in any case before the prize distribution and the regatta committee may then withhold prizes until the outcome of any investigation is announced.

17.2. After the prize giving any objection must be sent to the secretary of the Association in writing and the association shall have no power to disturb the prizes so distributed but may withhold points or take other appropriate disciplinary action.

18.0 CLUB BRIEFINGS AT REGATTAS.

18.1. At every H & D ARA Championship Regatta there shall be a Club Briefing, of all pre-race information prior to the start of the Regatta.

18.2. Failure to attend will automatically disqualify a Club from competing in the regatta until they have received the briefing. However an individual club briefing can be given allowing that Club to compete in the Regatta but this will incur a penalty of £25 paid to the Association.

18.3. A register of Clubs represented at the meeting will be maintained by the Regatta organizers and this must be forwarded to the Association Secretary with the Regatta Results. Club Race Officials can represent their Clubs at briefings provided they then brief their clubs and Clubs can, in special circumstances, be represented by a nominated member of another Club, as long as the Club in question notifies the Regatta of the nominee prior to the start of the meeting and the nominee then briefs the Club in question.

18.4. The penalty imposed is subject to appeal, in writing and on payment of the penalty, to the Associations Executive Officers whose decision will be final.

19.0 FINES FOR LATE SCRATCHINGS.

19.1. Any scratching made after the first race of the Regatta has come under starters orders will have a £5 per seat Association fine imposed on the Crew. The Club will be advised in writing of the fine within one month of the end of the Regatta Season and will have a further month to appeal, in writing to the Association. Appeals will be considered by the Associations Executive Officers (at least three from President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) if the fine has been received by the Association and the Club will be advised of the result in writing. The decision of the Association Officers will be final.

Note to rule: A crew will not be penalised if withdrawn from a race after the start because of concern for their safety due to the prevailing weather or sea conditions and the experience and/or competence of the crew.

20.0 REGATTA DRAW IN THE EVENT OF POSTPONEMENT.

20.1. In the event of a Regatta being postponed the programme will remain as originally drawn unless the consent of the Association is obtained to a re-draw and in the event of the regatta not being completed the results of completed races shall stand but any races where the final has not been rowed shall be declared void and the regatta committee may arrange to complete the remainder of the programme on a postponement date over the same course but any proposal to row the same over a different course must be with the approval of the Association.

21.0 REGATTA OFFICIALS.

21.1. Umpires, Starters and Judges for championship events must be licensed by the Association. Regatta committees shall apply to the Association for the names and addresses of such officials

21.2. Recommendation - Where possible at least two starters, judges and umpires should be appointed to serve together and if the umpires cannot supervise the entire course each section should be covered by two umpires.

21.3. The regatta committee shall ensure that the umpires shall have suitable boats to keep them in contact with the competitors throughout the race; if this is impossible for any reason regatta committees must appoint sufficient umpires either afloat or ashore to cover all sections of the course and such umpires will be responsible for decisions in the section of the course allotted to them. Where possible two umpires shall be appointed to each section.

21.4. Recommendation - Regatta committees are urged to invite assistant racing officials to assist the starters, umpires and judges and to train them to become fully licensed officials.

22.0 REGATTA RECOMMENDATIONS.

22.1. In addition to the Rules the Association may from time to time make recommendations for the guidance of regatta committees which although not absolutely binding such committees shall be expected to use their best endeavours to adopt and failure to do so without reasonable explanation may be taken into account in deciding whether points shall be awarded to a regatta. Recommendations can similarly be made to clubs and failure to comply without reasonable explanation can be referred to the Association in general meeting as a breach of discipline.

23.0 CREW OR INDIVIDUAL DECLINING SOUTH COAST SELECTION.

23.1. Any crew, or individual, selected and invited to represent the Association in a Championship event at a South Coast Championship Regatta who declines the invitation will not be allowed to enter any of the Open or invitation events at that Regatta.

24.0 ADDITIONAL BYE-LAWS AT REGATTAS.

24.1. Regatta Committees, with the consent of the Association may publish additional rules and byelaws providing they do not conflict with those of the Association, which shall prevail unless agreed by the Association.

25) REGATTA COMMUNICATIONS

25.1. Adequate walkie/talkie equipment should be provided to communicate between the starters, judges, each umpiring position, regatta control and Safety Boats. The starter should have amplifier equipment to cover the whole starting line and the umpires boats should be provided with hand loudhailers for communicating to the crews.

25.2 Recommendation - Public address equipment ashore should cover the entire boat park area.

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