



Notes and Conditions of Entry

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY WITHOUT STATING A REASON.

The Bedford Amateur Regatta is held under the British Rowing (BR) rules of racing (available [HERE](#)) and will conform to the *Rowsafe: Guide to Safe Practice in Rowing* (available [HERE](#))

Competitors must provide their own boats, oars, and sculls, which must comply with current British Rowing rules, particularly regarding heel restraints and bow ball security. All boats and equipment are brought to the regatta at the owner's risk. All boats must display their Environmental Agency identification code at all times.

The course is 1,200 meters downstream, with two lanes. A pontoon start is planned unless weather or course conditions prevent this. All races will be bank umpired over the entire course.

Clubs may modify the details of their entries at any time up to the close of entries.

All events require a minimum of 4 entries, unless the entries team decide otherwise. If the maximum of 16 per event is exceeded, we will attempt to create two divisions. Our aim is to allow as many participants as possible to race within the time constraints of the regatta while maintaining a safe and manageable schedule.

If the regatta is oversubscribed, the entries team may suspend entries early.

Substitutions will be permitted on BROE2 up until the Wednesday before the regatta, within the usual substitution rules (i.e., no more than half a crew may be substituted).

No doubling up or boat sharing is allowed in a division. We will do our best to minimize clashes in the timetable, but reserve the right to refuse entries that create significant scheduling difficulties.

Competitors may only enter one event per division.

Crews that scratch after the close of entries will be liable for payment of their entry fees. In the event of postponement or cancellation of the regatta, we will attempt to refund entry fees on a pro-rata basis once unavoidable costs have been covered. If specific events are cancelled or only a partial cancellation occurs, no refunds will be provided.

Please ensure that you include a contact name, address, and telephone number on BROE2, so we can return the draw to you and contact you if needed when entries close. The draw will also be displayed on this website.

Please note that, as with all rowing events, photographs may be taken by both amateur and professional photographers who may sell their photos. By entering, you acknowledge and accept that you may be photographed in this manner.



British Rowing (BR) Licenses

All competitors representing BR clubs must have a valid BR competition license, and you must provide the license number with your entry. Please check that your license number begins with “201805” or higher. You can renew your license online via the BR website.

Competitors representing clubs affiliated with Scottish Rowing or overseas clubs are exempt from the BR licensing requirements, provided they are representing a club affiliated with Scottish Rowing or an overseas rowing association.

Overseas and Scottish crews must contact British Rowing to submit entries via BROE2.

NOTE: British Rowing membership insurance is only valid for UK residents who have lived in the UK for more than six months during the year.

Priority in Accepting Entries

In previous years, Bedford Amateur Regatta has received more entries than can be accommodated in a single day. We share your disappointment when we have to turn entries away.

Our limitation is the number of races we can organize – with 11 hours of racing and races scheduled at 2-3 minute intervals, we can accommodate approximately 320 races.

We have a systematic approach to deciding which entries to accept or reject within each event:

- Confirmed: Entries completed via BROE2 **with** payment received.
- Provisional: Entries completed via BROE2, but payment has not been received.

Entries are placed on the confirmed list in the order payments are received, not according to the date the provisional entry is submitted.

For the best chance of acceptance, we recommend entering early and making immediate payment. Last-minute entries are unlikely to be accepted.

Once entries close and your entry is accepted, you are liable for the entry fee, whether you race or not.

Special Note to Coaches of Inexperienced Crews

We expect a full programme of races throughout the day with 2-3 minute gaps. In recent years, we have experienced delays caused by inexperienced crews, primarily due to difficulties in backing down to the start pontoon or dealing with crosswinds.



While we encourage grassroots rowing and recognize that every crew competes at their first regatta at some point, delays caused by less experienced crews can disrupt the event for other competitors, including those from your own club.

To ensure a smooth regatta, please ensure all your crews have the necessary skills to attach to the starting pontoon promptly and remain aligned during the race. If this is your crew's first regatta, we strongly recommend practicing these skills at your home club beforehand.

We reserve the right to prevent crews that cannot attach to the starting pontoons from racing.

Bedford Regatta Committee