



Trafford Rowing Club Head of the Bridgewater 2022

Notes to clubs



You are welcome to our race; as with all clubs it's a big day for the dozens of volunteers from within the club who have worked to put the event on, and your participation will be part of the atmosphere.

Here are a few things that your competitors will need to know; if you can arrange for the information to be passed on it will help enormously.

Boating

Delay in boating is the prime cause of people having to wait too long at the start of head races. Our schedule requires us to boat **three crews every two minutes** on average. Please impress on your crews the need to be *completely ready* to get in and push off by the time they arrive at the canal bank with their boat. Blades leaning against the hedge, stretchers adjusted, all nuts tightened, water bottles and seat pads to hand ...

Boat numbers

In common with many other events we are moving to using number boards, which are mounted in the "Empacher slot" that virtually all boats have . Number boards are reusable, which reduces waste, and the clubs don't have to spend time cleaning off adhesive residues from stick-on numbers. (Competitor numbers are as they always were: paper, to be attached with safety pins)

Please ensure that the number boards are returned immediately after racing.

We expect a few to go missing but if a club is responsible for losing a significant number we reserve the right to ask for a payment.

Course records

We maintain a list of the course record times; it is at <http://www.lawshouse.org/rowing/trc/TRC-HoB-records.html> Encourage your stronger crews to have a crack at getting on the page!

Footwear

Much of the area outside the boathouse is currently 3" deep in water, and other areas are extremely wet and muddy. Wellies (in club colours, of course) are recommended.

Photography

The environs of the boathouse and the banks of the Bridgewater Canal are open to the public and it is not possible for the club to implement any of British Rowing's strictures on the taking of photographs.

Car parking

The demands of organising the event, and the needs of other users of the Walton Park Sports Centre where the club is located, mean that the on-site car parking is not available to competitors or spectators. Some of the Metro stations have public car parks adjacent (Brooklands, Sale and even Altrincham) and the club is a short walk along the towpath from Brooklands Metro station.

If you park on the surrounding residential roads please be courteous to the people who live there, and share transport wherever possible.

Catering

Hot and cold food and accompanying drink is available in the Scout Hut. We are known for the high quality of our catering!

Please note that bottled water is not on sale; this is our contribution to reducing the number of single-use bottles finding their way to landfill.

Paper cups will be available for hot drinks.

Other users of the canal towpath

Although the canal itself is closed during racing, the towpath remains open to the public for the whole day. Please be aware of people trying to get past, especially cyclists and people with pushchairs.

