



Tyne Amateur Rowing Club



RUTHERFORD HEAD

Saturday 28th November 2020 4500m - Scotswood to Newburn

The course will be approximately 4500m from Scotswood Bridge to a point 200m downriver from the NUBC landing stage.

Division 1 - 10:30am	Division 2 - 2pm
Open Coxless and Coxed Fours	Open Coxless Quads
Open J18 and J16 Coxed Fours	Open J18 and J16 Coxless Quads
Women's Coxless Quads	Women's Coxless and Coxed fours
Women's J18 and J16 Coxless Quads	Women's J18 and J16 Coxed Fours
Masters Open Coxless Quads	Masters Open Coxless Fours
Women's Masters Coxless Fours	Women's Masters Coxless Quads

Entries and payments online on BROE only

Limit of 60 per division

Entries open at 6pm on Friday 6th November 2020

Entries will close at 5pm on Saturday 21st November 2020

Race fee payable by close of entries

Race fee per seat: £15 seniors & masters, £11 juniors (coxes free)

- The competition is able to run with the assistance of Tyne United Rowing Club and Newcastle University Boat Club.
- Entries will not be permitted from novice or very inexperienced crews that may require outside assistance or present increased risk in sometimes challenging conditions.
- Crews must be able to manage their own boating activity.
- For juniors, entries will be for J16 participants and above, including coxes.
- Participating clubs must abide by the competition specific Covid-19 precautions which will be published in advance of the competition.
- Crews may be banded based on CRIs if numbers demand. Clubs are invited to tell us if crews are in their view under-pointed & should row in a higher band than the CRI suggests.
- Crews in Masters events may be raced in amalgamated age groups. Should it be in the interests of providing competitive races between crews of similar ability, banding may be used across age groups. British Rowing handicaps will always be used, with or without banding.

Run under *British Rowing Rules of Racing*

Please see the *Instructions to Crews and Coxes* for local rules.

Enquiries: entries@tynearc.com

All documents will be posted on www.tynerowingclub.org

Rutherford Head of the River 2020 – Entry Notes

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF CREWS: Due to the Covid-19 situation and prevailing restrictions, the maximum number of boats in each division will, for safety and health reasons, be 60. If oversubscribed, priority will be given based on experience and ranking points and then to locally based clubs. Doubling up will be permitted but entirely at the risk of the participating clubs and their athletes.

COVID-19: Participating clubs must have their own precautions in place for sharing of equipment and must follow location specific Covid-19 guidelines which will be published with competition instructions. It is advised that anyone **not** doubling up should attend, race and then leave the competition to reduce numbers on-site at any one time. Note that there will be no indoor facilities although toilets will be available.

Allocation to one of the 3 local clubs will be made once entries are closed so that numbers attending can be managed taking into account local and government guidelines. Coxes will not need to be weighed but clubs and coaches are responsible for ensuring coxes meet the minimum weight and spot checks may be carried out – see competitors instructions for further details.

PRIZES, BANDING & UPGRADING: There will be the usual Rutherford Head prizes in events (including Masters combined age groups) with three or more entries in the final draw and at least two starting. Depending on numbers we may band any event based on Crew Ranking Index. We reserve the right to say that Junior crews will 'row up' or, for Masters, to row in a combined age group (may be banded, but handicaps will apply in all races) so as to have a minimum of three rowing in every event; we will always seek a solution where entries fall below this limit once entries have closed.

Unfortunately, there will be no prize giving and prizes will be sent to winning crews.

SPECTATORS: It is advised that clubs **must not** bring spectators to attend the competition who are not otherwise helpers, competitors or trailer drivers.

ENTRY FEES: Entry fees must be paid by close of entries at 5pm on Saturday 21st November 2020. Any refund for scratched crews after this time is solely at Tyne ARC's discretion. The final start order will be published by Wednesday 25th November 2020.

NUMBERS: Plastic Empacher slot numbers will be issued. Boats should be equipped with the appropriate fixture. We will also issue paper number for bow rowers. Numbers will be issued at Tyne ARC, Newcastle University Boat Club and Tyne United Rowing Club.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: When making entries clubs must satisfy themselves that crews will be capable of boating with minimal assistance and are able to cope with conditions that might be expected in November on a tidal river. On the day crew members must take with them clothing suitable not only for rowing but also for waiting at the start. Marshals may require crews to return to the steps at any time after boating if it appears that they are not capable of managing the conditions or do not have adequate clothing.

RACE SCHEDULE: Owing to the need to maintain social distancing, likely prevailing water conditions and limited light at the end of the day, we will adhere to published boating and start times. Boating schedules will be issued with the start order and will be enforced. Crews not ready to boat/start at the scheduled time may receive a time penalty or be prevented from racing.

ALTERATIONS: Tyne ARC reserves the right to make any alterations to these arrangements and instructions which it deems necessary for the safe and efficient running of the competition.

LOCAL RULES: Please see the *Instructions to Crews and Coxes* for Local Rules.

Documents and updates will be posted at

http://www.tynerowingclub.org/pages/rutherford_head_180561.cfm

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