



BEACH SPRINTS
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2024 Notice of Competition

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Introduction

World Rowing has been supporting the growth of coastal boat based competitions, providing two formats - Endurance (Offshore) and Beach Sprints. The British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships has two boat classes, solo (C1x) and double (C2x)

The Beach Sprint format is a side by side 250m slalom course starting and finishing on the beach.

In 2018 British Rowing hosted the first Commonwealth Beach Sprint Regatta, the format of which has been part of the Mediterranean Beach Games and the Asian Beach Games, and will be included in the 2026 Youth Olympic Games (Senegal) and the 2028 Olympic Games (Los Angeles). The Beach Sprint format is an important part of World Rowing's future and has been designed to be low cost to run, provide strong event presentation and spectator appeal, and allow jeopardy to be part of the competition outcome!

After a successful Beach Sprint Championship in Exmouth in 2023, this year we are heading to St Andrews, which was the venue for the 2022 Home International Beach Sprint Championships.

We look forward to welcoming you there.

1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

- 1.1. The 2024 British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will be held on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August at East Sands, St Andrews, in front of the East Sands Leisure Centre. The venue postcode is KY16 8LB. What3Words: Serves. Shook. Boarding.
- 1.2. The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Regulations, the Rules of Racing (in particular Appendix F2) and with reference to RowSafe guidance together with its associated documents. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents. Local Rules may also apply.

2. Events, Fees and Prizes

Events Offered and Entry Fees

- 2.1. The following Junior, Student and Senior events are offered at the Championships for Solo (C1x) and Double (C2x) boat classes, (for Open, Women, Mixed crews) for the entry fees indicated:

CATEGORY	Open 1x (CO 1x)	Women 1x (CW 1x)	Open 2x (CO 2x)	Women 2x (CW 2x)	Mixed 2x (CMx 2x)
Junior* (U19)	x	x			x
Student** (Stu)	x	x	x		
Senior	x	x		x	x

* in accordance with British Rowing's definition of Junior, competitors must be Under 19 on the day of competition.

** For the Student events, the entrant must be a registered student at a University. Student ID will be required at registration.

Entry Fee: £39 (1x), £78 (2x)

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- 2.2. Gold and Silver medals will be given to both finalists in the A Final - gold to the fastest and silver to the second.
- 2.3. Individual bronze medals will be awarded to the winner in the B Final.
- 2.4. Only crews from a British Rowing Affiliated Club, or Associated Organisation may be declared "British Champions".

3. Conditions of Entry

- 3.1. The British Rowing Offshore Championships is open to any individual member of a club affiliated to British Rowing as well as overseas rowers.
- 3.2. All race entries need to be made using BROE2. The process for overseas

clubs is outlined here:

<https://www.britishrowing.org/events/entering-competitions/overseas-entry/>

- 3.3. A British Rowing RACE, Scottish Rowing membership or British Rowing Overseas Race License is required to make the entry.
- 3.4. Please note that British Rowing membership insurance is only valid for individuals who are UK residents for more than six months in a year.
- 3.5. Overseas crews are expected to have their own liability insurance.
- 3.6. Personal boats are not allowed to be used. The Organising Committee will provide matched boats, with spans set at 158 cm.
- 3.7. **All competitors must provide their own blades.** The British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will not be making blades available for hire.
- 3.8. The Indicative Timetable, which will help competitors in deciding which events to enter, is provided at Section 8.
- 3.9. Junior events will be in accordance with British Rowing's definition of Junior - competitors must be Under 19 on the day of competition..
- 3.10. For the Student events, the entrant must be a registered student at a University. Student ID will be required at registration.
- 3.11. All competitors **must provide their own boat handlers**, without whom an entry cannot be accepted. The boat handlers must be available at all times when the competitor is racing.

4. Making Entries

- 4.1. Entries must be made through BROE. Entries will open after 15.00 on Monday 24th June 2024 and must be submitted by 15:00 on Monday 29th July 2024 when the system will close. The Championships do not accept late entries.
- 4.2. If you have any queries regarding entries or the entries process, or if you are having difficulties with the BROE system, please email **brbsentries@britishrowing.org** in good time.
- 4.3. Please note when submitting entries through BROE:

- a. Payment must be made by credit or debit card through BROE before close of entries.
- b. All possible contact details should be completed. We may need to contact you before or during the Regatta, so it is in your interests to ensure that your contact details are accurate and up to date.
- c. A copy of the Entries List, Provisional Timetable and other information will be emailed to each crew's submitting BROE administrator and Pre-Competition Contact on **Thursday 1st August by 22:00**. You should ensure that this email address is monitored and up-to-date.
- d. You should check that you can comply with the Conditions of Entry (see Section 3).

4.4. Please note:

- a. Neither late entries nor late payment will be accepted.
- b. Errors made by the Organising Committee may be rectified in the published information.
- c. On request, errors made by competitors may be rectified at the Organising Committee's discretion. Any such requests must be sent by email to **brbsentries@britishrowing.org** by 12:00 on Monday 5th August. Responses to such requests will only be available after this time.
- d. If a crew scratches before the competition and this makes a major change to race timings, this information will be posted on the British Rowing website as soon as possible. It is a competitor's duty to check for updates.

5. The Draw Process

- 5.1. The race programme will be coordinated virtually on **Tuesday 30th July from 12:00 noon** onwards. No details will be disclosed before **10:00 on Friday 2nd August** when the Provisional Timetable will be published on the website: www.britishrowing.org/brbsc. A link to an information pack containing the Entries List, Provisional Timetable and Event Information Leaflet (giving general and safety instructions) will be emailed to all submitting administrators who have entered crews. These documents will also be posted on the website.
- 5.2. Enquiries regarding the draw should be made by email to **brbsentries@britishrowing.org**. Please remember to include your full contact details.

6. Making Changes to Entries

- 6.1. Crew changes must be notified to the Entries Secretary before the crew goes afloat, in accordance with the Rules of Racing. Crews must use BROE to notify substitutions prior to the competition; the system will be open from **10.00 on Friday 2nd August** to **19.00 on Friday 9th August**. After this time, changes must be notified in person at Registration, with details of the substitute's registered club, name, date of birth and Racing Licence number as recorded by the relevant Great Britain Rowing Body.
- 6.2. Crews that scratch before the competition should scratch on BROE or inform the Entries Secretary directly by email. The BROE Crew ID must be included in the email. Crews scratching from an event at the Regatta must inform the Entries Secretary at Registration. Crews that have scratched cannot be reinstated.
- 6.3. A representative of every crew **must** confirm its intention to race each morning at Registration by 15 minutes before the Captains' Meeting.
- 6.4. Withdrawal after a crew's first race will be allowed if notice is given to the Entries Secretary and there are acceptable reasons.

7. Racing Format

- 7.1. The Start and Finish of the races are on the beach.
- 7.2. All crews will race in time trials to determine the fastest 8 crews. This includes all events with fewer than 9 crews.
- 7.3. The time trials will be run in a processional time trial format as used at the British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships 2023 and the World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals 2023. Further information regarding the processional time trial operation can be found here from page 8:
https://worldrowing-admin.soticcloud.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2022-WRB_SF_Processional-Time-Trial_Regulations-and-Guidance_280922_.pdf
- 7.4. Please note that the provisional timetable may change due to weather conditions.
- 7.5. The quarter finals will be raced as:



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Q1: 1st v 8th Q2: 4th v 5th Q3: 2nd v 7th Q4: 3rd v 6th

7.6. The semi-finals race as:

S1: Q1 v Q2

S2: Q3 v Q4

7.7. The finals will be:

FB: loser S1 v loser S2

FA: winner S1 v winner S2

7.8. The lanes will be selected by competitors. Instructions on this will be published in the pre-event instructions.

7.9. Information on the draw and progressions will be confirmed at the Captain's Meeting.

7.10. All crew members must attend the Captain's Meeting.

8. Indicative Timetable (to be confirmed once the draw has taken place) Saturday 10th August (*times to be confirmed)

07:00	Registration Opens
07:15	Registration Closes
*07:30	Captains' Meeting
*08:00	Time trials Begin
*14:00	Side by Side Racing
Post racing	Prizegiving

Sunday 11th August (*times to be confirmed)

07:00	Registration Opens
07:15	Registration Closes
*07:00	Captains' Meeting
*08:00	Time Trials Begin
*14:30	Side by Side Racing
Post racing	Prizegiving

General notes about the indicative timetable

8.1. The competition will follow the following order (time trials and knockout):

<i>Sat 10 Aug</i>	<i>Sun 11 Aug</i>
CO 1x	CW U19 1x
CO Stu 1x	CW 1x
CW 2x	CW Stu 1x
CO U19 1x	CO 2x
CM 2x	CMx U19 2x

8.2. The course **is not available for training outside of these hours.**

8.3. The final race timetable is subject to change until all crews intending to race have registered at the competition. The above plan is indicative only, and all times are approximate.

9. Regulations for Racing

9.1. The competition is run in accordance with the British Rowing Rules of Racing and with reference to Row Safe guidance together with its associated documents. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents.

9.2. Entry fees will not be refunded if it should become necessary, for any reason, to abandon the competition or any event.

9.3. When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the Championships or an event, the times from the time trials may be used to determine the medal positions.

9.4. Crews that fail to confirm their entry to the Entries Secretary will not be permitted to start. Those that have confirmed but then fail to appear at the Start for any of their races in the event may be disbarred from other events in the Championships.

9.5. Should a substitute coach attend the Championships, he/she must contact the Entries Secretary and register his/her mobile telephone number.

- 9.6. The Organising Committee reserves the right to exclude any crew or sculler from further competition in an event if they do not show sufficient competence. This is applied in the interests of safety and fairness to other competitors.
- 9.7. To win a medal a crew must beat another crew, except for gold in an event from which all other crews have withdrawn. Events with fewer than three entries at the close of entries may be withdrawn.
- 9.8. All winners' identification shall be confirmed. Winners who cannot confirm their identity may not receive any crew or individual prize until their eligibility has been confirmed.
- 9.9. It is the competitor's responsibility to keep him/herself informed of any changes to the event programme.
- 9.10. Competitors are reminded that they must bring a photographic ID card with them.

10. Photography & Media

- 10.1 There may be official photographers and videographers at the Championships. Official photographs may be available for sale from the photographer's website. These photographs and videos may be used on websites and social media channels of the Championships or by British Rowing and/or their partners. By entering the competition, competitors and those responsible for them consent to this.
- 10.2 Competitors and those responsible for them should be aware that other, non-official photographers may operate at national sporting events and the subsequent photographs or videos may be freely used in print, digital media or elsewhere, over which the British Rowing has no control.
- 10.3 Coaches, responsible adults and competitors agree that by entering competitors they have made the competitors and their parents/guardians (where in loco parentis) aware of the above two paragraphs.
- 10.4 In addition to the above, the event may be streamed live on the day of the event and the footage may also be shared with the media and press. Coaches, responsible adults and competitors agree that by entering the competition, they have made their athletes and their parents or caregivers aware of this and that further they consent to this.

11. Clean Sport Statement

11.1 The British Rowing Offshore Championships is committed to Clean Sport. All athletes, athlete support personnel and clubs are bound and must abide by the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. Athletes competing at the British Rowing Offshore Championships could be tested at any time, and by entering this event it will be deemed that consent to be tested has been given.

11.2 To understand more about anti-doping the rules and your responsibilities, go to www.britishrowing.org/cleansport or email cleansport@britishrowing.org

12. Sustainability Statement

12.1 At the British Rowing Beach Sprints Championships, our aim is to deliver an enjoyable and competitive event while minimising the impact the event has on the environment. Linked to the [British Rowing Environmental Sustainability Strategy](#), we are taking steps in planning for the event to achieve this overall goal, including promoting active travel, providing facilities for recycling at the event, water bottle refill points and reviewing concessions and vendors for sustainability practices. Further details will be provided in the competitor's instructions.

13. Table of Key Dates

Entries Open	15.00 Monday 24th June
Entries Close	15.00 Monday 29th July
Provisional Entries List Published	10.00 Friday 2nd August
BROE Open for Subs only	10.00 Friday 2nd August
Deadline for substitutions on BROE	19.00 Friday 9th August
Registration Opens	07.00 Saturday 10th August

* The opening and closing times for Registration may be amended once the draw is known. Any amended times will be published with the Provisional Timetable.

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