



NATIONAL SCHOOLS' REGATTA

From Mike Martin, Chairman

Update from the Chairman

I am delighted to confirm that National Schools' Regatta 2024 will once again take place at Eton Dorney over 3 days from Friday 24th May to Sunday 26th May. We are looking forward to welcoming junior rowers from all over the UK and Ireland for three days of racing.

Following the annual 'wash-up' meeting, further consultations, and correspondence, we acknowledge the successes of the 2023 regatta and also the challenges the event faced. With the various factors in mind the Committee has decided to tweak the format of the 2024 event.

Firstly, there will be no new events added to the programme. However, I am delighted to share a summary of the main points of change;

The following changes have been made to the daily programme:-

Friday

The Junior 14 Events - Octuple Sculls and Quad Sculls, will be raced over 1500m from the 2km Start Line (0m) and will finish at the 1500m marker line.

The four Junior 15 Quads Sculls events will race on Friday over 2000m.

Saturday

All the same events as per the 2023 regatta with the addition of Junior 15 Eights and Junior 15 Coxed Four 4+ (Open and Girls), over 2000m.

Championship Eights Open 8+, Championship Girls 8+, Championship Open 4x, Championship Girls 4x, Championship Open 1x, Championship G1x will be raced over both Saturday and Sunday (as in the 2023 regatta).

The first round and repechage will be held on Saturday and the Semi-finals and Finals on Sunday.

These events will start with a Time Trial.

It is proposed that the Junior Under 18 Girls 2nd 8 event is combined with Championship G8+ and will be run over 2 days, Saturday and Sunday.

There will be separate medals awarded for the top three places in each event.

Sunday

No change. The events on offer will be as the 2023 regatta.

A Final Note

It has been intimated to the Committee that there is a desire among *some* schools to (re-)introduce a non-Championship Open Eights event to the regatta programme. The Committee will consult further and consider whether this is possible, desirable, and equitable (across sweep and sculling, Open and Girls). Any such event would also require an agreeable set of eligibility criteria. As a result, it is not possible to introduce a new event this in time for the 2024 National Schools' Regatta.

With all good wishes,

Mike Martin

National Schools' Regatta Chairman