



National Schools' Regatta 2026

22nd- 24th May 2026

1. Invitation for Entries

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Entries open: Tuesday 6th April 2026
Entries close: Tuesday 5th May 2026 23:59
Draw published: Friday 15th May 2026 at 18:00

Racing will take place at Dorney Lake, Court Lane, off Lake End Road, Dorney, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 6FJ (What3words: ///entire.vibes.sport)

All entries must be made via the British Rowing Online Entry System (BROE)
(<http://www.britishrowing.org/>).

Each competitor or crew shall have a named Manager/Coach.
The Coach must be over 18, named on the entry form and a current mobile phone number must be provided. (This information will be kept securely by the Hon. Secretary for Entries, but will be readily available if it becomes necessary to contact the Coach urgently).

2. The Draw

The draw will be published 7 days before the event.
Publish date: 15th May 2026 at 18:00. After which point British Rowing Rules apply.

3. Payment

Entry Fee

Single £ 42
Double / Pair £ 84
Four (+/-) / Quad £ 170
Eight / Octuple £ 290

Payment must be made by the closing date.
All entries must be paid for via BROE2.

If an event is cancelled the Committee will endeavour to refund up to 50% of the Entry Fee.



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4. Events

Note that the Committee reserves the right to change the format of the progression based on the number of entries, the weather, and competency of the age group.

4.1 Friday Events: J14 and J15 Races over 1500m

4.1.1 Proposed Race Format Friday Events:

Time Trials 1400m

All side by side races will be over start or 1500m over six lanes

Crews 1 - 18 will proceed to Final A, B and C

Crews 19+ eliminated

4.1.2 Friday Events:

Junior 14 Events: 1500m				Max no. of entries
EVENT		OPEN	GIRLS	Number
Coxed Quad	J14 4x+	YES	YES	2
Coxed First Octuple	J14 1st 8x+	YES	YES	1
Coxed Second Octuple	J14 2nd 8x+	YES	YES	2

Junior 15 Events: 1500m				Max no. of entries
EVENT		OPEN	GIRLS	Number
Coxed First Quad	J15 1st 4x+	YES	YES	1
Coxed Second Quad	J15 2nd 4x+	YES	YES	2
Coxed Four	J15 4+	YES	YES	2
First Eight	J15 1st 8+	YES	YES	1
Second Eight	J15 2nd 8+	YES	YES	2



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4.2 Saturday & Sunday Events: Race over 2 days

Note the following events will run over two days: Open and Girls Ch 8+, Ch 4x and Ch 1x

4.2.1 Saturday & Sunday:

All side by side races will be over 2000m, over six lanes for crews racing over two days.

Heats and Repechage on Saturday

Semi-Finals and Finals on Sunday

All crews will race on both days and a full programme of Finals will be run.

4.2.2 Events over Saturday and Sunday:

Championship Events: 2000m Heats & Repechage Saturday Semi-Finals and Finals Sunday				Max no. of entries
EVENT		OPEN	GIRLS	Number
Championship Eights	Ch8+	YES	YES	1
Championship Quad	Ch4x	YES	YES	1
Championship Single	Ch1x	YES	YES	2



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4.3 Saturday Events: Race 1 day

4.3.1 Format for Saturday Events:

Time trials over 1900m

All side-by-side races over 2000m over, at the discretion of the Committee, up to eight lanes. The lane plan will be issued once entries have closed.

- Crews 1-18 will race in Finals A, B and C
- Crews 19+ are eliminated

4.3.2 Events on Saturday:

SATURDAY ONLY RACING: 2000m Junior 18 Events				Max no. of entries
EVENT		OPEN	GIRLS	Number
Championship Coxless Four	Ch4-	YES	YES	2
Championship Coxed Four	Ch4+	YES	YES	2
Second Eights	2 nd 8+	YES	YES	1
Third Eight	3 rd 8+	YES	NO	2
2 nd Quad Sculls	2 nd 4x	YES	YES	2

Moved from
Sunday

SATURDAY ONLY RACING: 2000m Junior 16 Events				Max no. of entries
EVENT		OPEN	GIRLS	Number
Eights	J16 8+	YES	YES	1
Second Eights	J16 2 nd 8+	YES	YES	2
Coxed Four	J16 4+	YES	YES	2



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4.4 Sunday Events: Race 1 day.

4.4.1 Format for Sunday Events:

Time trials over 1900m

All side-by-side races over 2000m over, at the discretion of the Committee, up to eight lanes. The lane plan will be issued once entries have closed.

- Crews 1-18 will race in Finals A, B and C
- Crews 19+ are eliminated

4.4.2 Events on Sunday:

SUNDAY ONLY RACING: 2000m Junior 18 Events				Max no. of entries
EVENT		OPEN	GIRLS	Number
Championship Double Sculls	Ch2x	YES	YES	2
Championship Pairs	Ch2-	YES	YES	2

SUNDAY ONLY RACING: 2000m Junior 16 Events				Max no. of entries
EVENT		OPEN	GIRLS	Number
Quad Sculls	J16 4x	YES	YES	1
Second Quad Sculls	J16 2nd 4x	YES	YES	2
Double Sculls	J16 2x	YES	YES	2

4.6 Right to Refuse Entry

4.6.1 It is the Coach's responsibility to ensure race entry rules are followed.

4.6.2 The Committee reserves the right to withdraw a crew at any time. Failure to adhere to race entry rules will result in disqualification from the event.

4.6.3 Crews can be withdrawn after The Draw or during racing should it be found that the rules have not been adhered to.



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5. Eligibility

5.1 SCHOOLS:

- 5.1.0 Only bona fide members of a school rowing club are eligible to compete for that school.
- 5.1.1 Competitors must be Under 19 on the day of competition.
- 5.1.2 Competitors who attend schools with rowing clubs must compete for their school.
Exceptions will only be granted if the School Principal or Head Teacher provides a signed and headed letter granting permission.

5.2 ROWING CLUBS:

- 5.2.0 Competitors who do not attend schools that row may compete for a rowing club provided:
- 5.2.1 They are Under 19 on the day of competition whilst still in genuine secondary education, or
- 5.2.2 They qualify under the BR Junior category, whether in secondary education or not.

5.3. REQUIREMENTS:

- 5.3.1 The school or rowing club competitors will represent the place where they have been a member since the 1st October previous to the regatta.
- 5.3.2 This school or rowing club will be the place where the competitor carries out their usual day-to-day training.

5.4. RESTRICTIONS:

- 5.41. Composite crews are not permitted in any events.
- 5.42. Entries for crews will not be accepted from a non-school rowing club unless the membership of such a club is open to all young people wishing to learn to row or scull.

5.5. QUERIES:

- 5.5.1 Any queries over eligibility for any event should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary for Entries (entries@nationalschoolsregatta.co.uk) in writing prior to the entry being made. The National Schools' Regatta Committee will subsequently decide if the entry is acceptable.

6. Conditions of Entry

- 6.1. Coxes are the only competitors permitted to double-up.
- 6.2. No competitor may compete for more than one school or rowing club during the entire regatta.
- 6.3. Each competitor must be entered for the event designated by age group or above.
- 6.4. Competitors below J14 age (coxes below J13) will not be accepted.
- 6.5. Competitors of J14 age will not be accepted in sweep-oared events (BR rule 2-3f)
- 6.6. Crews entered for 3rd 8+, must NOT contain more than 3 J16's (excluding cox).



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- 6.7. A club may not enter a crew for a Second Event unless it has entered one crew for the First Event for the same age category and boat type. For example, an entry in J15 2nd 8+ is only permitted if there is also an entry from that club or school in J15 1st 8+. For Third Crews, an entry will need to be made in the First and Second event.
- 6.8. Race Event Restrictions: Note that the number of crews you are allowed to enter is now restricted as outlined in tables under section 4 'Max no of Entries'.
- 6.9 This Invitation for Entries is based on the current British Rowing Rules of Racing

7. Watermanship

- 7.1 In the interest of safety, Coaches are requested not to enter crews whose ability to cope with the Dorney Lake rough conditions and the 2000m distance is suspect. If crews are not sufficiently skilled to compete, the club/school may be sanctioned the following year.
- 7.2 The NSR Committee reserves the right to cancel an event; or withdraw crews from the Regatta who, due to lack of watermanship, may endanger the safety of themselves or of other crews, or disrupt or delay the Regatta.
- 7.3 Crews must be taught how to keep their boat straight on the start, when there is a side wind blowing. This is achieved by either bow or 2 sculling with a blade parallel to the boat**

8. Boats and Equipment

Each crew shall provide its own boat.

The Committee cannot make allowances for boat sharing in the timetable.

Each boat shall be fitted with an Empacher slot for a lane number, without which a crew may not start. Attention is drawn to BR Rules of Racing: Coaches must ensure that boats are properly checked prior to being taken to the rafts.

9. Prizes

Medals will be presented to the first three crews in all events provided that at least one other crew starts. In order to medal, you have to beat a crew. Winners will be required to sign a receipt for any trophy taken away, to insure it, and to return it in good repair having been engraved.

Note that in the event of further racing being cancelled due to weather conditions after the Time Trials or heats have been conducted, prizes may be awarded to the crews with fastest recorded times. Therefore crews are advised to aim for their best possible time rather than a time that may be sufficient to qualify.



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10. Withdrawal

Any competitors who fail to appear for their races will be required to pay a penalty equal to the entry fee. They or their club may be debarred from other events in the regatta as a consequence.

If the penalty is not paid, no entries will be accepted from that school or club in the following year.

Withdrawal will be allowed without penalty if notice is given to the Hon. Sec. for Entries and there are acceptable reasons.

11. Photography

The Committee approves audio-visual coverage of the Regatta and photography by commercial organisations. It is a condition of entry that each competitor consents to the filming and broadcasting of their participation at the regatta. Competitors may be photographed or filmed during the Regatta by commercial organisations who sell their photographs and these images may be used for identification or publicity purposes. Further, NSR recognises that at a sports event many parents and other supporters will wish to take photographs and all participants should be aware of this. NSR has limited control over this.

By submitting an entry, the club is agreeing to allow its competitors and crews to be filmed, and photographed as stated. The school/club official is responsible for making parents and guardians aware of the NSR arrangements and obtaining consent as necessary. If there are any extenuating circumstances that may prevent such permission, then the Regatta must be made aware prior to confirmation of entry. Please contact welfare@nationalschoolsregatta.org.uk or entries@nationalschoolsregatta.org.uk .



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11. Race order and provisional schedule

This is the planned order of racing. Times are only to be used as a guideline. The official times and race progression will be released when we have all the entries and the draw is completed.

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Racing</i> 09:00 until 18:30	<i>Racing</i> 08:30 until 18:30	<i>Racing</i> 08:30 until 18:00
<i>Time Trials</i> 09:00 until 13:00	<i>Time Trials</i> 08:30 until 10:30	<i>Time Trials</i> 08:30 until 10:30
	<i>Heats</i> 11:00 until 13:00	
<i>Order of Racing</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J14 4x+ (Girls) 2. J14 4x+ (Open) 3. J14 2nd 8x+ (Open) 4. J14 2nd 8x+ (Girls) 5. J15 2nd 4x+ (Girls) 6. J15 2nd 4x+ (Open) 7. J14 1st 8x+ (Open) 8. J14 1st 8x+ (Girls) 9. J15 4+ (Girls) 10. J15 4+ (Open) 11. J15 2nd 8+ (Open) 12. J15 2nd 8+ (Girls) 13. J15 1st 4x+ (Girls) 14. J15 1st 4x+ (Open) 15. J15 1st 8+ (Open) 16. J15 1st 8+ (Girls) 	<i>Order of Racing</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J16 4+ (Girls) 2. J16 4+ (Open) 3. J16 2nd 8+ (Open) 4. J16 1st 8+ (Girls) 5. J16 1st 8+ (Open) 6. 3rd 8+ (Open) 7. 2nd 8+ (Girls) 8. 2nd 8+ (Open) 9. 2nd 4x (Open) 10. 2nd 4x (Girls) 11. Ch 4+ (Girls) 12. Ch 4+ (Open) 13. Ch 4- (Open) 14. Ch 4- (Girls) 15. Ch 1x (Girls) 16. Ch 1x (Open) 17. Ch 4x (Open) 18. Ch 4x (Girls) 19. Ch 8+ (Open) 20. Ch 8+ (Girls) 	<i>Order of Racing</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ch 2x (Girls) 2. Ch 2x (Open) 3. Ch 2- (Open) 4. Ch 2- (Girls) 5. J16 2x (Girls) 6. J16 2x (Open) 7. J16 4x (Open) 8. J16 4x (Girls) 9. J16 2nd 4x (Girls) 10. J16 2nd 4x (Open) 11. Ch 1x (Girls) 12. Ch 1x (Open) 13. Ch 4x (Open) 14. Ch 4x (Girls) 15. Ch 8+ (Open) 16. Ch 8+ (Girls)