



BRITISHROWING

2024 Rules of Racing

Changes from 2023 Rules of Racing

From 1st April 2024

Issue History:

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| Rule | 2023 Wording | Proposed 2024 Wording | Comments |
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| Heading | Rules of Racing 2023 | Replace: “23” with “24 | |
| Through out | Unsportmanlike | Change: “unsporting” | |
| Through out | membership card | Add: “Digital” before “membership card” | |
| 2-1-1a | ...with Race membership, and who... | Add: “or have a Day Ticket for a day of the competition (if permitted by British Rowing and accepted by the competition)” after “with Race membership” | The day ticket trial is continuing into 2024 |
| 4-1-1 | “if the gender of the rower is female in BROE” | Change: “if the rower is recorded as female in BROE” | |
| | New rule | Add: “5-2-2 Welfare Officer Before a competition the Organising Committee shall appoint a Welfare Officer, who shall become a member of the Organising Committee and who is responsible for producing appropriate Welfare Plans for the competition.” | Defining Welfare officer role in the rules and position on Organising Committee |
| 5-2-3 | ...with the Race Committee Chair, and the Safety Adviser shall... | Change: “...with the Race Committee Chair, the Safety Adviser and the Welfare Officer shall...” | Add in Welfare Officer |
| 5-2-2 | | Renumber: 5-2-3 | |
| 5-2-3 | | Renumber: 5-2-4 | |
| 5-2-3 | | Add bullet: welfare plan and how to summon help if required | |
| 6-1-5a | A team of officials who check... | Add: “may” after who | Clarify that Control Commission don’t do a 100% check. |
| 7-2-2 | ...crew boating areas to check that all... | Add: “and may” after “boating area” | Clarify that Control Commission don’t do a 100% check. |
| 7-2-3 | All competitors shall take their membership card with them to a competition. Any competitor who cannot produce this document when requested... ..If the card is not available (e.g. lost or not yet received).. | Delete: “All competitors shall take their membership card with them to a competition.” Change: “this document” to “their digital membership card” Change: “the card” to “it” Delete: “lost or” | Physical membership cards are no longer sent to members. It is down loaded to their smartphone’s wallet. |
| 7-2-4b | Thereafter, up to half of the rowing members of a crew and the cox may be substituted before the crew’s first race in an event. | Add: “until the first race of the crew in the competition has started,” before “up to half before the crew’s first race in an event.” Delete: “before the crew’s first race in an event” | Clarification when the medical substitution rule starts. |
| 7-2-4e | Further substitutions will only be permitted... | Move: to “7-2-4c” Change: “Any further substitutions after the official close of entries additional to those allowed under Rule 7-2-4b will only be permitted ...” | Moves and clarify the medical substitution rule |
| 7-2-4c | | Renumber: “7-2-4c” to “7-2-4d”; | |
| 7-2-4d | | Renumber: “7-2-4d” to “7-2-4e” | |
| 7-3-4 | | Add: “7-3-4d When the Starter has omitted the words “Two minutes” in accordance with rule 7-3-1c the Starter shall first announce the race and then announce any ‘Official Warnings’ ” | Clarify order race details and Official Warnings when “2 minutes” is omitted |

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| 7-3-4 | | Re-number: “7-3-4d” to “7-3-4e” “7-3-4e” to “7-3-4f” etc to end of section | |
| 7-3-4d | ...[x-l] to x... | Change: “...[x-l] to l...” | Typo correction |
| 8-1b | The decision of an umpire in a side-by-side race shall be final and without appeal. | Add: “in a side-by-side race” after “The decision of an umpire” | |
| | | New: “8-1c In a processional race the Race Committee Chair shall moderate all the penalties awarded during the race to ensure that they are awarded consistently across all stations in the race.” | Allows the RC Chair to make sure that all penalties are applied equally down the course |
| 8-1c | | Re-number: “8-1c” to “8-1d” | |
| 8-1d | | Re-number: “8-1d” to “8-1e” | |
| 8-5 | Unsportmanlike Behaviour | Change: “Unsporting Behaviour” | |
| 9u | Membership Card: the card issued to all paid up registered members of British Rowing. | Change: “the card” to “a digital file” Add: “and stored on their personal mobile devices or otherwise” after “British Rowing” | |
| 9kk | shall mean a stable rowing boat such as an ‘Explore Rowing’ boat. This definition specifically excludes the use of fine boats in recreational competition | Change: “A stable boat is one used commonly for recreational rowing” | Simplify and widen the definition of recreational boats |
| 10 | Head of Control Commission | Delete: “means for competitors to put together any necessary dead-weight e.g. sand, freezer bags and staplers” | It is the crews’ responsibility to provide deadweight |
| 13 | Stable Boat Events & Competitions | Throughout delete: “Explore Rowing” | The “Explore Rowing” programme does not exist. |
| 14 | Offshore Competitions | The whole section has been reorganised to reflect the order in the main rules. Rule References added. | |
| 14-14b | The Starter shall direct the crews to float and hold... (Now 14-12-3b) | Change: “When the Starter directs the crews to put their boats on the water and hold...” | |
| 14-14-2 | the Starter shall say “One minute!”. At this time all boats shall be ready on the water. (Now 14-12-4) | Change: “the Starter shall say “One minute!” and ask the crews to place their boats on the water by saying “Put the boats in the water”. | |
| 15 | Beach Sprints | The whole section has been revised to reflect latest best practice for Beach Sprints. | |