



RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ROBINSON HEAD 2008

1. That the rules of the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) must be adhered to as well as the rules set out by Robinson College Boat Club (RCBC) and the Cambridge University Combined Boat Clubs (CUCBC).
2. That the Water Safety Code must be followed. (http://www.ara-rowing.org/Asp/uploadedFiles/File/Safety_code.pdf)
3. That the race shall remain under the control and jurisdiction of the RCBC, and it's appointed Race Organiser(s), but shall be open to all eight-oared men's and women's crews, and four-oared men's and women's crews.
4. That any member of the University qualified to row in CUCBC-run races according to Rules 44-47 of the CUCBC shall be qualified to compete. In addition any crew not satisfying these regulations shall be allowed to compete if given special permission to do so by the RCBC.
5. That the races will be rowed on the 8th February 2008 between 14:00 and lighting up (17:22).
6. That the entrance fee be payable to Robinson College Boat Club.
7. Regarding the Course
 - 7.1. That unless otherwise specified or instructed by the Start Marshall, a crew's rolling start will begin three boat lengths downstream of the Little Bridge above Baitsbite Lock.
 - 7.2. That crews will be assumed to have reached full pressure and the race timing shall begin as the bow ball passes the Little Bridge.
 - 7.3. That the the finish for all races shall be at Peter's Posts.
 - 7.4. That timing shall be to the nearest second.
8. Start Order
 - 8.1. That the RCBC shall determine the start order along the following guidelines:
 - 8.1.1. Any crews sharing a boat shall, as far as possible, not be placed in the same division or adjacent divisions provided that this fact has been indicated to the Organiser(s) at least one week before the race.

- 8.1.2. The crews shall then be placed in order according to their final position in the previous years' Lent bumps and recent racing results.

9. Disqualification

- 9.1. That any boat being overtaken must give way to the faster crew and that if by failing to do so it retards the overtaking boat in any way it will be liable to disqualification or to such other reasonable penalty as the Organiser(s) of the race shall determine. (Note: The cox of the faster crew must make the cox of the slower crew aware in good time that they wish to pass.)
- 9.2. That any crew which marshals later than their advised marshalling time shall be liable to disqualification at the discretion of the Organiser(s).

10. Prizes

- 10.1. There shall be prizes awarded in the following categories:
 - 10.1.1. Fastest Men's 1st VIII
 - 10.1.2. Fastest Women's 1st VIII
 - 10.1.3. Fastest Men's Lower VIII
 - 10.1.4. Fastest Women's Lower VIII
 - 10.1.5. Fastest Men's Invitational VIII
 - 10.1.6. Fastest Women's Invitational VIII
 - 10.1.7. Fastest Men's IV
 - 10.1.8. Fastest Women's IV
- 10.2. Only Cambridge college crews and the crews of CCAT shall be considered for prizes (10.1.1) through (10.1.4) They shall not be eligible for prizes (10.1.5) or (10.1.6).
- 10.3. All four-oared crews shall be eligible for prizes (10.1.7) and (10.1.8).
- 10.4. No prize shall be awarded for a category in which there are fewer than four (4) entries in any given year.

11. Return of Prizes

- 11.1. That the failure of any club to return to the Robinson Head Organiser(s) upon reasonable request any trophy awarded in the race of the previous year shall result in that club being required to pay reasonable expenses in order to facilitate the purchase a replacement trophy by the RCBC. Such payment shall be due to the Robinson Head Organiser(s) not later than 18:00 on the day before the race is due to take place. Failure to make such payment shall result in disqualification of that club from the race and forfeiture of any entry fees paid to the RCBC.

12. That notice of scratching from the race shall be given to the Robinson Head Organiser(s) well in advance of the race. The return of any entry fee shall be determined at the discretion of the Organiser(s), but will normally be repaid in full for cancellations up to one week in advance of the race.

13. That a full list of provisional results will be posted in the Lady Margaret Boat House as soon as possible after the race is finished, and on the website of the RCBC (<http://www.srcf.ucam.org/rcbc/>).
14. That College 1st VIII colours may not row in crews below their 2nd VIII.
15. That any current trialist for CUBC, CUWBC, CULRC and their Oxford may neither row nor steer for their college.
16. That boat sharing is permitted, but that this is done at the crew's and respective college's own risk. Divisions will not be delayed to accommodate boat sharing.
17. That the RCBC and Organiser(s) may alter these rules at any time, but all reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that notice shall be given to all Clubs concerned.
18. That the RCBC does not accept any fault or liability for crews or equipment.
19. That all enquiries regarding these rules and their interpretation should be directed to the 2008 Organiser: Robert Cook, Robinson Colleg Boat Club, Robinson College, Cambridge, CB3 9AN, or by email rc346@cam.ac.uk.
20. That these rules and other materials and information regarding the organisation and running of the Robinson Head 2008 can be found at the RCBC website (<http://www.srcf.ucam.org/rcbc/>).