

PUTNEY TOWN ROWING CLUB

SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

OBJECTIVES:

1. To improve the standard of club sculling and club rowing
2. To integrate members of different squads, and of no squad
3. To retain club members who choose to no long participate in squad rowing
4. To keep squad members active over the summer
5. To provide regular competition to club scullers
6. To provide a measure of improvement in performance

STRUCTURE:

The Club Sculling Championship shall be a Summer competition involving side-by-side racing.

It will take the form of mini sculling leagues of 6 scullers. The grouping into divisions shall be determined by time trial. During the competition period, each sculler in each division shall race all the other scullers in that division in a round-robin format. At the close of the Summer season, prizes shall be awarded to the winning sculler of the first division and for the highest placed sculler in a number of different categories.

ORGANISATION

The Competition will be administered by a Competition Secretary, who will be selected by the Club Captain. The Club Captain will chair any Competition meetings, all of which shall be open to the membership. These shall be used to refine the organisation of the event and the published Rules.

RULES

NAME

1. The competition shall be known as the "Putney Town Rowing Club Sculling Championship"

ENTRY

1. All full (voting) club members holding a steer-cert are eligible to enter. Coxing members and those holding only a coxing steer-cert are not eligible. A separate, supervised competition for beginners may also be organised.
2. There shall be a single competition, open to all members (ie the single competition will include men, women of senior and masters ages).
3. The Competition Secretary shall advertise the opening of entries at least 28 days before the date of the Time Trial.
4. The Competition Secretary shall advertise the dates between which all races shall be complete. An extension to the race period may be granted at the Competition Secretary's discretion.
5. Entries are to be submitted to the Competition Secretary at least 5 days before the date of the Time Trial.

6. The entry fee shall be £5 and must be paid before the time trial.
7. Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the Competition Secretary and Club Captain.
8. Entries made after the close of entries for the Time Trial may be added to the lowest division at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.

PRIZES

1. The following prizes shall be awarded at the end of the final race period of the season:
 - a. Club Sculling Champion (head of first division)
 - b. Club Ladies' Sculling Champion (highest placed female sculler)
 - c. Novice Men's Sculling Champion (highest placed male novice sculler)
 - d. Novice Women's Sculling Champion (highest placed female novice sculler)
 - e. Masters A/B, Masters C/D, Masters E/F, Masters G/H/I Sculling Champion (prizes awarded for each category, both male and female)
2. All scullers are eligible for the Club Sculling Champion prize, and all female scullers are eligible for the Club Ladies' Sculling Champion prize.
3. Prizes shall only be awarded if three or more entries complete the competition in that category.
4. If less than three entries complete the competition, entries shall be eligible for the next highest available category.
5. Scullers are eligible to enter the novice category if they hold no British Rowing sculling points at the time of the Time Trial. Their eligibility does not change if they win a British Rowing sculling point during the competition season.
6. Club trophies will be awarded for some of the prizes at the discretion of the Club Chairman.

COURSE

1. The Course shall be between the red buoy opposite the UL boathouse and the red buoy outside PTRC.
2. The Course shall be raced with the stream, on the starboard side of the Fairway.

TIME TRIAL

1. A Time Trial shall take place to determine the divisions.
2. The Time Trial shall take place over the Course in the direction of the tide at the time.
3. The Competition Secretary shall notify all entries of the procedures for marshalling and timing.
4. No handicapping shall be applied for the Time Trial.
5. The results of the Time Trial shall be published in full by the Competition Secretary.

DIVISIONS

1. The competitors shall be divided into divisions of 6 scullers, based on the results of the time trial.
2. In the event of a tie in the Time Trial, which crosses a league boundary, the Competition Secretary shall decide the placing by tossing a coin. The competitors affected may be present, but if not, another club member will be present.

3. If a competitor notifies the Competition Secretary before the close of entries that they are not able to compete in the Time Trial, the Club Captain may at his discretion, place that competitor into an appropriate division. Any competitor who does not so notify the Competition Secretary and does not complete the Time Trial shall be placed in the final division.
4. The Competition Secretary shall publish the list of divisions, which shall include a contact email address for each sculler as soon as practically possible after the Time Trial.
5. The size of the lowest two divisions shall be varied between 4 and 7 scullers to prevent a division of less than four scullers.
6. The final division shall be the smallest.
7. Each sculler shall be responsible for arranging their own races.
8. All races are to be completed before the end of the race period.
9. The placings in a division shall be determined by the number of wins for each sculler.
10. In the event of a tie between two scullers, the head-to-head result of that race shall be used to determine the position.
11. In the event of a tie between three or more scullers, which cannot be resolved by reverting to head-to-head results, the relative position from the results of the Time Trial.

RACES

1. Races shall be in accordance with the British Rowing Rules of Racing (as applicable) and Row Safe and shall be raced in complete accordance with the Tideway Rowing Code.
2. The safety of all scullers and other river users shall be the primary priority at all times.
3. Races shall not be umpired unless competitors request a suitable club member or coach to oversee their race.
4. The scullers shall select a station before each race, through tossing a coin or by other agreement. Both stations shall be on the starboard side of the fairway.
5. In the event of a blade clash, the race may be repeated if it was likely to have affected the result and both competitors agree.
6. In the event a result cannot be agreed, the race shall be repeated with a club member or coach to determine the result.
7. If a race is overseen by another club member or coach, the decision of that club member or coach shall be final.
8. The result shall be reported to the Competition Secretary as soon as possible after the race.
9. Once a result has been declared, there shall be no re-row of that race.

EQUIPMENT

1. Competitors may use either club or private equipment.
2. Where there is a dispute over the use of equipment, the Club Captain will allocate equipment.
3. Captain's Permission equipment must only be used with that permission.

WITHDRAWAL

1. A competitor who wishes to withdraw shall notify the Competition Secretary as soon as possible.

2. If a competitor withdraws from the competition, all races for that competitor shall be declared void.

DISPUTES

1. Any dispute shall be referred to the Competition Secretary for a decision.
2. The decision of the Club Captain shall be final.

PENALTIES

1. Any infringement of the Rules of the Competition, including any violation of the Tideway Rowing Code during the course of the Competition shall be reported to the Club Captain.
2. A penalty shall be awarded at the discretion of the Club Captain. These penalties can include:
 - a. Deduction of one race win from the current racing period. That race shall not be awarded to the competitor.
 - b. Disqualification of the competitor.
3. Other penalties may be declared outside of the competition in accordance with Club procedures.

Peter Jones, Captain, 9th June 2017 (v2.0)