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## QUALIFYING RACES - 2021

**Qualifying Races will commence at 10.00 am.**

### General Instructions

All crews entering the Regatta must check the published document '[Crews Required to Qualify and Timetable](#)' on this website to see if they are required to row in Qualifying Races in their Event. Please ensure you check all the Events you have entered. Qualifying Races will be by Timed Races at Eton College Dorney Lake "Dorney" on Saturday, 7 August 2021. There will be a separate race for each Event; and crews will start at intervals of approximately 30 seconds.

**Note: Competitors are advised to access the venue via Lake End Road – Satnav will likely direct traffic via Huntercombe Lane which is not suitable for trailer traffic. Competitors should also be aware that there are temporary traffic lights in operation on Lake End Road operating between 4 to 13 August.**

**PLEASE NOTE the M4 will be closed in both directions over the weekend 6 to 9 August from J4b (M25) and J5 (Langley) so check your route in advance and allow extra time for travel.**

### **COVID Protection Measures**

It is the duty of everyone attending the Qualifying Races for Henley Royal Regatta to have regard for their own safety and the safety of others attending the Qualifying Races particularly in these current times.

This applies throughout the Competition venue. We have in place specific measures for Competitors, Coaches, Officials, Staff and Contractors accessing Dorney.

It is a requirement of the Regatta that anybody attending the Qualifying Races should complete and submit a Covid Self-declaration form which can be found [HERE](#).

Although England is released from lockdown all attendees at the Regatta (including Qualifying Races) are expected to follow the "pre-unlocking protocols", in common with most regattas in 2021. This includes the wearing of face masks at all times when social distancing is not possible, for example in queues, the boating area, crew enquiries etc. Masks are mandatory in buildings and enclosed areas.

Enclosed areas will include any club gazebo unless it has at least two sides open (it is the club's responsibility to manage this).

The Regatta is committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of its competitors and officials. Crews train for a long period of time to compete at the Regatta and these protective measures do not just protect individuals, but everyone at the Regatta.

Coxes will be required to follow current British Rowing guidance on face coverings during training and racing.

### ***Arrival, Parking and Rigging***

The Qualifying Races are being held “behind closed doors” and ONLY competitors and coaches are permitted to attend. Any spectators who gain access to the venue will be required to leave.

When arriving on the site security at the gates will have a list of competing crews and will check visitors against this list to ensure that only competitors, coaches and officials gain access. You will be directed to the competitors’ car parking area. Please limit the number of vehicles arriving at the venue.

Vehicles towing trailers will be directed to the trailer park where marshals will instruct drivers where to park.

Boats should be rigged at the trailer park and kept there prior to racing and returned there after your race. No boats are to be stored on the usual grassed racking areas.

### ***Reporting and Weighing***

Each boat **MUST** carry its correct racing number. These can be collected from the Boat Tent Official based at Crew Registration adjacent to the main boathouse. After racing the number-plates will be collected by a Regatta Official from ALL CREWS at the pontoons.

Coxswains shall be weighed at the Crew Enquiries Office before their Qualifying Race. The minimum weight for all coxes is 55 kg (8st 9lb). **It is the responsibility of all coxes to provide their own weights if weights are to be carried.**

### ***Timetable***

Crews required to row in Qualifying Races will start in each Event in alphabetical order as shown in the published list of ‘Crews Required to Qualify and Timetable’. The times shown are the starting times for the first crew in each Group. You must be ready in the Start area for assembly in the correct order at least ten minutes before your start time, irrespective of your place in the starting order. Your crew should leave the boating area 30 minutes before the start time of your Group. A schedule of boating times will be published on the HRR website.

### ***Boating and Qualifying Race Instructions***

These instructions should be read in conjunction with the ‘HRR Qualification Races Circulation Pattern’ plan accompanying these instructions.

Boating for the Qualifying Races will be from the warm-up lake following the pattern adopted at the Metropolitan and Marlow Regattas. Crews are advised to bring footwear suitable for Tideway-style boating.

All crews boating **MUST** bring their oars/sculls to the Boating area before they bring in their boats to minimise congestion in that area.

When proceeding from the trailer park to the boating area, crews should carry boats in front of the boathouse as shown on the plan, under the instruction of the Stewards and

Marshals. Crews should queue for boating in an orderly manner and maintain social distancing at all times.

Once boated, warm up is permitted in the warm-up lake following the circulation patterns shown on the plan.

**N.B. In the warm-up lake crews can only turn at 500m, 1000m or 1500m.**

The Qualification races will be run over 1900 metres. The start line will be from 100 metres to the finish of the Dorney 2000m course.

Crews should present themselves to the 250m Marshal in good time for their start. From there they will be directed to proceed to the Bridge Marshal who will direct them through the start bridge at the appropriate time.

Start Marshals will allocate lanes and crews should turn into their lane, 5 or 6 (this may be varied on the day dependent on conditions). Note: this will apply to crews racing in the Club and Intermediate events and The Diamond Challenge Sculls. Crews and scullers racing in the Open events will race in a single lane.

Once turned, crews should move into the area of red buoys and not block the turning area. They should move down their lane and queue behind the crews starting ahead of them. The umpire in the launch will start crews using the crew number, name, or lane.

Timing will commence once the crew crosses the 100m line.

There will be a 30 second start gap between Intermediate and Club crews and The Diamond Challenge Cup Sculls. Other crews in the open events will be started with 45 second gaps.

**Please note: If a crew / sculler is being overtaken then, if in the lower numbered lane, they should move to the adjacent lower numbered lane and if in the higher numbered lane, they should move to the adjacent higher numbered lane, giving way to the faster crew without impeding the other racing lane.** The nearest Umpire (located 500m, 1,000m, 1,500m, and close to the finish) will instruct the crew to do so only if the cox or steersperson has not anticipated the need.

Stroke or bow should communicate the need to move over to their cox. Once overtaken the crew should then return to their allocated lane. If it is deemed that a crew has impeded another crew or has left its lane in order to gain an advantage from conditions the Race Committee may decide to award a time penalty.

Once across the finish line crews should clear the area immediately by paddling to the pontoons, under the instruction from the Umpire in the launch at the finish. All the pontoons are available for returning crews; there is no warm down.

Boats should be returned to their trailers after racing.

### ***Bicycles on the Towpath***

Coaches are permitted to follow their crews during their race but must follow the circulation pattern shown on the attached plan. Any coach flouting this rule will place the continued participation of their crew in the Regatta at risk.

## ***Results***

Your time over the Course will be recorded and a list of those who have qualified to compete in the Regatta will be posted on the Regatta website [here](#) approximately an hour after the Qualifying Races have finished.

The Results will also be announced over the public address at the boathouse, but we request that crews do not congregate in crowds in this area and maintain proper social distancing at all times.

## ***Medical provision and safety cover***

Paramedics will be available on site throughout the day of the Qualifying Races and safety crews will be on the water all day. If assistance is required contact the nearest race official who will be able to contact race control to arrange such assistance.

## ***Regatta Shop***

The Regatta Shop will be open at Dorney for Qualifying Races from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

## ***Departure***

At your own risk trailers may be left at Dorney overnight on Saturday 7 August and collected on Sunday 8 August.

Dorney is available for training on the morning of Sunday 8 August from 9.00 am and 2.00 pm.

ALL trailers MUST be removed from Dorney by 3.00 pm on Sunday 8 August.

## ***Note for Competing Boats at Henley***

Trailers will not be permitted to access the Regatta Boating Area at Fawley Meadows until Sunday 8 August and crews will not be permitted to access the river at Henley from Fawley Meadows until the morning of Monday 9 August.

D. G. M. Grist  
Secretary.



# HRR Qualification races circulation pattern

## Saturday 07/08/2021

