



TWICKENHAM AMATEUR REGATTA

Entry Acceptance Policy: April 2011

Twickenham Regatta has been in the fortunate position for a number of recent years that the entry has been over-subscribed, significantly exceeding the race programme capacity.

The Regatta is very grateful to all those clubs and athletes who choose to participate in our event. Unfortunately, it has not always been possible to accommodate everyone who wishes to race.

The Regatta Committee has therefore had to make some difficult, and in some cases quite brutal decisions about which entries to accept, and which to reject.

Under the Rules of Racing, regatta organisers have the right to accept or reject any entry without explanation. However, given the potentially large number of disappointed would-be competitors, the Committee feel it is appropriate to make a statement of our guiding principles.

Based on experience over several years, the Committee will apply the following criteria for 2011:

- Entries will be accepted to provide, as far as practicable, a balanced programme of racing across a broad spectrum of competitor classes for Open, Women, Veteran and Juniors, which reflects the overall mix of entries received.
- Sole entries in any category may be offered the opportunity to move to another appropriate category where there is additional opposition to form an event.
- All 8s and 4s entries will be accepted, subject to the availability of opposition.

The regatta is a fund-raising venture; a race slot with a pair of 8s or 4s clearly generates more revenue than a small boat race.

- The maximum number of entries accepted for ANY event will be 8. The Regatta Committee will consider offering two or more divisions for the most popular events [so not more than one point for a win!] provided that race slots are available, but not to the exclusion of other classes of competitor.

For example, in 2009 the Novice 1x event was reduced to 8 from 15 entries. [We did say some of the decisions were brutal!] A second division was considered, but was not programmed. The 6 race slots such a division would have required were allocated to give the opportunity to include Veteran, Veteran Women and Junior races instead.

- One or more crews may be culled from the entry list of events which do take place, ideally to not less than 4 participants, to create a more manageable event.

Odd numbers of crews in an event require an 'extra' race to complete the programme.

Reducing the entry to an even number of competitors frees race slots, which may be used to enable another class of competitor, and another two crews, to race.

- If any event is to be reduced in numbers, for any reason, the remaining slots will be allocated by preference to those who have paid entry fees in advance of the draw, and then in chronological order of entries received.

For example: 5 entries received, to be reduced to 4 to race:

Entry order	Fee status	Draw
<i>Crew 1</i>	<i>Paid</i>	<i>Accept</i>
<i>Crew 2</i>	<i>Unpaid</i>	<i>Accept</i>
<i>Crew 3</i>	<i>Unpaid</i>	<i>Reject</i>
<i>Crew 4</i>	<i>Paid</i>	<i>Accept</i>
<i>Crew 5</i>	<i>Paid</i>	<i>Accept</i>

Crews 1, 4 and 5 are given priority as paid entries. Crew 2 gets the fourth slot and is accepted unpaid, as the earliest entry from the remaining crews.

Note that from 2011 the regatta will only accept online payment.

Immediate payment with your entry is not specifically required, provided fees are paid before race day. However it is recommended, to ensure the most favourable consideration for your inclusion in the draw.

- Straight finals may not be run for small boats events.

Where practicable, the Regatta Committee will endeavour to engineer a race slot for an event by culling any odd numbers from other larger events, as described above, in order to offer the broadest spectrum of participation.

- Straight finals will not generally be run for any events where both entrants are from the same club.

In these circumstances, we will contact your Club to offer the opportunity to withdraw, or confirm your agreement to race, before the draw is published.

Twickenham Regatta Committee

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