

Junior Report Meeting 25 September 2023

British Rowing Junior Championships

Please see attached results. These have already been published on the website.

Medal winners:

J14 1x DARC Bronze

J15 1x DARC Silver

J15 2x Hexham Gold

WJ15 4x+ BRD/Hexham/Tyne Silver

J16 2- DUS Bronze

WJ16 2- Tyne Gold

WJ16 4+ Tyne Bronze

J18 1x DARC Bronze

J18 2x CLS/Tyne Silver

J18 4x- Tees Bronze

WJ18 4x- Tyne +3 Bronze

2 GOLD, 3 SILVER, 6 BRONZE

GB Rowing

Please see attached record of GB triallists from the region 2018-2023. This was updated and sent to Alan Meeghan along with the 'Costs involved for GB triallists and their coaches'.

Names have been removed to comply with GDPR. The data was collated from information in the public domain so if a club believes there is an error or omission please contact.

Details of coach and rower registration for the GB 2024 U19 Pathway will be published before the end of Sept. There is a change of contact at BR as Holly Furniss returns from maternity leave at the beginning of Nov. Zoe Hainsworth has now left for a post with the Pathways Team at RFU.

Contacts until Holly's return are:

For any questions relating to the U19s please email U19.Trials@britishrowing.org

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BRJC meeting 10th September 2023

- The meeting's main topic of discussion was 'Out of age' rowers. This mainly affects schools rather than clubs. When an athlete joins a club they are put to row with others of their age. However, in a school a pupil may come to the school with a year group for which they are too old. This can be for various reasons but mainly those whose birthday falls in August or sometimes July and they were held back from starting school so end up in rowing categories being a year ahead of those in their school year.

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Currently, an Out of Age request could be submitted to BR who would authorise that student to row with their year group in larger boats. In singles or doubles they had to row with their age group. There is a proposal to abolish this procedure. Feelings were mixed as there are ways of 'stretching' the rules to suit an establishment whatever the system. It was felt that a rule change was not necessarily required but checks need to be made and major events encouraged to accept the BR classifications. The rules should be stated with careful wording to avoid loopholes.

- There was also a report on BRJC held at Strathclyde Park. The usual comments were made by a southern regional rep about the inconvenience of travelling to Scotland. I responded, as I have done many times, that it was a rare and pleasant change for Northern clubs and even more so for Scottish clubs who travel South for Schools, JIRR, most BRJC and also for Henley, Schools Head, Scullery etc.

Number of entries was good, increased on last year, mainly due to changed timetable which enabled 'doubling up'. As with National Schools the ability of some crews entered was questioned. Being able to attach to a stakeboat, especially in windy conditions, is a necessary skill if the event is to run smoothly and on time. This skill was often lacking, particularly in younger crews.

- A further report was made on the excellent results from the juniors Internationally. 6 medals at the World Champs including gold for both men's and women's eights. Also, a strong win at the Coupe.

J16 Training Day Sunday 24th September

This was discussed at the last meeting. I have organised for Dan Cooper (U19 GB Team Manager) to come to the region to lead a day primarily for J16s who have aspirations of GB selection. Also in attendance to offer Dan support will be Rob Dauncey (Head Coach Durham University) and Angelo Savarino (Head Coach Newcastle University).

Dan is coming on Sat 23rd to have a meal with some of the Junior coaches then on Sunday 24th he will be working with 42 juniors from the region. He asked for the J17 and J18 athletes intending to register on the GB pathway this year to be included. The session will be based at Tyne Amateur Rowing Club. Dan's focus for the day is to develop correct technique and BR's 'What it takes to win' model.

This event is a great opportunity for local rowers to benefit from working with these top coaches and something we would like to repeat each year.

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