

## NRRC Executive Committee - 29 April 2024

### Student Rep Report

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Written out below are the results from the Women's Head and the Men's Head of The River races and feedback from students about issues they would like raised to the committee.

#### Coxes

Student rowers are eagerly anticipating the summer regattas following exams and the end of the academic year. However, concerns have been raised again about incidents with spotters and coxes. It's a reoccurring theme of poorly communicated requests from the bank to crews, who are often left dumbfounded as to why they were shouted at when they believed they were in the correct position on the river or there were no crews around them. Following up with clubs so that an explanation can be given would be helpful in cases where a crew is in the wrong place.

#### Race Fees

Another issue was raised regarding race fees. Is there an opportunity for student-athletes who enter into multiple categories to receive a partial discount on the second or third entry rather than paying the full fee each time? The high cost of rowing is already a concern, and college systems are doing an exceptional job of subsidising for students. However, the additional cost of race fees plays an active role in the decision-making of crews to only enter once rather than in multiple boats over fear of an expensive bill.

#### Women's Head Of The River results

A fantastic set of results given challenging conditions, reduced training time and a lot of last-minute stresses. Unfortunately, multiple crews (which were more than capable of competing) were scratched from the race due to concerns over marshalling before the start. What was more disappointing was the dismal commentary on Northern crews. Gabrielle Moore has contacted race organisers to raise the issue.

Durham University A 12

Durham University B 31

Newcastle A 10

Newcastle B 35

Newcastle C 69

Newcastle D 77

Collages:

Collingwood 126

Hatfield 136

St Hild & St Bede 138

Van Mildert 152 (joint)

10 college crews and one DU crew were scratched a couple of days before the event. The scratched crews were decided by the starting order.

### Men's Head Of the River results

Durham A 26

Durham B 58

Newcastle A 19

Newcastle B 34

Newcastle C 63

Newcastle D 91

Colleges:

Collingwood A 111

Stevenson A 146

17 more crews 15 of which finished with a time.

Gabrielle emailing about commentary worked as Collingwood men's 3rd 8 featured with a 'Cox cam' on the live stream.