

Northern Region Junior Inter Regional Regatta Trial 2024

This regatta is a regional event and is open to junior athletes aged J14 -J16 subject to the following.

All British Rowing rules apply to this event unless there is a specific rule below, which applies to this event only.

Date of the Trial

The trials will take place at Cambois Rowing Club on Saturday 16th March. This date will only be changed in exceptional circumstances and not to accommodate date clashes involving an individual club or group of athletes. In the event of a cancellation a replacement date will be arranged.

Events

The following events will be offered

- J14 2x, 4x+
- J15 1x, 2x, 4x+, 4+
- J16 1x, 2x, 2-, 4x-, 4+, 8+
- WJ14 2x, 4x+
- WJ15 1x, 2x, 4x+, 4+
- WJ16 1x, 2x, 2-, 4x-, 4-, 8+

J14-J18 and WJ14-WJ18 Adaptive/Para 1x

Entries

Entries are subject to the following rules:

- Entries will only be accepted on BROE2 by the closing date of Sunday 10th March at 1pm.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- All entries should be complete ie. No placeholders.
- Any changes to personal information should be notified to the team manager as soon as possible so that the official JIRR entry can be completed correctly on BROE2.
- An athlete can only be entered in an event scheduled for their actual BR age category ie 'no rowing up'.
- Entries only accepted from J14, J15, J16, WJ14, WJ15, WJ16 events with exception of Adaptive/Para 1x which can be J14 -J18
- An athlete can only be entered for a maximum of two events.
- Every athlete named on the entry **MUST** be available for the Trial Day and the JIRR published date. (Saturday 20th April). If an athlete misses the trial because of exceptional circumstances and the Team Manager feels they offer a strong alternative based on previous results they may be considered for selection. They will be required to race at Ponteland Head before any selection will be confirmed.
- A provisional running order will be provided to assist coaches with entries but a final running order will only be provided once all entries have been assessed. If the provisional running order is used by coaches and athletes to make commitments outside the trial event, they must recognise the risk of clashes. Only in exceptional circumstances will such clashes be catered for.
- Coaches are asked to ensure that their athletes/crews/coxes are **of an acceptable standard and able to cope with the demands of 1500 metre multi lane racing.**
- Omission of any of the above will invalidate the entry.

No Entry

- If an event does not have an entry, then the Team Manager will, if possible, seek/organise entries after the closing date for entries and before trials day.
- To enable the Team Manager to have an overview of possible crew combinations in such a situation coaches are asked to flag "spare athletes" via an email before the closing date.

Single Entry

- If an event has only one entry then that crew must attend and take part in that event on the Trials Day. This crew will be open to challenge from athletes/crews who have already competed on Trials Day and been unsuccessful in selection, such races will take place at the end of all racing on Trials Day if possible.
- The Team Manager will make available a list of all events where an entry will be accepted on the day and entries for these events will not be subject to the 'can only be entered for two events' rule.

- If no further crews are entered on the day in an event with only one entry, then that crew must race and achieve an acceptable standard to be selected. Unbiased opinions will be sought.

Coxes

Athletes in the WJ13/J13 category will be accepted as coxes but it is the coach's responsibility to ensure they are of a suitable standard to cope with multi lane racing. Coxes may take part up to WJ18/J18.

Trial Day

- The trial will be run over a 1500 metre course and will be timed rather than side by side racing. There will be a rolling start.
- The trial will be carried out to follow British Rowing Rules of Racing unless specified otherwise.
- All athletes should have their rowing licence available for inspection at the trial.
- Changes to the entered crew **must** be communicated directly to the Team Manager before the first race of the day and any new athlete must comply with the full entry rules.
- Changes to a crew because of injury on the day must be communicated directly to the Team Manager before a changed crew races.
- Failure to communicate crew changes before racing will invalidate the entry and the crew will be disqualified.
- Athletes/crews will not be permitted to row for time only or take part in the trial outside of the selection process.
- The standard rules of racing will apply to equipment failure and collisions/accidents.
- If there is a timing failure during an event or division there will be a rerow on the day if time permits. If time is not available on the day, then the Team Manager will agree a date when most crews involved are available. It can not be guaranteed that the date will be convenient for all crews concerned.

Team Selection

- Where possible the winning crew will be selected for the team apart from the singles events where there will be 2 scullers selected from each event.
- If an athlete(s) is successful in winning both their events the Team Manager(s) will decide in which event the athlete(s) will participate at the JIRR after full discussion with relevant coaches. If this decision effects a winning crew boat a composite may be formed and that event re-run at Ponteland Junior Head.
- If the selection process creates a situation where winning crews cannot be selected an event race off may be required before a final decision is taken.
- A younger athlete may be asked to compete in a higher age group if deemed necessary by the Team Manager(s).
- The decision of the Team Manager(s) is final. The final team will be announced following any race offs.
- Doubling up will be avoided although it is recognised that the additional boat classes at WJ16 and J16 may require this to happen. This decision will rest with the Team Manager(s).
- Any crew changes to selected crews after the final team is announced will only be permitted after agreement with the Team Manager(s).
- By making entries all coaches and athletes agree to abide by the above criteria.

Covid

All current Covid protocols will be followed including any set by Cambois Rowing Club.

In the event of any rower needing to withdraw from the trial after the entry has been made please inform the Team Manager as soon as possible to discuss substitution if relevant.