**Head of the Don**

**Held under British Rowing’s Rules of Racing and Rowsafe**

**Sunday 6th October 2019**

**Entries close at 12:00pm on Tuesday, 1st October 2019**

**Events**

All events are raced upstream over a 4000m course on the River Don, boating from Hexthorpe Park, Doncaster. Easy access from A1, M1 and M18.

* Division 1: 10:30 am.
* Division 2: 14:30 pm.

Events are offered in the following categories, for open, women, mixed, juniors

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| **Class** | **8+** | **4x+** | **4x-** | **4+** | **2x** | **1x** |
| **Senior** | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **Masters** | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **Mixed** | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| **J18 / J16** | X |  | X | X | X | X |
| **J15 / J14** |  | X |  |  | X | X |
| **J13** |  | X |  |  | X |  |

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| **Class** | **Division 1** | **Division 2** |
| **8+** | Open (Sen, Mas), WJ18, WJ16, Mixed | Women (Sen, Mas), J18, J16 |
| **4x+** | Women (Sen, Mas), J15, J14, J13 | Open (Sen, Mas), WJ15, WJ14, WJ13, Mixed |
| **4x-** | Open (Sen, Mas), WJ18, WJ16 | Women (Sen, Mas), J18, J16, Mixed |
| **4+** | Women (Sen, Mas), J18, J16 | Open (Sen, Mas), WJ18, WJ16, Mixed |
| **2x** | Women (Sen, Mas), Mixed WJ15, WJ14, WJ13, J18, J16 | Open (Sen, Mas), J15, J14, J13, WJ18, WJ16 |
| **1x** | Women (Sen, Mas), WJ15, WJ14, J18, J16 | Open (Sen, Mas), J15, J14, WJ18, WJ16 |

Prizes will only be awarded to the fastest crews where there are 2 or more crews in a particular event category.

**Entries and Entry Fees**

Entries to be made through the BROE2 system. Entry may be suspended before close of entries in one or more divisions should they exceed capacity.

NOTE: This event is being run with the new format. Senior events will be banded for prizes dependant on entries and information provided to the entry system. Where events are banded this information will be declared in the draw.

Senior / Masters events: **£9** per seat. Junior events: **£6** per seat. Coxes – no charge

Entry fees can be made paid through BROE or made directly to Doncaster Rowing Club.

No crews will be permitted to race before payment has been received.

**Contacts**

Event Secretary: Adam Manson 07979 893300 adammanson@btinternet.com

Entries Secretary: Carol McGlone 07752 270636 carol.mcglone@hotmail.co.uk

Further information, including the Safety Plan, competitor instructions, directions and the draw will be posted on the Doncaster Rowing Club web site:

[**https://www.doncasterrowingclub.com/head-of-the-don**](https://www.doncasterrowingclub.com/head-of-the-don)

**Conditions of Entry**

* The Race is open to all club and composite crews and is held under British Rowing Rules of Racing.
* This is a demanding event and crews and their coxswains must be sufficiently competent to race. **Anyone whom the marshals consider is not competent will not be allowed to race.**
* All competitors must ensure that they have and are wearing adequate, warm clothing and should take these with them in the boat for the waits at the start and finish. **Competitors whom the marshals deem to be inadequately dressed will not be allowed to boat.**
* Clubs must ensure that all boats entered in the race have sufficient buoyancy to ensure all crew members are adequately protected in the event of either a swamping or capsizing of the boat.
* The draw will take place on Sunday 29th September 2019 and will be published by Tuesday 2nd October on the Doncaster Rowing Club website: [**https://www.doncasterrowingclub.com/head-of-the-don**](https://www.doncasterrowingclub.com/head-of-the-don)
* Entries should be made through the BROE online system. Payments can also be made by cheque (made payable to “Doncaster Rowing Club”) or by electronic bank transfer (please ask for details). Entries will close at 3pm on the 28th September 2019. Postal payments must be received by Wednesday 2nd October 2019 (to the address shown in BROE2).
* A minimum of two entries from two different clubs are required to form an event. If insufficient entries are received, the entries will be placed in the next status or age group for the class of boat unless an alternative is clearly stated. Please use the comments facility on BROE2 to flag up if a change of status is a possibility. The Entries Secretary will endeavour to contact club secretaries and to resolve any difficulties. Please provide contact phone numbers for daytime and evening for this purpose.
* Entry fees are not refundable once the draw is published. In the event of the race being cancelled by the Race Committee, in whole or in part, the Race Committee will consider the refund of entry fees to crews in categories not raced.
* We will make every effort to ensure that any doubling-up has been catered for, but it is the competitors’ responsibility to be at the start on time.
* Competitors must be ready to proceed to the landing stages at least 10 minutes before the boating time stated on the Start Order Schedule. Crews will be called to the landings in reverse start order.
* Competitors must provide their own boats and blades. All boats should have an “Empacher” slot
* Clubs are reminded that it is their responsibility to insure their equipment.
* Coxes requiring dead weights must bring their own, clearly identifiable, weights. Coxes will not be weighed before their race. However, the weight of coxes of winning crews may be checked after the race.
* Racing licence presentation may be requested prior to racing, crew substitution, or prize giving.
* Every effort shall be made to accommodate Adaptive entries. Please contact the Entries Secretary for specific requirements.
* The Race Committee reserve the right to alter the list of entries after publication. Every reasonable effort shall be made to ensure all entries are able to race.
* Entrants for Junior events should indicate if they are NOT willing to be moved to a Senior Category if there are insufficient entries in their nominated Junior event.
* Prize giving will take place after all racing is finished, although any early winners may collect their prizes from Race Control before then.
* **Further instructions and directions will be issued to competitors separately and will be posted onto the web site.**

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