HEXHAM REGATTA 2023 LOCAL RULES & COURSE MAP

Introduction

The Hexham Regatta is a 700m course comprising one wide downstream racing lane with two stations NORTH (far side) & SOUTH (Tyne Green / Boathouse side) and an upstream lane, BANKSIDE, which allows competing crews to row to the start - this lane will be buoyed all the way to the start.

Parking

Towing vehicles and trailers only permitted to park on Tyne Green. A parking area will be allocated for each trailer on arrival. No cars, other than essential towing vehicle's are permitted on Tyne Green trailer area.

Event Packs

These will be available at regatta race control.

<u>Blades</u>

Must be taken to the landing stage prior to a crew's first race and removed once a crew is eliminated and their blades are no longer required for the division.

Boating

A one way system will operate. Crews will be required to follow the one way system and be at the holding area ready to boat with their opposition at their specified times. Marshalls will be present. Doubling up of equipment within a division is not permitted. There are two landing stages. The upper landing (concrete steps next to the finish tent) is for boating and the lower landing (boathouse / ramp) is for landing.

On the Water

Crews will row up to the start with their opposition in the Bankside lane, keeping close into the SOUTH bank staying within the buoyed area at all times, crews straying onto the regatta course risk an official warning or disqualification if they interfere with racing, at the umpires discretion.

Warming up or practicing on the course is strictly forbidden.

Pairs of crews will be directed to move up to the start by the pre-start Marshall. Be careful around the island at the start as water can be shallow.

Lower numbered crew takes the NORTH station. Higher numbered crew takes the SOUTH station.

Umpire and Marshalls instructions on the water must be adhered to at all times.

Racing

The start is a free start, boats will be aligned by the start umpire. The finish of the race will be indicated by a blast of an air horn. Once across the finish line crews should stop turn and land on the lower landing stage. When turning crews must be aware of the weir immediately under the bridge. Large buoys indicate the end of the safe rowing zone and crews must be turned before these buoys.

Landing

Please disembark quickly and safely. Crews will be directed up the slipway and into a oneway system to return to the trailer park.

Medals

Medals can be collected by one person from a winning crew after the end of each division.

<u>Toilets</u>

Portaloos will be on site for competitors and officials only. Hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes will be available.

Catering

Outdoor catering will be provided on the day for competitors and officials.

Litter

Attending clubs will be provided with bin bags, (included in event pack on arrival). Please ensure all litter is bagged or binned and your trailer / boat area is kept tidy at all times throughout the day.

