

International Masters Regatta 國際大師組賽艇賽

Race Bulletin for Overseas Teams & Local Clubs

1. Invitation

The Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA) is pleased to invite crews to compete at the International Masters Regatta.

Organized by	: Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA)
Subvented by	: Arts and Sport Development Fund (Home Affairs Bureau)
Supported by	: Leisure & Culture Services Department (LCSD)
Competition Date	: 23 April 2017 (Sunday)
Venue	: Sha Tin Rowing Centre & Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre
Entry Deadline	: 27 March 2017 (Monday) 12:00 pm (HK Time)
LIMITED ENTRY	: Due to limited number of boats available, there is a limited quota in each event. The HKCRA will arrange the boats after received all the Entry Forms. The final entries of each team will be confirmed by 3 April 2017 (Monday) .

2. Venue Introduction

The Regatta will be held over six lanes on the Shing Mun Regatta Course at Sha Tin, New Territories which was the venue for the 14th Asian Junior Rowing Championships, East Asian Games (Rowing Event) and the Asian Rowing Cup II in 2008, 2009 and 2013 respectively. It is a tidal river and the course has been used for the Championships since 1982.

Access to Sha Tin from the main urban/ central areas is very convenient by road or electric suburban train to:-

A) Sha Tin MTR Station, taking KMB (Bus) Route No. 284 to Ravana Garden, from where it is a ten minutes - walk to the Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre, or

B) Fo Tan MTR Station, from where it is a five minutes - walk to the Sha Tin Rowing Centre.





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3. Race Distance

All events distance will be 1000 meters start from a fixed starting pontoon

4. Events

The Regatta will consist of the following events:-

Men's		
Single Sculls	Category A, C, D, E, F	(M1x)
Double Sculls	Category A, C, D, E, F	(M2x)
Quadruple Sculls	Category A, C, D	(M4x)
Fours	Category A, C, D	(M4-)
Eights	Category A, C, D	(M8+)
Alumni 2x		(AM2x)
Alumni 4+		(AM4+)
Alumni 8+		(AM8+)

Women's		
Single Sculls	Category A, C, D, E, F	(W1x)
Double Sculls	Category A, C, D, E, F	(W2x)
Quadruple Sculls	Category A, C, D	(W4x)
Fours	Category A, C, D	(W4-)
Eights	Category A, C, D	(W8+)
Alumni 2x		(AW2x)
Alumni 4+		(AW4+)
Alumni 8+		(AW8+)

Mixed	
Mixed Eights	(Mix8+)
Mixed Double	(Mix2x)

** Masters Events are restricted to the rower who must reach the age of 27 or above at 31 December 2017 (Except Alumni Events).

** Alumni Events are open to all Local Universities Alumni.

** Mixed Events should include at least half female crews.

Notes:

- 4.1 Club representatives are advised to make their entries with reference to the **"Preliminary Race Schedule" (Annex 1)**, especially for participants intending to enter for two events. The published order of racing will **NOT** be changed for any double entries which involve time clashes.
- 4.2 Each competitor may submit **UNLIMITED** numbers of event.
- 4.3 The Masters events (Men's, Women's and Mixed Events) are held according to the FISA Masters Categories as follows:-

Category A	Minimum age:	27 years
Category B	Average age:	36 years or more
Category C	Average age:	43 years or more
Category D	Average age:	50 years or more
Category E	Average age:	55 years or more
Category F	Average age:	60 years or more

**Age categories do not apply to coxswains.*



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- 4.4 Each competitor shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness. Every Masters rower must be in a position to prove his/her age by presentation of an official document (passport or any identity card).
- 4.5 Crews of different Masters age categories and gender may be rowed in the same heat if there are less than six entries in any category. Medals will be awarded based on the respective categories.
- 4.6 Overseas Teams shall be held responsible for paying the charges incurred from repairing any broken boats, parts and oars.
- 4.7 All participants must arrange their own life accident insurance. **(For Overseas Teams Only)**

5. Rules of Racing

The races shall be rowed in accordance with the Rules of Racing of the HKCRA.

(Please refer to http://www.rowing.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ROR2017_E.pdf)

6. Prizes

Medals will only be presented to the Champion of crew(s) in each event.

7. Entries Fee

7.1 For Overseas Teams:-

Eights (8+)	HKD 2,500.00 /event
Fours (4x/4-/4+)	HKD 1,250.00 /event
Double (2x)	HKD 630.00 /event
Single (1x)	HKD 320.00 /event

****Entry Fee includes the fee for HKCRA Rower Registration.**

7.2 "Entry Forms and other necessary Information" (Annex 2-4): Entries can be sent by e-mail to siuting.l@rowing.org.hk and ang.l@rowing.org.hk on or before **12:00 pm, 27 March 2017 (Monday)**. **(For Overseas Teams Only)**

7.3 For Local Clubs:-

Eights (8+)	HKD 880.00 /event
Fours (4x/4-/4+)	HKD 440.00 /event
Double (2x)	HKD 220.00 /event
Single (1x)	HKD 110.00 /event

7.4 The Entry Fee can be paid to Regatta Central (<https://www.regattacentral.com/>) through Paypal which is an online payment platform (<https://www.paypal.com/hk>) on or before the Entry Deadline, i.e. **12:00 pm, 27 March 2017 (Monday)**. **(For Local Clubs Only)**

7.5 **NO late entry will be accepted as the Online System will reject any late entry automatically and HKCRA will NOT accept any hard copy or e-mail application. (For Local Clubs Only)**

7.6 **Entries will only be accepted from rowers who are current HKCRA Registered Rowers.** All rowers wish to take part in this Regatta **MUST** renew their status (Centre User or Registered Rower) by **31 March 2017 (Friday)**. **No renewal of Centre User status' service will be arranged at either Sha Tin Rowing Centre or Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre after that date. (For Local Clubs Only)**



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8. Entry Procedures

- 8.1 Every crew must enter and compete under the name of a Club or Organization which registered with the HKCRA. No rower is allowed to compete for more than one Club at the Championships. (For Local Clubs Only)
- 8.2 Each competitor shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness and able to swim at least 50 meters in light clothing.

9. The Draw

The draw will be conducted on **31 March 2017 (Friday)** at **HK Time 7:00 p.m.** at the Sha Tin Rowing Centre.

10. Arrangement for Entry Fee in case of Event Cancelled

In view of the need of the HKCRA to bear the logistics and set-up costs, in the event that the Regatta have to be cancelled, only 50% of the paid entry fee will be refunded.

11. Boats and Oars (NOTE: All rental boats are designed for use by lightweight crews)

11.1 For Overseas Teams:-

The HKCRA will provide boats for rental in each event. The boat rental charges are as follows:-

Eights (8+)	HKD 1,250.00 /day/ boat
Fours (4x/4-/4+)	HKD 730.00 /day/ boat
Double (2x)	HKD 520.00 /day/ boat
Single (1x)	HKD 320.00 /day/ boat

Boat checking or rigging will not be charged on or before 20 April 2017. Daily rental fee per boat will be charged from 21 April 2017 onwards.

Oars and sculls can be provided on “FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED basis”, we highly recommended that each team should bring their own oars for participation. Please indicate the request via **“Boat and Oars Rental Form” (Annex 3)**.

Deadline of Submission: 27 March 2017

11.2 For Local Clubs:-

All competitors should use their own equipment for competition. HKCRA will only allocate equipment to overseas teams and the Clubs which do not have sufficient equipment to compete in an event.

12. Race Uniform

Race uniform should be identical. Uniform colour and design for Local club & Universities must be the same as the HKCRA registered club colours. **(For Local Clubs Only)**

13. Hire of Bike

Coaching Bike is available for your coaching activities. **HKD 150.00 per day** is charged for each bike on 23 April 2017. A deposit of **HKD 50.00 per bike** is needed. Please fill in the **“Coaching Bike Hiring Form” (Annex 4)** for the service.

Deadline of Submission: 27 March 2017



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14. Accommodation, Lunch Box & Transportation Services

14.1 Accommodation

HKCRA suggests "Regal Riverside Hotel" for the Regatta. (Address: 34-36 Tai Chung Kiu Road, Sha Tin, Hong Kong). It is nearby the Shing Mun River and close to the competition venues in walk able distance.

The Hotel is also a few minutes by walk to the Sha Tin Wai MTR station. It is easily accessible from Hong Kong's major shopping, tourist and business districts by various types of public transportation and free shuttle bus services provided by the Hotel. Booking of shuttle bus would be made through the Hotel. For room reservations and any enquiries, you can visit the hotel website:- <http://www.regalhotel.com/regal-riverside-hotel/>.

You can take bus no. A41 or shuttle bus of Regal Riverside Hotel in the B14 counter at the Hong Kong International Airport to that Hotel.

Below are the provided URL for rowers to make accommodation directly with valid credit card:- <https://goo.gl/0zyrCj>

Booking deadline on or before 21 March 2017 (Tuesday)

If you intend to bring your own oars or sculls, you can book the bus through the following service providers:-

- (I) Sang Kee Tourist Bus Limited
Telephone: (852) 2741-6868 / (852) 2742-9559
E-mail: info@skbus.com

- (II) Kwoon Chung Bus Holdings Limited
Telephone: (852) 2578-1178
E-mail: info@kcbh.com.hk

- (III) Sun Fai Transportation Co.
Telephone: (852) 2568-9554
E-mail: sunfaitrans@yahoo.com.hk

14.2 Order of Lunch Box at Competition Venue

HKCRA can assist the team to order lunch box with drink at competition venue at **HKD 60.00 each**. For ordering, please fill in the "**Lunch Box Order Form**" (**Annex 5**) for the service.

Deadline of Submission: 7 April 2017

14.3 Transportation Services at Competition Venues

Shuttle bus services (fixed schedule) will be provided between the Sha Tin Rowing Centre and the Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre on 23 April 2017.

15. Weather

Hong Kong's climate is sub-tropical. During the time of the Regatta, the weather is expected to be dry and temperature generally in the range of 22°C to 26°C.

16. Payment

All payment **MUST** be made before use of any of the equipment. Please complete "**Payment Summary**" (**Annex 6**). (*For Overseas Teams Only*)



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Account Name & No. : Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (004-002-6-187443)
 Bank Name : The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd.
 Bank SWIFT code : HSBCHKHKKH
 To be paid net without any deduction of bank charge.
 Remitter pays bank charges (Actual bank charge to be paid by remitter)

Deadline of Submission: 7 April 2017

17. Your Action Deadlines

Deadline (on or before 12:00 pm, HK Time)	Actions	Annex
N/A	Preliminary Race Schedule	1
27 March 2017	(i) Entry Forms with Passport/ Identity Card copy of each rower	2
	(ii) Boat and Oars Rental Form	3
	(iii) Coaching Bike Hiring Form	4
7 April 2017	(iv) Lunch Box Order Form	5
	(v) Payment Summary	6

18. Organizing Committee of International Masters Regatta

Chairman	Mr. NG Kong Wan	
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19. Enquiries and Correspondence

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All the visitors and supporters are very welcome to take part in the Regatta! If you notice that any crews interested in competing but do not receive this Bulletin, please furnish them with this or ask them to contact HKCRA directly.

Look forward to seeing you and your team in Hong Kong!

Organizing Committee
 International Masters Regatta
 13 March 2017