

## Race Notice

Organized by	:	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA)
Subvented by	:	Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
Date	:	16 June 2024 (Sunday)
Time	:	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Venue	:	Shing Mun River Regatta Course
Race Distance	:	1000m & 2000m
Registration Period	:	20 May 2024 (Monday) to 3 June 2024 (Monday)
<b>Entry Deadline</b>	:	<b>Monday, 3 June 2024 (12:00 noon, Hong Kong Time)</b>

# Shing Mun River Regatta

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## 1. EVENTS

Categories	Groups	Events
Open Events (2000m)	A	Men's 1x
	A	Men's 2x
	A	Men's 8+
	B	Women's 1x
	B	Women's 2x
	B	Women's 8+
Para-Rowing Events (2000m)	/	PR1 Women's 1x
	/	PR2 Men's 1x
	/	PR2 Mixed 2x
Junior Events (2000m)	/	Men's 2x
	/	Women's 2x
Masters Events (1000m)	A	Men's 1x
	A	Women's 2x
	A	Women's 8+
	B	Men's 2x
	B	Men's 8+
	B	Women's 1x

- Open Events are opened for rowers from different divisions.
- Masters Events - competitors must reach the age of 27 or above on 31st December 2024 (excluding coxswains).
- Junior Events - competitors must reach the age of 18 or below (Born on or after 1 January 2006) (excluding coxswains).

1.1 Club representatives are advised to make their entries with reference to the "Preliminary Race Schedule" (Annex 2), especially for competitors entering more than one event. The race schedule may be updated subject to the total number of entries received in each event. HKCRA will not update the race schedule due solely to the double entry of any rowers.

## 2 ENTRY FEES

2.1 All events, HKD150/entry, exclude coxswains.

2.2 Entry Platform – All entries shall be made through the online entry platform – Regatta Central: [https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job\\_id=9134&org\\_id=0](https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job_id=9134&org_id=0)

**ENTRY DEADLINE – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 (Monday) before 12:00 noon (HK Time).** (No late entry will be accepted as the online system will reject any late entry automatically.) The HKCRA will NOT accept any hard copy or email application.

2.3 The entry fee can be paid to Regatta Central (<https://www.regattacentral.com/>) through PayPal platform (<https://www.paypal.com/hk>) on or before the entry deadline. Any crews having problems in making payment through this platform should contact HKCRA.

2.4 Arrangements for Entry Fee upon Postponement/ Cancellation:

- **If the event is rescheduled to be held within one month** – the HKCRA will not refund any entry fees but will apply those entry fees to the rescheduled event. Entry fees will not be refunded even where some entered crews do not compete at the rescheduled event.
- **The event cannot be rescheduled and is therefore cancelled** – only 50% of the paid entry fee will be refunded in view of the need of the HKCRA to bear the logistics and set-up costs.

## 3 TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

3.1 Each club shall assign at least **ONE** representative to attend the Team Managers' Meeting. Team Managers' Meeting at 7:50 a.m. in Jockey Club Sha Tin Rowing Centre on 16 June 2024 (Sunday). In case you are unable to attend the meeting in person, an online link will be provided. Further details will be announced at a later time.

## 4 RULES OF RACING

4.1 By submitting their entry, each competitor confirms that they understand and agree to abide by the HKCRA Rules of Racing and Race Notice. Anyone who does not meet the qualifications or does not comply with the requirements of the competition, or violates the Rules of Racing, whether before, during or after the competition, may be excluded from an Event and any fees shall not be refunded.

4.2 Racing uniform should be identical within a crew. Local Clubs should wear the uniform registered with the HKCRA. Each rower in a composite crew may wear the uniform of their own club. The rower is responsible for inspecting their uniform with the Club representative prior to the Regatta.

4.3 HKCRA Rules of Racing - <http://www.rowing.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/HKCRA-Rules-2023-Formatted-Updated.pdf>

## 5 LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

5.1 By entering the Regatta, each competitor is agreeing to the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association Terms and Conditions which can be found in Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

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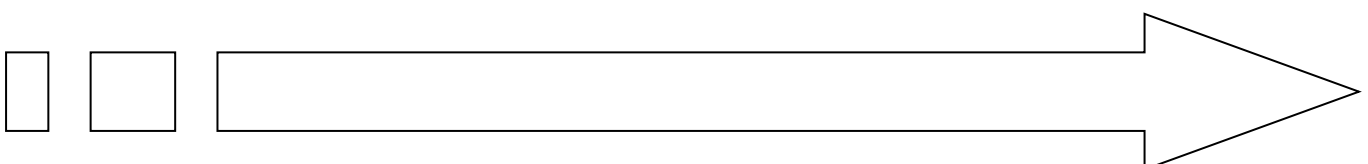
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## 6 ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Each participant shall enter **a maximum of 1 event from Group A and 1 event from Group B.**
- 6.2 All rowers must be HKCRA Ordinary Members (OM). All rowers MUST renew their membership before the Regatta and no renewals will be processed on the day of the regatta.
- 6.3 Please ensure that the names of valid OM are submitted on Regatta Central. The OM status must be current on the racing day in order for the rower to participate in the regatta. Failure to comply will result in a HKD100 administrative fee charged by HKCRA per head.
- 6.4 All crews and rowers must enter and compete under the name of a Club or Organisation registered with the HKCRA. **No rower is allowed to compete for more than one Club at the Regatta.**
- 6.5 Each competitor shall be responsible for their own health and fitness to enter and compete in the Regatta. All competitors shall be able to swim at least 50 metres in light clothing.
- 6.6 Competitor (except coxswains) must compete in events of their own gender category.
- 6.7 Coxswains must be weighed with racing uniform on tested scales **not more than two hours and not less than one hour before the start time of their first race in each event** on each day of racing. The minimum weight for a coxswain wearing racing uniform is 50 kg. To make up this weight, a coxswain may carry additional deadweight as close as practicable to their person in the boat. No article of racing equipment shall be considered as part of this deadweight. The coxswain may be of either gender.
- 6.8 Club Representatives could collect their Bow Number Plate from the Registration Counter before each race. The Number Plate must be promptly returned after the race. A penalty of HKD150 will be imposed for any loss or damage to the Number Plate.
- 6.9 ONE representative of each club is required to report at Registration Counter with their crew members' valid HKCRA OM or any identification documents showing the crew's name at the landing stage of Jockey Club Sha Tin Rowing Centre or Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre 1 hour before the scheduled start time of their race. No final call will be announced.
- 6.10 Outing Procedures (Jockey Club Sha Tin Rowing Centre/ Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre):

Report to Registration Counter by 1 representative of each club				
Weight-In	Registration & borrow Number Plate	Withdrawal Form submission (if needed)	Crew Change Form submission (if needed)	Move the race boat to the pontoon and outing
1-2 hours before the race start	1 hour before the race start	1 hour before the first heat of the Event	30 minutes before the race start	Suggest 25 minutes before the race start



- 6.11** Boat leaving the pontoons at both Centres must do so in the direction of the Competition Traffic Circulation Pattern as shown and keep a careful lookout for races in progress and be prepared to give way.
- 6.12** In order to protect the safety of rowers, the bows of all boats shall be fitted with a solid white ball shape, minimum 4 cm in diameter and crews should ensure the racing boat are tightened with heel restraints.
- 6.13** All crews shall be within 100 meters of the start (the starting area) 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the race. Crews shall not proceed onto the course until instructed to do so by an official at the start. Crews shall be on their starting positions 2 minutes before the scheduled time of the race, unless otherwise instructed by an official.
- 6.14** The starter may start a race without reference to absentees.
- 6.15** In the event of a crew or crews withdrawing and leaving only one crew, that crew may be required to row over the course to be entitled to the medal.
- 6.16 Protests:** A crew whose Objection has been rejected or crews affected by the Umpire's decision on the Objection may lodge a Protest in writing to the Jury not later than 30 minutes after the Umpire has advised his/ her decision regarding the Objection. The Protest shall be accompanied by a deposit of HKD500, which amount shall be refunded if the Protest or Appeal is successful. In all cases relating to the conduct of a race, the decision of the jury shall be final and without further appeal.

## 7 WITHDRAWALS (REFER TO RULE-44)

- 7.1** If a crew withdraws from an Event for which it has been entered, it shall give notice on the designated form to the HKCRA as early as possible; at the latest, it shall give notice of withdrawal no later than one hour before the first heat of the Event concerned. For any withdrawals received after this time, except when accompanied by a medical certificate, the club/crew shall pay a penalty equal to the entry fee.

In the case of a withdrawal the HKCRA may conduct a new draw if required. A withdrawal once made is irrevocable. There shall be no refund of entry fee.

## 8 BOATS AND OARS RENTAL

- 8.1** All competitors must use their private boats and oars for competition. HKCRA boats will only be allocated to Clubs which do not have boats or do not have sufficient boats to compete in an event and HKCRA will charge the boat rental fee. Please find HKCRA staff for the details of the boat rental fee.

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## 9 MEDALS

- 9.1 Medals will be awarded to the Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up crews in each event. (Excluding Masters Event)
- 9.2 For Masters Event, medals will be presented only to the champion(s) of the final race. If the number of entries exceeds the number of racing lanes, the entry will be divided into two or more finals. Medals will be presented to the Champion of each final.
- 9.3 Medals will be presented after each Final immediately in Jockey Club Sha Tin Rowing Centre.
- 9.4 According to Rule 35 of the Rules of Racing, if only one crew is entered for an Event, the Organising Committee shall cancel the Event and refund the entry fee for that crew. This requirement does not apply to Masters events, where the OC may decide to allow these events to continue, even if only 1 entry. If only ONE crew is entered for Masters Event, the crew could still race with final rank and medals.
- 9.5 A trophy of "Champion Club" will be awarded to the Club at the end of the year, which gains the highest points of summation from all open events in the Shing Mun Rivers through the year as well as Hong Kong Rowing Championships.

Details of the point scoring system are set out as follows:-

Division	Place					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
OPEN	14	10	8	6	4	2

## 10 OTHERS

- 10.1 Please note that the HKCRA has the right to film video or take photographs for marketing, promotional and educational purpose.

## 11 ENQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence to	: Ms. Ang LAU Hong Kong, China Rowing Association Jockey Club Sha Tin Rowing Centre No. 27 Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin, N.T.
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## APPENDIX 1

### Terms and Condition of Entry

By entering the the Regatta, each competitor agrees to the following Terms and Conditions which shall apply to all activities associated with the Regatta, including training and racing: -

1. The participant declares that the participant has full knowledge of the risks involved in water sports and rowing and is well prepared physically and sufficiently fit to compete in the Regatta.
2. The participant declares that they can swim at least 50 meters and is confident under water & treading water in clothing not less than racing uniform. Otherwise, the participant agrees that they shall be responsible to always wear a personal flotation device (pfd) when they are in the boat for the purposes of the Regatta, whether for training or racing.
3. The participant hereby indemnifies the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA), the Leisure & Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and the appointed officials, volunteers, staff & employees and shall not hold them liable for any claim or demand arising from the death, personal injury, damage or loss of property of the participant or their Club whereby such is not caused by negligence, which may occur in the course of or as a result of participation in the Regatta.
4. The participant agrees that they are entering the Regatta at his/her own risk and responsibility. The participant discharges the HKCRA, LCSD and all other individuals and organisations connected directly or indirectly with the Regatta from any responsibility in the event of injury, death or loss of property incurred during, as consequence of, or while travelling to and from the Regatta.
5. The participant agrees that they shall comply strictly with all rules, regulations, requirements & instructions related to the Regatta and the participant shall be responsible for any death, personal injury or loss to property if such is cause by the violation of such rules, regulations, requirements & instructions by the participant.
6. The participant agrees to pay the costs of repair or replacement for any damages to any equipment caused by the participant.

**Medical Declaration:** It is the participant's responsibility to make known any potential medical conditions that may affect their health, safety and performance during the Regatta and related activities and to inform HKCRA and LCSD of any subsequent conditions arising from or becoming known during or after the Regatta.

7. By entering the Regatta, the participant agrees to and confirms to accept and follow all the terms, conditions and points made and subsequently raised in these Terms and Conditions, in the Race Notice, the Competition Notice and the Team Managers' Meeting.