



OARSport

Junior Sculling Head at Dorney Lake

Monday 18 March 2019

Held under British Rowing Rules of Racing.

Alternative Arrangements Plan

1. This plan outlines The Scullery's contingency arrangements for bad weather. [See RowSafe Chapter 4.6.]
2. **The Race Committee Chairman will abandon, suspend or alter the event if he decides that it cannot safely continue as originally planned.**

Before the event

3. The Race Committee and Safety Adviser will monitor the weather forecast in the days leading up to the event. If the Race Committee Chairman (having consulted) decides that conditions are likely to prevent safe running of the event as originally planned then he will cancel the whole event or some divisions. (Approximately 50% of the competitors at the event are J14 boys and girls.) He will make that decision before competitors travel if possible and arrange for it to be advertised on The Scullery's website.
4. **Coaches should check the website before travelling. They should also consider whether all coxes and crews are competent to manage difficult conditions.**

Before the start of racing

5. The Race Committee and Safety Adviser will confirm that water/wind conditions are manageable and that rescue boats and ambulance cover are in place before crews boat for the first division. The Race Committee Chairman may decide to delay the start of the event. He will communicate that decision via umpires, officials and the registration desk.
6. If the start is delayed then the timetable will be amended to try to catch up during the day. Racing must finish before lighting up time, which may force the cancellation of some of the later divisions.

During racing

7. The Race Committee and Safety Adviser will monitor conditions throughout the day. The Race Committee Chairman will be based on the balcony of the boathouse. The Race Committee Chairman (having consulted if time allows) may decide to suspend racing at any time if it cannot safely continue.
8. The Race Committee Chairman may decide to continue racing but alter the circulation pattern. The turn from the warm-up lake onto the course is difficult for inexperienced coxes in octos.
9. The 30/30 rule will be applied if thunder and lightning develop. If closer than 6 miles (lightning /thunder gap < 30 sec) then racing will be suspended and crews taken off the water. The event will resume after 30mins of no lightning / thunder.
10. If boats are on the water when the event is stopped then all rafts shall be cleared, and boats shall be disembarked as quickly as possible using all rafts. Boats on the course shall turn into lanes 1 to 3 and proceed to the finish as quickly as safely possible. Crews must not proceed towards the boating area in any other lane.

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