

Race Bulletin for Local Clubs, Corporations, Disciplined Forces Cup

1. Invitation

The Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA) is pleased to invite crews to compete at the 39th Hong Kong Rowing Championships.

Organizer : Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA)

Subvented by : Arts and Sport Development Fund (Home Affairs Bureau)

Supported by : Leisure & Culture Services Department (LCSD)
Competition Dates : 28 October 2017 (Sat) & 29 October 2017 (Sun)

Venue : Sha Tin Rowing Centre & Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre Final Entry Deadline : 11 September 2017 (Monday) 12:00 midnight (HK Time)

2. Venue Introduction

The Championships 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) Fo Tan MTR Station, from where it is a five minutes walk to the Sha Tin Rowing Centre, or
- B) Sha Tin MTR Station, taking KMB (Bus) Route No. 284 to Ravana Garden, from where it is a ten minutes walk to the <u>Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre</u>.





^{**} Please note that crews should ensure they are available to row on both days – the final race schedule may be changed subject to the total number of entries received in each event.



3. Race Distance

All events distance will be 2000 meters start form a fixed starting pontoon, except Masters, Corporations Cup, Disciplined Forces Cup and Para-Rowing events which will be 1000 meters for race distance with floating start.

4. Events

Open Events

<u>G</u>	roup A	<u>Group B</u>	
Men's Double Sculls	M2x	Men's Single Sculls	M1x
Men's Four	M4-	Men's Eight	M8+
Men's Quadruple Sculls	M4x	Women's Double Sculls	W2x
Women's Single Sculls	W1x	Women's Four	W4-
Women's Eight	W8+	Women's Quadruple Sculls	W4x

(Each participant can only enter a maximum of 1 event from Group A and 1 event from Group B in Open Events.)

Para-Rowing Events

LTA (PR3) Men's Single Sculls	LTA (PR3) M1x
LTA (PR3) Women's Single Sculls	LTA (PR3) W1x
TA (PR2) Men's Single Sculls	TA (PR2) M1x
TA (PR2) Women's Single Sculls	TA (PR2) W1x
AS (PR1) Men's Single Sculls	AS (PR1) M1x
AS (PR1) Women's Single Sculls	AS (PR1) W1x
LTA (PR3) Mixed 2x	LTA (PR3) Mixed 2x
LTA (PR3) ID Mixed Coxed Four	LTA (PR3) IDMix4+

Masters Events

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		Cat. A	Cat. B	Cat. C	Cat. D	Cat. E	Cat. F
Men's Single Sculls	M1x						
Women's Single Sculls	W1x						
Men's Double Sculls	M2x						
Women's Double Sculls	W2x						
Men's Four	M4-			$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		
Women's Four	W4-			$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		
Men's Quadruple Sculls	M4x			$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		
Women's Quadruple Sculls	W4x			$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		
Men's Eight	M8+						
Women's Eight	W8+						

Disciplined Forces Cup Events and Corporations Cup Events

	Men's	Women's
Disciplined Forces (DF)	Recreational Coxe	ed Four (DF R4x+)
Corporations (Corp)	Recreational Coxed	d Four (Corp R4x+)

University Challenges

Men's	Women's
Eight (UC M8+)	Eight (UC W8+)



Points to note:

- Club representatives and participants are advised to make their entries with reference to the <u>"Preliminary Race Schedule" (Annex 1)</u>, especially for participants intending to enter two open events or more than one Masters event. Race Schedule <u>may be changed</u> subject to the total number of entries received in each event but the Organizing Committee (OC) will not adjust the race schedule due to the double entry of the team.
- 4.2 Each participant can only enter a maximum of 1 event from Group A and 1 event from Group B in Open Events.
- 4.3 The Masters 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

- In Masters events, the finals with different age categories, genders or boat types may hold together if there are less than six entries in any specific Masters event. Where the number of entries in Masters events exceeds the number of racing lanes, the entry will be divided into two or more finals.
- 4.5 Coxswains must be weighed with racing uniform on tested scales not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race in each Event in which they are competing on each day of competition.
- 4.6 **"University Challenges"** welcome the participation of <u>current or alumni rowers</u> from the **SAME** Local/ Overseas University.

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

- 6.1 <u>For Open events</u>, medals will be presented for the Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up of crew(s) in each event. For Master events, medals will be presented only to the champion(s) of the respective final race.
- 6.2 <u>For Masters events</u>, where the number of entries in Masters events 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. A separate classification will take place and medals will be awarded for each age category, even when the race is held together with other age groups. This applies to both men's and women's events.
- 6.3 <u>For "Disciplined Forces Cup" and "Corporations Cup" events</u>, trophies and medals will be presented to the Champion team, 1st 4th runner-up of crews in each event. Meanwhile, a participation trophy will also be presented to other teams.
- 6.4 Champion teams in <u>"University Challenges"</u> events will receive a Trophy while Medals will be awarded to the Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up of crew(s) in each event.

^{*}Age categories do not apply to coxswains.



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6.5 The name of the Club with the most gold medals in this Championships will be engraved on the "Hong Kong, China Rowing Association 30th Anniversary Memorial Cup".

6.6 Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the Champion in the following Open Events.

Open Events	<u>Trophies</u>
Men's Eight	The President's Challenge Cup
Women's Eight	The HKARA Founders' Trophy
Men's Single Sculls	The Directors' Challenge Cup
Women's Single Sculls	The Directors' Challenge Bowl

7. Souvenir

Each participating rower will receive a souvenir provided by the OC.

8. Entry Fees

For Open, Masters and University Challenges Events

Boat Types	Charge
Eight (8+)	HKD960.00 per event
Quadruple Sculls/ Four (4x/4-)	HKD480.00 per event
Double Sculls (2x)	HKD240.00 per event
Single Sculls (1x)	HKD120.00 per event

For Disciplined Forces Cup and Corporations Cup Events

Boat Types	Charge
Recreational Coxed Quad (R4x+)	HKD900.00 per event

- 8.1 The Entry Fee can be paid to Regatta Central through Paypal which is an online payment platform (https://www.paypal.com/hk) on or before the Final Entry Deadline, i.e. 11 September 2017 (Mon).
- 8.2 Entries will only be accepted from rowers who are current HKCRA Centre User. All rowers who wish to take part in this Championships MUST renew their Centre User's status by 11 September 2017 (Mon). 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.
- 8.3 For Disciplined Forces and Corporations Rowing Teams, deposit of HKD500.00/boat need to make which s refundable if no damage is made by crews during training and after the Championships. In case of the equipment repair cost exceeding HKD500.00, HKCRA reserves the right to levy surcharges to the crews concerned to cover the cost of such repair work.
- 8.4 <u>Late entries will only be accepted if there are available spaces but will NOT be accepted after the publication of the draw. Late entries, where accepted, will be required to pay double the normal entry fee. The HKCRA reserves the right to reject any entry.</u>

9. Entry Procedures

- 9.1 Clubs wishing to take part in the Championships should complete the registry through the online entry platform Regatta Central (https://www.regattacentral.com/) on or before 12:00 midnight, 11 September 2017 (Mon).
- 9.2 <u>Except Disciplined Forces and Corporations Rowing Teams</u>, every crew must enter and compete under the name of a Club or Organization which registered with the HKCRA. <u>No rower is allowed to compete for more than one Club at the Championships</u>.



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- 9.3 For Corporations and Disciplined Forces Rowing Teams which would like to organize training before the Championships, please contact our Sports Executive, Ms. Kata CHAN at 2699-7271 or by email (kata.c@rowing.org.hk) for the training package fee.
- 9.3 Each competitor shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness and able to swim at least 50 meters in light clothing.
- 9.4 The HKCRA will **NOT** accept any hard copy or email application.

Deadline of Submission: 11 September 2017

10. The Draw

The draw will be conducted on <u>5 October 2017</u> at HK Time 7:30 p.m. at the Sha Tin Rowing Centre.

11. Arrangement for Entry Fee in the case of event cancellation

In view of the need of the HKCRA to bear the logistics and set-up costs, <u>only 50% of the paid entry fee will be refunded.</u>

12. Equipment

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.

13. Race Uniform

- 13.1 Race uniform's colour and design should be identical.
- 13.2 For Local Clubs, crews uniform colour and design must be the same as the HKCRA registered club colours.

14. Welcoming Dinner

To enhance the cultural exchange between local and overseas teams, a Welcoming Dinner will be organized for local and overseas competitors on Friday <u>27 October 2017</u>, starting from 7:00pm (to be confirmed). All coaches, team managers and competitors are cordially invited to attend (Dress code: casual), <u>HKD60.00</u> will be <u>charged per head</u>. Interested crews please indicate your availability by completing <u>"Reply Slip of Welcoming Dinner" (Annex 2)</u>. Reservations will be made on "FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED basis".

Deadline of Submission: 11 September 2017

15. Photo for Accreditation Card

All competitors in the Championships will receive an accreditation card for identification before boat outing. Please submit one individual recent photo (passport size) of each rower by e-mail to hkrc@rowing.org.hk on or before 11 September 2017 (Monday). (For Disciplined Forces and Corporations Cup Events Only)

Deadline of Submission: 11 September 2017



16. Photo for Souvenir Programme

A Souvenir Programme will be published and distributed during the Championships with the team photo of each participating team. To facilitate the production, please provide your team photo by e-mail to hkrc@rowing.org.hk.

Deadline of Submission: 11 September 2017

17. Your Action Deadlines

Deadline (on or before 12:00 midnight, HK Time)		Actio	ons	Annex
N/A	:	>	Preliminary Schedule	1
11 September 2017	:	: > Submission of an individual recent photo		
		>	Submission of a team photo for Souvenir Programme	
		>	Reply Slip of Welcoming Dinner	2

18. Organizing Committee of 39th Hong Kong Rowing Championships

Chair	Mr. NG Kong Wan		
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The Hong Kong Rowing Championships relies on your enthusiasm, help and participation. If any clubs or individuals wish to assist in any areas of management or in providing helpers on the days leading up to the Championships, please let us know as soon as possible.

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