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Samsung 60th Festival of Sport - Challenge 1,000 Race Notice

Date : 19 March 2017 (Sunday)
Time : 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Venue : Sha Tin Rowing Centre/ Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre
Registration Period : 15 February 2017 (Wednesday) to 24 February 2017 (Friday)
Entry Deadline : Friday, 24 February 2017 (12:00 noon, Hong Kong Time)

1. Introduction

Challenge 1,000 is a major exciting **1,000m** competition in the rowing race calendar. It is also the only open 1,000m regatta in Hong Kong. **Power and Speed are the two elements to win Challenge 1,000.**

2. Events

Categories	Group	Events
Open Events (1,000m)	A	Men's 4+
	A	Men's 1x
	A	Women's 8+
	A	Women's 2x
	B	Men's 8+
	B	Men's 2x
	B	Women's 4+
	B	Women's 1x

2.1 Each participant may enter a maximum of 2 events only

2.2 It is **NOT** accepted the entries of 2 events from the same Group.

3. Race Distance

All events will be raced **1,000 meters**.

4. Medals

Medals will be awarded to the Champion, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up crews in each event.

5. Boats and Oars

All competitors must use their private boats and oars for competition. HKCRA boats will only be allocated to Clubs who do not have boats or do not have sufficient boats to compete in an event.

6. Eligibility

6.1 Each participant may enter a maximum of **1 event from Group A and 1 event from Group B.**

6.2 **It is NOT accepted the entries of 2 events from the same Group.** e.g. double entries in M8+ and M2x will not be accepted.

- 6.3 Competitors must be registered with HKCRA as a Registered Rowers to be eligible to compete in HKCRA regattas. (Note: "Rowing Centre Users" are automatically registered.) Each competitor should be able to present his/her HKCRA membership card for competition. Application and collection for the membership card will not be entertained on the day of the regatta. Non-members will not be entertained and no exceptions will be made under any circumstances.
- 6.4 Please submit valid Centre User's names (Center Users or Registered Rower) on the Regatta Central which Centre Users status **MUST valid on the racing day**, otherwise the HKCRA not only will charge **HKD100 administrative fee per head, but also the rower cannot take part in that regatta.**
- 6.5 All invalid Centre User's must renew the Centre Users' status **by Friday, 24 February 2017 (12:00 noon, Hong Kong Time)** otherwise, he/ she will not able to submit online application nor to race.
- 6.6 Every crew must enter and compete under the name of a Club registered with the HKCRA. **No rower may compete for two different Clubs at the same Regatta.**
- 6.7 Each competitor shall be responsible for his own health and fitness and able to swim 50 meters in light clothing.
- 6.8 Participants (except coxswains) must compete in events of their own sex origin.
- 6.9 The minimum weight for a coxswain (wearing racing uniform) is 50 kg for Men's events and 40 kg for Women's events. (To make up this weight, a coxswain may carry additional deadweight as close as practicable to his/her person in the boat. No article of racing equipment shall be considered as part of this deadweight.)

7. Entry Procedures

- 7.1 Clubs wishing to take part in this regatta should complete the registry through Regatta Central (<https://www.regattacentral.com/>) on **or before 24 February 2017 (12:00 noon, Hong Kong Time).**
- 7.2 **NO late entry will be accepted as the Online System will reject any late entry automatically.**
- 7.3 **The HKCRA will NOT accept any hard copy or e-mail application.**

8. Withdrawals (Refer to rule-45)

- 8.1 If a crew withdraws from an Event for which it has been entered, it shall give notice on the designated form to the Organizing Committee 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.
- 8.2 **In the case of a withdrawal the Organizing Committee may conduct a new draw if required. A withdrawal once made is irrevocable. There shall be no refund of entry fee.**

9. Entry Fees

- 9.1 Entry fee: All events, HKD70/ entry
- 9.2 Entry Fee should be **paid to Regatta Central through Paypal** which is an online payment platform (<https://www.paypal.com/hk>).

9.3 Arrangements for Entry Fee upon Postponement/ Cancellation:

- a) **If the event is rescheduled to be held within one month** – the Association 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.
- b). **The event cannot be rescheduled and is therefore cancelled** – In view of the need of the Association to bear the set-up costs, only 50% of the paid entry fee will be refunded. The Association will ask Clubs by-email to confirm whether the balance of the entry fee should be refunded or if it should be retained by the Association and credited against future entry fees. If a Club does not give any instruction within 1 month, the balance of entry fee will be held by the Association against future entry fees and the Club will be advised accordingly.

10. Enquiries and Correspondence

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