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第4屆香港海岸賽艇錦標賽
4th Hong Kong Coastal Rowing Championships
Sunday, 24 September 2017

Race Bulletin

1. Invitation

The Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA) is pleased to invite crews to compete at the 4th Hong Kong Coastal Rowing Championships.

- Organized by : Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA)
Supported by : Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC)
Subvented by : Leisure & Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
Venue : Middle Island, RHKYC
Competition Date : Sunday, 24 September 2017
Entry Fee : HK\$ 100 per person per event
(excepted the Cox in 4X+ events)
Entry Deadline : Monday, 11 September 2017 12:00 midnight (HK Time)

2. Race Course

This Championships will be held over the open-water area between Repulse Bay and Deep Water Bay. Two different courses will be used in the Championships. One course is a longer course and is referred to as the **Long Course**. The other is shorter and is referred to as the **Short Course**. **The Short Course will be used in all heats and only in the final of junior events; and in case of bad weather.** Additional details of the course are shown in the *Guidelines to Competitors*.

3. Events

Open Events

Course	Short Course in heat & Long Course in final	
Events	Men	Women
1X	✓	✓
2X	✓	✓
4X+	✓	✓

Junior Events

Course	Short Course	
Events	Boys	Girls
2X	✓	✓
4X+	✓	✓

Each participant can only enter a maximum of 1 event and in 1 category only. No doubling up allowed.

Rowers from Hong Kong or from overseas may enter. **Each participant** must sign an indemnity form and email to HKCRA upon successful enrollment. Each competitor shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness and able to swim at least 50 meters in light clothing.

Coastal rowing boats will be provided by the Organizing Committee. There will be at least **four quads, five doubles and three singles** available. Where the number of entries in an event is greater than the number of boats available, two or more heats and a final will be run; otherwise a straight final will be held for an event. The need for heats will be determined based on the number of entries and will be confirmed shortly after the entry deadline. If there are too many or too little entries, the Organizing Committee reserves the right for team allocations or event cancellation accordingly.

Please refer to the “*Guidelines to Competitors*” for other details. The Chief Umpire and the Race Controller will announce updated information and give a briefing on racing format in the Team Managers’ Meeting.

4. Entry Procedures

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)**.

The HKCRA will NOT accept any hard copy or email application. In the case of event cancellation, 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.

5. Rules of Racing

- 5.1** FISA coastal rowing rules will apply, with certain local amendments. The local amendments and other guidelines are detailed in the “*Guidelines to Competitors*”.
- 5.2** Clubs may substitute up to one half numbers of rowers in all crews entered by them, provided that the substitutes are members of the same Club(s). **All substitutions and withdrawals shall give notice to the Organizing Committee at the Team Managers’ Meeting.**
- 5.3** All crews should make themselves aware of the provisions for starting, false starts, interference, turning around marker buoys, etc. and the penalties for any infractions.
- 5.4** All participants must report to Boat Marshalls **to register their crew at least 30 minutes before their race.**
- 5.5** 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 coxed quad events in which they are competing on each day of competition.
- 5.6** Race uniform’s colour and design should be identical. For Local Clubs, crews uniform colour and design must be the same as the HKCRA registered club colours.

6. Schedule

Each club shall send at least ONE representative to attend the **Team Managers' Meeting**, which will be held at the **Minnit Room**, RHKYC Clubhouse, Middle Island on **24 September 2017 at 8:00am**.

There will be a number of races. The first race will take place at 9:00am, followed by races at regular intervals through to the last race at approximately 6:00pm. A final timetable of races will be published after the entry deadline. Races will take 20-50 minutes depending on the final course length, conditions and crew speed.

The **Medal Presentation Ceremony** will be held at the RHKYC Clubhouse, Middle Island at approximately **6:30pm**. Medals will be presented for the Winner, First Runner-Up and Second Runner-Up in each category.

7. Facilities, Food and Beverage

Competitors may use the changing rooms at the RHKYC Clubhouse.

The race entry fee **does not include** any food or beverage.

Lunch and drinks will be available for purchase using either a RHKYC member card or Octopus card; cash is NOT accepted. Participants may bring their own food or drink, but this can only be consumed on the beach area / rowing shed and not in the RHKYC Clubhouse.

8. Organizing Committee of 4th Hong Kong Coastal Rowing Championships

Chair	Mr. NG Kong Wan	
Members	Mr. CHEUNG Ming Hang, Keith	Ms. Elizabeth WRAY
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The Hong Kong Coastal 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.

Organizing Committee
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23 August 2017