



Domestic Events Committee June 2013

Guidance Note on Oversubscribed Events at Regattas:

At the last Board meeting, the Secretary tabled an email from a club expressing their concern about the tendency of event organisers to drop junior races when faced with too many entries, despite the events being offered in the prospectus. In the event that a regatta is oversubscribed, in order to avoid dropping races, it is recommended that the following steps are taken:

- 1) Calculate how many races and thus crews/scullers cannot be accommodated
- 2) Consider whether running J14 or J15 races as multiple finals would reduce the number of races sufficiently.
- 3) If it is an option, see if some races with local crews can be run on the previous evening
- 4) As dropping single sculls inconvenience the least number of individuals (and have the least financial impact on the regatta), see if reducing the number of scullers per event, from each club to two will reduce the number of races required sufficiently.***
- 5) If that is insufficient, see if reducing the number of scullers from each club to one will reduce the number of races required sufficiently. ***
- 6) If that is insufficient, repeat the exercise with doubles and pairs ***
- 7) Only if the above still does not reduce the number of races sufficiently should you consider cancelling events entirely. If you must do so, consider which grade will be least impacted. For example if the only J14 event is a 1X but there are J18 1X, 2X and 4X it would make sense to cancel one of the J18 events.
- 8) Once you have made a decision on what reductions are required, communicate with the clubs involved advising them of the difficulty that you encountered and what action you had to take

*** Ask each club concerned which of their scullers/crews are to be dropped.

Duration of Regattas:

Regatta entries are increasing in recent times, especially in the Grand League regattas. While this is extremely healthy for the sport and is a sign of the success of the Grand League regattas, it also poses the problem of longer days for athletes/coaches/volunteers which can have a detrimental effect. In order to try and address the problem of regattas running for potentially 11 or 12 hours, I would like to recommend that event organisers are given the option of not running finals from D onwards, in order to reduce the number of races that need to be timetabled. This would be at the discretion of the event organiser, if they are inundated with entries.

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