

**ROWING IRELAND – HOME INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2016
SELECTION STRATEGY FOR ALL TEAMS**

This document details the selection strategy for the Home International Regatta 2016 being held in Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, Wales on 23rd July 2016.

SENIOR MEN and SENIOR WOMEN

The Senior Mens Team and Senior Womens Team for the Home International Regatta will be selected based on the results of events at Cork Regatta on 25th & 26th June 2016.

Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection for the Senior Teams must enter either the Division 1 1x or Division 1 2- events. These events will be timed and athletes will be ranked according to fastest times for Home International purposes. As there are only A, B and C Finals in the Grand League, only times from **heats** in each event will be considered. In the unlikely event that times of a heat are missed, it may be necessary to use final times instead.

In addition to entering the above events, any club that wishes to have their athlete(s) considered for the Senior Teams must email their intention to be considered as part of the team to denis.oregan@rowingireland.ie by Wednesday 15th June 2016. Emails will only be accepted from Club Secretaries. Your entry will be complete when you receive an email of confirmation. Notification of intention on the day of the event will not be accepted. If a club fails to email their athlete(s) intention, they will be deemed ineligible for selection.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Lightweight athletes must enter the appropriate category at Cork Regatta on 25th & 26th June 2016 and compete at the relevant weight for their lightweight category. Lightweight athletes may form part of the team as non-lightweight.

In addition, any club that wishes to have their athlete(s) considered as Lightweight must declare whether they are Lightweight in their email of intention to be considered as part of the team to denis.oregan@rowingireland.ie by Wednesday 15th June 2016. Emails will only be accepted from Club Secretaries. Your entry will be complete when you receive an email of confirmation. Notification of intention on the day of the event will not be accepted. If a club fails to email their athlete(s) intention, they will be deemed ineligible for selection.

JUNIOR MEN and JUNIOR WOMEN

Athletes for the Junior Teams for the Home International Regatta will be selected as part of the Rowing Ireland Junior Selection Strategy, which is already underway. Any club/coach who has an athlete, who they consider may be of Home International standard and is not currently part of the Junior Trialling process, is asked to email the Junior Coach, Pat McInerney at pat.mcinerney@rowingireland.ie

COXES

It is planned that coxes for the Teams will be chosen based on a number of factors including the geographical locations of crews selected, coxing history, and current participation. Coxes for the Junior Teams will be selected as part of the Rowing Ireland Junior selection strategy.

Any club who wishes to have their cox(es) considered for selection for the Senior Teams, must email their intention to be considered as part of the team, along with a brief coxing history, to denis.oregan@rowingireland.ie by Wednesday 15th June 2016. Emails will only be accepted from Club Secretaries.

COACHES

It is planned that coaches will be chosen based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, experience, the geographical locations of crews selected, number of athletes that a coach has selected etc. **Any coach that would be interested in being considered to coach is asked to email denis.oregan@rowingireland.ie by Wednesday 15th June 2016.**

Coaches will be required to organise training session(s) with their respective crew(s) in preparation for the Home International event. Clubs are expected to make their athletes available for these training session(s).

OBLIGATION TO COMPETE

Once an athlete has entered the selection process, through the Tracker system, they will be deemed available for selection. If selected and unable to compete for any reason other than medically certified, the club will remain liable for all levies applicable even if another athlete is brought in to replace them. The replacement athlete's club will be liable for the appropriate levies due for that athlete.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION INFORMATION

In the event that only one athlete, or no athlete, has been nominated in any specific category listed above, the selection panel and/or Team Manager reserves the right to fill the remaining crews as required. The decision of the selection panel and/or Team Manager based on the information available to him/her/them will be final.

TEAM COMPOSITION

It is envisaged that Rowing Ireland will have a full team to compete at the Home International Regatta in July.

The number of athletes required to fill the team are as follows:

Senior Men and Senior Women:

12 Sweep Athletes – including 2 Lightweight Athletes

6 Scullers – including 3 Lightweight Scullers

1 Cox

Junior Men and Junior Women:

10 Sweep Athletes

7 Scullers

1 Cox

EQUIPMENT

Clubs, whose athletes are selected as part of the Home International Team, will be expected to provide equipment to the participating crews for training and travelling to the Home International Regatta. Details of specific equipment required from clubs will be finalised after the athletes have been selected.

LEVIES

The levy amount to be paid by each athlete, upon selection, remains unchanged at €400. This levy is to be paid, in full, by **8th July 2016**. Clubs are liable for payment of the levy in respect of each of their athletes selected.

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