



Frequently Asked Questions

Entries

1. **Why do the events not have round numbers of entries?**

At Henley Masters Regatta, competitors enter their preferred events in the Main event. The number of entries in any event is therefore driven by the number of clubs whose preferred event is that event. We try to supplement smaller events from the Waitlist to create meaningful competition across the ages and between open and women.

2. **Why do you not supplement all events up to 8 entries when there are people on the Waitlist wanting to race?**

There is a limited number of race slots at Henley Masters Regatta. Each entry takes up 1 race slot, so to supplement from e.g. 5 entries to 8 entries in an event would take up 3 additional race slots. There is no room to expand the number of race slots due to the busy season in Henley in July.

3. **Who can compete at HMR?**

All competitors who have attained, or will attain, the age of 27 years old by the end of the calendar year can compete at HMR (BR rule 2-4-a). HMR offers events from Masters B, an average crew age of at least 36 years. Coxes can be of any age.

4. **What is the event interval?**

The event interval is the time you need to boat, row to the start, row the race, row back to the boating area, get out of the boat and get in your next boat and do the same. Experience has shown that the MINIMUM time needed is about 8 events. You may wish to have a greater event interval to give you slightly more time in between your races. Races cannot be delayed because individuals have clashes and their races are too close together. There is an interactive event interval schedule on the website to help you determine whether events are compatible.

5. **The race schedule does not work for me, can you reschedule so the event interval is greater between event x and event y?**

No, the race schedule cannot be changed to accommodate individual requests. You are welcome to enter a younger age category than your own to allow you to race in your desired boat class (but you will not get a handicap).

6. **I want to enter an F8+ but the event interval does not work for me, but E8+ does – can I enter E8+ and get a handicap instead?**

If F8+ does not work for you, you are welcome to enter E8+ but you will not get a handicap. Any crew can enter a younger age category than their own, but no crews can enter an older age category than their own.

7. **How can I increase my chances of being picked from the Waitlist?**

Pay for your entries as soon as you can because payment time will count as entry time (a crew entering and paying on 20/5 will be picked over a crew entering on 19/5 and paying on



21/5). Enter events that are relatively less common: entries will be picked on the basis of creating meaningful competition across the board.

8. I need to enter an individual on the Waitlist twice and BROE is flagging an error message. What do I do?

Just contact the Entries Secretary with details of the second crew you want to enter (including BR numbers) and she will enter them for you (entries@henleymastersregatta.org.uk).

9. Where are the MasI and MasJ events in the race schedule?

We schedule I races on the basis of demand and then schedule races to ensure the greatest race interval possible.

10. Can I enter a composite crew?

Yes, you can. Enter your crew as normal, then click/tap on "Add member from another crew". A popup screen will appear allowing you to search by club and then by listed member or by BR number. If you cannot find a person in the list this may be because that person is not individually the age of the crew you are wanting to enter, e.g. you are entering F, but the person is individually D.

11. Can I represent two different clubs at HMR?

Yes you can, but you will make the life of the Entries Secretary slightly more complicated, as some of the automatic system checks do not work. None of the doubling up or event interval rules change for an individual representing two clubs. Consider entering a composite crew instead.

12. Can I enter a placeholder in the main event and swap them out for a rower later on?

No, you cannot. The automatic doubling up rules in BROE will not be lifted at any time. Doubling up entries can only be made by the Entries Secretary, so if you attempt to enter a doubling up crew or make such a substitution, BR will flag an error message.

13. Can a female cox be entered in Open?

Yes, she can. Coxes are not restricted by gender (BR rule 2-1-2).

14. Can coxes double up?

Yes, coxes can double up including in the Main event. Just make sure the event intervals work.

15. Do you offer Mixed events?

HMR does not offer specific Mixed events (as per BR rule 4-5-c). The Open event is regardless of gender (BR rule 4-1).

16. Can I enter an individual 3 times in HMR?

No, you cannot. Every individual rower or sculler must pick their preferred event and enter that crew in the Main Event and their desired doubling up event and enter that crew on the Waitlist.



17. My 8+ crew consists of 4 rowers who have entered a 4+ and 4 rowers for whom the 8+ is their preferred entry. Can I enter that crew in the Main event?

No, you cannot. All rowers will jointly need to pick their preferred crew and no individuals can initially be entered in the Main event twice.

18. I want to row at HMR but cannot take the Friday off work, can you reschedule my races to the Saturday?

Races are run as per the race schedule on the HMR website in the order of Heats, QFs, SFs and Fs. The Friday/Saturday split is usually around the SFs of Event 20-30. We aim to get the race schedule out as soon as possible so you will know approximately when your race will be. We cannot reschedule any races to run out of this set order.

19. I want to enter HMR but am not available on the Saturday. Can I send a substitute to row in my place on the Saturday?

No, after your crew has started racing, the only reason you can change the composition of your crew is for medical reasons. You will need to present a medical certificate to the registration tent.

20. When do I pay for my entries?

All entries should be paid immediately after you make them, both for the Main event and the Waitlist. Unpaid entries will be rejected. Crews who are not selected from the Waitlist will be refunded in due course.

21. What is Crew Matching?

HMR offers a matching service between competitors who would like to row/scull but do not have a crew with those that have a crew but are missing a person. Success not guaranteed but potential unlimited (Crew Matching has already led to 1 winning 8+ entry!).