

Ball Cup North - Purpose & Entry Criteria

Purpose

The purpose of the Ball Cup Regatta is to allow the schools and clubs that have very few Juniors who cannot semi-final or final at national events to compete against each other in a Round-Robin basis. In these criteria 'clubs' refer to both schools boat clubs and general rowing clubs, unless a distinction needs to be made.

The overriding aim of the Ball Cup North is to give clubs and their emerging competitors a chance to experience true competition and the chance to win.

The Ball Cup Regatta (North) is a British Rowing Affiliated event. This means that the event follows the Rules of British Rowing and the British Rowing Rules of Racing; however the entry criteria are slightly different.

The entry ethic is quite clear: Clubs that compete and do well at National Events would not be expected to enter their higher ability competitors.

Entry Criteria

An example of the level of competitor **not** expected at the Ball Cup is:

- A sculler or crew in the top half of the results at the National Junior Scullers Heads, in this year or previous years.
- A sculler or crew who has made it or is expected to make it to the semi-finals of an event at the National Schools Regatta or National Championships.
- A sculler or crew who has made it or is expected to make it to the finals of other multi-lane events.
- Any Junior who was not under 15 years old on the preceding 1st September.

The Ball Cup Regatta (North) is for those competitors for whom a competitive National Schools Regatta or National Championships entry is too high a goal.

The event is for any club including beginner scullers of clubs who go to national events.

For clarification, if the question *"Can I send my J14/WJ14 new rowers to the Ball Cup whilst my top crews go to National Schools expecting to be in the semi-finals?"* is asked, then the answer is *"Yes the club can enter these rowers"*

There is a limit of 18 entries from a club. The whole junior section is expected to be a maximum of about 40. This is expected to be close to the total junior membership (J15/WJ15 and younger) of the club.

The Committee may look at the British Rowing membership figures of clubs and schools.