

Runcorn Spring Eights Head – 2019 Universities' Victor Ludorum

A minor change has been made to the Runcorn Spring Eights Head rules for the 'Universities Victor Ludorum' (UVL) prize to support the new BROE2 British Rowing Points System.

The change

The rules have remained the same as in prior years with one exception. The previous Events (e.g. IM1, IM2, etc) have been replaced in 2019 with Event Bands. In the “Senior” category, for both Open and Women crews, crews will be put into event bands at the Draw based on total BR points per crew.

Some key aspects of the UVL

- Points are only awarded if there is some university opposition - a 'time only' score does not count towards the UVL
- The UVL encourages participation, by enabling 2nd and 3rd crews to score UVL points if an event has sufficient competing crews,
- The Runcorn Head is for club and school crews as well as university crews, and has fewer university crews in each event or each boat size than a national BUCS Head, for example.
- The detailed rules for scoring UVL points are available to competitors in advance, as below, (eg. on the www.runcornrowing.com website).

Rules

1. A 'Universities Victor Ludorum' Trophy and prize will be awarded to the best placed university at the Runcorn Spring Eights Head, based on aggregate category 'place points' by Event Band as below.
2. The UVL competition is for University and Further Education College rowing club crews only; the results of any open rowing club and school crews etc. will be ignored for the scoring of the UVL.
3. There is a single UVL competition, for both men and women.
4. UVL points are only awarded to crews in Eights and Fours/Quads (including 4x, 4- and 4+).
5. Crews must be entered in the 'senior' British Rowing category (not Masters).
6. UVL points will be awarded as follows, by senior event band (note that crews will be put into event bands at the Draw based on total BR points per crew):
 - If **4 or more university crews** are entered in an event band, then 3 points will be awarded for the fastest university crew in the event band, 2 for the 2nd university crew, 1 for the 3rd university crew, and 0 for the 4th and any slower university crews.
 - If **3 university crews** are entered in an event band, then 2 points will be awarded for the fastest university crew in the event band, 1 for the 2nd university crew and 0 for the 3rd university crew.
 - If **2 university crews** are entered in an event band, then 1 point will be awarded for the fastest university crew in the event band, and 0 for the 2nd university crew.
 - If only **1 university crew** is entered in an event, then 0 points will be awarded, on the basis that the crew hasn't proved itself faster than any other university crew, so cannot be considered a 'victor' or entitled to win UVL points. (But see '**Entries**' below)
 - UVL points will **NOT** be awarded to:
 - crews racing as 'Time Only',
 - crews rowing in a different division to all the other crews in that event (and thus possibly rowing under more favourable conditions of wind or stream).
 - crews that fail to complete the course (*eg. disqualified, or having a disabling equipment failure*).
 - However the UVL points for the crews in an event that do complete the course will not be reduced as a result of non-finishing crews.

Entries:

University crews entered as 'Senior' will be put into Event Bands at the Draw.

- If they are faster than all the university, club and school crews in that event band, they will win the medals for that event band.
- But if they wish to avoid being the only university crew in an event (and thus in-eligible for UVL points), they may contact the Regatta Secretary on the day of the Draw, and be told if they have any university opposition in that event band or not.
- If they have no university opposition, they may request to be moved into a higher event band to an event band where there **is** university opposition