

Runcorn Spring Eights Head - 2015 - Universities' Victor Ludorum.

We are revising the Runcorn Spring Eights Head rules for the 'Universities Victor Ludorum' (UVL) prize.

Purpose of the changes

- to make the scoring fairer, *eg. by only awarding points if there is some university opposition.*
- to encourage participation, by enabling 2nd and 3rd crews to score UVL points if an event has a lot of competing crews,
- but conversely, to reduce the UVL points from winning an event if there is little or no opposition.
- To make the points-scoring for the UVL a bit more like BUCS events. However the Runcorn Head is for club and school crews as well as universities, and has fewer university crews in each event or each boat size than a national BUCS Head.
- To make the detailed rules for scoring UVL points available to competitors in advance, as below, (eg. on the www.runcornrowing.com website).

Proposed 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' 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 (including 4x, 4- and 4+).
5. Crews must be entered in normal British Rowing categories (*eg. W IM3 4x-, (Open) Novice 8+, etc.*).
6. UVL points will be awarded as follows:
 - If **4 or more university crews** are entered in an event, then 3 points will be awarded for the fastest university crew in the event, 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, then 2 points will be awarded for the fastest university crew in the event, 1 for the 2nd university crew and 0 for the 3rd university crew.
 - If **2 university crews** are entered in an event, then 1 point will be awarded for the fastest university crew in the event, 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)
7. 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 can enter any event for which they are qualified under British Rowing Rules, as offered on the Runcorn Spring Eights Head poster.

- If they are faster than all the university, club and school crews in that event, they will win the medals for that event.
- But if they wish to avoid being the only university crew in an event (and thus ineligible for UVL points), they may contact the Regatta Secretary shortly before entries close, and be told if they have any university opposition in that event or not.
- If they have no university opposition, they may change their entry to an event where there **is** university opposition (*eg. change from IM2 4- to IM2 4+*).

Consultation

We will ask for comments from local universities before the above rules are adopted.

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