



BRITISH DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

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British National Championships 2024 – Event Information

The BDA British National Championships takes place at the National Water Sports Centre, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU on 21st & 22nd September 2024.

Car Parking

All paddler parking will be in Car Park B, shown below. NWSC operates an ANPR system for parking enforcement across the whole site, there is to be no parking on the approach roads or in the lakeside area. Parking is £7.50 per day, you can pay on the day by app or you can pay in advance using their webpage <https://www.nwscnotts.com/nwsc/car-parking/> and following their instructions. Unless you are staying in the on-site accommodation there is no parking in the centre car park on Sat or Sun. Car park staff have an approved car registration list and you won't be allowed access.



Boat trailer drop off & trailer parking will be located at the bottom end of the lake as in previous years, please do not leave vehicles around the lake as we will need all the space for the crew camp area, anyone leaving a vehicle around the lake will be required to move it. There are to be no vehicle movements, except for emergency vehicles, around the lake during the day. If you are dropping off a trailer at the bottom of the lake on Friday you will be able to do so without setting off the ANPR system, however if you drive around the lake you will be liable for a parking fee.

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Crew Camp Area

The crew camp area this year for all crews will be on the lakeside tarmac area from the metal zig zag steps down to the bottom of the lake as indicated below.



Please do not set up camp anywhere else as we don't have permission and you would be liable for any extra charges incurred. The space between the concrete steps and the spectator seating (running behind the finish tower below the centre) is reserved for Boat Marshalling, Fine Designs Clothing, First Aid, Event Organiser and Purple Warriors so please do not setup in this space as you will be required to move.

Boats

We will be weighing boats again this year, the specification minimum weight is 250kg. If your boat was light last year please bring sufficient water containers or other ballast to bring your boat up to the minimum



weight of 250kg. If your boat was heavy then you need to make sure you bring some additional lightness with you.

The 3 landing stages on the side of the lake behind the finish tower are reserved for accessibility crews and pool boats. All other race boats are to use the landing areas at the bottom of the lake.

Boat numbers

All boats need to have the correct lane numbers on them for all races, numbers 1-6 are required.

Crew Lists & Crew Compositions

For the avoidance of doubt, the following crew composition rules will be in force at the weekend.

Standard boat crew list – max 26 names inc helm & drummer

S14 Crew list – Max 20 names inc helm & drummer

Double rostering of paddlers between two crews in the same class (200m Mixed for example) is strictly not permitted. The only exception to this is where a reserve paddler is called up to the A boat from the B boat for a specific class, and then that paddler cannot race in the B boat again in that class.

Each entry class can have a separate crew list, you could have the same crew list for all classes all day or you could have a totally different crew list for each class you enter, the choice is yours and how many paddlers you have.

For in boat crew compositions, Mixed Standard Boat – Max 10 men, Mixed S14 – Max 7 Men.

Men's, Women's & Senior crews need to have a helm & drummer that meet the class criteria (male, female, senior).

Helms should be advanced helms or have substantial experience in race situations, this is the British National Championships after all and we all know what the weather can be like, especially when there is no wind!

Wristbands

Clubs with multiple crews in a single class will be issued with different coloured wristbands for each crew when you hand in your crew lists.

Event times

The Crew Managers meeting will be at 8am, the first race is scheduled for 9am. I have attached the race plan which shows you when different race classes will be happening during the weekend. A fully detailed race program will be sent out separately.

Results

We will have results boards posted at the bottom of the steps down from the centre, just down from the finish tower. We will also be operating a WhatsApp system so make the distribution of info much easier.



Trophies

We will be presenting trophies for each days racing at the end of each day, we will also be presenting the BDA perpetual nationals trophies. If you have a perpetual BDA trophy please ensure you return it to the Race Secretariat on Saturday morning.