

OXFORD CITY BUMPING RACES 2024

Rules of Racing - Bullet Points

Entries consist of a team of 11 people: an eight- person crew, a cox, a "poleman" (no experience necessary), and a bank rider/ judge with bike (required to make responsible decisions).

Entries, payments and substitutions will take place through BROE2. Day passes are available for this event for non-BR members.

The short rules summaries below are selected to ensure that all crews and coxes are aware that City Bumps are significantly different from College Bumps. It is vital that the whole crew, coxes and their support team fully understand this before racing starts. The full rules are online.

City Bumps are NON-CONTACT bumps

A bump occurs

- when a cox indicates they are conceding to an approaching crew
- OR when an umpire or judge deems that contact or overlap is imminent and inevitable
- OR when an overlap has taken place during the entire stroke cycle (not just on the surge). *N.B Boats may be on opposite sides of the river when this happens so the accompanying judge must position themselves appropriately.*

It is the expectation that all bumps - apart from concessions - shall be awarded by the judges from the bank and that the judges will be responsible for communicating all bumps (including concessions) to the crews involved by whistling clearly and/or shouting.

- There should be no contact between boats.
- Any deliberate and unnecessary contact between boats will nullify a bump or lead to disqualification.
- Coxing considered dangerous will not be tolerated.
- There shall be no vocal encouragement or coaching of crews from accompanying cyclists or spectators which may be interpreted as trying to influence the accompanying judge's opinion.

Starting Requirements: To be eligible to race, the coxswain and the judge supplied by each crew must attend the mandatory pre-race safety briefing starting at 08.00 sharp in the CORC downstairs gym.

Disputes Procedure: Complaints against other crews must be registered with the Race Committee (a representative should be on hand at Donnington Bridge) within 10 minutes of the incident. Any complaint should also be made known to the accompanying judge(s) *who will be expected to contribute to the Race Committee's deliberations and should attend the post-race discussion.*

Crew judges will be required to collect and return numbered bibs for each division which will allow them to report back after each and every race they judge (even if only to confirm that nothing happened). They will be allocated a crew to follow (clearly not their own!) but are requested to rearrange themselves when necessary to avoid any conflict of interests with their allocated boat or those close to it.

Any comments or queries on these points or other rules of racing should be raised at the briefing in the morning. The briefing will start at 08.00 with a roll call of all entries. Please be prompt. Crews failing to show up will be disqualified from racing. Thank you.

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