



Autumn Fours 2007 Crew Instructions

Format

The men's competition will be run as a knockout tournament with crews progressing through rounds if they win.

The Women's competition will be run as a round-robin league between all the crews with three points awarded for a win (dead heats will be awarded one point). If crews finish level on points the race committee will have recorded approximate winning margins and these will be used as a tie-breaker.

Course and Circulation

The course will run from just upstream of the Longbridges boat house and then progress to the Bumps stone. A transit lane will run along the city side of the river from the finish to the bottom of the boat house island. A second transit lane will run from OUBC to Longbridges on the county side of the river. Crews may cross from one transit lane to the other only when given permission by a marshal. Crews may warm up below the gut but should be ready to race at the allotted time. Due to the short period of time at points between a crew's races it may not be possible to land in between races.

For racing, each crew is allocated a station: county or city. County is the tow path side lane and city the other side. Crews will be disqualified if they leave their lane.

A circulation pattern is available on the Autumn Fours web site.

Racing

Should a klaxon sound during racing please stop immediately. At this point the Senior Umpire will make one of three decisions:

- Bring the crews level and restart the race from any point on the course.
- Award the race to a crew who appears to have had an insurmountable lead.
- Disqualify a crew on safety grounds and award the race to the other crew.

Following the end of the league stage, marshals will inform crews which crews will be racing in the finals.

Finances

Please make sure all fines are paid before racing and that all entry fees have been paid. Cheques in advance to Tom Chapman at Somerville please.

Questions

Any further questions please contact secretary@ourcs.org.uk if in advance or on the day ask a marshal.