

## Rules for Summer Eights 2008

Each boat shall be started from a rope 50 feet in length, held by the coxswain, the other end of the rope to be fastened to a post on the towpath. The coxswain MUST be holding the rope at the time of the start gun to be considered as having started in accordance with the rules.

If the Starting Gun has not fired within seventy seconds from the One Minute Gun the Senior Umpire will notify crews that the sequence of guns shall be repeated from the One Minute Gun.

For a race to be deemed to have taken place, 10 of the 13 boats must be attached to their bunglines when the Starting Gun is fired.

The Senior Umpire is under no obligation to wait for crews late to the start. Crews deemed to be delaying the start will be penalised appropriately.

No more than one bankrider per crew – unless with the expressed permission of the race committee. Novice coxes must have a competent bankrider AT ALL TIMES.

On Saturday no cyclists are permitted to follow racing. Novice coxes that have coxed the previous 3 days will be allowed to cox without a bank rider only during this time.

Coxes may take whichever line they choose while racing. The deemed shortest course is towpath side below the gut, along side the green bank and back along the towpath opposite the Island to the finish.

Although coxes may take whichever line they choose, they are responsible for not crashing into a stationary crew or crew which has conceded.

Dangerous coxing includes late wind down, late concession, late clearance, incorrect circulation, impeding other river traffic etc, and can be heavily penalised.

In the event of there being no racing line the race will be klaxoned and all crews must stop immediately. No bumps will count after the klaxon was first sounded.

The race will also be klaxoned for anybody in the water. Crew in which members are deemed to have deliberately jumped out of the boat can be penalty bumped.

A bump may occur through contact, a concession or rowing clean past the crew. Once a bump is inevitable or has occurred the cox of the bumped boat must raise their arm to acknowledge the bump to the cox chasing.

Crews that have bumped out may not proceed back to their boathouse until the last racing crew has passed them (often indicated by the safety launch passing).

When crews are not racing they must abide by the circulation pattern AT ALL TIMES. It is important to note that the cross-over from normal to reverse circulation occurs at the MOUTH of the gut – ie going into the gut just past Longbridges. Do NOT cross over mid-way through the gut as this causes confusion for other river users. Crews must leave the centre of the river clear for at all times for other river traffic.

Crews must not impede other river users. This includes keeping the centre of the river clear at all times.

Marshals and Umpires must arrive for their slot on time as indicated by the rota. It is the college's responsibility to cover the entirety of their slots. It is not acceptable to be late or leave early because marshals need to race – the boat club must schedule their marshals and umpires to ensure this does not happen. Marshals and Umpires must be competent to complete their role as we rely on them for the running of the races. Late or incompetent marshals and umpires will be fined.

Crews must abide by the Rules of the River (except those rules suspended, ie the circulation rules), especially rules about equipment and personnel. Lights must be present on boats from when the SU declares it necessary.