

Isis Winter League

Competitor Instructions

Finances

Any outstanding fines or entry fees should be paid to the race desk before the first boat from your college races.

Warming Up/Boating

All warm up for IWL should be carried out on land due to short gaps between divisions and the need for crews to land from the previous division. All crews should proceed immediately downstream from their rafts when boating.

Crews should boat immediately when the last racing crew of the previous division passes their raft. If for any reason you are unable to do this then please inform a marshal asap who will inform the SU. In many cases it will be possible to accommodate delayed crews in later divisions but this will only be considered if a marshal is informed in good time.

Circulation/Start Area

Crews should use reverse circulation above the gut and normal circulation below it. Crews should spin immediately into place for the start rather than going all the way down to Haystacks. Crews in the start area should keep a sharp lookout to ensure they do not row into spinning crews.

The start itself will be a rolling start controlled by the Senior Umpire. Crews should tap up with the crew ahead as the division is started until otherwise instructed by marshals or the SU. When told to go by the SU crews should start winding up, aiming to be at full racing pace on the nearside of Donnington Bridge, where the start time will be taken.

Bikes

Only one bike will be allowed to follow each crew to prevent congestion on the tow path. Additional bikes may be allowed at the discretion of the race committee for the purpose of training bank riders/coxes.

Overtaking/Obstructions

In IWL slower crews have right of way therefore overtaking crews must go around slower crews. In a similar way it is a crew's responsibility to avoid hitting any other obstructions such as fishermen's poles or moored boats.

In the event of a klaxon crews should immediately stop and should not move off until instructed by marshals.

Finishing

The finish is at the bumps stone and is timed off the bows. On finishing crews should immediately clear the finish line and proceed up above the Salter's moorings to spin. Crews must not re-cross the finish line to return until the last racing crew has finished.

Landing

Once the last racing crew has finished crews should return immediately to their raft landing downstream. Crews should take their boat off the raft immediately to allow other crews to prepare for boating (in particular on the Longbridges raft).