

Major Rule Changes

This note summarises the major rule changes for the 2014 Masters Championships.

The full set of Championship Rules can be found at:

<http://www.masterschamps.org/championshiprules.asp>

The major changes for 2014 are:

- **Practising:** No practising is allowed on the course before the regatta starts due to difficulties getting safety cover.
- **Number of events:** No individual may enter more than four events and no boat shall be used for more than four events.
- **IM3:** The Organising Committee of the BRMC regards IM3 as a stepping stone between Novice and Championship levels but because Masters IM3 events do not attract points people are continuing to race, and win, at IM3 without ever moving up to Championship. To avoid this situation additional restrictions have been placed on rowers in IM3 events so individuals who have won a gold medal at the Championships, in the relevant discipline, at any level other than Novice or who have 4 or more points are not allowed to enter Intermediate 3 events. This restriction does not apply to coxswains.
- **Medals:** Bronze medals will now be given out for all events that have six or more entries (previously the limit was 8). The Victor Ludorum Rules have been adjusted likewise.
- **Combining Events:** If possible two adjacent events (e.g. G.2x and H.2x) with two or three entries each will be run 'combined' rather than using the handicap system. So instead of running G/H.2x with a handicap they could be run as G+H.2x with gold medals being given to the fastest G.2x and also to the fastest H.2x
- **Events:** Due to insufficient entries over a number of years the following events have been withdrawn:
 - NOV.8+
 - W.NOV.8+
 - Mx.IM3.4x-
 - Mx.NOV.4x-