

# NRC REPORT FROM MASTERS COMMITTEE

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Various events have now been cancelled, National Masters, Henley Masters and World Masters has been postponed so that the Linz World Masters from 2020 will be run in Linz in 2021 and the 2021 Banyoles event will take place in Banyoles in 2025.

Nationals had included lightweight events for single scullers at Championship level in the most popular age categories.

Handicaps are under review, Jeff Watling has drawn graphs and made suggestions and we are waiting for ratification. This will only affect the older end of the spectrum.

There were recommendations for the use of handicaps, which seemed to be implemented in a less fair way than witnessed in the North !

All umpires should use a stopwatch to countdown.

*Handicaps should be published before the start of racing.*

*See below for recommendations made by Masters Committee*

### **Application of handicaps – Head Races**

*In the case of Head Races, the BR Masters Committee have been requesting a tightening up of application and reporting handicaps since July 2014 with a reminder in March 2019 after the introduction of the new PRI system. Race organisers should disclose that handicaps will be applied and for which age groups prior to the event, preferably with the draw. Competitors should not have to wait three days for handicapped results to be published. In addition, masters' races should not be run as a single event across all age bands. Whilst we would not argue for application of the "no more than 3 age band" requirement as set out in appendix G, 3-5 age bands together would seem reasonable depending on numbers of entries.*

*There are examples of excellent practice out there, e.g. Henley Long Distance Sculls and Head Races and Bedford Heads. We would like Head races to be reported as follows:*

- 1. Boat number – as decided by organizers, the fastest categories racing first and all similar categories racing at same time.*
- 2. Overall order – fastest actual time first, slowest last*
- 3. Crew name – Club or, perhaps stroke or sculler's name. Include masters category in brackets.*
- 4. Category – boat type and if two or more mixed masters, i.e. F/G4x-*
- 5. Start time – not vital except on Tideway*
- 6. Finish time - not vital except on Tideway*
- 7. Actual race time*
- 8. Masters handicap (seconds)*
- 9. Adjusted time*
- 10. Category order – based on adjusted time*

There are some gaps in the reps for regions on the masters committee partly because of the limited number of years for which someone can have a position. Recruitment is underway !

Jo Atkinson is back as the BR contact for the Masters Committee.

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