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LOUGHBOROUGH BOAT CLUB

The Spirit of Rowing

Loughborough Soar Head

Information for Spectators

1. INTRODUCTION

This document is to provide some guidance and notes to all spectators and supporters at Soar Head of the River without whom the racing crews would have little more than 3000m to race without any cheering on. Within this document is information about safety, timings of the day, the facilities and hospitality and the all-important places to spectate. Over the day there are expected to be up to 100 racing crews spread across three divisions.

2. WELFARE

Loughborough Boat Club is committed to the safeguarding, welfare and wellbeing of juniors, vulnerable adults and all visitors to the Event. The Organising Committee complies with the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy. There are appointed Event Welfare Officer (Kate Henry and Vicky Haines) for the Event. The event takes place on public land and as such there will be members of the public around, if you notice anything that you feel needs to be shared please pass this on to Kate or Vicky.

We encourage all supporters to celebrate the successes of their friends, partners and children and appreciate that photos and videos will be taken. We ask you only to consider who is being recorded in any media that you create.

3. SAFETY

Loughborough Boat Club believes that safety is everyone's responsibility and everyone should ensure that their actions or inactions do not have a detrimental effect on their own or others' safety. Should you notice anything that you feel is not in keeping with a positive safety culture please pass this on to any Official who will then inform the Event Safety Adviser.

While the course is fully covered by Officials, if there is an incident, please immediately inform the nearest Official to you.

4. HOSPITALITY

4.1 Refreshments

During the day you will be able to find refreshments both in the Club Room and Boat House with free tea and coffee provided. There will be a range of breakfast food available from early, a much renowned chili and chips over lunch as well as many other menu items. With the time of year and nature of the weather, the Event offers complimentary tea and coffee to all competitors and spectators which is self-service in the Boat House. Other refreshments are available over the bar with the bar licence starting at 1200.



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The all-important cake stall will be hard to miss in the Boat House and filled with many homemade cakes baked by our members.

4.2 Facilities

Loughborough Boat Club has Ladies' and Gentlemen's toilets in the Club Room, these are to the right upon entry and will be sign posted. Portable toilets can be found opposite the trailer parking. Please note that the lights in the male toilets are on a timer switch so it is recommended to push the switch upon entry even if the lights are currently on. Loughborough Boat Club has an accessible toilet by the Gym, this also will be sign posted. If there is anything you want to know, please just ask.

5. TIMINGS OF THE DAY

The following are key timings for the day so you know where to be and when.

The divisions start at 10.00, 12.30 and 15.00 with crews starting boating between 60 and 30 minutes before this. This will give you plenty of time see your crews boat and then to get in position along the riverbank for cheering on.

All prizes will be awarded at the end of the day after racing has finished. The presentations will take place outside on the clubroom balcony or in the Club Room if it is raining,

6. WATCHING THE RACE

There are good viewing points to watch the racing along nearly the entire of the 3km course. What3Words locations are used for key points on the way to the finish to aid your arrival if you wish to use them. To access the tow path for watching the racing, you will need to leave the Club and head to the main road, turning left at the entrance to the Club, walking over the County Bridge and then across the field on your left to Zouch Lock (See map below). The finish is approximately a 0.75 mile (1200 metre) walk from the Club. From the finish, there are good places to spectate along the bank path for the final 1000m of racing although many prefer the final 200m of the course.

6.1 Spectator Course Map

The map below shows the route you will need to take to get to the finish, from the finish simply follow the river to the spectating position of your choice.



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From all at Loughborough Boat Club we wish you a most pleasant and enjoyable visit to the Soar Head. Don't forget to share your day with us **#SoarHead2026**. We hope to see you again next year.



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