

CUCBC Captains' Meeting May Term 2016 – Agenda

Date: Sunday 24th April 2016

Time: 1800

Location: Audit Room, King's College

Attendees: CUCBC Executive Committee, College Club Captains

Objectives:

- To pass on information to captains relating to college rowing in Easter term 2016.
- To discuss rule changes and clarifications as proposed by the Senior Committee.

Schedule

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Early Morning Traffic Restrictions (May Term)
4. Evening Hours
5. Declaration of Eligibility Exceptions
 - a. Process for submission of non-student status information
 - b. Declaration deadline for exceptions
 - c. Declarations of students with dual college membership
6. May Bumps
 - a. Dates & Divisions
 - b. Course
 - c. Entry Deadline
7. Weekend Rowing During Events
8. Senior Committee Proposed Rule Changes (See Attached)
9. AOB

CUCBC Committees Rule Changes Proposal

The CUCBC Executive and Senior committees attempt to be as consistent as possible and follow past precedent carefully. To this end, we are proposing various rule changes to clarify the rules and bring them in line with the precedents that have been set. As such these changes should have almost no effect on future decisions, but will help everyone to understand the logic behind those decisions.

The proposal is to make all of the amendments to the CUCBC Regulations for Racing listed below, in a single vote of the CUCBC. However, discussion and amendments to the proposals may be necessary during the course of the meeting. If one or more of the proposed changes proves unpopular, the hope is it can be removed and the rest of the proposals voted on as a whole.

a) Proposal to clarify general eligibility

Amend Regulations for Racing - General (<http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general>) from:

*1. b. That other members of the University who are Fellows or Employees or elected or appointed Members of a college may compete for that college only after approval by the Executive Committee and that such approval **should** be sought within the first two weeks of term.*

To:

*1. b. That other members of the University who are Fellows or Employees or elected or appointed Members of a college may compete for that college only after approval by the Executive Committee and that such approval **must** be sought within the first two weeks of term. **Such rowers are defined as of 'exceptional status', and the permission stands only for the term in which it is granted.***

Amend Regulations for Racing - General (<http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general>) from:

*1. c. That such other members of the University will not normally be allowed to row in their College's 1st boat in the Lent or May Bumps, unless the College has only one boat, or in the top Division of the University Fours. That no more than two such other members of the University who are Employees or elected or appointed Members of a college will be allowed to row in any boat. Exceptional cases may be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Committee. **Exceptional rowers who are members of more than one college may row for any one college of which they are a member, but may row for only one college per term.***

To:

*1. c. That such other **'exceptional status'** members of the University will not normally be allowed to row in their College's 1st boat in the Lent or May Bumps, unless the College has only one boat, or in the top Division of the University Fours. That no more than two such other **'exceptional status'** members of the University who are Employees or elected or appointed Members of a college will be allowed to row in any boat. Exceptional cases may be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Committee. **See Rule 4.c. for details of members of more than one college.***

Amend Regulations for Racing - General (<http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general>) from:

4. c. Should a person change Colleges and thus be a member of two Colleges, s/he may then row or steer for one of them only; this must be announced at a CUCBC Meeting at the start of every term.

To:

*4. c. Should a person change Colleges and thus be a **bona fide student** member or a **full College Fellow** of two **or more** Colleges, s/he may then row or steer for one of them only; this must be announced at a CUCBC Meeting at the start of every term. **This does not apply to 'exceptional status' members, who may only row for the college they currently have a link with and have specifically been approved by the Executive Committee to row for.***

b) Proposal to clarify the status of first-day subs.

The current rule seems to imply that a sub on the first day is expected to race on subsequent days. This change should clarify that a sub can be for just the first day.

Amend Regulations for Racing - General (<http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general>) from:

5. That no crew be allowed to change its personnel after once competing in any heat of a CUCBC event, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which will usually be given only in the case of accident or illness.

To:

5. a. That the crew which competes in the first heat of a CUCBC event (including the Getting on Race) be considered the official crew for the duration of that event. No change in the official crew shall be allowed, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which will usually be given only in the case of accident or illness.

5. b. That before the first heat, approval may be sought from the Executive Committee for a substitute in the first heat. If this is granted, the official crew should be provided in writing by the club concerned to the Executive Committee, and is expected to be the crew which has trained together that term. The official crew must be provided in advance of the first heat.

5. c. That substitution of rowers from crews in a higher position on the River to those in either a lower position or those competing in the Getting on Race shall not be permitted.

c) Proposal to change the Getting on Race Course

This is just because the marshalling area for the GoR is small with the current course, and this makes marshalling a logistical challenge every year. The course length should be almost identical.

Amend Regulations for Racing - Lent and May Bumps (<http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/bumps>) from:

25. b. That the race be held on the Friday preceding the Races, over the Colquhouns course (i.e. from the Little Bridge to a post 78 yards below the Railway Bridge), and that the result of this Race determine which boats race in those Bumps.

To:

25. b. That the race be held on the Friday preceding the Races, from the upstream side of the A14 Road Bridge to the upstream side of the Railway Bridge, and that the result of this Race determine which boats race in those Bumps.

d) Clarifying subbing up only from a GoR crew

The CUCBC Committees have always interpreted this rule as only allowing someone who has rowed in the GoR to sub up into a higher crew later in that set of Bumps due to an accident or illness in the higher crew; it has never been interpreted as allowing someone to sub down into a GoR crew due to an accident or illness in the GoR crew; a GoR crew should never be allowed to qualify with a crew strengthened by rowers from higher crews.

Amend Regulations for Racing - Lent and May Bumps (<http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/bumps>) from:

28. That no-one who has rowed or steered in a successful boat in the Getting-On Race row or steer respectively in a higher boat during the races which follow, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which shall usually be given only in cases of accident or illness.

To:

28. That no-one who has rowed or steered in a successful boat in the Getting-On Race row or steer respectively in a higher boat during the races which follow, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, which shall usually be given only in cases of accident or illness of someone in a higher boat.

e) Proposal to create an Appendix to the Regulations for Racing

The CUCBC Senior Committee proposes to create an Appendix which, instead of codifying rules exactly, gives general guidance to the application of the existing rules and various precedents which have come about. The exact wording of this Appendix has not been finalised yet, and it would not constitute an official part of the rules. A rough draft of what it might include is provided below.

Classes of exceptional rowers which are generally permitted:

1. Non-academic employees of the College concerned (e.g. this has included porters, barmen, boatmen), i.e. real people employed in real jobs by the College. N.B. this does not include grad/postgrad supervisors. This class does exist explicitly in the rules, but does NOT (and has never) extend to the boyfriend/girlfriend/partner/husband/wife/friend of either a college employee or a student or fellow. It also does NOT extend to people the College Club considers in some way as 'friends' of their club. These exceptionals cannot compete in a first crew unless it is the only crew of that Club (and no more than two exceptionals can compete in a given crew)
2. 'Exchange' students: these are undergrad or postgrad students of another university (UK or overseas) who are in Cambridge to take part in some form of recognised course or similar activity that is based at Cambridge University, usually in a given single term. If they are not already associated with a specific college, they can 'nominate' the single college they will compete for and, unlike any other type of exceptional, once given permission, these can compete in a first crew, in recognition that they are real students at the same academic stage as our own.
3. 'Sabbatical position' students (e.g. CUSU) - these are given permission to compete for their college of matriculation, in any crew.
4. The recent and very grey area (at present) of people with academic appointments at the University (but not at a College), or with some form of lower level created College appointment - usually things like University postdocs - who somehow have a Club claiming they have been created a link to their college. This is one of the hardest to judge as, without restriction, you can easily create a precedent that would allow virtually anyone employed in the University to somehow 'join' a college club. The rule of thumb is that (a) they must have a considerably stronger and more important attachment to the College concerned than does a College supervisor (who are not allowed, above), and (b) that the College authorities (not the Boat Club) must confirm explicitly that the person is formally attached to the College itself, and in what way. Even then, different Colleges already have more or less lax ways of doing this, and we also have to bear in mind another of our fundamental operating principles, that we have to treat all Clubs consistently and equally - just because a club 'creates' something does not automatically mean we have to accept it.

What is not allowed under the 'exceptional' status:

1. Alumni who happen to have a job in Cambridge (including at the University), or alumni generally
2. People who have previously been approved as 'exceptionals' whose course/position or whatever at Cambridge has ended before the term in which the request is being made for; nb that previous exceptionals who then return to Cambridge for another course/reason do not have any eligibility for the club they were originally given permission for unless they are back at that College for the new reason - exceptionals DO NOT have the right to be shared between colleges in the way that Cambridge matriculated students do.

3. Year out students (usually linguists) and other students for whatever reason 'not in residence' in a given term/year are not eligible in that period; neither are students who have intermitted, from the point (date) at which they intermit.
4. As noted above, people who in reality are simply partners, spouses, friends, enthusiasts etc of the club.

Who will be allowed as a substitute:

1. Any substitute must fulfil normal eligibility requirements (i.e. would be allowed to compete for that college without any exceptional status), but won't be rowing in another crew.
2. In 'emergency' situations (i.e. on the day or very close to that), we will allow 'doubling up'; i.e. someone to row twice, but only when such substitutions are upwards into a higher crew

Notes:

1. Something for captains to decide since it hasn't happened yet - we allow someone to cox men and row in women's crew, and vice versa, so should we allow someone to cox in both, or indeed row in both (possible request, given we allow women to row in mens crews)
2. We do our best to find a way a crew can race in emergency situations, but not at the expense of creating precedents that will be used to compromise our overall consistency

Circumstances in which a substitute will generally be allowed:

1. An injury, accident or illness which makes it impossible for a person to compete, or where competing would put their health at risk.
2. Genuine, compulsory and immovable academic requirements (largely clashing exams, interviews etc).
3. Genuine family crises, jury service, other such things.