



# J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series

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## PROGRAM & RULES OF THE J.B. SHARP MEMORIAL REGATTA SERIES



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We are delighted to announce that BMG Aviation, a specialist insurance broker will be sponsoring the 93<sup>rd</sup> J.B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series. BMG Aviation is a leader in innovative specialist risk insurance cover.

**2017 SCHOLARSHIPS** Two BMG Aviation Youth Scholarships of \$ 1,000 each will be awarded to a boy and girl at the conclusion of the Series (go to the website for details and application forms).

**BMG AVIATION POINT SCORE AWARD** BMG Aviation award of \$ 500 will also be presented to the club or school winning of the Men's & Women's Under 16 Scull series point score.

### 1. J. B. SHARP MEMORIAL REGATTA SERIES SPONSORED BY BMG AVIATION

		Host	GLEBE Rowing Club	UTS HABERFIELD Rowing Club	DRUMMOYNE Rowing Club	BALMAIN Rowing Club	LEICHHARDT Rowing Club
		Course	Blackwattle Bay, Glebe	Iron Cove bridge to UTS R.C.	Leichhardt oval to Drummoyne	Bridge to Balmain	Stone wall to past Leichhardt.
		Tide	1040 0.56	0845 0.50	0905 0.57	0714 0.45	0723 0.54
Event	Races	Start	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
#	Divisions	Time	4/06/2017	18/06/2017	2/07/2017	16/07/2017	30/07/2017
	Finals	AM	500 M	900 M	900 M	1000 M	800 M
1	D1-3	9.00	WU16 1x*	WU16 1x*	WU16 1x*	WU16 1x*	WU16 1x*
2	F	9.10	MI 4+	MI 4+	MI 4+	MI 4+	MI 4+
3	F	9.20	WI 4x	WI 4x	WI 4x	WI 4+	WI 4x
4	D1-3	9.30	MU16 1x*	MU16 1x*	MU16 1x*	MU16 1x*	MU16 1x*
5	D1-2	9.40	MO 2-	MI 2x	MO 2x	MI 2x	MO 2x
6	F	9.50	Para 2x	Para 2x	Para 2x	Para 2x	Para 2x
7	F	10.00	WN 4x*	WN 4x*	WN 4x*	WN 4x*	WN 4x*
8	F	10.10	MN 1x*	MN 1x*	MN 1x*	MN 1x*	MN 1x*
9	F	10.20	MO 4+	MO 4+	MO 4+	MO 4+	MO 4+
10	F	10.30	WO 4x	WO 4x	WO 4x	WO 4x	WO 4x
11	W&M	10.40	H 1x*	H 1x*	H 1x*	H 1x*	H 1x*
12	F	10.50	MO 4x	MI 4x	MO 4x	MO 4x	MI 4x
13	F	11.00	WO 8+	WO 8+	WO 8+	WO 8+	WO 8+
14	D1-3	11.10	WN 1x*	WN 1x*	WN 1x*	WN 1x*	WN 1x*
15	F	11.20	MN 4x*	MN 4x*	MN 4x*	MN 4x*	MN 4x*
16	D1-2	11.30	WI 2-	WO 2x	WI 2x	WO 2x	WI 2x
17	F	11.40	MO 8+	MO 8+	MO 8+	MO 8+	MO 8+

J. B. Sharp Series Medallions will be presented to the winner of the Handicap Scull (H 1x) and the winners of the MN 1x; WN 1x; MU16 1x; WU16 1x; MN4x & WN4x (events marked \*) at the host venue after the conclusion of the trophy races.

**2. CODE** W = Women's Event; M = Men's Event; H = Handicap Event; Para = Para-rowing Event; U16 = Under 16 (15 years or under [see 5. (j) II]; N = Novice Grade; I = Intermediate Grade; O = Open Grade (open to any age or status); 1x = single scull; 2x = double scull; 4x = quad scull; 4+ = coxed four; 8+ = eight.

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**3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY** Competing (starting) in races constitutes an undertaking that competitors from clubs and schools will abide by the rules and status conditions governing competition and will comply with any decision or instruction of the J.B. Sharp Regatta Series Committee and RNSW Union of Boat Race Officials.

All rowing clubs are encouraged to compete in the Series and participate in the various point scores. Schools are invited to compete however schools are not eligible to score points in the various trophies. All competitors are required to wear their club or school's RNSW registered racing colours and be proficient swimmers.

It is the responsibility of all clubs and schools to have their competitors covered with accident and injury insurance through their registration with Rowing NSW. Since the regattas span the RNSW renewal date (1<sup>st</sup> July) please make sure that your members registrations have been renewed.

**4. SCULLER REGISTRATION** Clubs and schools must submit a sculler registration form (available from the website) to the Regatta Secretary registering their competitors in the **Men's & Women's Novice & U16 sculls, Para Double Sculls and Handicap Sculls ONLY** listing club/school; full names; ages or dates of birth for the U16 events by email (owen@rowingsnw.asn.au) not later than the Thursday prior to the regatta. Once registered for the series, updates (additions) need only be submitted. Clubs and schools with more than one competitor in these events will be allocated crew numbers (eg Glebe 1, Glebe 2, Glebe 3 etc.) on the Regatta Template spread sheets and will display RNSW lane numbers corresponding to their listed crew number on the Template to assist the marshals, starter, umpires and judges in identifying scullers. The Regatta Template spread sheet will be posted on the website ([www.nswrowers.com](http://www.nswrowers.com) [J.B. Sharp Regattas section]) on the Friday prior to the regatta. Unregistered scullers will be denied a start.

**No lodgement of entries is required in other events,** simply **report to the race marshals/umpire** not less than five minutes before the advertised starting time of the event for a lane allocation.

## 5. RULES

(a) The Series will be contested by approved clubs and competition will take place for the following trophies:-

- I. The J.B Sharp Memorial Cup - overall point score (women's points included)\*\*
- II. The Balmain Rowing Club 'Bullock Horn' Trophy – men's & women's Open Eights point score.
- III. The Kayser Shield - women's Open and Intermediate point score.
- IV. Glebe Centenary Shield - men's Open and Intermediate point score.
- V. The John Sharp Vase – women's Novice & U16 point score excluding the women's Novice Scull.
- VI. The Sid Sharp Tray - men's Novice & U16 point score excluding the men's Novice Scull.
- VII. The Lea Insurance Brokers Trophy – women's Novice Scull point score. Plus a BMG Aviation \$ 500 Award.
- VIII. The Kevyn Webb OAM Cup - men's Novice Scull point score. Plus a BMG Aviation \$ 500 Award.
- IX. The Walker & Hall Chalice\*\*- Handicap Scull point score (open to all registered competitors)
- X. Medallion/s will also be awarded to the "Beginner/s of the Series" and "Trainee Boat Race Official of the Series" at the final regatta.

(b) **Points** Points will be awarded in the following manner: **Novice & Under 16 races** : 1<sup>st</sup> 8 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 points. **Intermediate**: 1<sup>st</sup> 6 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 points. **Open and Para**: 1<sup>st</sup> 4 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 point. Should a club or school fill two places in a race, points will only be awarded to the highest placing. Schools are not eligible to score points.

(c) **Format** Five regattas will be conducted under the patronage of the Sharp family and the sponsorship of *BMG Aviation* each commencing at 9.00am and having 17 events at 10 minute intervals concluding at noon. Each regatta will include:-

- A novice scull for men (event 8) and women (event 14) - medallion events.

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- A novice quad scull for men (event 15) and women (event 7) - medallion events.
- A Under 16 sculling event for men (event 4) and women (event 1) - medallion events.
- A handicap scull\*\* (event 11) - medallion event.
- Three or more intermediate events.
- Two or more Open events for men & women.
- An Inclusive Para Double Sculls event

**(d) Handicap Scull\*\*** I. No points toward the Memorial Cup will be awarded for the H1x which is open to all RNSW registered competitors with the following points being allocated: 1<sup>st</sup> 8 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> 4 points; 4<sup>th</sup> 3 points; 5<sup>th</sup> 2 points; 6<sup>th</sup> 1 point. The finish of the H1x will be video recorded.

II. The Handicap Scull will be divided into two divisions – Women's and Men's with medallions awarded for each race.

III. Scullers "jumping the start" or starting prior to their allocated handicap will be removed from the race.

**(e) Distances** The maximum distance of events will be 1000 metres or as indicated on the programme.

**(f) Finish** The first crew & all subsequent crews will receive a horn blast. The race lapsed time & margins will be recorded where possible.

**(g) Fields** Should more than 10 crews present themselves to the start, the starter will draw the competitors into two or more divisions (races). In trophy events, medallions will be awarded to the crews recording the fastest time in the event from the divisions. Points will be awarded to all divisions. Fields of 9 or 10 crews will be controlled by 2 umpires.

**(h) Craft & Safety** All four and eight events are coxed. Coxswains must carry weights as necessary to exceed the RNSW minimum weight rule. All quad scull events are coxless. Quads carrying coxswains will be permitted to start at the crew's disadvantage. All quads must have an operative steering system. All equipment must comply with RNSW safety rules i.e. have bow balls fitted and heel tie downs must be fitted to prevent injury and drowning.

**(i) Lanes** Lane allocations will be at the discretion of the starter. In the Handicap Scull "go" will start nearest the starter and scullers will line up in order of their handicap. Host clubs will provide a marshalling boat to assist at the start.

Lane one is on the left hand (port) side when facing from the start to the finish.

**(j) Status** I. **Novice or D Grade Sculls**- Competitors in the **NOVICE SCULL MUST NEVER HAVE FACED THE STARTER IN ROWING, SCULLING, SURF BOAT &/OR SCHOOL ROWING EVENTS (excluding coxswains) prior to the commencement of the Series and must be registered with the Convener (see 4.)**. Severe penalties apply for breaches to the status rules.

**Novice Quad Sculls**- For the purpose of the Series a novice competitor is one who has not won three (D Grade) or novice races as a rower or three (D Grade) novice races as a sculler **or** won a higher standard of race prior to the Series [have a grade score of 3.25 or more].

**Once a novice competitor has won a race in a class of boat (1x, 4x) during the Series, he/she/they are no longer able to compete in novice events in that class of boat.**

II. **Under 16** - A competitor ceases to be Under 16 on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 15 years. **Under 16 scullers must be registered with the Convener (see 4.)**.

III. **Intermediate or B Grade** - For the purposes of the Series an intermediate competitor must have a RNSW grade score of 1.25 or more must never have :-

- won a Senior (A Grade), or Elite race at any level of competition,
- won a Senior B (U23) Championship at state or national level or a Senior B race at a National Selection Regatta;  
represented the state or Australia at an interstate or international regatta in Senior A, Elite or Open events.

IV. **Open Events** - Are open to all registered competitors.

V. **Para Events** – No points toward the Memorial Cup will be awarded for the Para 2x which is open to all RNSW registered competitors with at least 50% of the crew of each para boat registered

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competitors classified as para competitors pursuant to rule (2)(b)(ix) of the Rowing NSW Laws of Boat Racing. Para crews will be afforded a 'staggered start' on the following basis:

	500m Distance			1000m Distance		
	AS / PR3	TA / PR2	LTA / PR1	AS / PR3	TA / PR2	LTA / PR1
<i>PARA (both athletes classified)</i>						
<b>Female</b>	GO	10 secs	30 secs	GO	20 secs	60 secs
<b>Mixed</b>	5 secs	15 secs	35 secs	10 secs	30 secs	70 secs
<b>Male</b>	10 secs	20 secs	40 secs	20 secs	40 secs	80 secs
<i>INCLUSIVE (one athlete classified)</i>						
<b>Female</b>	12 secs	20 secs	37 secs	25 secs	40 secs	75 secs
<b>Mixed (para male)</b>	18 secs	25 secs	43 secs	35 secs	50 secs	85 secs
<b>Mixed (para female)</b>	20 secs	27 secs	45 secs	40 secs	55 secs	90 secs
<b>Male</b>	23 secs	30 secs	48 secs	45 secs	60 secs	95 secs

(k) **Coxswains** - May be of either gender and must comply with the minimum weight rules (see RNSW Laws of Boat Racing).

(l) **Composite** - **No club or school will be permitted to row composite crews.** Should circumstances necessitate it, women may compete in men's crews (to a maximum of 50%) with the exception of the MN4x; provided that the status rules are complied with. Any request for women to compete in Men's crews must be made to the Convener **in writing prior to 5:00pm on the Thursday prior to the regatta.** **Failure to seek permission will result in the crew not being judged, or not being permitted to race, at the discretion of the Umpire.** **All women's crews are not permitted to contest men's events.**

(m) **Rowers Changing Clubs** - Competitors must race only for the club of their current RNSW registration. This is essential for accident insurance cover. RNSW registrations are renewable on 1st July, 2017.

**6. BREACH OF THE RULES** may result in disqualification from a race; an event; or for an event for the entire Series and/or disqualification of a club or school from the Series. Breaches of the status rules will result in removal from the race/s and a fine of 16 points deduction per race.

**7. PROTESTS** Written protests and appeals must be lodged, either by the protesting crew or a delegated representative of the protesting club or school, with the Referee and will be considered by the Jury in consultation with the Convener. The decision of the Jury will be final and binding.

**8. INCLEMENT WEATHER** A regatta may be postponed or abandoned by the Convener in consultation with the Referee and Jury due to inclement weather. Such a decision will be made prior to or during the regatta.

**9. REGATTA MANAGEMENT** Rowing NSW will administer the regattas on behalf of the J.B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series Committee. A roster of officials and trainees for each regatta will be published. The support of RNSW and the NSW Union of Boat Race Officials in the conduct of the Series is most appreciated.

A medallion will be awarded for "Trainee Race Official of the Series" at the final regatta.

**10. REGATTA VOLUNTEERS** To assist in recruiting more Boat Race Officials, all competing clubs are asked to provide a minimum of one trainee (new) official for each regatta. Host clubs must provide race marshals in a boat at the start. Instructions to clubs hosting a regatta are posted on the website.

**11. REGATTA INFORMATION** Please refer to the NSW Union of Rowers website [www.nswrowers.com](http://www.nswrowers.com) [J B Sharp Regattas section] for regatta results; the regatta Template with the programme, officials, sculler's numbers and handicaps; the current point scores; sculler registration form; scholarship application; instructions to host clubs for staging their regatta; programme and rules etc.

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