

Shrewsbury Regatta

Notes to Adaptive Competitors

Access:

Parking for the regatta is on Burrs Field and a map is included in the Entries pack. An area will be designated for disabled parking.

The path from Burrs Field to the Schools' Boathouse (boating on) and then onto the Pengwern Boathouse (boating off) is uneven in places.

Toilets:

There will be a disabled portaloo at the Schools Boathouse and another at the Pengwern Boathouse. There is a disabled toilet at the rear right of the centre bay of the Pengwern Boathouse – access up the slope through the Club wide gate. The floor through the bay is uneven.

Boating:

The adaptive boats/oars/kit will have to be carried from the Pengwern Boathouse or from trailers to the Schools pontoon.

The slope to the 'boating on' pontoon at the School is accessible to wheelchairs. The slope can be slippery in wet weather. Wheelchairs, boxes and other equipment will need to be transported to Pengwern for boating off.

Boating off will be at Pengwern where there are steps. We have demountable ramps for wheelchair users, but assistance is also needed to get up the ramps.

Boats:

Ideally each adaptive entry will have their own boat to avoid any delay between races. It may be possible for entries to borrow boats. This matter will be sorted out by the Adaptive Events Lead, Mark Dewdney, after the close of adaptive entries.

Course length:

The course will be 550m – the standard course for Monday 8th May.

Safety/launches:

Adaptive crews will be escorted by a safety launch with a driver and experienced crew member.

Races will be followed by, and umpired from, a safety launch.

Refreshments/protection from the weather

The first floor of the Pengwern Boathouse is only accessible by stairs and so not accessible to wheelchair users. There will be some refreshments at ground level and on request other refreshments will be provided from the first-floor bar and catering area.

There will be a covered area for wheelchair users and others at ground floor level in case of rain.