

Committee of the Dee present the
Aberdeen Heads of the River

Saturday: Coxed Fours Sunday: Small Boats

6th & 7th November 2021

RULES

Results will be published on <https://cofd.co.uk>

(1) **Time Penalties**

- Crews must be clear of the jetty at least 15 minutes before the start of their division.
- Crews must be downstream of the QE Bridge at least 10 minutes before the start of their division.

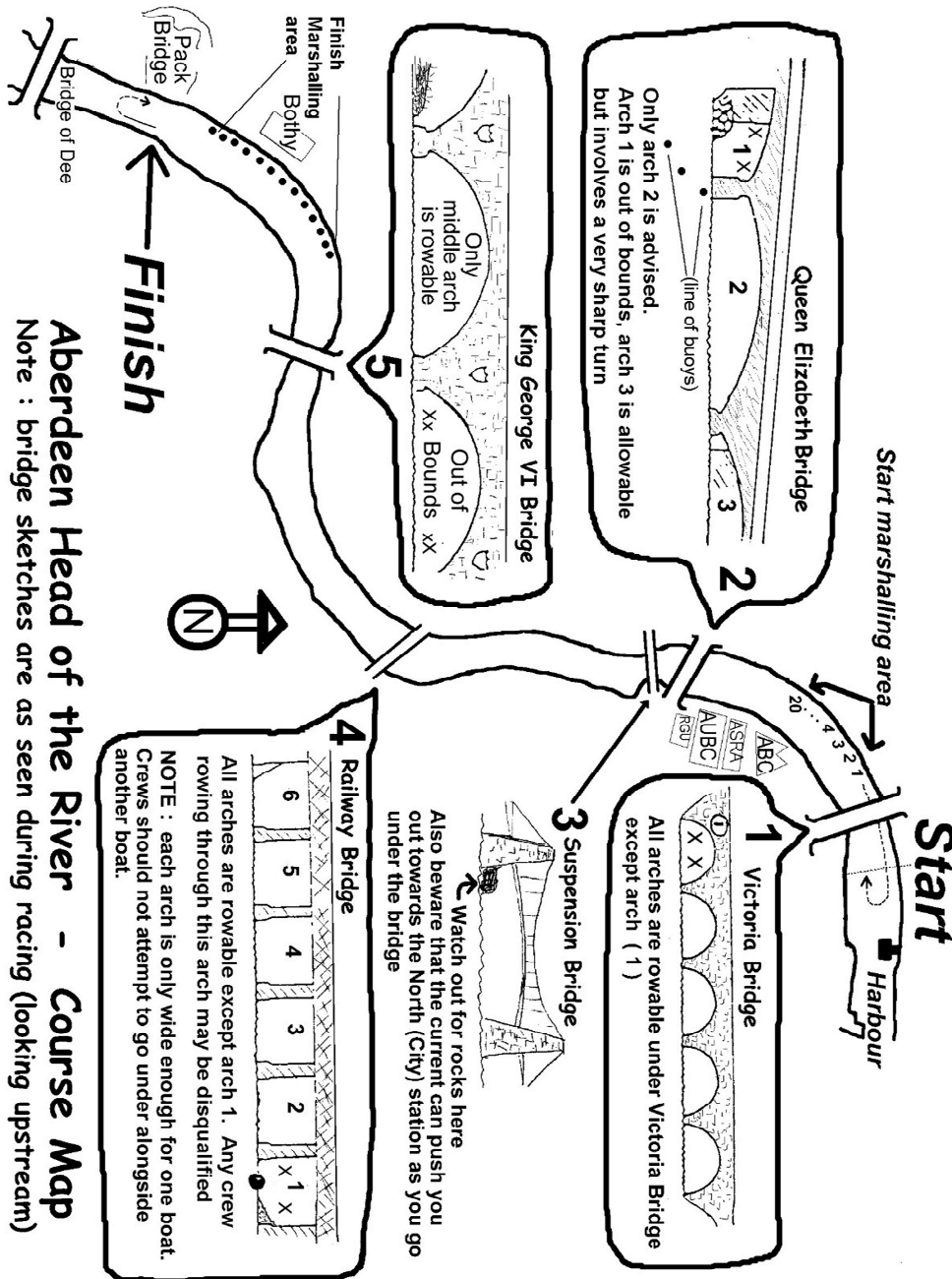
Any crew breaching either of these rules will be awarded a 15 second time penalty at the end of the race. If both rules are broken, a 30 second time penalty will apply.

The launching area will be busy, and it is your responsibility to allow for this.

- All clubs must collect the batch of all their bow slot numbers from the ABC Boathouse before racing. There will be a £5 charge per number if these are not returned.
- Crews will gather in order on the City Bank above the Victoria Bridge with **the lowest numbers downstream, nearest the bridge**. Boats should normally marshal with bows pointing downstream.
- On the order from the marshal, all crews will strip off and then move down through the Victoria Bridge.
- On command, crews will turn round the moored starting launch by pulling harder on stroke side and holding on bow side. **Make a tight turn rather than spinning.**
- The southernmost (Boathouse) arch of the Victoria Bridge is out of bounds. The southernmost (Boathouse) arch of the QE Bridge is out of bounds. The northernmost (City) arch of the Railway Bridge is out of bounds. The northernmost (City) arch of the King George VI Bridge is out of bounds**
- Crews being overtaken must give way to faster crews and move to the outside of bends (but see rule 11)**
- At the end of the race, all crews must finish near the South (Boathouse) side of the river. They must then move to the marshalling area on the North (City) side of the river.

For safety reasons, **crews will only be allowed downstream of the King George VI Bridge when instructed by the marshals. Any crew breaking this rule may be liable for disqualification.** All competitors must wait until the last crew has crossed the line before being allowed downstream so take warm clothes with you in the boat.

- Veteran events will be handicapped according to standard tables. Entrants in the **Time-Only event** will be subjected to all normal rules of racing. Any crew which is disqualified will not be informed of their time.
- The race will be held under the rules of *Scottish Rowing*.
- Time-Only crews** must give way to entrants in contested events and must pass them on the outside of bends.



Aberdeen Head of the River - Course Map
 Note: bridge sketches are as seen during racing (looking upstream)