Devizes to Westminster 2018

Junior Doubles—last updated 13th March 2018



All junior entrants must be under the age of 19 years and not less than 15 years on the 1st January in the year of the race and must meet the entry requirements in the rules. Any paddler whose age does not fall within this range is ineligible to enter. Any attempt by an ineligible paddler to take part will result in disqualification from that year's race. The DW Organisation also reserves the right to ban that paddler from entering the race for a further 3 years, and to decline any entry associated with that paddler's club or team leader for 1 year.

Course Details:

Day 1 (Good Friday) Devizes to Newbury 34 miles

Day 2 (Easter Saturday) Newbury to Marlow 36 miles

Day 3 (Easter Sunday) Marlow to Ham 38 miles

Day 4 (Easter Monday) Ham to Westminster 17 miles

Crews must report on day one, one hour prior to their intended start time at Devizes. Start times over the Race Weekend are as follows.

Devizes 08:00—09:30

Newbury (Northcroft) Elapsed time of 8 – 9.5 hours 06:45 – 07:15

Elapsed time of 7 – 8 hours 07:15 – 07:45 Elapsed time of 6 – 7 hours 07:45 – 08:30 (unless included in the 'fastest in class')

Fastest 15 crews at 2 minute intervals, slowest first 08:32 – 09:00

Marlow (Longridge) Elapsed time of 16 – 19 hours 06:45 – 07:15

Elapsed time of 14 - 16 hours 07:15 - 07:45 Elapsed time of 12 - 14 hours 07:45 - 08:30 (unless included in the 'fastest in class')

Fastest 15 crews @ 2min intervals, slowest first 08:32 – 09:00

Ham (TYM) Batch starts, just after high tide, fastest first. High tide 04.53

Junior Doubles crews must time their start on Day One to finish in Newbury no earlier than 13:00.

Any crew arriving before then will be deemed to have arrived at 13:00.

Finish widow closes at 5.30pm on days 1, 2 and 3.

Finishing arrangements:

Friday Newbury On the right-hand side of the canal at Northcroft Leisure Centre

Saturday Marlow On the right-hand side of the river at Longridge

Sunday Ham On the right-hand side of the river at Thames Young Mariners

Monday Westminster On the right-hand side on the downstream face of Westminster Bridge

Crews should not stop paddling until they hear the finish signal; an air-horn, bell or whistle, with the exception of the final day when they must continue to paddle until they have passed under Westminster Bridge. Upon finishing they must follow instructions of safety boat crews or race officials.

End-of-stage arrangements for Junior Doubles

Paddlers taking part in the Junior Doubles class must camp at the designated camp sites as shown in the Finishing Arrangements. Paddlers may not leave the campsites until the following morning when they get back on the water to continue their race.