

PENALTIES

BRIDGE VIOLATIONS:

Passing under any bridge improperly will result in a 30-second penalty in addition to any buoy violation penalties incurred by doing so.

ROWING UP TO THE START

Boats will row to the start line, north along the waterway's west bank (to the coxswain's left, scullers right). Boats rowing to the start will at all times **stay in the up lane**. The up lane is the western most lane, clearly divided on the waterway by large orange buoys (the port side of the course looking North and the west bank). Passing another boat in the up lane to the start line is permitted except when under bridges. Boats in transit to the start may also be charged a penalty for crossing the buoys into the race course. **NEW ****Crews are not permitted to go beyond the marshalling area at the start. This includes boats launching from the Community Boat House. The penalty for this is 20 seconds.******

DURING THE RACE

Passing is allowed on the race course. Boats passing other racing boats shall pass on the more open side as they approach; the overtaken boat will yield to the side not chosen by the overtaking boat. Passing is permitted along the entire race course EXCEPT FOR THE AREA BETWEEN THE MAIN AND DIVISION ST BRIDGES. Passing another boat should only be done if necessary. If a crew passes another boat in the no-pass zone, their action may result in exclusion.

BUOY VIOLATIONS

Any racing boat crossing the buoys (with any part of the hull of the boat, but not the oars) will be charged a penalty of 10 seconds per crossing.

FINISH

All boats must finish between the finish line buoys, and any boat finishing outside the buoys will be charged a 20 second penalty.

INTERFERENCE

Any boat which, without justification, interferes with the forward progress of another boat, or which unreasonably fails to yield to an overtaking boat will be charged a one-minute time penalty or be excluded, at the discretion of the officials.

If a violation is **observed, record** the information:

1. Bow Number
2. Location
3. Approximate time of the violation
4. **Report** this information to the Chief Umpire

Observe Record Report