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Saturday, November 14th 2026

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Race regulations

1. General	The regulations of the BaselHead 2026 are governed by the World Rowing Rules of Racing, with national additions as stipulated by Swiss Rowing, and the organizers' own rules for the course.

2. Event description	
- Location:	River Rhein, city centre of Basel, Switzerland
- Date:	Saturday, November 14th 2026
- Category:	B2; international Regatta
- Start:	10.30 a.m.

3. Course	**A) Classic long distance**	**B) Sprint**
- approx. length	ca. 6400 m	ca. 350 m
- Water	variable current	
- Start	flying Start	

4. Alternative course	In case of short-term deterioration of weather and water conditions, the race office may change the program and the course to ensure the safety of all participants. Depending on weather and water conditions, three scenarios are envisaged: • Green scenario: Weather and water conditions allow the race to take place on the original course (see Annex 1). • Orange scenario: Conducting the race on the original course is not feasible due to weather and water conditions. However, the race can be held downstream of the “Kaserne”. The organizing committee reserves the right to announce the exact racecourse/distance at short notice depending on water levels. • Red scenario: Conducting the race is not feasible on either the original or alternative course. The race is cancelled.

5. Map	See annexes 1-2

6. Regatta schedule	**Start sprint:** 10:30 a.m. **Start Classic:** 2 p.m. Start between "Johanniterbrücke" (bridge) and "Kaserne" (former barracks on north bank), at the Klingental ferry cable (starting and finishing line). **Victory Ceremonies** after racing, in front of the Kaserne at approx. 4 p.m. (Schedule subject to alteration)

7. Race mode	Flying start for both races at intervals of approx. 20 seconds. Swiss Rowing umpires will supervise racing.

8. Categories	**Boats**: Eights (8+), according to WR Rules of Racing. Only stern steered boats will be admitted to the race. **W Elite** **M Elite** **W U19** **M U19** **W Masters** **M Masters** Deviating from the WR regulations, coxswains >18 years may be permitted to steer junior crews.

9. Ranking	**Classic** The following categories will go into separate classifications: **F-Elite, M-Elite, F-U19, M-U19, F-Masters, M-Masters.** Prize money will be awarded per category. These will be announced on the website (www.baselhead.org) before the registration portal is opened. **Sprint** The ranking is made for following categories: **F-Elite, M-Elite, F-U19, M-U19** (Masters will be ranked in the Elite categories) In the **categories F-Elite, M-Elite, F-U19** and **M-U19**, a time bonus can be earned for the Classic race. 1. Platz – Sek 10 2. Platz – Sek 8 3. Platz – Sek 5 Teilnahme – Sek 2

10. Entry fee

	Classic	Sprint
1 boat	CHF 300	CHF 70
2 boats	CHF 540	CHF 140
3 boats	CHF 810	CHF 200
> 3 boats	CHF 150 per additional boat	CHF 50 per additional boat
Special conditions	The entry fee will be reduced by 30% for teams travelling > 500 km (google.maps shortest distance to Basel).	

Only crews that officially scratch on time (see below) can reclaim their entry fees.

The entry fees are to be **transferred immediately after receipt of the invoice.**

Payment details:
Trinationaler Regattaverein BaselHead, 4000 Basel
Account for CHF payments: PostFinance account Nr.: 60-342939-5
IBAN: CH48 0900 0000 6034 2939 5
BIC: POFICHBEXXX (= SWIFT-Code)

11. Entry deadline

- Crews can be entered via the official entry platform as of September 1st 2026 (link on www.baselhead.org)
- **The entry deadline is Friday October 25th 2025**
- From October 26th to November 7th, teams can withdraw or change crew members via the official entry platform.
- From November 8th, withdrawals and crew-changes can only be requested per email (raceoffice@baselhead.org)
- On race day, withdrawals and last-minute crew-changes must be announced directly at the race office.

The starting field for the Classic is **limited to 120 boats**. The date of entry is decisive for the registration, as well as for possible substitutes. **Early registration is therefore strongly recommended.**

12. Entry system	Entries are to be submitted with the years of birth of all participants as well as further information via the official entry platform (the link will be available at www.baselhead.org as of September 1st, 2026)

13. Organizing Committee contacts	Trinationaler Regattaverein Basel, BaselHead 4000 Basel e-Mail: raceoffice@baselhead.org Further information: www.baselhead.org

14. Regatta office	Kaserne Basel (Start/Finish area) Open on raceday from 8 -12.30 am and 2.45 - 5 p.m. During the break, the office can be reached by phone.

15. Training	**Friday, November 13th, 2026:** Subject to official approval, a pontoon will be opened for training runs **from 2pm to 5pm**, latest push-off at 4pm. **The river will not be closed to traffic**; the Rhine Police Regulation and the navigation regulations published on the website www.baselhead.org apply. **Saturday, November 14th, 2026 (raceday):** Saturday training is to be completed within the navigation blockage times from **10am to 12am**. Outside this time window, the general traffic regulations apply (see 16.). No deviations will be tolerated by the authorities. From 1pm, the pontoons will only be open for crews pushing off for the race. For safety reasons, the following applies: - On Friday, all practicing teams must install a highly visible white **position light** at the bow. **- On Friday, training is prohibited after 5 p.m.** - The organizer reserves the right to impose a time penalty for teams that are still on the water on Friday after 5pm or have not installed a position light.

	- Training on both days is at the responsibility of the crews. Professional and large ships always have priority.

16. Traffic rules	**General traffic regulations** (valid at all times outside the regatta traffic regulations): The boats row upstream on the Kleinbasel side and stay on shore- side within the red buoys. Boats travelling downstream follow the line of the large ships, staying outside the buoys on the left half of the river in the direction of flow. They use the corresponding officially marked bridge crossings. Crews travelling downstream pay attention to the large ships and do not stop in the fairway. Overtaking manoeuvres in both directions should be avoided. Large ships always have priority and cannot slow down or swerve for the rowing boats! If rowing boats are being overtaken, they clear the way for the larger ships. **Regatta traffic rules**, valid only on Saturday from 10am to 12am (Sprint) and 1:30 pm to 4pm (Mirabaud Classic) Details concerning traffic rules will be provided via the official infoletter. Warming up and lining-up before the start of the head race as well as cooling-down will take place between Johanniterbrücke and Dreirosenbrücke. The regatta area is left when passing the Dreirosenbrücke.

17. Security/Liability	**Coxswain** • **A life jacket is mandatory for coxswains**. This will be checked at the pontoon. Life jackets will only be provided by the organizer against a deposit upon prior request and can be collected from the regatta office. • This is an extremely demanding regatta course, for which only experienced coxswains may be used. Deviating from the WR regulations, above-18 years coxswains can steer junior boats. **Passenger and commercial navigation**

	Passenger and commercial navigation will be interrupted during both races. Therefore, such traffic does not have to be taken into account during the race. However, during training before and after the race, navigation will not be closed. Each team is responsible for observing the traffic rules when training according to the Rhine Police Regulation. Caution is always required, including Friday training (see above section "Training times"). **Traffic regulations** Violations of the traffic rules, especially near the bridges and the turning point, will be sanctioned with time penalties! **Current** The Rhine is a river with current. When on the water, especially near the bridges, extreme caution is required. The referee's instructions must always be followed. **Liability** The organizer does not assume any liability for accidents or damage on land or water. Participating clubs are advised to take out a liability insurance. The teams are responsible for their own steering and line selection.

18. Further regulations	
Information about special features of the course:	A video guide to the course will be available on www.baselhead.org . The film explains safety rules, describes the course in detail, and highlights dangers and appropriate behaviour on the water. This knowledge is a prerequisite for all coxswains. Course safety advice is also available on demand at the Race Secretary's office from 8.30am - 12.30am on race day.
Racing license:	All competitors from Swiss rowing clubs must present a valid Swiss Rowing racing license. Foreign racing licenses are accepted for crews from other countries. The umpires will randomly check crews for racing licenses before watering on the official pontoons.
Clothing:	All members of a crew must wear the same colours. Blades must also be uniform. Swiss crews must race in the official club kit.
Composite crews:	Crews may contain members of more than one club. Competitors in such composites must all wear the same colours.
Bow and shirt numbers, GPS transmitters:	The organizers will supply bow numbers, GPS transmitters and numbered shirts for coxes and bow rowers. A cash deposit of CHF 150 is required. These items must be returned to the **Race Secretary's office** immediately after the race. Losses will be charged as followed:

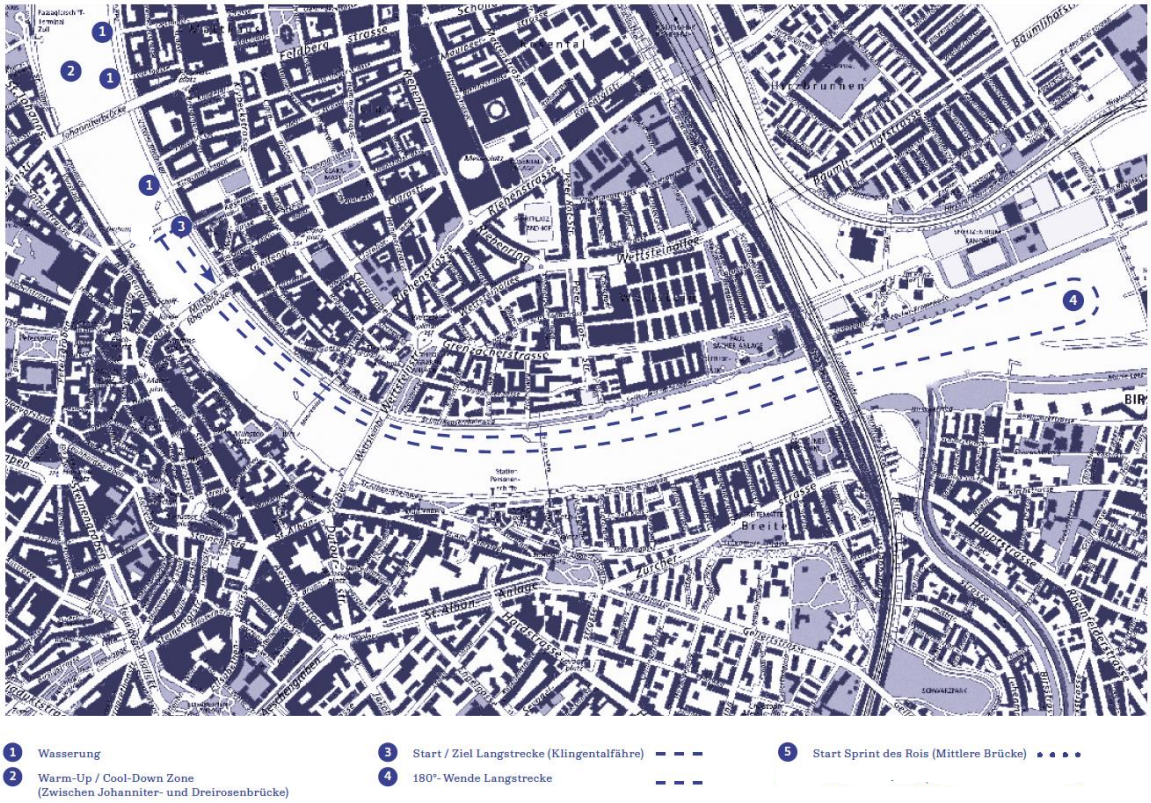
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Weigh-in for coxswains:	Weigh-in is mandatory for all coxswains. It will take place at the Race Secretary's office (Klingental Museum) from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., in race kit. Proof of identity is required (ID, passport or racing license).
Extra weight for coxswains:	Will **not** be supplied.
Boating for the races:	All crews racing the Head Race must be ready to boat **at the appointed time from the pontoon allocated** to them. Failure to do so may result in a time penalty.
Changing facilities:	Changing rooms (signposted) are available in the "Kasernenhof" sports hall and near Pontoon 3 in the Offenburgerstrasse.
Boating enclosure/ Road access	See www.baselhead.org

Further information:

The German version of these regulations published on the website www.baselhead.org is binding. We recommend visiting the official website (www.baselhead.org) regularly in the weeks before the regatta.

Annex 1: Plan of the course

Quelle: Geodaten Basel-Stadt, www.geo.bs.ch



For further information on the situation at the “Kaserne“/boating enclosure and details of crew traffic rules on the Rhine, please see www.baselhead.org.

Annex 2: Plan of the main regatta area (slight deviations possible due to construction work) update on www.baselhead.org

