

Regulations for “Crew chooses own bow number”

1. **Aim:** This method of lane assignment returns responsibility to the crews and increases the need to perform during all rounds. Choosing a specific lane can have tactical or fairness reasons. The crews that performed best in previous rounds of the event have to select their lane first.
2. Scope: The following events are in scope for the scheme as is regulated by these regulations:
 - 24 LW 1x
 - 25 LM 1x
 - 26 W 2-
 - 27 LM 2-
 - 28 M 2-
 - 105 W 2-
 - 106 LM 2-
 - 107 M 2-
 - 119 W 1x - LADIES TROPHY
 - 120 M 1x - HOLLAND BEKER
 - 121 M 2+
 - 122 LW 1x
 - 123 LM 1x
3. For all heats, the regular draw will determine the lanes. For repechages, semi-finals and finals, the crews will be able to choose their lanes by choosing their bow number according to these regulations.
4. Weather information and expected behavior of the Bosbaan rowing lake will be published at the bow number desk on the boat area.
5. Lane prioritization (first qualified boats in the best lanes) according to the FISA fairness protocol is not applicable any more.
6. The race allocation (the time schedule and the choice which lanes are used for racing, e.g. 0-5 or 2-7 or 1-6) remains the duty of the regatta organization, being advised by the fairness commission.
7. The order at which crews can choose their bow number is determined as follows:
 - a. Main events (119. W1x and 120 M1x)
 - i. Repechages:
 1. Crews with the highest ranking in the heats, if equally ranked, the order is determined by draw.
 2. Crews with the 2nd best ranking in the heats, if equally ranked, the order is determined by draw.
 3. Crews with the 3rd best ranking in the heats, if equally ranked the order is determined by draw.
 - ii. Semifinals:
 1. Crews with the best ranking in the heats. If equally ranked, the order is determined by draw.
 2. If applicable: Crews with the 2nd best ranking in the heats. If equally ranked, the order is determined by draw.
 3. Crews with the best ranking in the Repechage(s). In case of multiple, equally ranked crews, the order is determined by draw.
 4. Crews with the 2nd best ranking in the Repechage(s). In case of multiple, equally ranked crews, the order is determined by draw.

5. If applicable: Crews with the 3rd best ranking in the Repechage(s). In case of multiple, equally ranked crews, the order is determined by draw.
 6. If applicable: Crews with the 4th best ranking in the Repechage(s). In case of multiple, equally ranked crews, the order is determined by draw.
 - iii. Final:
 1. Crews that ranked 1st in the semi-final. Order determined by draw.
 2. Crews that ranked 2nd in the semi-final. Order determined by draw.
 3. Crews that ranked 3rd in the semi-final. Order determined by draw.
 - b. Other events with semi finals
 - i. Semi-final
 1. Crews that ranked 1st in the heats. Order determined by draw.
 2. Crews that ranked 2nd in the heats. Order determined by draw.
 3. If applicable: Crews that ranked 3rd in the heats. Order determined by draw.
 - ii. Final:
 1. Crews that ranked 1st in the semi-final. Order determined by draw.
 2. Crews that ranked 2nd in the semi-final. Order determined by draw.
 3. Crews that ranked 3rd in the semi-final. Order determined by draw.
 - c. Other events with only heats and finals
 - i. Final:
 1. Crews that ranked 1st in the heats. Order determined by draw.
 2. Crews that ranked 2nd in the heats. Order determined by draw.
 3. If applicable: crews that ranked 3rd in the heats. Order determined by draw.
8. Procedure for the allocation of bow numbers
- a. The bow number assignment will take place at the bow number stand, located in the boat area close to the pontoons.
 - b. The bow number assignment takes place between 90 and 60 minutes prior to the race of concern. The time schedule will be announced at the team managers meeting.
 - c. The bow number assignment will be performed by a jury member. Hereafter, this person is referred to as official.
 - d. Crews are to be represented by a crew member, coach or team manager. At least one representative of the crew must have good command of English language.
 - e. Prior to the bow number assignment, regatta management announces the order in which crews can choose their lane, according to article 7 above. This order will be published at all information boards provided by the organization and on the internet via <http://www.time-team.nl>.
 - f. The procedure takes place as follows:
 - i. The crew ranked first for the lane assignment can choose their bow number from 90 minutes before their race onwards.
 - ii. The crew ranked second can choose once the crew placed 1st has chosen, etc.
 - iii. 60 minutes prior to start time, the official calls for the crews that have not chosen a bow number yet. A crew who does not respond at this time is perceived to be absent.
 - iv. The official announces the lanes that are in use for racing for the race of concern.
 - v. The official runs over the list as provided at article 8e. Each crew that has not chosen a bow number yet answers immediately which lane they wish to use.
 - vi. If the requested lane is available, the official notes this down. If the lane is unavailable, the crew must choose again.

- vii. Crews being absent, or failing to respond immediately to the official, will have their bow numbers assigned randomly. For this purpose, the official deploys a rolling dice, where the 6 numbers correspond to the 6 lanes in use. The official will go in order over the list mentioned in article 8e and assigns the lanes according to the lane assigned which would be used if the schedule as set out in these regulations was not used.
 - g. The official ensures that all crews get the corresponding bow number.
 - h. The official announces the result of the lane assignment in due course via the internet (<http://www.time-team.nl>) and to relevant jury members.
- 9. Once a crew has chosen a lane, it shall not be changed.
- 10. In case of doubt, the jury member witnessing the procedure decides on its validity.
- 11. If, according to the jury in article 8, the bow number assignment was not performed properly, the jury member can decide two things:
 - a. To repeat the procedure entirely. This repetition can only be made once
 - b. To use the normal lane assignment scheme as is deployed for other events than those mentioned in article 2.