



**PETERBOROUGH CITY
ROWING CLUB LTD**

Thursday 24th June 2010.

Re: Cancellation of Peterborough Junior Championships 2010

TO ALL ENTRANTS, COACHES AND PARENTS

Following on from the brief statement last evening, announcing the cancellation of this event, I write to convey the sincere apologies of the Organising Committee to all those athletes, coaches, parents and supporters who were due to take part.

I can assure you that this decision was not taken lightly and that it took a great deal of time and discussion throughout yesterday to arrive at this conclusion, having explored various avenues and scenarios which might have enabled the event to be run in some form.

Those of you familiar with the rowing course at Peterborough will be aware of its shallow nature and the consequent potential for growth of aquatic weed. However, the weed growth that was present was on track for being cleared up until the last few days, when our plans were disrupted by the prolific growth of aquatic filamentous algae.

This algal growth, which has not been noticeable in the lake for a number of years, tends to be exacerbated by bright sunlight and high temperatures. Thus the recent conditions resulted in it becoming a pernicious problem very quickly.

It became clear that, in the forecast prevailing conditions, it would be highly unlikely that the growth could be cleared to the extent that fairness during racing could be guaranteed. Given that this event would have been, for many athletes, their first multi-lane experience, this brought into question whether the event should go ahead.

The Organising Committee decided that Wednesday evening was really the latest date for any decision to cancel, in order to give reasonable notice to those Clubs which were travelling from afar.



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On behalf of the Organising Committee, I do apologise for having to make this unwelcome decision.

With regard to payments made for entry fees, it is proposed that as none of these have been processed through the banking system, all cheques will be securely shredded. Should you wish instead that your cheque be returned to you, then I would ask that you specifically contact the regatta treasurer by noon on Sunday via www.peterboroughcityrowing.co.uk

Again, I do hope that you will accept our sincere apologies.

Yours faithfully,

Nick Hubble
Race Committee Chairman
On behalf of the Organising Committee
Peterborough Junior Championships 2010.