



2021 Head of the Brisbane
COVID-19 Race Plan



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2021 HOTB basics

Race day: Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Entries close: Monday, 4 October 2021 at 11:59 PM.

HOTB COVID Motto: Assume the people around you are COVID-positive and you are immunocompromised.

Overview of HOTB in a covid world

Toowong Rowing club (TRC) abides by the QLD Government COVID rules for sporting clubs and events. All declarations in this document are based on those rules at the time of writing. TRC understands these rules may change. Monitor the [QLD Government website](#) for changes. Do not rely on this document.

The marshalling area for the start of the race will adhere to social distancing rules between boats, due mainly to the length of the oars. However, multi-crew member boats (2-, 2x, 4-, 4x, and 8+s) do not follow social distancing rules, as members are not spaced 1.5 metres apart when carrying the boat. Therefore, the HOTB committee encourages participation in smaller boats to reduce the risk of contact between crew members. We understand this may not be possible or desired, especially as QLD has a low rate of active infections (at the time of writing this plan).

The HOTB committee submits the following declarations. Any person not abiding by the rules below will be told to leave the grounds—no exceptions, no exemptions.

Declaration	Reasoning/Comments
QLD Government COVID QR Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone who attends the TRC precinct MUST sign-in via the QLD Government COVID application at one of the QR codes posted around the precinct. You may be asked to prove that you checked in. Make sure you checked in.
WEAR MASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outside, when you can't social distance (which will be most of the time). INSIDE ALWAYS
Medal Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The medal presentation will run outside the lower shed to ensure everyone can practise social distancing.
Getting the boat and oars ready.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear masks while getting your boats ready for racing. Wear masks while putting your oars down. Basically, wear masks, as you will not be able to practise social distancing around the precinct. Wear masks until you get in the boat.
Coxswains MUST wear a mask	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coxswains must wear a face mask as the crew is carrying down the boat. Crew-facing coxswains must wear a mask during the entire race. Ensure your cox box is charged, so you don't have to yell at the crew; it'll be hard enough to hear you as it is with the mask on.
Oar washing buckets at lower shed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will discourage crews from swapping boats and oars by encouraging members to race in other boat categories other than eights. Consider rowing smaller boats if you are under 55, and leave the 8+s to the older crew members. For crews that must swap boats and oars, we will supply buckets at the lower shed for cleaning.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crews MUST refill the buckets. No one is your slave. Don't drop the hose on the ground—that breaks the hose head.
<p>The day may extend longer than previous year's races.</p>	<p>Although not as dramatic as 2020 (we hope), we still must abide by the QLD Government COVID rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While we would like to make it exciting with minimal time in between races, it is not possible to do that and practise social distancing to keep everyone safe. • The focus is on racing safely at the expense of racing dramatically. • If boats clash at the turn or at any point along the course, rowers risk getting too close to others. • HOTB will not become a COVID hotspot.
<p>Consider racing in smaller boat categories: 1x, 2x, 2-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As mentioned previously, we want to discourage crews from boat/oar swapping by encouraging crews to race in boats other than 8+s. • It is easier to practise social distancing when carrying the a 1x/2-/2x boat • <u>More medal opportunities in the smaller boats</u> • Fantastic workout
<p>Non-TRC competitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear masks when outside on the TRC precinct when you cannot practise social distancing. • You may remove your mask for eating and drinking. • When inside, ALWAYS WEAR A MASK.
<p>TRC toilets and changerooms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each person MUST clean the toilet before and after use—assume the person who used the toilet before you has weeping pustules. • No showers.
<p>Pontoon and Precinct monitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRC will provide pontoon and precinct monitors to ensure crews practise social distancing and to answer any questions crews may have. • The emcee will call out upcoming races, so crews know when to start heading to the pontoon. • Pontoon monitors will hold back approaching crews should there be too many people on the pontoon. • Pontoon monitors will encourage crews on the pontoon to move more efficiently.
<p>T-shirt and bow number collection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will set up a t-shirt and bow number collection point near the emcee on the balcony of the TRC function centre. • Collect bow numbers and t-shirts (if they arrive in time; there is a delay in getting stock) from the TRC function centre on race EVE, Friday from 4 to 7 PM. • WEAR MASKS.
<p>Event that causes us to not run HOTB on the scheduled day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RQ have allowed us to run HOTB on the 30th of October should some COVID event plunge us into lockdown.

The Course Detail

Refer to the Head of the Brisbane website for [updated course details](#).



2021 Head of the Brisbane – Overhead Layout

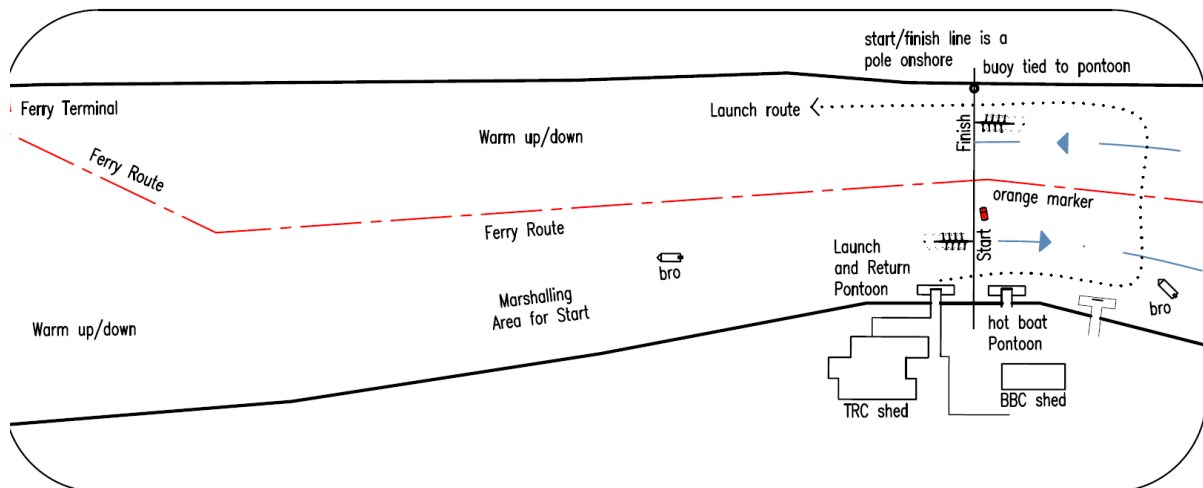


Race Timetable

Refer to the [Rowing Queensland regatta calendar](#) for the race timetable.

Marshalling for the Start

The Marshalling area will reflect previous year's, located downstream from the TRC pontoon.



Detail 1 Brisbane River Course: Start/Finish



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Boat Marshals

In accordance with the [HOTB Safety Management and Emergency Response Plan](#), we must have a specific number of boat marshals for safety and race rules compliance. For the safety of the marshals in situations where a rower or crew may find themselves in trouble, the HOTB committee strongly recommends two marshals per tinny.

Thank you and happy rowing or spectating.