



## USRowing Youth National Championships

June 8-10, 2018

Lake Natoma, Rancho Cordova, CA

USRowing and the Sacramento State Aquatic Center are proud to bring the USRowing Youth National Championships back to the West Coast. This event offers opportunities for crews that have qualified from around the country to come together to crown national champions in 18 events.

Please read this packet completely as it includes information regarding entries, rules, events, qualification, eligibility, venue and other information about the policies governing this regatta. All crews competing in the USRowing Youth National Championships are responsible for the information contained in this packet.

USRowing would like to thank the Sacramento State Aquatic Center Staff and the Youth National Championships Advisory Council for their guidance and assistance in organizing this year's event.

### **New for 2018**

For your convenience, below is a brief summary to highlight some of the event updates for the 2018 regatta. Please refer to the listed pages for full information about each item.

Be sure to read this packet in its entirety, as you are responsible for all information included.

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**Areas of Significant Change for 2018:**

We want to especially highlight the following changes:

- [Progression](#) -- A repechage round has been added after the Time Trial Heats to allow crews a second opportunity to advance, following the time trial. In order to accommodate this round, no D level finals will be on the schedule.
- [Order of Events](#) -- The order of events has been rearranged in an effort to improve wait times at weigh-ins, provide more equitable racing opportunities between sweep and sculling events, as well as Men and Women Ltwt events.
- [Schedule](#) -- Events will be run in order for all rounds of racing. See this section for a general outline, and a link to the planning schedule.
- [Time Trial Procedures](#) -- New procedure for time trial bow number distribution.

For your convenience, these sections have been moved to the front of this packet.

**Progression:**

YNC Progression (TT+Reps) Alt Progression B w/ TT Heats									
Entries	Time Trial	Advance	Rep	Advance	Semis	Advance	Final C	Final B	Final A
1-7	1	7 to Final A (Seeding)	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 Boat Final
8-11	1	Top 4 to Final A Remaining to Rep	1	Top 2 to Final A Rest to Final B	-	-	-	5 Boat Final	6 Boat Final
12	1	Top 2 to Final A Remaining to Reps	2	Top 2 to Final A 3-5 to Final B	-	-	-	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final
13	1	Top 2 to Final A Remaining to Reps	2	Top 2 to Final A 3-6 to Final B	-	-	-	7 Boat Final	6 Boat Final
14	1	Top 2 to Final A Remaining to Reps	2	Top 2 to Final A 3-5 to Final B 6 to Final C	-	-	2 Boat Final	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final
15-16	1	Top 9 to Semis Remaining to Reps	1	Top 3 to Semis Remaining to Final C	2	Top 3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B	4 Boat Final	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final

17-20	1	Top 6 to Semis Remaining to Reps	2	Top 3 to Semis 4-6 to Final C 7 Eliminated	2	Top 3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final
21-22	1	Top 8 to Semis Remaining to Reps	2	Top 2 to Semis 3-5 to Final C 6+ Eliminated	2	Top 3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final
23-28	1	Top 9 to Semis Remaining to Reps	3	Top 1 to Semis 2-3 to Final C 4+ Eliminated	2	Top 3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final	6 Boat Final

Each crew is responsible for knowing the progression of their event.

### **Order of Events:**

Below is the order in which finals are scheduled to be run.

Event	Description	Event	Description
1	Womens Youth 1x	10	Mens Ltwt Youth 4+
2	Mens Youth 1x	11	Womens Youth 4+
3	Womens Youth 2-	12	Mens Youth 4+
4	Mens Youth 2-	13	Womens Youth 4x
5	Womens Ltwt Youth 2x	14	Mens Youth 4x
6	Mens Ltwt Youth 2x	15	Womens Ltwt Youth 8+
7	Womens Youth 2x	16	Womens Youth 8+
8	Mens Youth 2x	17	Mens Ltwt Youth 8+
9	Womens Ltwt Youth 4+	18	Mens Youth 8+

The schedule of races will be determined based on the number of entries at the close of registration.

The initial assignment of bow numbers shall be posted on the USRowing web site by 5:00pm Eastern time on June 6, 2018.

Each year, the event order will adjust to provide equal exposure to men's and women's events. In 2018, and even number years to follow, the order of events will follow the list above, with women's events coming before men's events in each category. In 2019, and odd number years to follow, the order will flip, such that men's events are scheduled before women's events in each category. *(For example, in 2018, event 1 is the Womens Youth 1x and event 2 is the Mens Youth 1x. In 2019, the order would have the event 1 as the Mens Youth 1x and event 2 as the Womens Youth 1x.)*

## **Schedule Information:**

[Click here to view planned regatta schedule.](#)

***This posted schedule is for illustrative purposes only. It is tentative and subject to change.***

Tuesday: Trailers may arrive but cannot unload (No Overnight Security provided).

Wednesday: Practice 8am-12pm and 2pm-5pm

Thursday: Practice 8am-12pm and 2pm-5pm

Friday: Time Trial Heats will run on Friday morning. Repechages will run, as time allows, on Friday afternoon. Every effort will be made to include all repechages on Friday.

Saturday: Semi-finals will run Saturday morning. If any repechages need to be run Saturday, they will be scheduled before semi-finals. Final C races will follow semifinals on Saturday.

Sunday: Final A events will be held Sunday morning. Final B events will be held after Final A events on Sunday.

## **Time Trial Procedures**

Time trials will be conducted over a 1,900 meter course.

Bow assignments for the time trial will be seeded by randomly assigning bow numbers to the crews based on how they finished in their qualification regatta. Crews finishing first in their qualification regatta will be randomly seeded first, followed by the crews finishing

A marshal will be positioned near the start to direct crews to enter the course. Crews are responsible for staying in numerical order, staying behind crews with lower numbers and in front of crews with higher numbers.

Crews are responsible for maintaining their proper order and distance. Crews failing to maintain their proper position may be delayed, moved to the end of the starting order, penalized, or excluded. A crew will be allowed to race as long as they are in the starting area before the crew with the last bow number of the event has started.

Crews will have approximately 100 meters to build up to race pace. A crew's race time begins once their bow ball crosses the 1,900 meter start line.

Odd number crews will race in lane 3, and even number crews will race in lane 4.

There will be a 20-second gap between starting crews, resulting in a 40-second gap between crews in the same lane.

### *Passing:*

A crew being overtaken must yield to the outside lane to allow the overtaking crew to pass. Crews racing in lane 3 would move to lane 2, and crews racing in lane 4 would move to lane 5.

Any crew failing to yield will be excluded.

A crew is deemed to be overtaking another crew when it has moved to within one length of open water of the crew ahead.

Referees will give instruction in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Rowing.

*Broken Equipment:*

A crew experiencing broken equipment during the race should move to the outside lane.

*Bow Numbers:*

Time trial bow numbers will be distributed at registration. You should pick up your numbers when you pick up your athlete credentials.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

- March 1, 2018 -- Entry Packet posted.
- May 4-6, 2018 -- First set of qualification regattas are held.
- May 8, 2018 -- Invitations sent to crews from first set of qualification regattas.
- May 11, 2018 -- Last day for crews from first set of qualification regattas to submit their entries or to submit petitions from these events.
- May 12-13, 2018 -- Second set of qualification regattas are held.
- May 15, 2018 -- Invitations sent to crews from second set of qualification regattas.
- May 18, 2018 -- Last day for crews from first set of qualification regattas to submit their entries or to submit petitions from these events.
- May 18-20, 2018 -- Third set of qualification regattas are held.
- May 22, 2018 -- Invitations sent to crews from third set of qualification regattas.
- May 25, 2018 -- Last day for crews from third set of qualification regattas to submit their entries or to submit petitions from these events.
- May 26, 2018 -- Final qualification regatta is held.
- May 29, 2018 -- Invitations sent to crews from final qualification regatta. Crews notified regarding the final status of petitions submitted for all but final qualification regatta (NEIRA).
- May 31, 2018 -- Last day for crews from final qualification regattas and accepted petitions to submit their entries. Last day for NEIRA crews to submit petitions.
- June 3, 2018 -- Last day for accepted petition crews from NEIRA to submit accepted entries.
- June 4, 2018 -- Initial schedule of races posted.
- June 6, 2018 -- Official practice sessions begin. Initial bow assignment list is posted on USRowing web site.
- June 7, 2018 -- Official practice sessions available. On-site credential pick-up is available. "Express Lane" opens. Trophies due to be returned. Coaches and Coxswains Meeting. USRowing Graduation Ceremony held.
- June 8, 2018 -- Racing begins.
- June 10, 2018 -- Finals Day, including awards ceremonies. Olympic Day held at venue.

**Special Events**

**USRowing Graduation Ceremony**

In 2015, USRowing introduced the Graduation Ceremony to recognize the academic accomplishments of seniors competing at the Youth National Championships. Since that year, the ceremony has had nearly 1,000 attendees from around the country.

The ceremony will return this year, scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018, beginning at 6:30pm.

Registration information and event details will be included with your team's bid invitation in May.

### **Olympic Day**

As part of the festivities around the final day of racing, USRowing will again host an Olympic Day in conjunction with the Youth National Championships on Sunday, June 10.

Olympians will be on-site for meet-and-greet opportunities, autographs, and photos.

### **Venue Information:**

The Sacramento State Aquatic Center would like to welcome everyone to the 2018 Youth National championships. Below is information for teams, parents, guests and boosters. The youth national championships will be held on Lake Natoma at the Nimbus Flat State Park. We are fortunate to have such an amazing venue and ask that everyone respect and follow State Park rules and guidelines.

Lake Natoma is located between Folsom, Gold River and Rancho Cordova. Spectators can see the last 500 meters of the race course from Nimbus Flat State Park where the event is staged and there is also the American River Bike Trail that goes around Lake Natoma, with a short walk or bike ride you can watch the start of the races from China Wall.

#### *Directions from Highway 50:*

Heading West from Lake Tahoe or East from Sacramento or San Francisco take the Hazel Ave. (Exit 21). Go North onto Hazel Ave. Make the first right hand turn in to Nimbus Flats California State Park. Or if lot is full follows signs to overflow parking.

#### *Directions from Highway 80:*

Heading West from Auburn or east from North Sacramento take the Sierra College Blvd. exit (in the City of Rocklin) and turn South on Sierra College Blvd. In about 6 miles Sierra College Blvd. becomes Hazel Ave., continue South through the town of Orangevale and finally across the American River. The first left after the river is the Aquatic Center. The entrance to Nimbus Flat is a small left hand turn pocket after the Gold Country Blvd. /Nimbus Rd signal. Make the next left into the Nimbus Flats California State Park. Or if lot is full follow signs to overflow parking.

For Local Regatta Information Contact: Sacramento State Aquatic Center 1901 Hazel Ave. Gold River CA 95670

We recommend arriving an hour before you wish to view a race or launch time.

#### Entrance into the State Park:

The parking lot in the State Park will fill very quickly in the mornings and is usually closed by 7:00am. Fee's to park in the state park are \$10.00. Buying a parking pass in the State Park **will not** guarantee a parking space for the entire day if you chose to leave. Spaces will be refilled as they become open. You may see empty spaces; these are pre-reserved for athlete buses and handicap. Please park in designated parking places only. Violators will be towed. Waiting for spaces will not be permitted. The Aquatic Center provides Overflow parking, see below.

#### Admission:

Admission is \$10 per person, per day. **CASH ONLY.** General Public, parents, boosters, alumni and family must pay admission to be admitted to the park. Athlete wristbands will only be accepted on uniformed athletes. If an athlete wristband is found on someone other than a uniformed athlete the wristband will be cut off and the athlete will not be permitted to get another wristband. This same rule applies for coaches, riggers and trainers.

#### Overflow Parking:

Overflow parking is \$10.00 per vehicle and is located on Thursday & Friday at the Mineshaft Parking 2300 Mine Shaft Lane Rancho Cordova 95742 on Saturday and Sunday at the Hartford & Health Net buildings at 11031 Sun Center Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 . **CASH ONLY.** A free shuttle will pick up at the Hartford & Health Net buildings and will drop off in the State Park at the finish line tent. The shuttle buses will run all day until 30 minutes after the last race. The shuttle does NOT pick up at the fish hatchery. State park passes will be honored at Overflow parking but Overflow parking passes will NOT be honored by the state park.

#### Dropping off:

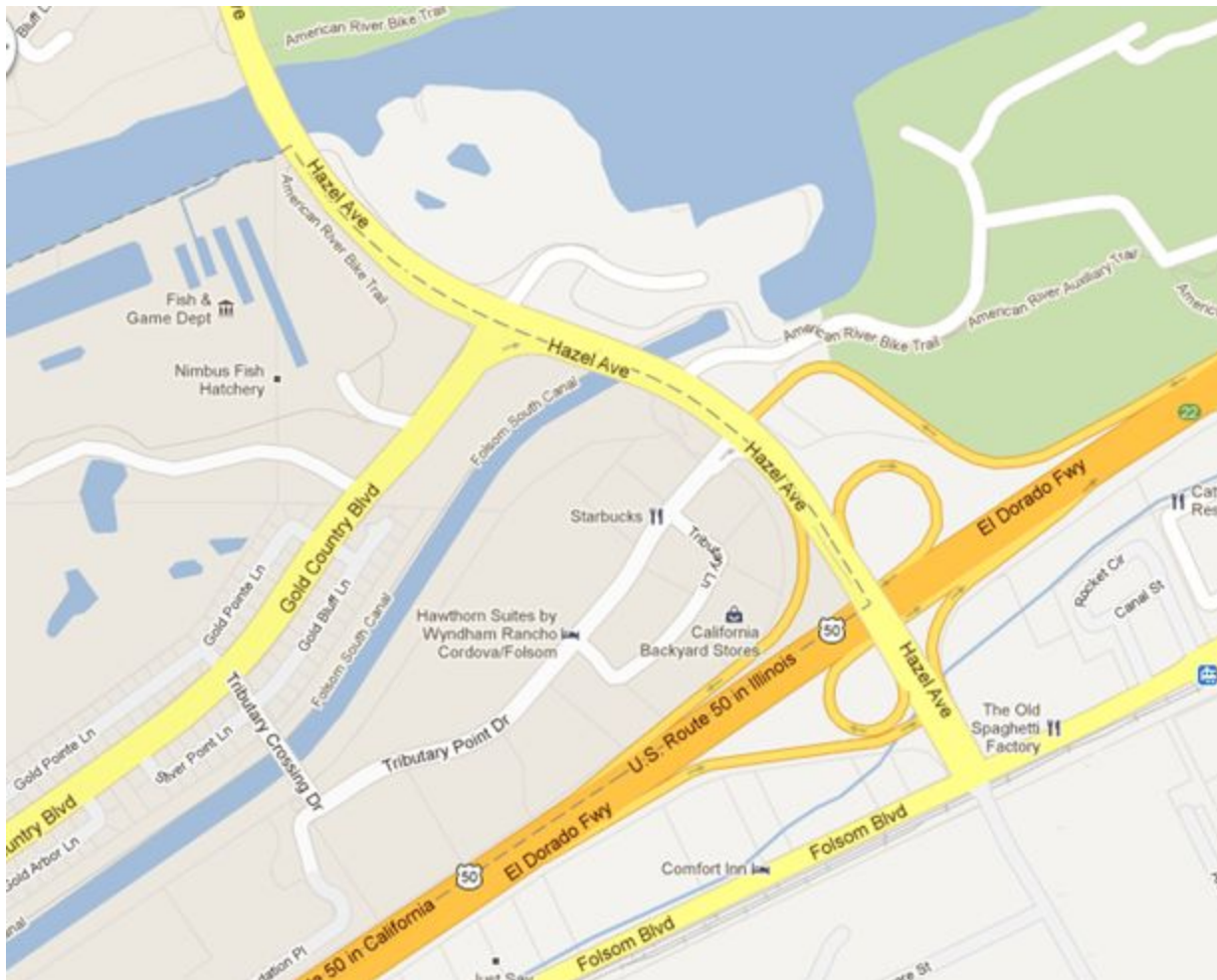
Once the State Park parking is full no one will be allowed in, this includes dropping off athletes or supplies. We do provide the lot outside the State Park (Cal Trans Park & Ride) for loading and unloading. There will be customer service carts to help transport items and people into the event from this location. Please note that carts are not for athletes, customer service carts are for general public. If dropping supplies for team hospitality, you may unload in the Park & Ride and the carts will help you to your tent. Vehicles may not be left unattended in the Park & Ride. Carts are not permitted to transport guests to the overflow areas.

#### Team Tents & Private Shade Tents:

Each team is able to rent a tent along the finish line area. Each team tent will be labeled with the team name. Each tent receives 20 chairs and 2 tables, please keep your chairs and table with your tent. There are **no private shade tents allowed** along the finish line or in the boat storage area.

Team tent orders are filled on a first come, first served basis.





***Please plan on arriving an hour before you wish to view a launch or race.***

Thank you and enjoy Lake Natoma

If you have any other questions please call our front office at 916-278-2842

#### State Parks “Rules & Regulations” Briefed

- Natural Scenery, Plants and animal life are protected by Federal, State and park laws. Disturbance or destruction of these resources is strictly forbidden.
- Alcohol beverages are not allowed in Gold Fields District Beaches.
- Loaded fire arms and hunting are not allowed in units of the State Parks system.
- Dogs and other domestic animals are not permitted to run at large in any unit of the State Parks System. Dogs are prohibited on any beach adjacent to any body of water.
- Parking is permitted only in designated areas. Blocking parking spaces is prohibited.

- Refuse, including garbage, cigarettes, paper boxes, water bottles, coxswain weights, shall be placed only in designated receptacles. Please help keep our State Park Clean
- NO Glass Bottles allowed on state parks!
- Be cautious on the running trails and unimproved areas for poison oak.

Thank you! *Sac State Aquatic Center*

**Event Drone Policy:**

Aerial drones are prohibited at the Lake Natoma venue, unless granted written approval by USRowing, California State Parks and Sacramento State Aquatic Center.

Unapproved drones are not permitted anywhere on the regatta venue. Continued use of unapproved drones may result in penalties to the associated crew, and the operator may be subject to removal from the venue.

**Course:** The course is a 2,000 meter, 7-lane, fully-buoyed course with a starting platform. Crews must be able to back into a stakeboat.

**USRowing Membership:**

The USRowing Youth National Championship is a USRowing-owned event.

Each participant is required to be a current member of USRowing, with either a Basic membership with Add-On Regatta Package or a Championship member of USRowing in place. Each participant must also have a signed waiver on file for 2018.

**Not familiar with our brand new Add-On Regatta Package?** Learn more about our great new membership deal for current Basic members through our website FAQ. Athletes can now be compliant for USRowing-owned regattas and get our most popular benefits at a serious **discount**.

Each competing organization is required to be a current organizational member of USRowing.

Memberships can be activated or renewed by visiting <http://www.usrowing.org/join.aspx> or by calling the Membership Services Department at (800) 314-4769.

Memberships should be handled prior to arriving for the event. A current listing of your athletes, their member numbers, and expiration dates can be found on your online roster through the Membership Portal at <http://membership.usrowing.org>

**Waivers:**

All athletes should make sure to sign their USRowing waiver using their Basic w/ Regatta Package or Championship member number.

Please make sure the number on the athlete’s RegattaCentral profile matches their current USRowing number.

**Credentials:**

Credentials will be issued to athletes once registration is complete, membership and waiver information is verified, and all fees are paid in full.

A coach or team representative may pick up the credentials for their team if all team members meet the above criteria and the organization’s membership and regatta fees are paid in full. All team credentials

must be picked up at the same time. Partial groups will not be distributed.

Athletes will be required to show credentials in order to pass through Control Commission and launch for racing sessions.

Crews will not be able to launch without showing proper credentials.

Each athlete will receive one complimentary credential as part of their registration for the event. Any replacement credentials can be purchased for \$10 at the registration desk.

**“Express Lane”:**

Any crew whose line-ups are complete, fully compliant with Membership requirements, and fully paid on all entry and other fees are eligible for the “Express Lane” on-site registration option.

These crews may collect their credentials without waiting in line to speak with a USRowing representative.

To be eligible, crews must be in compliance by June 3, 2018.

After this deadline, a list of eligible crews will be made available.

**Eligibility:**

The USRowing Youth National Championships is an invitational championship regatta.

Crews must qualify for a Youth National Championship bid by attending a recognized qualification regatta, placing in one of the 18 Youth National Championship events, and receiving a bid.

Bids are awarded to crews in specific events. Organizations are not eligible to enter events in which they did not receive a bid.

**Affiliation:**

Affiliation with only one program, which he/she is registered with as of the first competition (registered/non-registered, not including indoor events) for the duration of the spring season, defined between January 1 and June 15 of that current calendar year, to participate in the USRowing Youth National Championship Regatta.

Exception: Athletes who are members of a junior rowing club existing as a composite of athletes with no stand-alone high school rowing program may row as a single (1x) in a regatta under the name of their school where they are not permitted to enter as “unaffiliated.” When permitted, a single (1x) competing as “unaffiliated” is not considered to be representing an organization, and therefore would remain in compliance with the affiliation requirement listed above.

For the purposes of qualifying for the USRowing Youth National Championships in an individual event, the athlete must still represent the club (entered under the club’s name) with which he/she began the season.

If athletes wish to compete in a team event under the name of their school with an established high school rowing program rather than as a club, USRowing organizational membership is required for that school for that purpose and the athletes must compete as this organization the entire spring season.

**Classifications:**

Youth- A Youth is a competitor who in the current calendar year does not attain the age of 19, or who is and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full-time student seeking a diploma. A competitor thus ceases to be a Youth after December 31 of the year of his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, or of the year in which he or she completes the 12<sup>th</sup> grade of secondary school, having been a full-time student, whichever is later.

Post Graduates: Per Rule 4-104 (a), a student must be working towards their first secondary school diploma, therefore, post graduate students who attain the age of 19 in the current calendar year are ineligible to compete.

**Qualification:**

USRowing recognizes seven youth districts, each with its own qualification regatta(s), to qualify for the USRowing Youth National Championships.

**All crews from the organization must qualify at the same qualification regatta.** In districts with multiple qualifying regattas, teams will be required to declare which regatta they will use as their qualifier for the Youth National Championships prior to regatta registration each year. For those crews that participate in more than one qualification regatta, failure to declare will result in using the first qualification regatta entered as the crew's qualification regatta. Declarations can be made using the online form available on the [USRowing Youth National Championships event page](#).

The "Roll Down" bid policy that applies at a qualifying regatta with less than three bids. If a qualifying crew(s) chooses to decline a bid(s) for the Youth National Championships, the subsequent place finisher(s) would receive the bid(s). In no case does a roll down bid extend past the third-place finisher.

Teams may petition USRowing to permanently change their appointed district affiliation due to a hardship within their current district. The receiving LOC must endorse any transfer prior to registration. Teams are not permitted to change qualification districts annually. These petitions will be reviewed by the Youth National Championships Advisory Council.

A crew that receives a Youth National Championship bid from a recognized qualification event and registers in an event shall be required to compete in all its stages: time trials, semifinals, and C, B, or A finals. Failure to participate in an event for which a crew has registered will result in a one-year suspension for that team for that registered event.

No competitor shall enter more than two events at the Youth National Championships.

Crews shall only be allowed to qualify for the Youth Nationals Championships from a qualifying regatta within their individual districts. Note that the qualifying regattas are contingent on their [USRowing registered regatta status](#). If the regatta chooses not to register their regatta, they cannot be considered a qualifying regatta.

Crews receiving bids will be notified no later than the Tuesday following their qualification regatta. Crews are required to register for the Youth National Championship within three days of receiving this notification **OR** to notify USRowing that the bid will be declined.

Friday of the week following the notification is the last day a crew may enter events in which it has earned an automatic bid. A crew will forfeit any bids in events where it has not been entered, and those spots will be made available to petitioning crews.

*Qualification Process Inclement Weather Policies*

Should a qualification regatta be cancelled due to inclement weather, bids will be decided based on the official finishing order of the crews as determined by the regatta’s established practices and policies.

Should a qualification regatta not have its own published weather policy, USRowing will award bids based on the results of the last completed round of the event.

In instances where qualification events are cancelled without completing any rounds, those crews will be required to submit a petition that includes results from the current season to demonstrate their placement within their district. These petitions will be given an expedited review, and the bids originally allotted for that regatta will be awarded based on the determinations of the committee.

**Recognized Qualification Regattas**

<b>Districts</b>	<b>Youth National Championship Qualification Regattas</b>	<b>Bid(s)</b>
<b>Central District</b>	<b>USRowing Central Youth Championships</b> May 5-6, 2018: Oklahoma River, Oklahoma City, Okla.	<b>2</b>
Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas		
<b>Mid-Atlantic District</b>	<b>Philadelphia City Championships</b> May 5-6, 2018: Schuylkill River, Philadelphia, Penn.	<b>2</b>
	<b>USRowing Mid-Atlantic Youth Championships</b> May 12-13, 2018: Lake Mercer, West Windsor, N.J.	<b>3</b>
	<b>Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships</b> May 12, 2018: Occoquan Reservoir, Fairfax Station, VA	<b>1</b>
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania (Eastern), and Virginia		
<b>Midwest District</b>	<b>Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championships</b> May 12-13, 2018: Lake Dillon, Nashport, Ohio	<b>1</b>
	<b>Midwest Junior Rowing Championships</b> May 19-20, 2018: Harsha Lake, Bethel, Ohio	<b>3</b>
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania (Western), West Virginia, and Wisconsin		
<b>Northeast District</b>	<b>New York State Scholastic Championships</b> May 12-13, 2018: Fish Creek, Saratoga Springs, NY	<b>2</b>
	<b>USRowing Northeast Youth Championships</b> May 19-20, 2018: Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, Mass.	<b>3</b>

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	<b>NEIRA Championships</b>	<b>2</b>
	May 26, 2018: Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, Mass.	
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont		
<b>Northwest District</b>	<b>USRowing Northwest Youth Championships</b>	<b>3</b>
	May 18-20, 2018: Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, Wash.	
Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming		
<b>Southeast District</b>	<b>USRowing Southeast Youth Championships</b>	<b>3</b>
	May 12-13, 2018: Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota-Bradenton, FL	
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee		
<b>Southwest District</b>	<b>USRowing Southwest Youth Championships</b>	<b>3</b>
	May 4-6, 2018: Lake Natoma, Rancho Cordova, Calif.	
Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah		

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**Petitions:**

USRowing will accept petitions; **acceptance of a petition does not guarantee a bid to attend the Youth National Championships.**

Petitions must be submitted no later than three (3) days after the conclusion of the crew's qualification regatta. Due to the late nature of the qualifier, NEIRA crews interested in submitting a petition must do so no later than Monday, May 28, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. EDT. Only two (2) bids will be reserved for NEIRA programs unless the final selection posting does not fill all open bids.

**NO LATE PETITIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Petitions must be submitted via the online form on the [Youth Nationals web page](#).

Petitions will only be accepted from a coach or team administrator. Parents, athletes, referees, and others who do not act as a coach or official administrator to the crew submitting the petition are not eligible to submit a petition on a crew's behalf.

All event categories can receive a maximum of 28 entries. If an event is fully subscribed and not all petitions can be accepted, the Youth National Championships Advisory Council will choose the petitions from the most competitive crews based on the information given in the petition.

Crews will be notified of their petition status on May 29, 2018. NEIRA crews will be notified of their petition status on June 1, 2018.

Petitions will not be accepted from athletes that are part of a boat that was excluded or disqualified while participating in that event at a qualifying regatta, unless the exclusion or disqualification is overturned.

Petitions will not be accepted from crews competing in non-qualifying events held as part of a qualification regatta. Petitions will not be accepted from crews that have not competed in the petitioned event at an on-water competition since January 1 of the current calendar year.

Petitions will be accepted for the following reasons. Petitions that do not meet these requirements will not be sent to the Petition Committee for consideration.

- An unfortunate event, especially something beyond the ordinary or the expected, which caused a disadvantage that precluded a crew to compete in a qualifying event. Poor rowing,
- The petitioning crew must provide the petition committee substantiation of sufficient boat speed within the following time standards of the last qualified crew in the petitioned category at a recognized YNC qualifying regatta.
  - o 8+/4+/4x: within three (3) seconds
  - o 2x/2-/1x: within five (5) seconds

A link to the results used to substantiate boat speed must be provided with the submitted petition.

Petitions are required to include the contact information of the Chief Referee at the regatta in order to confirm the details of the circumstances surrounding the petition.

Petitions will be reviewed and voted on by a subcommittee of five members of the Youth National Championships Advisory Council:

- Sarah Low (Atlanta Jr)
- Padraic McGovern (Everett Rowing)
- Larry Muri (Fordham Prep)
- Aaron Preetam (Germantown Friends)
- Falesha Thrash (Texas Rowing Center)

After reviewing the petitions, the Petition Committee will notify crews of the status of their request on the dates listed above. Crews whose petitions are declined shall also receive an explanation as to why their petition was not accepted. If a crew whose petition was not accepted has compelling new information to be considered, it may request an appeal of the decision.

**The burden is on the appealing crew to provide compelling new information for consideration. Simply disagreeing with the Petition Committee's decision is not grounds for an appeal.**

The new information, and original petition, will then be voted on by the full Youth National Championships Advisory Council. The status of the appeal will be determined by the vote of the majority of the full Youth National Championships Advisory Council.

*Petitions received from crews finishing within the time standard at a qualifying regatta with three bids may receive an expedited decision if a qualifying crew chooses to decline its bid for the Youth National Championships in the event. A crew must submit a petition with a time within the time standard in order to be eligible. Teams will be notified on the Tuesday of the week after their qualification event, if they receive this expedited acceptance into the regatta. All other petitions, including those within the time standard where the other crews from their qualification event do not decline bids, will be reviewed and notified on the date listed above.*

**Rules:**

USRowing's Rules of Rowing will govern this event.

An online version is available at <http://www.usrowing.org/About/RulesofRowing.aspx>

USRowing licensed referees will officiate the event to ensure safety and fairness.

**Equipment:**

All equipment used in competition must meet the USRowing Rules of Rowing requirements for equipment. Each organization is responsible for ensuring that their equipment meets these standards.

Bow numbers for sprint racing will be provided at the launch docks, once a crew has passed through Control Commission. Bow numbers for time trials will be distributed at registration.

Any equipment not meeting these standards, or judged to be unsafe by a USRowing official, will not be allowed onto the water.

**Minimum Weight of Boats:**

“Boat Weighing” will be conducted in accordance with the 2017 USRowing Rules of Rowing. The rules are listed here for the convenience of the competitors and coaches. Any differences in the language listed here and the 2018 Rules of Rowing is typographical, and the Rules of Rowing shall still govern these rules and procedures.

All boats shall comply with the following minimum weights:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Weight (kg)</i>
1x	14
2x	27
2-	27
4+	51
4x	52
8+	96

The minimum weight of the boat shall include seats, rudders, skegs, fins, and riggers. For the purposes of determining the minimum weight of boats, the following definitions shall apply:

- “Attached” shall mean glued, taped, “Velcro-ed”, or any other form of attachment such that if the boat is picked up or turned over, the item shall not fall out.
- “Firmly Fastened” shall mean a glued, screwed, bolted, welded or any other form of fastening such that it is not possible to change or manipulate the item during the time on the water or that the equipment or boat shall not be damaged by forceful removal of the item.

The minimum weight of the boat shall also include:

- Loud speakers if they are firmly fastened to the boat and associated wiring for such speakers;
- Any housings or fixings that are firmly fastened to the boat for the purpose of holding electronic or other equipment;



- Cables and wires required to connect the firmly fastened equipment, and
- Seat pads that are attached to the seat

The weight of a boat shall not include oars, the bow number or any other item not firmly fastened to the boat.

If a boat is underweight, additional deadweight shall be added to bring the boat into compliance.

It is the sole responsibility of the Crew that its boat has met the required minimum weight.

Crews nominated to have their boat weighed will be notified as they leave the water by a Race Official or other appointed person who shall accompany the Crew to the weighing scales.

Once the Crew has been notified, no extra weight of any description can be added to the boat until the boat has been weighed.

At the official weighing of the boat, the normal wetted surface of the boat is accepted. However, any standing water must be removed before the weighing, in particular any water between the shoulders and under the decking. All other items not firmly fastened must be taken out of the boat before the weighing.

If a boat is below the minimum weight, it will be reweighed after the Race Official has tested the scales with a gauged weight.

The first offense penalty for having raced in an underweight boat in an Event, except for a finals Race, shall be relegation. If the Crew races again in an underweight boat in a later round of the same Event, the penalty shall be exclusion. The penalty for having raced an underweight boat in a finals Race shall be exclusion.

Crews will have an opportunity to test the weight of their boat on the scales during practice sessions beginning Thursday, June 7. Weighing the boat outside of the official weigh-in for their race is done for the crew's information, and has no bearing on their official weigh-in, if selected after a race.

### **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:**

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, failure to heed the instructions of race officials, use of obscene language or gestures, delaying a race without just cause, intentional or flagrant disregard of principles of safety and fairness, or abusive behavior toward any official, team member, or spectator.

Use of an unapproved drone at the racing venue may also result in an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty on the organization associated with the drone operator.

A crew that engages in unsportsmanlike conduct may be assessed a penalty by a race official.

Any team member, including a competitor, who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct at any time during the regatta may have his or her further participation at the regatta curtailed or prohibited by a race official.

A parent or spectator engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct may result in the crew they are associated with having their further participation at the regatta curtailed or prohibited, and may be removed from the racing venue.

### **Weigh-Ins**

All weigh-ins shall be conducted in accordance with the 2018 USRowing Rules of Rowing. The rules are listed here for the convenience of the competitors and coaches. Any differences in the language listed here and the 2018 Rules of Rowing is typographical, and the Rules of Rowing shall still govern these rules and procedures.

Competitors shall be weighed in racing uniform without shoes or other footgear.

Lightweights:

The weight Youth Rowers in lightweight events shall be determined once each day during either the Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both. Each Youth Rower shall have only one (1) initial opportunity to weigh in. A Rower within one (1.0) pound or less of the weight standard is allowed one (1) re-weigh within the same window as his or her initial opportunity. A Rower whose initial weight is greater than one (1.0) pound above the weight standard will be ineligible to compete in the Event.

Competitors who fail to weigh-in during either the Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window shall be deemed ineligible to race.

When an Adjusted Weigh-in Window is created due to a scheduling change, a Competitor may weigh-in during either the original Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both, provided the Competitor completes his or her weigh-in prior to the newly Scheduled Time of the Race and on the same day as the newly Scheduled Time of the Race.

“Adjusted Weigh-in Window”: Should Race Officials adjust or alter the racing schedule for compelling reasons, changing the amount of time between the Weigh-in Window and the newly Scheduled Time of the Race, an Adjusted Weigh-in Window shall be created. The Adjusted Weigh-in Window shall be no less than one (1) hour and not more than two (2) hours before the newly Scheduled Time of the Race.

**An “Adjusted Weigh-in Window” is only created if an adjusted schedule is officially posted or published by USRowing. Commonly occurring delays throughout the day are not considered an official adjustment to the schedule.**

**Lightweight Men:**

Max: 150 lbs. (no average)

**Lightweight Women:**

Max: 130 lbs. (no average)

Coxswains:

The weight of Coxswains shall be determined once **each day** during either the Weigh-in Window or Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both. In the event a Coxswain is weighed after the applicable Weigh-in Window or Adjusted Weigh-in Window but before the first Race in which the weight is relevant, the Coxswain may be subject to one of the penalties described in Rule 2-602 (“Types of Penalties”); the presumed penalty for such infraction is a Warning. Failure to weigh-in at any point in time prior to the first Race in which the weight is relevant shall constitute a violation of Rule 4-105.1 (“Coxswain’s Weight”) and result in the Coxswain being deemed ineligible to race.

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Coxswains who do not comply with the minimum weight standard must provide their own materials to create deadweight in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Rowing. This weight must be placed in the boat as close to the torso of the coxswain as possible, and is specifically forbidden to be distributed throughout the boat. At any time, before or immediately after the race, the Referee, another Race Official, or a member of the Control Commission may require the weight of the deadweight to be checked.

**Crews must provide their own weight making materials.**

Excess clothing, equipment, electronic systems, tools, and other utilitarian devices germane to competition shall not be considered part of the coxswain’s weight and shall not be included as part of any deadweight.

Weighted vests cannot be worn in order to achieve the minimum weight.

**Coxswain for Men’s Event:**

Minimum: 120 lbs.

**Coxswain for Women’s Event:**

Minimum: 110 lbs.

**Entry Information:**

Crews will be notified of their qualification status no later than the Tuesday following their qualification regatta. At the time of notification, crews will have the permission necessary to submit their qualified crews online via [RegattaCentral](http://RegattaCentral). No paper entries will be accepted for this event.

**Crews must submit their entries no later than three (3) days after receiving their bid notification. This will be enforced this year, as the only spaces available for petitioning crews will come from bids that are declined.**

**On the Saturday following a crew’s bid notification, any bids that do not have an entry in the Youth National Championships will be forfeited, and those bids will be made available to petitioning crews.**

Petitioning crews that are accepted to enter an event are required to submit the corresponding entry within three (3) days of receiving the notification, otherwise, the bid is forfeited.

Entry fees become non-refundable after June 3, 2018.

All entry fees must be paid in full by June 3, 2018. After this date, unpaid entries may be scratched from the regatta. Payment arrangements may be made by contacting [alvin@usrowing.org](mailto:alvin@usrowing.org) prior to the deadline.

Crews representing an organization with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to compete until the balance is paid in full.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>
8+	\$ 248.00
4x/4+	\$ 182.00
2x/2-	\$ 121.00
1x	\$ 77.00

**Line-ups:**

All entries should include the line-up of athletes to compete as part of that entry.

A maximum of 50 percent substitutions (not including coxswains) will be allowed in the boat line-up that has qualified at a recognized qualification regatta. Substituted athletes must meet all eligibility and affiliation rules in order to compete.

Line-up changes must be submitted no later than 1 hour before the first race of the event for which the crew is entered.

**Entry Limits:**

All events will be limited to a maximum of 28 total entries.

No competitor shall enter more than two events at the Youth National Championships.

**Coaches and Coxswains Meeting:**

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018, at 5:00 PM.

**Medals:**

Medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place finishers in each A- Final. Coaches are invited to join their crews to receive a medal with their competitors.

Medals will be awarded at the awards stage. Award ceremony times will be included in the Confirmation Packet distributed closer to the event.

All medals and trophies are contingent on crews completing boat weighing, and any other rules-related requirements.

**Trophies:**

Trophies are awarded to the winning crew in each event. A coach or adult representative will be required to provide contact information for the crew taking the trophy.

Each winning crew is responsible for updating the trophy with their crew name and the year they won the trophy.

Winning crews are also responsible for the condition of the trophy during the year in which they possess

it.

Crews that won trophies at the 2017 USRowing Youth National Championships are required to return the trophies prior to racing at the 2018 regatta. Those crews returning to the 2018 event should return the trophy to the USRowing registration desk no later than June 7, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. Organizations not returning for the 2018 event must mail the trophy to the USRowing office no later than May 22, 2018. The trophy must be shipped to USRowing, 2 Wall Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

Crews not returning trophies from the previous year will not be allowed to compete until the trophy has been returned.

**Inclement Weather Information:**

The Chief Referee, USRowing, and Local Organizing Committee will work together to monitor the weather continuously during the regatta.

In the event that inclement weather causes delays in the regatta schedule, the following weather plan will be utilized:

**Notification Process:**

All schedule change notifications will be announced in the following places:

- On-site on the results/announcements board near the athlete/boat area
- On-site through any on-site public address systems in use
- Online via Twitter, Facebook, RegattaCentral, and the USRowing website
- Via text message. Coaches, athletes, and parents can register to receive weather related text messages by texting "USRowing" to 313131.

To ensure that each crew has at least 1 representative on the texting list, USRowing will manually add the Race Day Contact listed on RegattaCentral to the texting system.

Crews are responsible for staying updated on announced schedule changes.

Please direct any questions about schedule changes to USRowing at the registration area.

Schedule Changes will be made with the following priorities

- Delay racing either later the same day or to the next day, if time is available.
- Begin racing earlier than previously announced. Announcement will be made no later than 3 hours before racing or 9:00 PM the evening before in the case of morning racing.
- Utilize a time-trial system for a round of the event.
- Omit a round of the event. The composition of the next round will be determined on the basis of the results of those rounds that have been completed. If grand finals must be omitted, medals and trophies will be awarded based on the results of the last completed round of the event.
  - o If rounds must be omitted, the priority for rescheduling and race cancellations will give priority to ensuring the "A" Finals are held, and those events progressing into the "A" Finals are prioritized over the "C" and "B" finals.
- Cancel regatta.

Under no circumstances will races be rescheduled for a date later than June 10, 2018.

### *Weigh-in Procedures*

In instances where inclement weather causes a change in the scheduled race times for events that require the weighing of competitors (lightweights or coxswains), the time in which a competitor must be weighed will be affected as follows:

If the Scheduled Time of the first race is officially changed, then competitors may weigh-in during the original Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window.

The “Adjusted Weigh-in Window” is no less than one (1) hour and not more than two (2) hours before the new official start time of the first race in which the weight is relevant. The “Adjusted Weigh-in Window” only applies when a new official start time is published and posted. Normal regatta delays do not result in creating an “Adjusted Weigh-in Window”.

### **Lodging Information:**

USRowing has partnered with EMC Venues to provide accommodation options for teams and spectators travelling to the 2018 USRowing Youth National Championships.

Rooms are now available at a variety of hotel properties near the venue.

Use the link below to find a listing of available properties:

[2018 USRowing Youth National Championships Hotel Link](#)

### **Youth National Championships Coaches Advisory Committee**

Based on results from the 2017 post-regatta surveys, experience at the regional level, and best practices from a number of well-respected regattas across the country, USRowing has created a new Youth National Championships Coaches Advisory Committee.

The initial committee members were selected from those indicating their interest in serving, and offer a variety of leadership, backgrounds, and experiences that represents a cross section of the Youth Nationals community and constituency.

The inaugural committee members are (in alphabetical order):

- Nick D’Antoni (Newport Aquatic Center)
- Allen Eubanks (East Tennessee Rowing)
- Sharon Kriz (Saugatuck, NE Youth Council Chair)
- Sarah Low (Atlanta Jr., SE Youth Council Chair)
- Joe Manion (USRowing Referee & Board of Directors)
- Padraic McGovern (Everett Rowing, NW Rowing Council Jr Council)
- Larry Muri (Fordham Prep, New York State Scholastics President)
- Aaron Preetam (Germantown Friends)
- Falesha Thrash (Texas Rowing Center, Central Youth Council Chair)
- Mike Wallin (Chicago Rowing Foundation, MJRA Executive Committee)

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