



### **Event Confirmation Packet**

**May 18-19, 2019**

**Merrimack River, Lowell , MA**

USRowing, the Greater Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Lowell Rowing Regatta Association are excited to welcome crews to the ninth USRowing Northeast Youth Championships.

USRowing would like to thank the Northeast Youth Coaches Council for their guidance in organizing this year's event.

This packet includes venue-related information such as parking, practice times, the initial schedule of races, and other important information regarding the event.

### **USRowing Information Desk**

USRowing staff will be available at the Information desk in the UMass-Lowell Bellegarde Boathouse.

A representative from each team must come to the USRowing desk to collect team packets, which include time trial bow numbers and athlete credentials, prior to competing.

The desk will be open during the following hours to handle athlete registration, regatta administration, and to answer questions throughout the event.

USRowing Information Desk Hours:

Friday, May 17: 1:00 pm-6:00 pm

Saturday, May 18: 6:30 am-end of racing

Sunday, May 19: 6:30 am-end of racing

### **“Express Lane” On-Site Registration**

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 the Line-up Deadline posted in this packet and on RegattaCentral.

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

Instead of waiting in line, you can simply walk up, sign out that you’ve collected your credentials, and get back to your team.

### **Line-up Changes**

To allow for further ease at the registration table, USRowing will re-open RegattaCentral to accept line-up changes online.

Coaches will be able to edit their lineups in RegattaCentral beginning Thursday, May 16, until the Coaches and Coxswains Meeting on the evening of May 17.

After the C&C Meeting, any line-up changes must be submitted by completing a form at the USRowing Information Desk.

Line-up changes processed on-site are subject to a \$5 administrative fee that is due before the change can be officially processed.

After the C&C meeting, crews are only allowed to substitute a maximum of 50% of the line-up currently listed on RegattaCentral. No substitutions may be made for single scull entries except for illness or injury in accordance to USRowing rules.

No line-up changes will be allowed within 1 hour of the start of the first race of an event.

### **Late Entries**

Late entries will be accepted in events where additional entries will not change the progression of the event.

Late entries will only be accepted at the regatta venue during official registration hours.

E-mail submissions will not be accepted.

On-site late entries must be submitted no later than the close of registration on Friday, May 17.

### Scratches

At this time, all scratches must be submitted to USRowing on a [Scratch Form](#) at the USRowing Information Desk during posted hours.

All entry fees are non-refundable at this point, so the fees for entries scratched are still due for payment.

**Email submissions will not be accepted.**

Scratches received after the Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be subject to a forfeiture of the entry fee plus an additional \$50 scratch fee.

Crews failing to notify USRowing of a scratch in writing will be subject to an additional “No-Show Fee” of \$100 that must be paid in full before other crews from that organization are allowed to continue racing.

### Team Tent Information

Team Tents are first come, first served. We ask that teams let us know at the USRowing Registration desk where their team will be located at the event for tent sites A, B, or C.

<https://lowellregattas.com/team-tent-setup/>

### Parking and Venue Access Information

#### Trailer Parking

- Parking for Boat/Team/Tent trailers is permitted along the river on **Pawtucket Boulevard**. However, there are a few exceptions:
  - **TOW VEHICLES** should be detached from the trailer and parked in the Regatta Field Parking Lot.
  - **DO NOT PARK** directly in front of the Boathouse
  - **DO NOT MOVE** cones that were set to guide/merge traffic.
  - **Note:** If there is not enough room to fit your trailer between the cones and the curb, you are not allowed to park there.
- Parking is permitted for multiple trailers in the **Boathouse Parking Lot**.
  - This can accommodate 3-5 trailers if parked correctly.
- Parking is permitted on the grass down river from the **Rynne Beach Bath House** near the Beach Launch Site with **one exception**:
  - If it is raining or expected to rain, Trailers are not allowed on the grass. They must be on the street or in the boathouse parking lot.

**Spectator Parking**

<https://lowellregattas.com/venue-directions/parking-information/>

**Team Bus**

Bus Parking is in 1001 Pawtucket Blvd. Lowell MA 01854

**Drone Policy**

Drones must be approved prior to the regatta by USRowing and the Chief Referee. No drones may be used without authorization by USRowing.

<http://www.usrowing.org/drone-policy/>

**Practice Times**

The course will be available for practice beginning at noon on Friday, May 16. Launching for practice will close at 6:00 pm. All crews must be off of the water by 6:30 pm.

During listed practice times, crews will have access to the course to practice, as well as access to unofficial athlete scales for coxswains and lightweights.

The course will not be available for practice prior to racing or during lunch breaks on Saturday or Sunday.

Due to the amount of time required for racing, practice will not be available after racing on Saturday evening.

Teams are not permitted to practice on the course outside of posted practice times.

**Coaches and Coxswains Meeting**

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be scheduled for Friday, May 16 at 6:30 pm outside of the boat bays at the UMass-Lowell Bellegarde Boathouse.

**USRowing Youth National Championship Invitations**

Youth Nationals qualification details are included in the entry packet for this regatta.

Following this event, USRowing will determine which crews have earned bids in each event and open up registration for those crews.

Upon entering them into the RegattaCentral system, USRowing will notify the qualified crews of their status via an e-mail invitation sent to the email account listed on RegattaCentral.

Please be sure to update your email address in RegattaCentral to make sure you receive the invitation.

**Crews will have three days to register in their qualified event from the date when the invitation is sent. This limit will be strictly enforced this year.**

### **Regatta Merchandise**

Regatta and USRowing merchandise will be available at the N&D Sports tent located in the vendor area on Saturday and Sunday.

### **Results and Heat Sheets**

HereNow Timing is providing online heat sheets and results.

Initial heat sheets will be posted on the USRowing website on Thursday, May 16, no later than 5:00 pm.

### **Trophy Return**

Crews are reminded that they are required to turn in trophies won at the 2018 event to the USRowing Registration desk before the Coaches and Coxswains Meeting on Friday, May 17.

Crews that fail to return a trophy will be charged a \$400 replacement fee, due before any crew from that organization will be allowed to compete.

### **Award Ceremonies**

Medals will be awarded to the top three crews in all events, including non-qualifiers. Events with less than four entries will only have gold and silver medals awarded.

There will be awards ceremonies at the following times:

Events 1-18 – 11:00 am

Events 19-40 and Points Trophies – 3:30 pm

Award ceremonies will take place outside the UMass-Lowell Bellegarde Boathouse at the awards tent.

Crews unable to make their ceremony time can either come to be recognized at the end of a later ceremony or collect their medals from the USRowing Registration Desk during listed open times.

### **Initial Schedule of Races**

The initial schedule of races is available on the USRowing web site.

[Click here for Initial Schedule of Races.](#)

Note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change.

The heat sheet with initial lane draws will be posted no later than Thursday, May 16, 2019.

### **Traffic Pattern Map**

The traffic pattern map will be available on the USRowing web site by Thursday, May 16.

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