



2019 USRowing U17/U15 National Championships Event Confirmation Packet

June 1-2, 2019

Cooper River, Camden County, N.J.

USRowing and the South Jersey Rowing Club are proud to present the inaugural USRowing U17/U15 National Championships. Thank you for coming, and we hope you have an enjoyable race experience.

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 will be available at the registration tent just past the finish line. A representative from each team must come to the USRowing desk to collect team packets, which include time trial bow numbers (if applicable) 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 31: 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 1: 6:00 a.m. - end of racing

Sunday, June 2: 6:00 a.m. - end of racing

USRowing Membership

The USRowing U17/U15 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 Membership, in place. Each participant also must have a

signed waiver on file for 2019.

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>.

“Express Lane” Onsite Registration

Any crew whose lineups are complete, fully compliant with membership requirements, and fully paid on all entry and other fees are eligible for the “Express Lane” onsite 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 May 22 deadline.

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.

Lineup Changes

All entries must include the lineup of athletes to compete as part of that entry. All lineups must be finalized by May 22, 2019, in order to ensure athlete credentials are available.

Any entry without lineups after this time will be treated as a late entry. Lineups with placeholder names such as “A. Rower” will be considered incomplete and also will be considered late entries. This means they are subject to “Late Entry” fees, and the entry restrictions associated with late entries.

RegattaCentral will close for credential printing and “Express Lane” notifications. RegattaCentral will be re-opened to accept any last minute lineup changes on Thursday, May 30, and Friday, May 31, until the start of the Coaches & Coxswains meeting.

After that time, crews may substitute up to one half of its rowers, as well as its coxswain, excluding

single sculls. After this deadline, no substitutions may be made for single scull entries except for illness or injury in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Rowing.

Any lineup changes needed on race days must be completed at the USRowing registration desk.

Each lineup change processed onsite is subject to a \$5 administrative fee. Payment is due before a lineup change can be officially made.

Email lineup changes will not be accepted.

Late Entries

Late entries may be accepted in events where additional entries do not change the progression/schedule. These entries are subject to the late entry fees published in the Regatta Packet.

All late entries must be submitted at the USRowing registration desk during posted hours.

E-mail submissions will **NOT** be accepted.

All late entries must be submitted no later than the start of the Coaches & Coxswains meeting on Friday evening.

All late entry submissions must include completed "Late Entry Form" submitted to the USRowing desk. Crew members for late entries must meet all membership and eligibility requirements, and payment must be made in full before a late entry may be placed into an event.

Scratches

Beginning May 23, 2019, no refunds will be given for entries that are scratched.

E-mail notifications will be accepted until the close of on-site registration on Friday, May 31, 2019. After this time, scratches must be made in person at the regatta site in order to avoid the additional "No Show Fee."

An additional \$50 scratch fee will apply to all scratches made after RegattaCentral closes on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Any crew failing to submit a completed "Scratch Form" to the USRowing desk after Friday, May 31, will also be subject to a \$100 "No Show Fee," along with any other applicable fees.

All fees are due at the time of the scratch. Crews from an organization with outstanding "Scratch" or "No Show" fees may be prevented from competing until outstanding fees are paid in full.

Team Tent Information

Team tents will be available via The Cooper Training Center. Please click the link below and select "Rentals". For questions, please contact The Cooper Training Center through South Jersey Rowing Club at sjrcrowing@comcast.net.

https://www.regattacentral.com/clubs/?org_id=4021

Parking and Venue Access Information

Trailer Parking

Parking will be located on the corner of North Park Drive and Cuthbert Blvd.

Trailers will be allowed to park on Thursday from 2-6 p.m. and on Friday starting at 7 a.m.

Trailers wishing to arrive outside of the parking times available on Thursday must contact Jamie Stack by phone (856-661-3188) or email (stacksrows@comcast.net) prior to their arrival.

A parking attendant will instruct you to a designated parking place. Any trailer parked outside of the parking hours is subject to being moved by boathouse staff.

Spectator Parking

GPS destination: 7050 N Park Dr, Pennsauken Township, NJ 08109.

Parking will be available on the side of North Park Drive, along Cooper River Park.

Be sure to park in a legal parking space, as some sections of North Park Drive are clearly marked as no parking areas. Drivers are responsible for any tickets or fines that result from parking illegally. Spectators and team vehicles will not be allowed to park on the grass in the park.

Drone Policy

In accordance with USRowing's drone policy, anyone interested in utilizing a flying drone at the regatta venue must receive approval from USRowing and the Local Organizing Committee.

To request approval, contact brett.johnson@usrowing.org for more information.

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.

Practice Times

The course will be available for practice beginning at Noon on Friday, May 31. Launching for practice will close at 4:30 p.m. All crews must be off of the water by 5:00 p.m.

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 launch from the venue or practice on the course outside of posted practice times.

Initial Schedule of Races

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

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

Note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change.

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 30, no later than 5:00 pm.

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting

The Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will take place Friday, May 31, at 5:30 p.m. near the awards stage close to the finish line.

All competitors and coaches are responsible for any information given at this meeting.

Athlete Weigh-Ins

Athlete weigh-ins at this event will follow the 2019 USRowing Rules of Rowing. Those rules are listed below, for your convenience.

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

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.

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.

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.

Due to the relatively limited experience level of the crews involved in this event, USRowing strongly encourages participation by coxswains whose maximum required deadweight does not exceed the FISA maximum (Rule 27) of 15kg (33.1 pounds). Coxswains whose required deadweight exceeds this threshold will be allowed to compete, but may be required to wear or display highly visible indications (e.g., safety vests, armbands, etc) of their status, to assist in monitoring by officials during competition.

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:

Coxswain for Women’s Event:

Minimum: 120 lbs.

Minimum: 110 lbs.

Inclement Weather Information

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

Should it be determined that schedule changes are necessary due to weather concerns, the following weather plan will be utilized:

Communication Plan

Weather-related schedule changes will be announced utilizing the following mediums.

- Posted on the results board located at the regatta site
- 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 one 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 any announced schedule changes.

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

Schedule changes will be made using the following priority system:

1. Delay racing either later the same day or to the next day, if time is available.
2. Begin racing earlier than previously announced. Announcement will be made no later than three hours before racing or 9:00 p.m. the evening before in the case of morning racing.
3. Utilize a time-trial system for a round of the event.
4. 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 will be awarded based on crews' placements in the last completed round of the event.
5. Cancel events that have completed at least one round of racing.
6. Cancel regatta.

Under no circumstances will races be rescheduled for a date later than June 2, 2019.

Effect on Weigh-in Procedures

In instances where inclement weather causes a change in the scheduled race times for events that require the weighing of competitors (coxswains), the time in which a competitor must be weighed will be affected as described in the Rules of Rowing. See the current year's rulebook, or the weigh-in sections in this packet, for details.

Regatta Merchandise

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

Medals/Award Ceremony

Medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place finishers in each Final A. A final must contain a minimum of four (4) boats in order for a third-place medal to be awarded. This rule applies to both qualifying and non-qualifying events.

Points champions in the following categories will be awarded to teams based upon the points earned by that team's crews in national championship events. All events will be scored. Points will be awarded to the highest placing crew for each organization in each event. In the event of a tie, the team with the highest number of gold-medal crews in all events will be awarded the championships.

- **Overall Team Champion** - Presented to the team with the highest **Combined** point total in all events.
- **Men's Team Champion** - Presented to the team with the highest **Men's** point total.
- **Women's Team Champion** - Presented to the team with the highest **Women's** point total.

Due to the amount of doubling up, medals will be given out on a continuous basis at the awards stage next to the gazebo just before the finish line.

Medals in the U15 events can be picked up beginning Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Medals in the U17 events can be picked up beginning Sunday at Noon.

The awards ceremony for the overall, men's and women's team champions will begin 30 minutes following the completion of racing on Sunday.

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