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1. ENTRIES. To be complete, entries must include payment (payable to “Toledo Rowing”), completed entry form for each event and waiver form signed by each competitor (parent/guardian must sign for competitor under 18) or, for members of US Rowing Association, on file with US Rowing. Registration is on-line at www.regattacentral.com.

2. ELIGIBILITY. As a US rowing Registered Regatta, Frogtown Races requires that all competitors must be rowing with a US Rowing member organization. All rowers need not be US Rowing members, but their club or school must be a US Rowing organizational member. Single scullers are exempted from this rule.

3. BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE. Security patrolled, overnight storage will be available at Toledo Rowing Club parking lot designated on the site map after 5:00 pm on Friday, October 15, 2004.

4. CHECK-IN. All coaches or other parties responsible for each school or club must check in to confirm registration and receive race packets. Check-in will occur on race day at Registration in the gazebo in the park from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

5. COACHES/COXSWAINS/SCULLERS MEETING. A meeting for coaches, coxswains, and scullers will be held in the gazebo as noted on the site map from 7:00 – 7:30 A.M. on Saturday, October 16, 2004. Attendance at the meeting is strongly recommended.

6. LIGHTWEIGHT CREWS. Weigh-in for lightweight crews will occur in the gazebo. Current US Rowing Association weight limits will be adhered to.

7. **COURSE.** The course extends approximately 2.5 miles, starting downstream at the Norfolk & Western Railroad Bridge and proceeds along the west shores of the Maumee River, finishing at the mouth of Swan Creek. (see map at Registration and launch site.)

8. **BOW AND BACK NUMBERS.** Bow and back numbers will be distributed at registration in the race packet. Bow numbers must be returned at the conclusion of racing to the Dockmaster. All shells must have bow clips to race. Back numbers must be worn on the back of the bow rower; stern coxswains must wear numbers on their backs (provided in the race packet) and a bow-coxed shell must place its stern bib number on the front of the stroke seat rower.

9. **START.** Directions for proceeding to the start will be announced at the meeting for coaches/coxswains/scullers. Boats must be ready to leave the dock at the specified launch time. Due to the large numbers of crews anticipated, quick launching is essential. Boats must arrive at the marshaling area 5 minutes before the start time of their event.

10. **CLASSES.**

Junior. A junior is a competitor who in the current calendar year does not attain the age of 19, or who is currently and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full time student seeking a diploma.

Novice. A novice is a competitor who has not competed in a regatta before the current calendar year.

Open. Unrestricted.

Master. A master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 27 during the current calendar year.

Lightweight. In any men's lightweight event (sweeps or sculling) no rower shall weigh more than 160 lbs. In any junior men's lightweight event no rower shall weigh more than 155 lbs. In any women's lightweight event (including juniors), no rower shall weigh more than 130 lbs.

Recreational. The Recreational category is for masters who practice on the average 1-2 days per week. This category includes such crews as those rowing as corporate crews, in a summer rowing league, as novices (in first year of rowing), or other occasional rowers. What distinguishes a recreational rower is the limited frequency with which he or she rows.

11. **HANDICAPPING.** Masters races will be handicapped.. Competitors/crews entered in masters races who do not have their ages (as of 12/31/04) listed on their entry forms will not have their handicaps calculated (actual elapsed time will be used). Handicaps will be figures using US Rowing Association 1000 meter handicaps, multiplied by 2.25.

12. **EVENTS.** Please see the Events List and Schedule in the Race Packet. Although every effort will be made to keep to the published events schedule, the race times are subject to change.

13. **EVENT TIMES.** Entries MUST row only at the time the event they are entered in is scheduled and raced. No boats will be permitted to race at any other time in the schedule (e.g., a women's novice 4+ will not be permitted to race when the men's open 4+'s are racing or at any other time except when women's novice 4+'s are racing).

14. **HOTSEATING.** Races will not be delayed to permit hotseating. All crews are on notice of the scheduled launch and start times, and enter at their own risk. The Dockmaster retains the final authority regarding the launch and retrieval order of shells.

15. **CONDUCT DURING TRANSIT, RACING AND PENALTIES**

A. Boats will row to the start line downriver along the river's east bank (to the coxswain's right, sculler's left) and race back to the west of the center line of the river.

B. Boats passing other racing boats shall pass on the inside of a turn or curve in the river. On straightaway areas of the course, the passing boat may take its choice of sides. An overtaken boat will yield to the outside of a turn or curve, or to the side not chosen by the overtaking boat on the straightaway.

C. Boats rowing to the start will at all times stay between the port side of the course buoys and the east bank.

D. Any racing boat crossing the buoys (with any part of the hull of the boat, but not the oars) will be charged a penalty of 10 seconds per crossing. All boats must finish between the finish line buoys, and any boat finishing outside the buoys will be charged a 20 second penalty. Boats in transit to the start may also be charged a penalty for crossing buoys.

E. Any boat which, without justification, interferes with the forward progress of another boat, or which unreasonably fails to yield to an overtaking boat will be charged a 1-minute time penalty or be excluded, at the discretion of the officials.

F. After crossing the finish line, a shell must continue rowing at a paddle until signaled to turn.

16. **PROTESTS.** Protests regarding the outcome of a race must be made to Race Central within 60 minutes of the time of race completion. Protests made outside of that time period will not be allowed. Protests must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 at the time the protest is submitted to Race Central. The fee will be refunded if a decision in favor of the protest is made.

17. **MEDALS/TROPHIES.** Medals (gold, silver and bronze) will be awarded to winning crews when race results are confirmed and official. Special trophies will be awarded for designated events.

18. **TEAM POINTS TROPHY.** Will be awarded.

19. **GENERAL RULES.** US Rowing Association Rules of Racing apply to all situations not covered above.

20 **FEES.** Singles \$20.00, Doubles/pairs \$30.00, Fours/Quads \$50.00, Eights \$60.00. Credit card payment will be accepted by Regatta Central. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 13, 2004.

Register on-line at www.regattacentral.com.

