

Please join us in Indianapolis for the Head of the Eagle - a great mid-season regatta. Racing occurs on the beautiful Eagle Creek Reservoir in Eagle Creek Park (ECP).

REGATTA ADDRESS: 7350 Eagle Beach Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46254

EVENT DATE: Saturday, October 5th, 2019

ENTRY DEADLINE: Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 at 11:59PM EST

LATE ENTRY DEADLINE: No Late Entries



REGATTA STAFF:

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FRIDAY SCHEDULE: 5 -7 pm Trailer drop off
7:30pm ECP gates lock

SATURDAY SCHEDULE: 6:15am Park gates open @56th street
7:00am Packet pick up (beach pavilion)
7:30am Coaches, Coxes & Blind Boats meeting (beach pavilion)
9:00am Head racing begins

ENTRY FEES:8+ \$90
4+/4x \$65
2x/2- \$40
1x \$25

Fee Cap is at \$1500 per club. Please note that to receive this fee cap all entries must be submitted under one account with the club. The Head of the Eagle regatta will not refund **scratches** after the ENTRY deadline.

REGATTA INFORMATION

Bow markers and Bib Numbers

Bow markers and bib numbers must be picked up at registration. Bow markers must be affixed on the bow of the racing shell by way of an appropriate bow marker holder. Bib numbers must be worn visibly on the back of each single sculler or bow seat rower in a team boat.

Concessions & Merchandise

There will not be food/beverage available for purchase in Eagle Creek Park. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on park property.

Entries

All competitors may participate in multiple events; however, competitors are responsible for allowing sufficient time to race in one event, land, and launch in time for additional events.

Lineups are not required for entries—only boats. The exception is 1x, in which the competitors name must be entered.



Crews must have an A boat entered in order to enter a B boat, a B boat entered in order to enter a C. Clubs may have unlimited C and D entries.

There are no mail-in entries. All entries must be made on-line at RegattaCentral.

Masters competitors must submit dates of birth for all competitors during the entry process. Crews with missing or incomplete date of birth information will race as a 27-year-old rower.

The Head of the Eagle reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any one event. Confirmed entries will be posted on RegattaCentral.

Event Classifications

All competitors must be eligible for the event division in which they are competing. Any crew containing an ineligible competitor will be violating the rules and will be disqualified from the regatta.

Failure to comply will cause the results of the competitors to be excluded.

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.

Masters - In accordance with USRowing rules, a master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 21 during the current calendar year. Age is determined by the competitor's age as of December 31, 2019. Average age of a boat will be used for multiple-competitor boats. A master's crew shall be comprised exclusively of master's rowers, but the coxswain need not be a master.

Handicaps will be applied for all boats using the standard USRowing handicaps for a 1,000 meter course and will be multiplied by 5 to factor for the length of the course.

Novice – Any oarsperson who is eligible to row as a freshman/novice at their own institution or has not rowed in a race prior to January 1, 2019.

Open – Any rower (junior, collegiate, novice or masters) may compete in the Mixed Open events at the Eagle.

Hot Seating

We will not hold races to accommodate for hot seating. Please allow at least one hour between events for athletes. There will be a specific dock designated for Hot Seating.

Accommodations:

There are hotels close to the 71st Street and I-465 area just outside of Eagle Creek park. You may also find hotel suggestions on the [IRC Website](#).

Medals

Medals will be awarded as results are finalized. Medals awarded to first, second, and third place for all head races. A crew must beat another crew to be awarded medals (ie. only Gold and Silver will be award in a three boat race). Results will be posted at Control Commission near the recovery docks and at the IRC Boathouse. Medals can be picked up in the gazebo by the launch docks. Note that medals will not be mailed to winners. **ALL** medals must be picked up prior to teams departing the regatta venue.

Medical

Emergency medical services will be provided by Pike Township Ambulance Service.



Parking

Eagle Creek Park is one of the country's largest city parks and will be open during the regatta. Please follow all posted parking instructions and park rules.

There is a fee to enter Eagle Creek Park (\$15 for vans and buses, \$6 for cars). Park gates will be open at 6:15am. Team trailers and their tow vehicles will be given a pass to enter the park for free. All other vehicles (team buses, vans, spectators, rowers, coaches, etc.) will have to pay the park entry fee.

Primary parking for **spectators and competitors** will be in the parking areas of Eagle Beach Drive and the swimming area.

Boat Trailer parking will be in the fenced area by the beach. Please follow signs for trailer parking. Crews must bring their own slings and/or low boys for boat storage, or store boats on their trailer.

Booster Trailer parking will be in the fenced in area of the beach area.

The Park gates will be open until 7:30pm on Friday. The park gates will be open at 6:15 am on Saturday.

Penalties

Minor Violations (10 second penalty per occurrence)

- Each buoy missed on the course
- Shells without bow numbers/bib numbers at the finish
- Purposely starting out of order against directions of the starter
- Failure to follow traffic rules in the launching, docking, start marshaling, or warm-up area
- Launching from the incorrect dock

Major Violations (30 second penalty per occurrence)

- Interference with crews marshaling in the start area
- Not granting right-of-way for overtaking crews
- Missing buoy chute at start
- Missing buoy chute at finish
- Passing in the **NO PASSING ZONE** near the bridge
- Failure to pass through the appropriate span of the 56th Street bridge
- Interfering with another shell during the same race
- Unsportsmanlike conduct

Exclusion (Crews will row the course back to the docks)

- Not arriving at the start before the start of the next race
- Not complying with specified classification of events
- Interference with a racing shell by a non-racing shell
- Causing a collision
- Rowing the course with the wrong bow number

Protests

All signed written protests must be filed within one hour of the crew reaching land after the end of the race in which the violation occurred. The protest must state the problem and remedy sought. The crew's coxswain or representative rower/sculler must verbally indicate the crew's intent to file a protest to the referee at the finish line or to the referee on shore at the docks/launching area.



Protest forms must be filed directly with the USRowing race official. You may have a representative from the protesting crew available during the judge and referee deliberations. A \$25 filing fee is required at the time a protest is filed. In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.

Race course

Maps will be posted at the regatta site with the traffic pattern and the pattern will be covered in detail at the Coaches and Coxswains meeting. The traffic pattern is also posted on the IRC Head of the Eagle page (indyrowing.org – Hosted Events).

Crews will be starting at the far end of the South pool of the reservoir, heading north and parallel to Rick's Boatyard Café. The finish will occur in the North pool at the 500 marker. The total distance is 4,500 meters.

Registration/Packet Pick Up

Scullers and crew representatives must register and pick up their regatta packets on Saturday morning, beginning at 7:00am, at the beach pavilion just south of the boat storage area.

All scratches must be reported at least one hour prior to the start of racing.

Results

Results will be posted at Control Commission on a big white results board. Results will be unofficial until such time as the reports of the referees have been received and penalties assessed. Official results will be available on RegattaCentral once the event is over.

Safety

All shells must be equipped with a bow ball. Each set of shoes within the shell must be equipped with properly-secured heel tie-downs.

A boat in which the body of the coxswain is enclosed or partially enclosed within the hull of the boat shall conform to the following requirements:

(a) The opening through which the coxswain enters and exits shall be at least 2.30 feet (70 cm) long when measured along the longitudinal axis of the boat. For a length of at least 1.64 feet (50 cm), the opening shall be as wide as the inner hull of the boat itself.

(b) The inner surface with which the coxswain's body rests shall be smooth and free of any obstacles, devices, or other structures that would hinder quick exit.

A **NO PASSING ZONE** in and out of the bridge will be marked with tall orange buoys.

Social Media

Twitter & Instagram: @indyrowing / #HOTEagle

Facebook: The Indianapolis Rowing Center

Schedule

The event list is posted on RegattaCentral. Events with fewer than 3 entries may be combined with other events. The final schedule and heat sheet will be posted on RegattaCentral after registration has closed.

Racing will begin at 9:00 am. First call will be 45 minutes prior to event; Last call will be 25 minutes. Boats late to the start will be rowing for time only and will not medal.

There will be a 75 minute lunch break.



Security

Eagle Creek Park is a public park. Please be sure to bring your personal valuables with you to your team area, or lock them in the trunk of your car. DO NOT leave valuable items clearly visible in your vehicle (on the seats or dashboard). The gates to Eagle Creek Park are locked from sunset to sunrise. All trailers will be in an area that is gated, locked and enclosed.

Team Tents

Team tents are welcome and will be set up in the fenced-in area of the swimming beach.

Trash/Recycling

Please bring extra trash bags for your team area. The trash bins can fill up quickly. We will also have a few recycling containers throughout the venue. Please use these to dispose of your plastics.

Waivers

- The Head of the Eagle is a USRowing registered regatta. All participating clubs must be registered with USRowing.
- Waivers must be completed on-line. Please make sure that you have verified that all your athletes have signed a single waiver using the USRowing roster management tool at <https://rosters.usrowing.org/>.
- Rowers can also fill out an IRC waiver, located at www.indyrowing.org. Completed waivers can be turned in at the end of the Coaches & Coxswains meeting.

Weather

It is possible that weather may delay racing. If this is the case the following strategies may be taken to accommodate a shorter racing schedule:

- Cancel small boat events
- Reduce distance to 2,000 meters in the north pool or south pool (depending on wind speed and direction)
- Race on Sunday, October 6th, 2019 (if weather looks favorable)
- Regatta canceled

Weigh-ins

Crews are expected to conform to the USRowing Rules regarding weight for coxswains. There will be no weigh-ins at this year's Head of the Eagle.

1. A Coxswain in an Event for men's Crews shall weigh at least 120 lbs.
2. A Coxswain in an Event for women's Crews shall weigh at least 110 lbs.
3. A Coxswain in an Event for mixed crews shall weigh at least 120 lbs.

Thank you! IRC, the LOC and the Eagle Creek Park staff look forward to the competition!

Janet Klochko
IRC Director and Regatta Director

