

New York State Scholastic Rowing Association

2009 SECTION II CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Eligibility

1. All competitors in a scholastic boat must represent the same school. Each school must submit a team roster, signed by the school principal or athletic director, listing the names of all eligible athletes. The team roster is generated by RegattaCentral.com when you register.
2. The term “composite” refers to lineups made from rowers representing different schools - not different, established rowing teams. These rowers should still be members of the same rowing association.
3. The single can be considered either composite or scholastic.
4. Rowers may compete in ONE race on Saturday and ONE race on Sunday.
5. Eligible competitors must not have attained the age of 19 years prior to September 1, 2008.
6. Schools may enter second events only if they have already entered a first boat that is faster. A school **MUST** enter the first varsity event in order to qualify for an entry in a second varsity or lower event. Likewise, third boats may only be entered if a faster second boat has been entered.
7. Novice events are restricted to athletes in their first school year of rowing. Therefore, an athlete may only race as a novice at Sectionals once; repeat years as a novice are not permitted. Freshmen events are restricted to students who are enrolled in the 9th grade or lower.

Registration

Organizational Membership and Insurance - All participating organizations must be fully insured. This Regatta is sponsored and insured through the Niskayuna School District. All participants must show proof of organizational insurance either through USRowing or another provider. Proof of such insurance should be delivered with team rosters so that it is received by Friday, April 24, 2009. Any questions regarding organizational insurance should be directed to Peter Wistort at Sect2Regatta@gmail.com. There is no requirement for schools to have participants be individual members of USRowing.

On-Line Registration Only - All entries must be made at RegattaCentral.com.

Entry Deadline - Entries are due no later than midnight on Thursday, April 23, 2009. After that date, entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and only with a \$20.00 per boat late fee.

Race Entries - Complete all race entries using the web link features on RegattaCentral.com.

Program Contents - As in past years, the Regatta program will list all participating rowers, coaching and other team personnel, as well as any other current and/or historical information you wish to provide about your club. The deadline for submitting this information is Friday, April 10. Please send this information as an email attachment (Word or rtf document) to Sect2Regatta@gmail.com. Rower names should be listed in alphabetical order, and please does not use an Excel file for listing the names.

Team Roster - As part of registration at Regatta Central, you will prepare a team roster. Team rosters must be signed by the Principal or Athletic Director of the school and contain only names of bona fide students who are in regular attendance at day classes and whose academic eligibility meets the regular requirements of their school. For club entries the roster must be signed by a club official. Print the Team Roster from Regatta Central, and mail in time for delivery no later than Friday, April 24. Rosters may be sent as an email attachment to Sect2Regatta@gmail.com or to fax number 382-2539 c/o Alfred Sive. Rosters must include every individual listed on race entries.

Waivers - Rowers and their parents **do not** need to sign individual waivers to participate in this Regatta. This is a change from past practice. However, it is absolutely essential that every team participating in the Regatta provide proof of organizational insurance as stated above.

Entry Fees - pay by credit card at Regatta Central or by check in time for delivery no later than Friday, April 24.

8+ - \$ 65 4+ - \$ 50 4x - \$ 45 2x - \$ 25 1x - \$ 15

Fees are non-refundable after Wednesday, April 29. Please make checks payable to "FNR".

Scratch Fees - Entry fees will be refunded if the scratches are made before Tuesday, April 28. Those scratching after that time will forfeit their entry fees.

Advertising - Advertising in the regatta program is encouraged. The deadline for sending in advertising copy is Friday, April 10. For more information, please contact David Malcolm at KarenMalcolm@nycap.rr.com. Please pass this along to your parents group. Many have asked in the past how they can take out an ad in the program.

Mailing Registration Materials - The team roster and the check for entry fees (if not paying on-line through RegattaCentral.com) should be mailed to ensure delivery by Friday, April 24 to:

NYSSRA Section 2 Regatta Registration
Friends of Niskayuna Rowing
2159 Orchard Park Drive
Niskayuna, NY 12309

Final Race Schedule

The Draw will be completed Saturday, April 25 at the Saratoga Invitational after the final race at the Niskayuna Rowing Team trailer. The more teams represented the better. The final schedule will be available through Regatta Central on Wednesday, April 29.

Race Day Procedures

Yacht Club Launching Site - All visiting crews will be parked at and launch from the Schenectady Yacht Club site on the Northeast side of the Rexford Bridge. See venue maps on Regatta Central for information on parking location for bus and spectators, as well as space for team trailers and tents.

Parking - Parking at the Schenectady Yacht Club will cost \$5 per day. Team coaches and team trailers will not be charged for parking. Please notify your parents about the cost of parking.

Tent and Trailer Placement - Team booster tents may be erected in the team trailer area at your own risk. Please use caution and consideration in setting up your tent. Be sure your tent is well secured in the event of high winds. The Regatta Committee is not responsible for any loss of items, damage to property or personal injury as the result of a tent's existence on the regatta site. All teams must carry out any trash they produce. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to provide a safe and comfortable environment for our competitors and spectators.

Yacht Docks and Dry Dock - Please notify your coaches, rowers, and parents that no access is allowed on the Schenectady Yacht Club docks and dry dock area. Adults must supervise all children on race day to ensure compliance.

Check-In - When teams arrive on Saturday and Sunday the head coach should sign-in to receive a team packet at the officials' tent near the launching site. Entry information for each school will be provided in a team packet at the time of registration. The coach or team representative should check and verify the entries

and boats for his/her school. All substitutions and scratches must be reported at check-in.

Sunday Regatta Breakfast - All coaches and Board presidents are invited to attend a complimentary breakfast hosted by the Friends of Niskayuna Rowing. The breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday and be held on-site in the clubhouse of the Schenectady Yacht Club

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting - A sculling meeting for all coaches, single scullers, and sculling bowmen/women in doubles and quads will be held Saturday afternoon next to the officials' tent at the launching site starting at 1:15 p.m. Another coaches and coxswains meeting for sweep events will be held on Sunday morning next to the officials' tent at the launching site starting at 9:15 a.m.

Substitutions - A crew other than a single scull may substitute up to one-half of its rowers, as well as the coxswain. Any substitutions must be announced at on-site check-in. Rowers listed as substitutions must appear on the team roster that has been signed by a Principal, or Athletic Director of the school.

Start Times - Races will not be delayed for crews that are late to the start for any reason. The start time for all races will be arranged to accommodate rowers who are taking SAT exams on Saturday morning.

Lane Placement - Lane placement for finals will be determined by heat times as follows:

- 1st place - lane 3
- 2nd place - lane 4
- 3rd place - lane 2
- 4th place - lane 5
- 5th place - lane 1
- 6th place - lane 6

Bow Markers - Bow numbers will not be provided. Each school must provide its own bow number. Bow numbers one through six will be used, corresponding to assigned lane numbers.

Bow Balls and Heal Ties - No shell may launch without a bow ball or heal ties for each seat.

Uniforms - All crews must wear matching shirts. "Matching" means identical in style, color, and detail, including any insignia. No crew will be permitted to race in violation of this rule.

Awards - Trophies will be awarded to schools for first place winners of boys' and girls' first varsity and freshman races. Plaques will be awarded for all sweep races. Medals will be given to all first, second, and third place crews. Medals will be awarded to crews immediately after each race at the awards dock with rowers remaining in their shells. Carnations will also be provided to all first, second and third place winners.

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>2008 Winner</u>
Varsity Girl's Eight	William K. Altshuler Bowl	Saratoga
Varsity Boy's Eight	Thomas Cole Cup	Burnt Hills
Freshmen Girl's Eight	Mohawk Valley Marine Cup	Saratoga
Freshmen Boy's Eight	The Goldstock's Cup	Saratoga

Team Points - Team points will be awarded as follows:

Multiply the # of points by the # of seats (coxswains included) to reach final total points for a given finish.

Order of Finish	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
First Varsity	17	15	13	11	9	7
Second Varsity, Junior and Lightweight	14	12	10	8	6	4
Third Varsity, Freshmen, and Novice	11	7	5	3	2	1

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - The crew of any competitor caught stealing or engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct will, at the discretion of the Regatta Committee, be disqualified. Rowers must be respectful to all other participants, officials, spectators, race volunteers, vendors, and official race support personnel (law enforcement, emergency services and bus drivers).