

2022 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta

Rules and Eligibility

April 23-24, 2022

Oak Ridge Rowing Association (ORRA) welcomes you to the 2022 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta. We recognize that this regatta will serve as a season ending event for some while others will test their preparedness for the upcoming USRowing Regional Championships, including the Southeast Championship and USRowing's Youth Nationals this Summer. As Regatta Director, my goal, and the goal of our entire local organizing committee (LOC), is to provide our Junior athletes with a safe, fun, and fair event that provides these young men and women the opportunity to compete on Melton Hill Lake. We look forward to a memorable event for everyone.

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Location

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Covid Safety

ORRA, in conjunction with our Covid officer, US Rowing, and the Anderson County Health Department, will continue to watch the Covid developments and act accordingly. As such this is a fluid development and all updates will be posted and forwarded ASAP.

Currently ORRA and the City of Oak Ridge are fully open for business. Our boathouse has a mask requirement indoors with frequent hand sanitizing and cleaning of equipment following use.

We ask that you follow all local and business rules and respect others as you would ask others to respect yourselves.

USRowing Regatta Liability Waiver Requirement

Every competitor must complete an online USRowing Regatta Liability Waiver. Competitors under the age of 18 must sign and have a parent or legal guardian sign an individual minor's waiver. Paper waivers will be accepted, but teams should make every effort to complete their USRowing roster online. Each team must check in with registration before being able to participate. This may be completed either Friday or Saturday before the first race by members or representatives of that crew.

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting

The Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be a virtual event, at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 22, 2022, delivered via Zoom. Zoom dial-in information will be distributed to all participating teams via email (through Regatta Central) well in advance of their arrival on-site. At least one representative from each crew must attend. Crews are responsible for the information delivered at the meeting, regardless of attendance. Any changes to this schedule will be announced ASAP.

Regatta Trailer Parking:

ORRA will accept trailers to the trailer laydown beginning Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 2:00 PM. ORRA LOC will provide assistance with parking. Trailer areas are individually marked. Each team may occupy a single trailer location. Locations are first-come, first-served. No trailers can be parked prior to 2:00 PM on Thursday. All truck/trailers must enter from the ORRA Boathouse at 697 Melton Lake Drive. Trucks/tow vehicles must be removed from the trailer laydown area.

Security

On-site security of the entire venue (athlete area, boathouse, and parking lot) is provided from 7:00 P.M. Friday to 6:00 A.M. Saturday and 7:00 P.M. Saturday to 6:00 A.M. Sunday. Parking lot areas will be closed to outside traffic/vehicles.

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Registration

Entries may be made on the Regatta Central web site: <http://www.regattacentral.com>. The Entry Window closes on Sunday at midnight, the week before the event. Notes:

- A Team may only enter one boat for a 1V event if there is also the same 2V event. If there is not a 2V event, teams may enter multiple boats in the 1V event. A Team may only enter one boat for a 2V event if there is also the same 3V event. If there is not a 3V event, teams may enter multiple boats in the 2V event.
- A Team cannot enter a 2V event without the corresponding 1V event. A Team cannot enter a 3V event without the corresponding 2V event.
- The final schedule will be released once all entries are received.
- Late entries are subject to Regatta Director approval. A coach must have written confirmation from the Regatta Director for the addition of any entry. Late entries may not be added if they change the progression system of the event.
- The Dogwood Junior Championship does not allow exhibition entries, regardless of circumstance.

Rules of Rowing

The Oak Ridge Rowing Association Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta will be executed in accordance with the 2022 USRowing Rules of Rowing, except as noted.

- In accordance with USRowing, medical substitutions between events may be approved by someone certified in the medical field. If a lineup change needs to be made before an event starts, it must be approved in advance by the Regatta Director.
- In accordance with USRowing, a substitution from a qualifying crew from Saturday to Sunday may be made to accommodate religious beliefs. That lineup change must be approved by the Regatta Director prior to the progression of that crew.
- Any changes adopted by US Rowing will be announced ASAP (coxswains weight and age categories currently under discussion).

Entry Fees

Entry Fees are described on the overview page of Regatta Central.

- There are no team fee caps for this event.
- The refund of fees for events canceled due to acts of God are not refundable.
- If a scratch takes place after the entry period is closed, it will not be reimbursed.
- Events with only one entry may be scratched and that boat/crew will be reimbursed.

Awards/ Medals

The top three places for each Event are awarded medals, provided if at least three boats compete in the event. Only A Finals are awarded medals. Medals will be awarded once results are official. Any medals that are not picked up by the end of the event will not be shipped.

Practice

Practice is available beginning at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 22, 2022. Competitors practicing on the course do so at their own risk. The Dogwood Juniors Regatta Committee will not be supervising the race course prior to race day. All competitors must be off the course prior to 8:00 PM. Competitors may not practice on the course once racing is concluded for the day. The course will be closed once racing has concluded. Practice is not allowed the morning of either race day.

Weigh Ins

In accordance with the US Rowing 2022 Youth National event list the 2022 Dogwood Jr Regatta has removed all Jr Lightweight events. Furthermore, there will be NO COXSWAIN WEIGH INS. Coxswains are expected to be at a natural weight and not participate in any unhealthy weight loss activity.

Dock Master

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The Dock Master has authority over the dock area. Each competitor is required to report in before launching off the dock. Competitors not reporting prior to last-call will be scratched. All competitors must return to the recovery docks after their race.

Launching

For Time Trials - crews will launch from the two farthest input docks from the boathouse in the marina harbor, and will recover from the two closest. The two additional docks, immediately in front of the boathouse will be used if necessary, but crews should not plan on using them. There will be no time for equipment adjustment on the docks. Crews should plan to adjust foot stretchers and tie shoelaces after launching. Masks must be worn by all athletes until they have launched. The LOC will provide signage at the Launch and Recovery docks to indicate the specific pattern.

For Practice Periods and Sprint Racing - crews will launch from the two nearest launch docks from the boathouse in the marina harbor, and will recover from the two farthest. The two additional docks, immediately in front of the boathouse will be used if necessary, but crews should not plan on using them. There will be no time for equipment adjustment on the docks. Crews should plan to adjust foot stretchers and tie shoelaces after launching. Masks must be worn by all athletes until they have launched. The LOC will provide signage at the Launch and Recovery docks to indicate the specific pattern.

Hot Seating

No special accommodations will be made for a crew to hot-seat.

Safety Equipment

Every competing boat shall be properly equipped with a bow ball. Every competing boat shall also be equipped with quick-release shoes. Control commission will check before boarding launching docks (per rule 3-109).

Bow Numbers

Time Trial numbers for all boats will be assigned and distributed by ORRA as part of their daily registration.

Bow numbers for progressions and Finals will use an alphanumeric designation, with ORRA managing the assignment of Event Number of alphanumeric character, and the numeric designation indicating the assigned lane for that particular crew. Lane numbers are 1-7, with Lane 1 being closest to the far shore, and Lane 7 being closest to the near shore/greenway. Crews are reminded to return bow numbers to the dock master after your race. If bow numbers are not returned, the crew associated with the bow number will be charged \$10 per missing bow number.

Rowing to the Starting Line

Traveling to the start for *time trial racing*, crews will turn right immediately out of the embayment. Crews will travel down past the finish tower/line and then cross below the course Finish Line, and travel up.

Traveling to the start for 7-lane sprint racing, crews will exit the embayment yielding to regatta traffic approaching on course. Cross the race course as directly as possible to the far shore. Turn to port after clearing all course lanes. Marshalls will be along the course. DO NOT YIELD OR STOP INSIDE OF COURSE LANES.

Crews can warm up with caution as they travel up the eastern shore toward the start. Maintain a single file past the race course. Avoid practice starts until you are above the starting line. Do not stop on the 0100-meter or 0000-meter sight lines, as this delays the alignment of other crews preparing to race. Boats must stop rowing when events on the course approach (within 150m). Please view the course maps for more info.

Warm up

Crews may proceed up stream past the railroad bridge and enter the warm up area (500m north of the bridge). Travel in a counter clockwise direction. Stay within sight and audible distance of the start marshals. Check in with the start marshal north of the bridge upon your arrival to the warm-up area. It is the crew's responsibility to be on time for the beginning of their race.

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Staging Area

Marshals will direct the staging of crews as they pass back south of the railroad bridge along the west shore. The Staging Marshal will direct crews in each specific event to line up in reverse lane order (7 to 1) to enter the course. Check in with the marshal upon arrival to the staging area.

Equipment Failure Prior to Start

If a Crew suffers broken equipment after launching but prior to entering the Starting area, it shall stop rowing and immediately signal to the closest Race Official. The Race Official shall inspect the equipment for damage. If the Race Official determines that there is broken equipment, the Race Official shall communicate with both the Starter and Chief Referee to determine if the Crew will be able to race.

Reporting to the Start for Time Trials

Each Crew participating in the Time Trial is responsible for being ready to race two minutes before the Scheduled Time of the Race, whether or not announcements have been made by the Starter. Marshals will assist with the positioning of crews in bow number order.

Reporting to the Start for 7-Lane Sprint Racing

Each Crew is responsible for being attached to its starting station and ready to race two minutes before the Scheduled Time of the Race, whether or not announcements have been made by the Starter. If racing is delayed, Crews shall be responsible for being within voice range of the Starter and in a position to respond to instructions.

A Crew that is not attached to its starting station at least two minutes before the Scheduled Time of the Race may be assessed a warning per USRowing Rule 2-602(b), "Types of Penalties" by the Starter. A Crew that is not attached to its starting station by the Scheduled Time of the Race may be excluded by the Starter. If racing is delayed, the Starter may announce a new racing time, which shall have the same effect as the original Scheduled Time for purposes of this rule.

Time Trial Timing System

The elapsed time for a crew participating in a time trial shall begin as the bow ball touches the time trial Start Line, and end when the bow ball touches the Finish Line. Crews should be at full race speed prior to reaching the time trial start point. No audible announcement will be made at the start.

The Finish

For crews completing a Time Trial, they should exit the finish area as soon as possible after completing the race and return to the embayment using the same counter-clock-wise flow ((between the outside of Lane 7 and the travel lane) that avoids conflicts with time trial crews proceeding to start.

For crew completing a 7-lane sprint race, Finish Area Crews should exit the finish area as soon as possible after the "Regatta Official" has raised the white flag signaling that the race is "Official". A warm down area will be provided beyond the course for 500 meters. Crews should not travel around the next river bend (to port) while warming down. Crews will exit the finish area between the course and the finish line tower, and stay off the course while exiting the course. Do not stop on the finish line while leaving the course.

The DASH

Back by popular demand! ORRA offers a 500-meter dash for Men's and Women's 8+ and 1x crews at the end of day on Saturday. These events are capped at 21 entries each. Racing will be from the 1000-meter point of the sprint course to the 1500-meter point of the sprint course, directly in front of the peninsula and the team tents. The distribution of crews across the seven lanes will be supported by on-course marshals. First-place medals will be awarded to the winner of each DASH race.

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Event Definitions

- Youth/Junior: A Youth is a Competitor who in the current calendar year does not attain the age of 19, or who is and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full-time student seeking a diploma. A Competitor thus ceases to be a Youth after December 31 of the year of his or her 18th birthday, or of the year in which he or she completes the 12th grade of secondary school, having been a full-time student, whichever is later.
- Youth Open 8+: Freshmen/Novice/4th 8+, etc.
- U-17: A Competitor may compete in the U17 category until December 31 of the year of his or her 16th birthday.
- U-16: A Competitor may compete in the U16 category until December 31 of the year of his or her 15th birthday.
- U-15: A Competitor may compete in the U15 category until December 31 of the year of his or her 14th birthday.
- Mixed: A Crew competing in a mixed Event must be 50% male and 50% female, not including the Coxswain
- Women's Division: Female rowers and scullers only.
- Men's Division: Male rowers and scullers only.

Progression

| ENTRIES | Time Trial | Crews to Advance | HEATS | SEMI-FINALS | Crews to Advance |
|---------|------------|-------------------|-------|-------------|--|
| 1 - 7 | | | | | FINAL ONLY |
| 8 - 14 | - | - | 2 | | 3/3 +1 on time to FINAL |
| 15 - 21 | 1 | 14 to Semi-Finals | - | 2 | 3/3 +1 on time to FINAL |
| 22+ | 1 | 21 to Semi-Finals | - | 3 | 2/2/2 +1 on time to A FINAL next 7 times to B FINAL |

Order Of Events

The event schedule and results will be available via [HereNow](#). Please note that the regatta schedule is tentative and subject to change based on the circumstances of the event. Teams are expected to check Regatta Central and HereNow timing to ensure proper launch times. If weather becomes a problem, the Regatta Director and the Chief Referee will notify all participating crews on any potential changes. The Regatta Director retains the right and authority to alter the schedule.

The regatta is currently expected to start Saturday April 23, 2022 at 8:00 AM with launch docks opening 45 minutes prior to the first scheduled event. Regatta progression will be as follows: Time Trials (for events with more than 15 entries), followed by Heats (for events with 8-14 entries), Semi-Finals (as needed from Time Trials) then Finals ending by 4:00pm on Sunday.

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| 1 | Mens Youth 4+ | 13 | Mens Youth 3rd 8+ | 25 | Mens U17 4+ | 37 | Mens Youth 3rd 4+ |
| 2 | Mens Youth 1x | 14 | Womens U17 8+ | 26 | Womens Youth 2x | 38 | Mens U15 8+ |
| 3 | Mens U17 1x | 15 | Mens Youth 4x | 27 | Men's U16 4X+ | 39 | Womens U15 8+ |
| 4 | Womens Youth 4x | 16 | Mens U17 4x | 28 | Women's U16 4X+ | 40 | Men's U15 4X+ |

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| 5 | Womens U17 4x | 17 | Womens Youth 1x | 29 | Women's Youth 8+ | 41 | Womens U15 4X+ |
| 6 | Mens U17 8+ | 18 | Womens U17 1x | 30 | Men's Youth 8+ | 42 | Mens Youth 4- |
| 7 | Womens Youth 2nd 8+ | 19 | Womens Youth 4+ | 31 | Men's Open 8+ | 43 | Womens Youth 4- |
| 8 | Womens Youth 3rd 8+ | 20 | Men's U16 8+ | 32 | Mens Youth 2x | 44 | Womens 500m 8+ DASH |
| 9 | Mens Youth 2- | 21 | Women's U16 8+ | 33 | Neb;s Youth 2X | 45 | Mens 500m 8+ DASH |
| 10 | Womens Youth 2- | 22 | Womens Youth 2nd 4+ | 34 | Women's U17 4+ | 46 | Womens 500m 1x DASH |
| 11 | Mixed U15 8+ | 23 | Womens Youth 3rd 4+ | 35 | Men's U17 2X | 47 | Mens 500m 1x DASH |
| 12 | Mens Youth 2nd 8+ | 24 | Women's U17 2X | 36 | Mens Youth 2nd 4+ | | |

Inclement Weather

The LOC, in concert with the Chief Referee, has the responsibility and authority to revise the schedule of events, up to and including cancellation of any or all portions of the event, based on inclement weather that affects the safety of the athletes and staff. To reduce the impact to the schedule across the entire event list in the fairness manner possible, the LOC notes that time may be recovered on Saturday, if necessary, by reducing or eliminating the Dash events, and on Sunday by eliminating the Petit Final for Events with 22 or more entries. In all cases, cancellations of one or more events will be avoided to the greatest degree possible.

Spectators

Spectators are allowed at the Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta. Parking passes, subject to space, are available for the boathouse parking lot. Further, parking on the shoulder of Melton Lake Drive is permitted by the City of Oak Ridge, subject to specific signage/markings. All spectators are strongly encouraged to observe covid protocols including masks and social distancing. Easy public access and spectator viewing is noted from the 0500-meter point to the 1250-meter point, with a greenway along this entire section, and again from the 1700-meter point to the finish line.