

2021 OUA ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP
CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION
BULLETIN #1



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WELLAND INTERNATIONAL
FLATWATER CENTRE

WELLAND, ONTARIO

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1.0 OUA and Host Contacts

Position	Name	Phone Number	Email
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Regatta Chair	Andrew Backer	289-778-0750 ext.1	andrew@rowontario.ca
Administrative Host	Sarah Batley	705-741-8678	sbatley@trentu.ca
Chief Umpire	Tom Blaquiere	905-329-9243	tblacquiere1@gmail.com
COVID Officer	Lisa Roddie	289-237-8272	lisa@rowontario.ca
Safety Officer	Erin Carl	905-732-8258	erin.carl@welland.ca

2.0 Event Dates

Saturday, October 30th, 2021

3.0 Championship Facility Information

Address: 270 Colborne St, Welland, ON L3C 4V9

Course Distance: 4,000 meters

Race Distance: 2,000 meters

Athlete drop off & parking: For athletes arriving by the school chartered buses, buses will be required to park and drop athletes off at the Colborne St parking lot (just north of the train bridge). Buses can remain there for the day, or park at the Welland International Flatwater Centre – North Course. Parking for other athletes and coaches will also be at the Colborne Street lot. There will NOT be any sort of shuttle service so everyone must plan to walk to the trailer area, and report to the check-in desk (see more info below) which will be near the entrance of the boathouse parking lot.

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Parking at the boathouse is designated for volunteers, staff, and umpires. Umpires and volunteers may also park at the finish tower.

Tow vehicles are asked to parallel park along the back edge of the trailer area, parallel to the public walking path which will be closed for the duration of the regatta.

Site Access: Access to the trailer park at the boat house. The dock will only be permitted to athletes, coaches, and designated volunteers and staff. **Spectators are not permitted in these areas.**

Please see RegattaCentral for a course map. All athletes and crews ***will follow posted warm up, racing and cool down flow pattern.***

4.0 Entry Fees and Deadlines

The entry fees for the 2021-22 OUA Rowing Championships will be cost-shared by the attending institutions.

The entry fee for the 2021 OUA Rowing Championships is:

- Varsity entries: \$525 + HST / gender + applicable seat fees

This fee covers equipment costs, facility rental and umpires and regatta officials. Payment by credit card at time of entry is preferred, but Row Ontario can send an invoice pre-championship.

Entry Deadline: October 21st 11:59PM

All entries will be completed using RegattaCentral. An entry is only valid when all crew members are named.

Substitutions: After entries close, and prior to racing beginning, a maximum of 50% of a crew or the single may be substituted from the original team roster. Name changes may be submitted via email to Greta Chase greta@rowontario.ca by October 22nd at 11:59PM. Any additional name changes will need to be made by emailing Greta Chase greta@rowontario.ca at least two hour prior to racing.

OUA Eligibility Deadline: October 15th 11:59PM

Coaches must submit the URL to their sport specific roster to Sarah Batley, sbatley@trentu.ca and Andrew Backer, andrew@rowontario.ca. Any changes to the roster occurring within 24 hours of racing can only

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be done for medical reasons or on compassionate grounds. All requests are to be submitted for approval by OUA and the Regatta Chair.

A complete team roster of all athletes eligible to compete in the OUA rowing championships shall be submitted to Sarah Batley, sbatley@trentu.ca and Andrew Backer, andrew@rowontario.ca by October 21st 11:59PM. Only athletes listed on the roster may compete or be used as a spare or substitute in any entry for any reason.

5.0 Eligibility

Please refer to the 2021-2022 OUA Rowing Rules and Regulations for specific information related to eligibility.

6.0 Check-in & Coaches Meeting

Check-in Day of: All competitors, coaches, volunteers, umpires and staff are required to complete the COVID screening tool and check-in form and confirm completion when arriving on site. Confirmation that all participants are fully vaccinated will also be required at check-in as per the OUA policies. All competitors will be required to show appropriate identification (see below) at time of check-in and at weigh-ins. ID will not be checked at Control Commission.

Eligible Photo ID: All competitors will be required to show photo ID at the Athlete/Coach Check-in desk upon check-in by producing government issued documentation with a photo. A photo of identification on a cell phone will be accepted, so long as it is clear and has no evidence of tampering. A valid student card will be accepted as identification at this regatta.

COVID Links: More information and required links are below under COVID Policies.

Regatta Coaches Technical Meeting: Friday October 29th 7:00pm via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out no later than Wednesday October 27th, 2021. All participating schools are required to have at least 1 representative at the coaches meeting, for instructions from the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire, as per Rule 8.6 of the 2018 RCA Rules of Racing. Schools that do not sign in at the coaches meeting will not be permitted to race. The school representative in attendance is responsible for conveying all information from the coaches meeting to all participating athletes and coaches. All participants are expected to be familiar with the information conveyed at the coaches meeting.

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Draws: Hard copies of the draw will not be distributed. The draw, progressions and results will be available online in RegattaCentral and through RegattaMaster.

Course Practice Time: Practice time is scheduled from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Friday October 29th. In order to facilitate practice 12 coaches will be required to act as safety boat drivers during practice, 6 per each 90-minute session, ideally one per school. Please sign up with [Greta Chase](#) for your shift for practice.

7.0 Competition Schedule

The order of the OUA Championship Events shall be as follows:

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| 1. Women's 2- | 11. Women's Lightweight 2x |
| 2. Men's 2- | 12. Men's Lightweight 2x |
| 3. Women's Lightweight 1x | 13. Women's 1x |
| 4. Men's Lightweight 1x | 14. Men's 1x |
| 5. Women's 2x | 15. Women's Lightweight 4+ |
| 6. Men's 2x | 16. Men's Lightweight 4+ |
| 7. Women's Lightweight 8+ | 17. Women's 8+ |
| 8. Men's Lightweight 8+ | 18. Men's 8+ |
| 9. Women's 4+ | 19. Women's Lightweight 2- |
| 10. Men's 4+ | 20. Men's Lightweight 2- |

The first heat race is scheduled to start at 8:30am. Events will run in 15-minute intervals, with race intervals of no less than 6 minutes. This is subject to change if entries dictate less time is required.

**A Para event (or series of Para events) will be included in the schedule if entries warrant. Coaches should email [Andrew Backer](#) before submitting a Para entry to discuss event designation, if applicable.*

Finals will begin following a 30-minute break following the completion of the last heat race for personnel on the course to shift position.

The official weigh-in for all lightweights and coxswains will be held starting 2 hours prior to the first lightweight race and shall remain open for 2.5 hours. More details on weigh-ins will be forthcoming to comply with COVID protocols, including the order schools will be asked to come for weigh-ins.

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Athletes and crews will be permitted to launch no earlier than 60 minutes prior to their posted start time and no later than 40 minutes prior to their posted start time.

8.0 Sport Specific Rules and Officials

The 2018 RCA Rules of Racing will be in effect at this regatta with the following exceptions

2.3 Categories of Rowers and Proof of Age and Identity

The OUA Rowing Championships follows OUA eligibility requirements, not RCA categories. A valid student card will be accepted as identification at this regatta.

2.6 Weighing of Coxswains & 2.11 Weighing of Athletes in Weight Restricted Events

Weigh-ins will begin 2 hours before the first lightweight race for both coxswains and lightweight competitors and remain open for 2.5 hours. Lightweight competitors must weigh-in for weight restricted events that they are competing in, but they do not have to weigh-in as a crew. Coxswains must weigh-in for coxed events that they are competing in, but they do not have to weigh-in with their crew.

2.12 Para Competitors

Para rowers must meet the criteria set out in the FISA Para Rowing Classification Regulations but are not required to obtain classification prior to the event.

3.1 Classes of Boats

PR3 1x entries will be accepted at this regatta.

7.6 Crew Changes Before the First Heat

After entries close, and prior to racing beginning, a maximum of 50% of a crew *or the single* may be substituted from the submitted team roster.

9.6 Adverse Weather Conditions and Fairness Committee

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The Chief Umpire will determine relative changes to the program if action is required to ensure safety, in consultation with the Regatta Chair and one [1] coach. The coach will be selected at the Coaches meeting by a majority vote by all participating institutions.

10.17 Penalties

As well as the penalties outlined in the 2018 RCA Rules of Racing in relation to said rules, Section 6.4 in the OUA Rowing Rules & Regulations outlines additional penalties that may be applied at the discretion of the OUA Discipline Committee.

9.0 Medical Services

A clearly marked medical tent, staffed with a certified first aid person, will be located at the finish line on the West shore (finish tower side), with access to a coach boat to assist an athlete on the water with immediate need.

A secondary medical tent, staffed with a certified first aid person, will be located at the boathouse for any medical needs in that area. All medical staff and regatta officials will have access to a phone to call 911 if required.

10.0 Site Amenities

Please note there will be no food vendors at this regatta. Competitors are encouraged to bring their own water; there is access to a water hose at the boat house and there will be bottles of water available in case of emergency at the Start, Finish, and Medical. The municipal water truck will not be present for this event.

There will be no indoor shelter available at the regatta site. The regatta may be canceled or postponed in the event of seriously inclement weather. Clubs are recommended to bring their own tents in the event of rain/sun etc. Trailer sites will be large enough to accommodate trailers and a shelter structure. Athletes, coaches, and other club volunteers are required to remain around their team trailer site, unless racing, using the washroom or getting water.

There will be one portable washroom assigned per school. In the event schools have low entry numbers they may be asked to share a portable washroom with another school. In addition, there will be ample

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portable washrooms for umpires, staff and regatta volunteers. A portable washroom will be placed at each trailer area for each school.

11.0 Ticketing

N/A – No admission or parking fees. As per COVID Protocols, no spectators/supporters will be able to enter the regatta site, nor will there be a designated spectator area along the banks of the course.

12.0 Sports Information/Results & Communications

Results will be available online at RegattaMaster.com, @ROWONTARIO on Twitter, and on the OUA website.

Regatta communication will be distributed through WhatsApp. Please join the group using the link below.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CyXWaiQvkzb6BUHgZtpC9A>

13.0 Awards Presentation

To reduce unnecessary gathering sizes, the OUA Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for all crew members and coxswains, will be handed out differently this year. There will be an OUA table set up, and no earlier than 30 minutes post an A Final the Coach of the crews that medaled will be able to pick up their crew's medals. Coaches are asked to find the appropriate time at their trailer area to award the athletes their medals. The Men's and Women's Championship banners will be presented to the winners approx. 45 minutes after the last race near Control Commission.

14.0 Accommodation

Participating teams are responsible for their own accommodations.

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15.0 Equipment

Participating teams are responsible for providing their own equipment. No equipment, including oars, shoes etc., will be permitted to be left at the dock area. All equipment must be brought down with the boat and shoes etc. are to be returned with the coach.

16.0 OUA Sponsors & Row Ontario Event Partners

- Milk2Go Sport
- InnVest Hotels
- Baron Championship Rings
- Nothers The Award Store
- Regatta Sport
- Government of Ontario

17.0 COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Participation Policy

Effective September 1, 2021, all OUA Members agree to comply with all pandemic-related policies instituted by the OUA. In addition, all Members agree to respect other institution's COVID-19 hosting policies, approved vaccination exemptions, and other related COVID-19 policies and ensure that all participants selected to be involved in OUA-sanctioned events (from both the home and visiting teams) follow the relevant health and safety protocols. OUA Members will be expected to maintain a list of all participants involved in an OUA-sanctioned event or programming (i.e., student-athletes, coaches, support staff, athletic therapists, bus drivers, officials, minor officials, etc.) for each event for contact-tracing purposes.

All athletes, coaches, volunteer, umpires, staff etc. attending the regatta must complete a COVID self-screening as well as complete a contact tracing check-in form on the morning of the regatta.

The link to the self-screening tool, is: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/customer>

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The link to the Contract Tracing Check-in form is: <https://forms.office.com/r/MxkvJX5Fux>

Or



All persons will be asked to show verification that both the self-screening and the contact tracing check in form have been completed at the Check-in Desk, prior to entering the regatta site each day.

For the self-screening tool, a picture or screen-capture of the green checkmark screen, showing the October 30th, 2021 as the validation date is required to be shown at the Check-in Desk. For the contact tracing check-in form, a screen-capture or copy of the confirmation email that you will receive is required to be shown at the Check-in Desk.

Please complete the forms not earlier than 4:00am on October 30th and prior to arriving at the venue. Please do not complete forms while driving.

Please plan for this process to take 5-10 minutes as you enter, so arrive early, and avoid crowding.

Any individual who does not receive a green screen and check mark after completing the self-screening tool or does not have proof of completing the contact tracing check-in form will be denied entry to the regatta site.

All athletes, coaches, and other authorized regatta volunteers and staff will be required to follow all the above protocols on October 29th if attending practice in addition to doing them again for the 30th.

All individuals entering the regatta site must be affiliated with either the organizing committee (staff, volunteer, umpire etc.) or a competing club (athlete, coach). Competing clubs are asked to ensure that all their attending members, including coaches, managers, and athletes, have reviewed the COVID safety information included in this package and in the Regatta COVID Safety Plan (Appendix A), have completed

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the COVID contact tracing check-in form and complete the COVID self-screening tool before regatta site entry.

All attendees (athletes, coaches, volunteers, umpires etc.) are asked to bring their own PPE (masks, gloves, Ziplock bags, hand sanitizer), but limited stock will also be available upon request.

Items provided by the regatta such as walkie-talkies will not be shared between volunteers/umpires. Clubs providing equipment to their athletes should either not share equipment or have cleaning supplies to use on equipment between uses.

Food, drink, and other personal items (tools, clothing etc.,) should be kept in sealed containers while at the regatta site. This includes bottled water which should be inside their own sealed bags.

Launch windows have been extended to 60 minutes before race time. This is to accommodate for slow launching off the docks and encourage distancing between athletes. Please plan to line up with 2m between crews while waiting for dock space.

When launching, all personal items (shoes, water bottles, etc.) must be taken in the boat or removed by a coach/volunteer. No items left on docks. Oars must be brought down with the shell, not in advance.

Masks are recommended to be always worn. Masks are required to be worn when individuals are likely to come within 2m of each other (trailer loading/unloading, docking/launching etc.) and when approaching Control Commission. Masks may be removed by athletes if they choose once they have pushed off the dock. Although no indoor space will be open at the regatta, if anyone should need to go indoors for any reason, a mask is always required indoors.

If you or anyone associated with your team feels ill with COVID symptoms at the event, they should contact the Regatta Office and proceed to the designated COVID isolation area unless they can simply leave directly from the site. Anyone providing care for the isolating individual can access PPE from the Regatta Office. Ziploc bags for disposal of soiled items can also be found at the Regatta Office. Anyone who travelled with the person reporting COVID symptoms should leave at the same time.

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18.0 Additional Information

Please refer to RegattaCentral for updates and more information:

https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job_id=6407

All questions should be directed to Sarah Batley (sbatley@trentu.ca) and Andrew Backer (andrew@rowontario.ca)