**USRowing West Coast Scholastic Championship**

**April 23, 2017**

**Lower Otay Lake, Chula Vista, CA**

**USRowing is pleased to announce the inaugural West Coast Scholastic Championship. The regatta will be held on Lower Otay Lake, Chula Vista, CA.**

**Eligibility:**  The West Coast Scholastic Championship is a championship event that is open to qualified crews of any public or private school given to the education of youth.

Students must be working toward a diploma.

Neither composite teams, nor rowers representing more than one public school district will be allowed to compete. Clubs may enter crews that are a subset of their team, however. For instance, if “Fullerton Rowing Club” could make a crew composed entirely of students from Fullerton H.S., they could enter as Fullerton Rowing Club, and provide a letter from the school Headmaster or Principal signifying that the roster of the boat is indeed students from Fullerton High School. A copy of the student’s freshman IDs will be sufficient to prove freshman status for those events.

**USRowing Membership:** The USRowing West Coast Scholastic Championship is a USRowing owned event. Each participant is required to be a current, “Championship” member of USRowing. Each participant must also have a signed waiver on file for 2017. Each competing organization is required to be a current organizational member of USRowing. Memberships can be activated or renewed by visiting [http://www.usrowing.org/join.aspx](http://www.usrowing.org/join.aspx%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) or by calling the Membership Services Department at (800) 314-4769. Memberships should be handled prior to arriving for the event.

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| Pre-Registration“Championship” Membership | On-Site Registration“Championship” Membership |
| $45 | $50 |

If you have questions regarding the status of your organizational or individual memberships, please contact our Membership Services department at (800) 314-4769 or members@usrowing.org. A current listing of your athletes, their member numbers, and expiration dates can be found on your online roster: <https://rosters.usrowing>.

**Waivers:** All athletes should make sure to sign their USRowing waiver using their Championship Member number.

**Credentials:** Credentials will be issued to athletes once registration is complete, membership and waiver information is verified, and all fees are paid in full. **A coach or team representative may pick up the credentials for their team if all team members meet the above criteria and the organization’s membership and regatta fees are paid in full. All team credentials must be picked up at the same time. Partial groups will not be distributed.**

Crews must collect their credentials at the boathouse prior to competition. Athletes will be required to show credentials in order to pass through Control Commission and launch for racing sessions. Crews will not be able to launch without showing proper credentials.

Each athlete will receive one complimentary credential as part of their registration for the event. Any replacement credentials can be purchased for $10 at the registration desk.

The regatta will be a USRowing Registered Regatta and will abide by the USRowing Rules of Racing, except where amended by the regatta (rules are listed below).

**Entries/Eligibility:** Should be made on RegattaCentral. Our entry window will be March 20-April 9.

Entry Fees Late Entry Fees

 8+ $170.00 $220.00

 4+, 4x, 4- $145.00 $190.00

 2-, 2x $110.00 $145.00

 1x $75.00 $ 100.00

The entries should be accompanied by a letter, on school stationery from the school administration with a team roster certifying full time status at the school, and grade enrolled. Please send those letters to: swrowing@cs.com.

**ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY LIMITATION (We will follow the same rules as SRAA)**

* Eligibility is assigned to students in their freshman through senior year (grades 9 through 12).
* Each athlete has four consecutive years (eight consecutive semesters) of eligibility beginning in September of their freshman year (9th grade).
* A rower or coxswain cannot have reached his or her 19th birthday prior to September 1st of that academic year.
* After eight consecutive semesters, a student will have completed his/her athletic eligibility and may no longer participate in the SRAA® Regatta.
* The eight consecutive semester rule begins with the student’s initial enrollment in the 9th grade.
* Post Graduates or (Canadian/US) fifth year students are not permitted.
* Lightweight rowers must have submitted online the lightweight documentation to be eligible.

**The USRowing West Coast Scholastic Championship is not an automatic qualifier to the SRAA Regatta. We are hoping to grow and develop the regatta so it may become a qualifier in the future.**

**How to petition for Open slots at the SRAA® Regatta.**

* Petitions must be entered on-line and received at [Regatta Central](http://www.regattacentral.com/) no later than 5:00PM EDT on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.
* Teams without qualifying regattas may petition for Open “slots” after April 16, 2017.
* Teams with qualifying regattas that do not automatically qualify may still petition for an open slot after their qualifying regatta.
* Petitions must be entered on-line and received at [Regatta Central](http://www.regattacentral.com/) no later than 5:00PM EDT on May 16, 2016.
* Petitioning teams should provide evidence of why they should be considered.
* A subcommittee of the SRAA® Board of Directors will consider petitions as they are received, with priority given to competitive teams that are not in one of the championship regattas.

**USRowing West Coast Scholastic Regatta Rules**

Racing will be conducted under the current edition of USRowing “Rules of Racing” and the SRAA® Rules.

All questions of eligibility, qualification or interpretations of any rule shall be referred to the Chief Referee whose decision shall be made in coordination with the SW Scholastics Regatta Director. This decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

All races shall be a distance of 1500 meters.

No movable outriggers.

Freshman shall be designated as those athletes in the 9th grade as listed on their team roster.

Junior events are restricted to competitors in the 11th grade (junior year) or lower.

Juniors, including coxswains, must not have attained the age of 18 years prior to September 1st of that academic year.

12th grade (Senior) students shall not complete in junior events.

Procedure for Objections and Protests

* Objections should be registered on the water in accordance with USRowing rules.
* The protesting team will submit its formal protest to the Chief Referee, or his designee. The Jury, as appointed by the Chief Referee, will be convened as soon as possible.
* The formal protest, written by a member of the racing crew, to the Jury must be submitted to the Chief Referee or his designee by a member of the crew, citing the reason for the protest, the USRowing or SW Scholastic Regatta rule(s) being cited and the remedy the crew seeks.
* The protest must be accompanied by a $50.00 fee, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.
* Disposition of the protest will follow the USRowing rules.

**Weigh-Ins:** The weigh in procedures for lightweight rowers differ from the SRAA Regatta procedures. For those planning on racing at SRAA, please review and follow their procedures for lightweight crews.

**Lightweights**: **Weighing of Competitors:** The weight of Youth rowers in lightweight events as described in Rule 4-106:

(“Lightweights”), shall be determined once each day no less than one (1) hour and no more

than two (2) hours before the scheduled time of the first race in which the weight is relevant.

* Crews will be weighed in the order that they sit in the boat (bow to stern).
* Each rower shall have only one (1) initial opportunity to weigh in. A competitor within one (1.0) pound or less of the weight standard is allowed one (1) re-weigh within the official weigh-in time window. A competitor whose initial weight is greater than one (1.0) pound above the weight standard will be ineligible to compete in the event.

Competitors shall be weighed in racing uniform, without shoes or other footgear.

All lightweights will receive a wristband after weigh-ins. Wristbands must be present during racing of lightweight events. Scales will be open on Saturday afternoon for unofficial weigh-ins.

 Lightweight Men Lightweight Women

**Max. 150 lbs. (No avg**.) **Max. 130 lbs. (No avg.)**

**No coxswain weigh ins in accordance with the SRAA Regatta**

**Regatta Meeting:**  The meeting of coaches, coxswains, and officials will be held at 7:30AM at the Boathouse. The first race will be scheduled for 9AM.

**Event Order:** Events will run in the order listed. Heats (if any) will run in the same order in the morning.

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| 1 |   |   | Womens HS Ltwt Varsity 2x |
| 2 |   |   | Mens HS Ltwt Varsity 2x |
| 3 |   |   | Womens HS JV 2x |
| 4 |   |   | Mens HS JV 2x |
| 5 |   |   | Womens HS Freshman 8+ |
| 6 |   |   | Mens HS Freshman 8+ |
| 7 |   |   | Womens HS Freshman 4x |
| 8 |   |   | Mens HS Freshman 4x |
| 9 |   |   | Womens HS JV 4x |
| 10 |   |   | Mens HS JV 4x |
| 11 |   |   | Womens HS JV 4+ |
| 12 |   |   | Mens HS JV 4+ |
| 13 |   |   | Womens HS JV 8+ |
| 14 |   |   | Mens HS JV 8+ |
| 15 |   |   | Womens HS Ltwt Varsity 4x |
| 16 |   |   | Mens HS Ltwt Varsity 4x |
| 17 |   |   | Womens HS Ltwt Varsity 4+ |
| 18 |   |   | Mens HS Ltwt Varsity 4+ |
| 19 |   |   | Womens HS Ltwt Varsity 8+ |
| 20 |   |   | Mens HS Ltwt Varsity 8+ |
| 21 |   |   | Womens HS Varsity Second 8+ |
| 22 |   |   | Mens HS Varsity Second 8+ |
| 23 |   |   | Womens HS Varsity 1x |
| 24 |   |   | Mens HS Varsity 1x |
| 25 |   |   | Womens HS Varsity 2x |
| 26 |   |   | Mens HS Varsity 2x |
| 27 |   |   | Womens HS Varsity 4x |
| 28 |   |   | Mens HS Varsity 4x |
| 29 |   |   | Womens HS Varsity 4+ |
| 30 |   |   | Mens HS Varsity 4+ |
| 31 |   |   | Womens HS Varsity 8+ |
| 32 |   |   | Mens HS Varsity 8+ |