



USRowing®

**2010 USRowing
Collegiate Championships**

**May 22 – 23, 2010
Lake Mercer
West Windsor, N.J.**

Regatta Information Bulletin #1

2010 USRowing Collegiate Championships

(Please read this packet in its entirety prior to your arrival at the event)

Introduction:

The first of its kind in North America, this event will be open to all undergraduate rowers, varsity or club, from all divisions and will offer racing in a wide range of both sculling and sweep events geared toward many of the same boat classes raced at the World Rowing Championships.

In creating the regatta, USRowing's goal is to provide an additional, championship-caliber racing opportunity for collegiate rowers, a chance for varsity and club programs to compete head-to-head on a 2,000-meter course, and an opportunity for collegiate athletes to compete in small boats and sculling events to help develop their racing skills.

Dates:

Please note the 2010 USRowing Collegiate Championship is a two-day event

Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23, 2010

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting:

6:00 p.m. Friday, May 21

Venue:

Lake Mercer, West Windsor, N.J.

Course Length:

2,000 meters

Hosted by:

USRowing and the Princeton National Rowing Association

Registration Deadline:

- May 12, 2010. There is no penalty for scratching events if done by midnight PST, May 17, 2010.
- Please register online at <http://www.regattacentral.com>
- If you have difficulty registering on RegattaCentral, please contact their support department at support@regattacentral.com or call 614-360-2922.

Events:

The 2010 USRowing Collegiate Championships is a sprint competition in the following categories:

	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	4+	8+
Women's Collegiate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Women's Collegiate Lightweight	X	X					X
Men's Collegiate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Men's Collegiate Lightweight	X	X			X		X

Competitor Eligibility and Rules:

All competitors and coaches must ensure that their Athletic Director and/or Director of Club Sports read these requirements.

1. The 2010 USRowing Rules of Rowing govern this event.
2. All competitors must be **individual members**, in good standing, with USRowing or their FISA recognized national governing body.
3. With the exception of single scullers, who may race unaffiliated, all competitors must belong to a USRowing member organization in good standing or a FISA recognized national governing body in good standing.
4. All competitors must have a course load totaling at least 12 credit hours and must be making normal progress towards their first degree.
5. Competitors shall not engage in more than four (4) years of intercollegiate competition. Competing for a college in any one event within the academic year is enough to constitute one year of eligibility.
6. Competitors may be enrolled in a less than minimum full-time (12 credit hours) program of studies, provided the competitor is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the program.
7. Appeals for exceptions to these rules must be entered in writing to USRowing prior to the deadline for entries.
8. Competitors may enter a maximum of two events.
9. Organizations may enter a maximum of two entries in each event with the exception of the 8+ events where only one entry is allowed. Additional entries above the stated maximums will be provided on a first come, first served basis as space allows. They will only be accepted if they do not change the racing progression.
10. Late entries will be accepted only if they do not change the racing progression.
11. Two volunteers from each organization (those with entries in two or more events) are required for work in a variety of volunteer positions.

Entry Fees:

Fees are non-refundable after May 17, 2010. There will be no exceptions.

Boat	Entry Fees	Entry Fees after (May 17)
8+	\$125	\$185
4+	\$75	\$115
4x/4-	\$75	\$115
2-/2x	\$50	\$75
1x	\$30	\$45

Entry Confirmation:

E-mail confirmations will be sent to the contact person for each crew that appears on RegattaCentral. Please ensure that your contact information is correct. Lane draws will be available on-site Friday, May 21, and also online at www.racetrak.com.

Scratch Fee:

Entry fees will be refunded if the scratches are made before midnight PST May 17, 2010. Entry fees paid by credit card will be assessed a 3% processing fee for any refunds. Those scratching after May 17, 2010, will forfeit their entry fees.

Late Entries:

Late entries will be accepted provided they do not alter the racing progression.

Medals:

In events with three entries, a gold and silver medal will be awarded. In events with more than four entries, all three medals will be presented.

USRowing Membership Information:

USRowing individual membership is required and each athlete should sign for/renew their membership before arriving on site. If membership is done on-site, a \$5 administration fee will be applied.

Membership activation/renewal can be done online through the USRowing Web site:

http://www.usrowing.org/join_renew/membershipoptions/index.aspx

Or, contact USRowing membership at 1-800-314-4769. Waivers are signed at the time of

membership. Organizational membership is required for all boats larger than a single.

Athlete Registration:

All athletes must check in to verify membership and ensure paperwork is completed. Athlete registration will be held at the USRowing tent. Schedules, traffic patterns maps and all relevant venue information will be available at the USRowing tent at time of registration.

Registration Times: Friday, May 21 – Noon – 6:00 p.m.

The USRowing tent will be open during the entire event for information, membership questions, etc.

All athletes will receive identification bracelets. Athletes must wear these bracelets while launching for all races. Identification bracelets will be issued only with proof of USRowing membership. **A replacement fee of \$10 will be charged for each lost bracelet.**

Athletes will be required to show their bracelet to a referee from the Control Commission upon launching for their race.

Coaches may check in their crews. All crew members must have current membership and waivers on file for coaches to pick up credentials. A crew list can be forwarded to USRowing to check membership status before the event.

Crew Changes:

If a change of crew occurs in any event, a crew change form should be submitted to the control commission for approval at least two hours prior to race time. Forms will be available at registration. Complete rower information will be required for the replacement, including full name, age, etc.

Weigh-Ins:

Lightweight men shall weigh no more than 160 lbs., with the crew average being 155 lbs. Lightweight women shall weigh no more than 130 lbs. There is no crew average for women. Lightweight weigh-ins will occur once a day, no more than two hours and no less than one hour before the competitor's first lightweight race.

Coxswains may be of either gender. Coxswains for men's crews shall weigh at least 120 lbs. Coxswains for women's crews shall weigh at least 110 lbs. Coxswains weighing less than the required amounts shall be assigned the additional weight necessary to achieve the minimum weight. This weight should be carried in all appropriate events coxed by the individual as close to the torso as possible. Weigh-ins will occur once a day, no more than two hours and no less than one hour before the competitor's first race. Coxswains requiring more than 10 lbs. of weight will need to provide their own weight.

Equipment Rules:

It is the responsibility of each crew to ensure that its equipment is in full compliance with the Rules of Rowing. Officials may check equipment at any time during the competition to ensure compliance. Crews presenting equipment that is not in compliance may be excluded from further competition.

Rule 3-104: All boats must meet minimum weight standards. A scale will be available during heats for crews to check their boat weight. Official boat weighing will take place during finals. If a crew placed and received a medal and their boat is underweight, they will forfeit their medal standing.

Rules 3-105 and 3-109: Crews will not be allowed to launch if their equipment does not comply with these safety standards (properly attached bow ball and proper foot-release mechanism).

Rule 3-106: When boats launch for competition, they may not carry any devices capable of receiving electronic communications from outside of the boat.

Rule 3-110: The opening for coxswains in all bow loaded boats must meet the minimum specifications listed in this rule.

During all race days, no shell may launch without a bow ball, and no shell may race without its appropriate lane number affixed to its bow.

Race Schedule:

A. Actual entries and events will be published prior to the USRowing Collegiate Championship after the entries have been received and processed.

B. Times (Subject to Change):
Saturday, May 22: Racing (Heats and Reps) from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 23: Racing (Semifinals and Finals) from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

C. Event Description:

Event #	Boat Class	Event #	Boat Class
1	Men's Collegiate 1x	12	Men's Collegiate 2-
2	Women's Collegiate 1x	13	Women's Collegiate 2-
3	Men's Collegiate 4+	14	Men's Collegiate 4x
4	Women's Collegiate 4+	15	Women's Collegiate 4x
5	Men's Collegiate 4-	16	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 2x
6	Women's Collegiate 4-	17	Women's Collegiate Ltwt 2x
7	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 4-	18	Men's Collegiate 8+
8	Men's Collegiate 2x	19	Women's Collegiate 8+
9	Women's Collegiate 2x	20	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 8+
10	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 1x	21	Women's Collegiate Ltwt 8+
11	Women's Collegiate Ltwt 1x		

USRowing Collegiate Championship Progression:

1 - 7 Entries

- Final only

8 - 11 Entries

- 2 Heats (Top 2 in each heat to A Final, Others to Reps)
- 1 Repechage (Top 2 to A Final)

12 - 14 Entries

- 2 Heats (Winner in each heat to A Final, Others to Reps)
- 2 Repechages (Top 2 to A Final)

15 - 16 Entries

- 3 Heats (Top 3 in each heat to Semifinals, Others to Reps)
- 1 Repechage (Top 3 in the Rep to A Semi)
- 2 Semi (Top 3 in each Semi to A Final)

17 - 20 Entries

- 3 Heats (Top 2 in each heat to A Semi, Others to Reps)
- 2 Repechages (Top 3 to A Semi)
- 2 Semi (Top 3 to A Final)

Regatta Format: (subject to change)

- Coaches and Coxswains Meeting Friday 6:00 p.m.
- Heats and Reps Saturday
- Semifinals and A Finals Sunday
- Progression: Due to scheduling concerns, there will be neither B nor C finals at the 2010 USRowing Collegiate Championships.

For additional information, please contact:

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