

USRowing Collegiate Championships

May 21-22, 2011

Mercer Lake, West Windsor, NJ

USRowing and Princeton National Rowing Association are proud to present the 2nd Annual USRowing Collegiate Championships. This event offers a unique opportunity for collegiate rowers to compete in sweep and sculling events at a championship level.

The 2011 event has added some new features to enhance the rower's competitive experience including the addition of new events, petite finals, and team point trophies. The new events include the lightweight quad and lightweight four with coxswain for both men and women.

This packet contains information including eligibility requirements, schedule information and rules to govern the regatta and should be read completely. All crews are responsible for the information contained in this packet.

Venue Information:

Venue: Mercer Lake, West Windsor, N.J.

Location:

Richard Coffee Mercer County Park Marina Venue

334 S. Post Rd.

West Windsor, NJ

Directions are available by visiting the PNRA website through this [link](#).

Course:

The course is a 2,000 meter, 7-lane, fully-buoyed course with a starting platform. Crews must be able to back into a stakeboat.

USRowing Membership:

The USRowing Collegiate Championship is a USRowing-owned event.

Each participant is required to be a current, full-privileged individual member of USRowing. Each participant must also have a signed waiver on file for 2011.

Each competing organization is required to be a current organizational member of USRowing.

Organizations and individuals can activate or renew their memberships by visiting <http://www.usrowing.org/join.aspx> or by calling the Membership Services Department at (800) 314-4769.

Memberships should be handled prior to arriving for the event. Any memberships completed on-site will include an additional \$5 administrative fee.

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.

We will be happy to provide a list of members and their member numbers, expiration dates and verified waivers.

Waivers:

USRowing waivers are available online. Please visit the [Join/Renew page of the USRowing website](#) or [RegattaCentral](#) to submit your online waiver.

Credentials:

Credentials will be issued to athletes once registration is complete, membership, waiver, and eligibility 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 to coaches.

Athletes will be required to show credentials in order to pass through Control Commission and launch for racing sessions.

Crews will not be allowed to launch without proper credentials.

Lost credentials may be replaced at the USRowing registration desk, and are subject to a \$10 administrative fee.

Eligibility:

Athletes or organizations that do not meet the following eligibility standards will be ineligible to compete at the 2011 USRowing Collegiate Championships.

Eligibility materials must be verified before athletes and crews will be allowed to compete.

Athletes:

- The USRowing Collegiate Championships are open to current collegiate undergraduates.
- All competitors must be full-privileged individual members of USRowing.
- All competitors must be able to show that they are undergraduate students in good standing at a college or university.
- A current, valid student identification card from the college or university may be used as long as the card is not expired and does not have an issue date earlier than August 1, 2007. Identification cards must be presented in person at the registration area.
- A copy of the athlete's transcript may also be submitted to USRowing as documentation showing the competitor's undergraduate status. Transcripts may be submitted via fax (609-924-1578), e-mail (alvin@usrowing.org), or turned in on-site at the registration area.
- Crews affiliated with NCAA varsity programs can submit a copy of their roster, signed by their compliance officer, to verify the undergraduate status of athletes for their team. Rosters may be submitted via fax (609-924-1578), e-mail (alvin@usrowing.org), or turned in on-site at the registration area.
- All documentation must be submitted and approved before competitors will receive credentials.
- Competitors who graduate from their undergraduate program in May 2011, but prior to the beginning of this event, are eligible to compete.

Organizations:

- All organizations competing must represent a college or university, or must enter as "Unaffiliated".

- All organizations must be USRowing organizational members.
- Entries listed as “Unaffiliated” must be comprised of competitors from the same institution, including coxswains.
- Crews registering as “Unaffiliated” will be required to provide documentation verifying they meet the athlete eligibility requirements. Unaffiliated entries in boat classes other than the single scull are also required to provide the documentation to verify that all members of the crew attend the same college or university. The same documentation used to meet the athlete eligibility requirements can be used to meet this requirement.
- All documentation must be submitted and approved before competitors will receive credentials to compete.

Rules:

USRowing’s Rules of Rowing will govern this event.

An online version is available at <http://www.usrowing.org/About/RulesofRowing.aspx>

USRowing licensed referees will officiate the event to ensure fairness and safety.

The following rules will be waived for this event:

- Rule 3-104 Minimum Weight of Boats

Equipment:

All equipment used in competition must meet the USRowing Rules of Rowing requirements for equipment, with the exception of the waived rule listed above. Each organization is responsible for ensuring that their equipment meets these standards.

Crews must provide their own bow balls.

Bow numbers will be provided to crews when they pass through Control Commission at the launch dock. Bow numbers must be properly affixed to the shell in order for a crew to be allowed onto the race course.

Any equipment not meeting these standards, or judged to be unsafe by a USRowing official, will not be allowed onto the water.

Weigh-Ins

Lightweights:

Lightweights shall weigh-in once EACH DAY no less than 1 hour and no more than 2 hours before the scheduled time for the first race in which the weight is relevant. Competitors shall be weighed in racing uniform, without shoes or other footgear.

Crews failing to weigh-in during the appropriate time frame will not be allowed to compete.

Lightweight Men:

Max: 160 lbs. (no average)

Lightweight Women:

Max: 130 lbs. (no average)

Coxswains:

Coxswains shall weigh-in once EACH DAY no less than 1 hour and no more than 2 hours before the scheduled time for the first race in which the weight is relevant. Coxswains shall be weighed in racing uniform, without shoes or other footgear.

Coxswains who do not comply with the minimum weight standard must provide their own materials to create deadweight in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Rowing. This weight must be placed in the boat as close to the torso of the coxswain as possible and is specifically forbidden to be distributed throughout the boat.

Coxswains failing to weigh-in during the appropriate time frame will not be allowed to compete.

Excess clothing, equipment, electronic systems, tools and other utilitarian devices germane to competition shall not be considered part of the coxswain's weight and shall not be included as part of any deadweight.

Weighted vests cannot be worn in order to achieve the minimum weight.

Coxswain for Men's Event:

Minimum: 120 lbs.

Coxswain for Women's Event:

Minimum: 110 lbs.

Entry Information:

No paper entries will be accepted for this event. All entries must be made online at RegattaCentral. Online registration will be available beginning March 1, 2011, and ending Tuesday, May 10, 2011. No refunds will be given once the online registration period has ended.

All entry fees must be paid in full by Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Payment arrangements may be made by contacting alvin@usrowing.org prior to the May 10, 2011 deadline.

Events with only one entry at the close of registration will be scratched from the schedule.

Crews with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to compete until the balance is paid in full.

Boat Class	Entry	Late Entry (Effective May 11, 2011)
8+	\$130	\$150
4+/4-/4x	\$80	\$100
2-/2x	\$55	\$75
1x	\$35	\$50

Lineups:

All entries should include the lineup of athletes to compete as part of that entry. All lineups must be submitted by Monday, May 16, 2011. Any entries without lineups after this time will be considered late entries and will be subject to the appropriate late entry fee. Lineups with placeholder names such as "A. Rower" will be considered late and subject to the appropriate late entry fee.

After Monday, May 16, 2011, crews may substitute up to 50 percent of its rowers, as well as its coxswain, excluding single sculls. After this deadline, no substitutions may be made for single scull entries except for illness or injury in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Rowing.

Lineup changes must be submitted no later than one (1) hour before the first race of the event for which the crew is entered.

After Monday, May 16, 2011, all lineup changes must be made on-site using the forms available at the USRowing registration tent.

No lineup changes will be accepted via e-mail.

Late Entries:

Beginning May 11, 2011, late entries may be accepted in events where additional entries do not change the event progression.

Late entries must be submitted through the "Waitlist" feature on RegattaCentral.

As space becomes available, crews will be accepted into events in the order they are listed on the waitlist.

Accepted crews will be notified via e-mail only. No phone calls will be made to notify crews that their entries have been accepted. USRowing and RegattaCentral are not responsible for missed e-mail messages.

Accepted entries must be submitted no later than 48 hours after notification, or 6:30 PM on Friday, May 20, 2011, whichever occurs first. Accepted entries must include visible line-ups in order to be valid.

After 48 hours, a crew's acceptance will expire, and the available space will be offered to the next organization on the waitlist.

After 6:30 PM on Friday, May 20, 2011, all late entry requests will expire.

Scratches:

Entries may be scratched or changed without penalty until May 10, 2011.

Scratches submitted beginning May 11, 2011, are not subject to a refund.

Scratches made after 6:30 PM on Friday, May 20, 2011, will be subject to a forfeiture of entry fees and an additional \$50 scratch fee.

Scratches will be accepted via e-mail until May 19, 2011.

Beginning May 20, 2011, all scratches must be submitted to USRowing on-site using the forms provided at the USRowing tent.

Any crew failing to submit written notification of a scratch a minimum of one hour before the applicable race, either online or on-site, may be subject to a higher scratch fee of \$100 to be charged to the RegattaCentral account holder.

Multiple Entries:

Because of scheduling concerns, each event will be allowed a **maximum of 18 total entries**.

Should an event reach capacity before the close of registration, the RegattaCentral "Waitlist" feature will be used to determine the order in which crews can fill any space that becomes available.

See the "Late Entry" section above for procedures for using the RegattaCentral "Waitlist" feature.

Progression:

USRowing Alternate Progression "A" Modified for Petite Finals

Entries	Heats	Advance	Reps	Advance	Semifinals	Advance	Petite Finals	Grand Finals
1-6	0	-			-	-	-	Final Only
7	2	1 to Grand, Rest to Rep	1	4 to Grand	-	-	-	Grand
8	2	1 to Grand, Rest to Rep	1	4 to Grand, rest to Petite	-	-	5-6 from Rep	Grand
9-12	2	1 to Grand	2	2 to Grand, rest to Petite	-	-	3-6 from Reps	Grand
13-15	3	3 to Semis, rest to Reps	1	3 to Semis, rest eliminated	2	3 to Grand, rest to Petite	3-6 from Semis	Grand
16-18	3	1 to Semis, rest to reps	3	3 to Semis, rest eliminated	2	3 to Grand, rest to Petite	3-6 from Semis	Grand

Order of Events:

Below is the order in which finals are scheduled to be run.

1	Men's Collegiate 2x	14	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 1x
2	Women's Collegiate 2x	15	Women's Collegiate Ltwt 1x
3	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 2x	16	Men's Collegiate 2-
4	Women's Collegiate Ltwt 2x	17	Women's Collegiate 2-
5	Men's Collegiate 4-	18	Men's Collegiate 4x
6	Women's Collegiate 4-	19	Women's Collegiate 4x
7	Men's Collegiate 4+	20	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 4x
8	Women's Collegiate 4+	21	Women's Collegiate Ltwt 4x
9	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 4-	22	Men's Collegiate 8+
10	Women's Collegiate Ltwt 4+	23	Women's Collegiate 8+
11	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 4+	24	Men's Collegiate Ltwt 8+
12	Men's Collegiate 1x	25	Women's Collegiate Ltwt 8+
13	Women's Collegiate 1x		

The schedule of races will be determined based on the number of entries at the close of registration.

The schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Team Point Trophies:

A new addition to the 2011 USRowing Collegiate Championships will be the awarding of team point trophies. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

Overall Team Point Trophy: Awarded to the team that accumulates the most points in all events.

Overall Lightweight Team Trophy: Awarded to the team that accumulates the most points in lightweight events.

Overall Sculling Team Trophy: Awarded to the team that accumulates the most points in sculling events.

“Unaffiliated” entries are not eligible to earn points or team point trophies.

Schedule Information:

Heats, repechages and semifinals will be scheduled to reflect the order of finals as close as possible.

Heats and reps will be run Saturday.

Semifinals, petite finals, and grand finals will run Sunday. Sunday’s schedule will run in the order of finals, with the petite final of an event running immediately before the grand final.

Petite and grand finals for events requiring semifinals may be moved to the end of the Sunday schedule.

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting:

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be scheduled for Friday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Medals:

Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third-place finishers in each grand final, regardless of the number of entries in the event with the exception that events with only one entry will not be run.

Inclement Weather Information:

The Chief Referee, USRowing, and Local Organizing Committee will work together to monitor the weather continuously during the regatta.

Should it be determined that schedule changes are necessary due to weather concerns, the following weather plan will be utilized:

Communication Plan

Weather-related schedule changes will be announced utilizing the following mediums.

- Posted on the results board located at the regatta site
- Online via Twitter, Facebook, RegattaCentral, and the USRowing web site
- Via text message. Coaches, athletes, and parents can register to receive weather related text messages by texting “USRowing” to 313131.

Crews are responsible for staying updated on any announced schedule changes.

Please direct any questions about schedule changes to USRowing at the registration area.

Schedule changes will be made using the following priority system:

1. Delay racing either later the same day or to the next day, if time is available.
2. Begin racing earlier than previously announced. Announcement will be made no later than 3 hours before racing or 9:00 PM the evening before in the case of morning racing.
3. Utilize a time-trial system for a round of the event.
4. Omit a round of the event. The composition of the next round will be determined on the basis of the results of those rounds that have been completed. If Grand Finals must be omitted, medals and points will be awarded based on the results of the last completed round of the event.
5. Cancel regatta.

Lodging

Hyatt Regency Princeton

Use Group/Corporate # 95631 to book online via Princeton.hyatt.com to receive 15% off of the best available rate.

Hilton Hotels

Visit www.HHonzors.com/teamusastays and select "Rowing" to receive 10% off the "Best Available Rate" at participating Hilton hotels. A portion of all bookings through this site is donated back to support USRowing.

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