

2019-20 OUA ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION BULLETIN #2



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1. Preliminary Order of Racing & Name Changes

The preliminary draw is now posted on RegattaCentral. Any name changes can be submitted to Andrea Miller via email (<u>andrea@rowontario.ca</u>) by **Wednesday October 23rd at 11:59PM.**

2. Weather Contingency Plan

As previously noted, Louise Hastings (Chief Umpire), Peter Somerwil (Regatta Chair) and Andrea Miller (Regatta Manager) will meet on Thursday October 24th at 6:00PM to review the weather forecast. If it is necessary to make drastic changes to the schedule due to weather, we will make that call by 7:00PM and convene an emergency meeting for 8:00PM at the course to discuss. This decision will be communicated by email, unless you have requested a text message instead.



3. Rules & Regulations Update

<u>The Rules & Regulations have been updated</u> to include the Motions that were passed by OUA Sport Committee in April. The most significant change to the ones originally posted is section **3.2.1** – **Seeding**. All entries in the Championship events have been seeded using the results from the Brock Invitational Regatta, using the lane draw outlined in the Rules & Regulations.

4. Registration & OUA Eligibility

As a reminder, all athletes are required to meet ROWONTARIO, RCA and OUA eligibility requirements, as outlined in the 2018 RCA Rules of Racing and the 2019-20 OUA Rowing Rules & Regulations, respectively.

ROWONTARIO is in the process of manually auditing all entries for compliance. Entries including ineligible athletes will be removed from the Final draw that will be available on Thursday October 24th. **Participating institutions are responsible for ensuring that all athletes meet the eligibility requirements.** Please note that ROWONTARIO and RCA registration involves being registered for the appropriate Member Club in a program with a relevant start and end date, and that registration must be 'Active'.

Coaches are also required to be registered in the 'Coach' role and meet the same guidelines, as per ROWONTARIO's Membership Policy.

5. Entry Fee Payments

If you selected the 'Pay Later' option when submitting entries, please reply to Andrea's email from October 17th regarding your invoice ASAP.

1. Regatta Technical Meetings

The Regatta Technical meeting will be held on Friday October 25th at 8:00AM and on Saturday October 26th at 7:30AM (one hour before the start of the first race) at Control Commission.

2. OUA Coaches Meeting

The OUA Coaches Meeting will be held on Friday October 25th at 8:00PM in the upstairs meeting room.

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3. Practice Times

Coaches wishing to practice with their crews on the course on Thursday October 24th needs to arrange that directly with Regatta Chair Peter Somerwil (<u>psomerwil@brocku.ca</u>). There will be no practice on the course on Friday October 25th or Saturday October 26th.

4. Volunteers

The OUA Rowing Championships has traditionally relied on student-athlete volunteers from participating institutions. The following was adopted in 2018 and represents an equitable distribution of this responsibility.

The requested number of volunteers from each participating institution is based on the number of Championship (varsity) entries each institution submits:

- 1-3 varsity entries = 1 volunteer
- 4-8 varsity entries = 2 volunteers
- 9-12 varsity entries = 3 volunteers
- 13-16 varsity entries = 4 volunteers
- 17-20 varsity entries = 5 volunteers

Student volunteers will be coordinated by Sydney Boyes (sydney@rowontario.ca). A sign-up sheet can be found in Google Drive. As of October 18th, we are desperately short volunteers with PCOCs who can act as safety boat and other boat drivers. ROWONTARIO will have a pair of branded gloves as a small token of appreciation!

5. Weigh-Ins & Practice Weigh-ins

Based on the Preliminary Order of Racing, weigh-ins will be open on Saturday from 11:30AM – 2:00PM and Sunday from 7:00AM – 9:30AM.

Lightweight athletes are not required to weigh-in as a crew, but the entire crew must successfully weigh-in within the weigh-in window or that crew will be excluded from further competition. There will be no exceptions to the weigh-in window.

Coxswains who received sand as deadweight at the Brock Invitational Regatta are requested to bring their sand to weigh-ins, if possible, rather than unnecessarily wasting the sand. It will be reweighed and adjusted, if necessary.

Practice weigh-ins on the official weigh-in scales will be available on Thursday October 24th from 5:00PM – 6:00PM. An unofficial test scale is also always available between the two boathouses.

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6. Athlete Identification Reminder

Athletes will be required to show photo identification at weigh-ins and at Control Commission prior to launching for each race. A current student card will be accepted.

7. Vendors & Other Partners

ROWONTARIO is pleased to share that there will be three food vendors on-site throughout the Championships, located in the vendor area in front of Henley Island Helpers (near Control Commission).

Henley Island Helpers (HIH)

A Henley island favourite, HIH and its team of dedicated volunteers will be on-site with their famous hotdogs, as well as other assorted food, snacks and drinks for purchase.

Colombian Gypsy Coffee

The Kilt and Clover's specialized coffee truck will be on-site with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, specialty drinks, and a variety of light snacks for purchase.

Schnitzels & Strudels, Inc.

As the name suggests, the Kaiser Haus' food truck will be on-site with schnitzel sandwiches and various strudels for purchase.

OTHER VENDORS/PARTNERS

Regatta Sport

If participants and spectators would like to save a trip into Port Dalhousie to visit the retail store, Regatta Sport will be on-site selling training gear and apparel, featuring ROWONTARIO branded gear and official event merchandise (see below).

Sunset Grill (Fourth Avenue)

The Sunset Grill will not be on-site but has generously donated to the regatta as an annual sponsor. They have also provided coupons for free pancakes, which will be available at various locations around the venue including Control Commission and the Regatta Office!

Comfort Inn, (Dunlop Street)

ROWONTARIO is pleased to partner with the Comfort Inn on Dunlop St. They still have rooms available (King + pullout for \$99/night) for participants and spectators.

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8. Official Event Merchandise

The official event shirt is available for pre-sale until Tuesday October 22nd at 9:00PM.



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From the Regatta Sport website, click the iTEAMS link and use password RowON19 (case sensitive) and pick up at the regatta! Limited sizes and quantities will be available on-site, as well as an OUA Rowing hoodie.

9. Further Updates & Information

All further updates will be posted on <u>RegattaCentral</u>. Results will be posted on <u>ROWONTARIO's Twitter feed</u>.

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