2019 USRowing U17/U15 National Championships DRAFT

June 6-7, 2020

Cooper River, Camden County, N.J.

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USRowing and the South Jersey Rowing Club are proud to present the second USRowing Under 17/Under 15 National Championships.

The goal is to provide an end-of-season championship for the younger athletes starting to become more prevalent in the sport. For organizations, the event provides an opportunity to recruit new athletes to their teams and may help with retention of younger athletes. The national championship can provide an aspirational target at the end of the season to keep these younger athletes engaged for longer times in the spring season. For athletes, this provides more racing opportunities, both directly and indirectly.

This event is offered with a goal of providing significant racing opportunities at younger age categories, helping with talent identification and development for the international racing level by providing another avenue for competitive racing opportunities and an extension to the training and seasons of these younger athletes.

Please read this packet completely as it includes information regarding entries, rules, events, eligibility, and other information about the policies governing this regatta.

Important Rules Changes Summary

- Elimination of sweep events in the U15 category and the addition of the 8x+ in the U15 category.
- Waiving of the Coxswain’s Weight and Weighing of Competitors (Coxswains) rules.
- Re-ordering of U17 events to help with the doubling up of equipment.
- All races will be a time trial to finals format.
Important Dates & Schedule Information

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- February 3, 2020 – Online registration opens on RegattaCentral.
- May 22, 2020 – Online registration deadline. All entries are required to have an initial lineup included by this deadline. Deadline for crews to meet “Express Lane” requirements. All entry fees become non-refundable after this deadline.
- May 26, 2020 – Initial race schedule posted.
- May 26, 2020 – Late registration begins.
- June 1, 2020 – RegattaCentral closes for late entries and lineup changes.
- June 3, 2020 – Initial start lists for time trials and heat sheets posted. RegattaCentral reopens for last-minute lineup changes.
- June 5, 2020 – On-site credential pick-up is available. “Express Lane” opens. Last day for online lineup changes via RegattaCentral. Lineup changes must be made before the start of the Coaches & Coxswains meeting. Venue opens for trailer parking & practice. Coaches & Coxswains Meeting.
- June 6, 2020 – Time Trials
June 7, 2020 – Finals. Award Ceremonies

Schedule Information:

Time trials for U15 events will be run at the 1,000 meter distance on starting Saturday morning. Time trials for U17 events will be run at the 1,900 meter distance approximately one hour after the completion of the U15 time trials.

Finals for U15 events will be run at the 1,000 meter distance on Sunday morning. Finals for U17 events will be run at the 2,000 meter distance approximately one hour after the completion of the U15 time trials.

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Coaches, Coxswains, and Blind Boat Meeting:

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be scheduled for Friday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the finish line grandstand.

All competitors and coaches are responsible for any information given at this meeting.

Order of Events:

Below is the order in which finals are scheduled to be run. Please take this into account when planning any doubling of athletes or equipment. Both the U15 and U17 finals will be run in the order of events starting with the A, B, and C finals (ex. Event 11FA, 11FB, 11FC, 12FA, 12FB, 12FC, ...). The D, E, and F finals will follow in a similar fashion after the completion of the A, B, and C finals. The schedule is subject to change.

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

**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 “U17U15NC” to 313131.

To ensure that each crew has at least one representative on the texting list, USRowing will manually add the Race Day Contact listed on RegattaCentral to the texting system.

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 three hours before racing or 9:00 p.m. 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 will be awarded based on crews’ placements in the last completed round of the event.
5. Cancel events that have completed at least one round of racing.
6. Cancel regatta.

Under no circumstances will races be rescheduled for a date later than June 7, 2020.
Registration Information

**USRrowing Membership Requirements:**

**U.S. Competitors**

All U.S. based organizations must hold active organizational membership with USRowing. Organizations can join or renew at [https://membership.usrowing.org](https://membership.usrowing.org) or by contacting Member Services at (609) 751-0706.

Individual competitors representing a U.S. based organization or U.S. based competitors who are Unaffiliated must hold one of the following types of membership *and* have a current waiver on file to participate in this event:

- Basic + Regatta Package
- Basic + Coaches Package
- Legacy or Lifetime
- Championship

Individual competitors can join USRowing at [https://membership.usrowing.org/individual/join](https://membership.usrowing.org/individual/join) or by contacting the Member Services at (609) 751-0700.

Competitors can renew an expired membership and/or check their current membership status by logging in to their member profile at [https://membership.usrowing.org/individual/login](https://membership.usrowing.org/individual/login).

For more information about individual membership with USRowing, visit the Become an Individual Member page under the Members heading on our website at [https://usrowing.org](https://usrowing.org).

To avoid delays at registration, teams should make sure all competitors have met these membership requirements prior to arriving at the event.

A current listing of your athletes, their member numbers, and expiration dates can be found on the online team roster through the USRowing Membership Portal at [https://membership.usrowing.org](https://membership.usrowing.org).

**International Competitors:**

International competitors can join USRowing as Basic - International members at no cost but it is not required. International competitors that have not joined as Basic - International members will be asked to sign a paper copy of the USRowing Waiver in order to participate.
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.

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.

“Express Lane”:

Any crew whose line-ups are complete, fully compliant with Membership requirements, and fully paid on all entry and other fees are eligible for the “Express Lane” on-site registration option.

These crews may collect their credentials without waiting in line to speak with a USRowing representative.

To be eligible, crews must be in compliance by the May 22 deadline.

After this deadline, a list of eligible crews will be made available.

Entry Information:

Entries in each event will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

No paper entries will be accepted for this event. All entries must be made online at RegattaCentral. Initial registration will be available beginning February 1, 2020, and ending May 22, 2020. No refunds will be given once the initial registration period has ended.

All entry fees must be paid in full by May 22, 2020. After this date, unpaid entries will be considered late entries, and subject to the additional fees associated with such designation.

Crews needing to make alternate payment arrangements must contact the USRowing Regatta Director at james.rawson@usrowing.org.

Events with entries from two or more organizations will be run as scheduled.

Events with entries from two or fewer organizations at the close of registration may be combined with other events or removed from the schedule.

Crews representing an organization with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to compete until the balance is paid in full.
**Entry Fees:**

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<td>$402</td>
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<td>4+/4x/4x+</td>
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<td>$288</td>
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<td>2x/2-</td>
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Entry fees become non-refundable on May 31, 2019.

**Entry Fee Limits**

As a special offer for the organizations supporting this event, we will be limiting entry fees to a maximum of $3,500 per team.

**Late Entries:**

Entries may be accepted in events where additional entries do not change the progression, or exceed any listed entry maximums. These entries are subject to the higher entry fees listed above.

All late entries must be submitted at the USRowing registration desk during posted hours.

E-mail submissions will NOT be accepted.

All late entries must be submitted no later than 5:30 p.m. prior to the start of racing.

All late entry submissions must include completed “Late Entry Form” submitted to the USRowing desk. Crew members for late entries must meet all membership and eligibility requirements, and payment must be made in full before a late entry may be placed into an event.

**Lineup Changes:**

All entries must include the line-up of athletes to compete as part of that entry. All entry line-ups must be finalized by May 22, 2020, in order to ensure athlete credentials are available.

Any entry without line-ups after this time will be treated as a late entry. Line-ups with placeholder names such as “A. Rower” will be considered incomplete and will also be considered late entries. This means they are subject to “Late Entry” fees, and the entry restrictions associated with late entries.

RegattaCentral will close June 1 for credential printing and “Express Lane” notifications. RegattaCentral will be re-opened to accept any last minute line-up changes on Wednesday, June 3 and the start of the Coaches & Coxswains meeting on Friday, June 5.

After the coaches & coxswains meeting on Friday, June 5, 2020, crews may substitute up to one half 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.

Any line-up changes needed on racing days must be completed at the USRowing registration desk.

Each line-up change processed on-site is subject to a $5 administrative fee.

Email line-up changes will not be accepted.

**On-Site Line-up Changes:**

Any line-up changes required on-site will be subject to a $5 administrative fee for processing the request.

Payment is due before a line-up change can be officially made.

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**Competition Information**

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**Classifications:**

U17- A competitor may compete in the U17 category until December 31 of the year of his or her 16th birthday.

U15- A competitor may compete in the U15 category until December 31 of the year of his or her 14th birthday.

**Affiliation:**

A competitor shall represent only one organization at a regatta.

**Composite Entries:**

Crews made up of representatives from different clubs must be entered as composite crews.

The affiliation of each member of the crew must be submitted when the crew is registered.

Competitors are allowed to represent one organization at this regatta.

Composite crews are not required to wear matching uniforms, or have matching oar blade designs.

Composite crews are not eligible to earn points toward team point trophies.

**Foreign Crews:**

Foreign crews, including single scullers, must be current members of their nation’s recognized governing body for the sport of rowing to be eligible to compete.
Foreign crews will be allowed to progress through an event based on their finish.

If a crew entered by a foreign club or rowing federation, or a foreign unaffiliated single sculler, places first, second, or third in a national championship event, it shall receive special gold, silver, or bronze medals memorializing the accomplishment, but the national championship medals and the designations and entitlements of national champion, shall be given only to domestic crews according to order of placement.

Foreign crews are ineligible to receive team point trophies

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Rules

USRowing’s 2020 Rules of Rowing will govern this event.

An online version is available at http://www.usrowing.org/rules-of-rowing/

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
- Rule 3.202 Oars, uniform throughout the crew
- Rule 4-105.1 Coxswain’s Weight
- Rule 4-106 Weighing of Competitors (Coxswains)

Weigh-Ins:

USRowing will be waiving the Coxswain’s Weight (Rule 4-105.1) and Weighing of Competitors (Coxswains) (Rule 4-106) for this regatta.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, failure to heed the instructions of race officials, use of obscene language or gestures, delaying a race without just cause, intentional or flagrant disregard of principles of safety and fairness, or abusive behavior toward any official, team member, or spectator.

A crew that engages in unsportsmanlike conduct may be assessed a penalty by a race official.

Any team member, including a competitor, who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct, on or off of the water, at any time during the regatta, may have his or her further participation at the regatta curtailed or prohibited by a race official.

A crew may be subject to an “unsportsmanlike conduct” penalty if a person affiliated with their organization, including spectators and parents, engages in the use of an unapproved drone at the
regatta venue. An “unsportsmanlike conduct” penalty issued for the use of a drone will carry a presumed penalty of “Disqualification”.

**Progression:**

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<th>Entries</th>
<th>Time Trial</th>
<th>Advancing</th>
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<td>1 (seeding)</td>
<td>6 to Final A</td>
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Each crew is responsible for knowing the progression of their event.

**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.

USRowing will provide bow numbers, which will be given to crews as they pass through Control Commission.

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

**Outside Assistance:**

Crews are reminded that they are not to receive outside assistance during a race except from the unaided voice.

**Medals:**

Medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place finishers in each Final A.

A final must contain a minimum of four boats in order for a third-place medal to be awarded. This rule applies to both qualifying and non-qualifying events.

**Team Point Trophies:**

The following trophies shall be awarded to teams based upon the points earned by that team’s crews in national championship events.

The following table summarizes how points shall be awarded for events.

All events will be scored. Points will be awarded to the highest placing crew for each organization in each event. In the event of a tie, the team with the highest number of gold medal crews in all events will be awarded the trophy.
The organizations that win these trophies in 2020 will have the trophy named for them moving forward to commemorate their inaugural victory.

- **All Points Trophy** - Presented to the team with the highest Combined point total in all events.
- **Men’s Team Point Trophy** - Presented to the team with the highest Men's point total.
- **Women’s Team Points Trophy** - Presented to the team with the highest Women's point total.

### TEAM POINTS REFERENCE TABLE

Points shall be awarded as follows:

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<th>Boat Class</th>
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Composite & foreign crews are not eligible to earn points toward team point trophies.

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**Venue Information**

**Venue: Cooper River, Camden County, N.J.**

Course: The course is a 6-lane, fully-buoyed course with stakeboats. The U17 races will run the full 2,000 meter distance. The U15 races will be run at the 1,000 meter distance. Both distances will utilize stakeboats at the start and require that crews are able to back into a stakeboat.

Teams will be permitted to begin arriving at the venue on the morning of Friday, June 5. Any teams arriving prior to June 5 need to contact Jamie Stack, james.stack@camdencounty.com, for approval. No trailer is permitted to park without Camden County personnel.
Regatta Venue

Location: The regatta will be hosted at Cooper River Park main trailer location, intersection of North Park Drive and Cuthbert Boulevard. Team tents, vendors, results and on land regatta activities will be based from the finish line area, located opposite Donahue Avenue, just off of North Park Drive. A new apartment complex is being constructed at that intersection, where the old hotel used to be located.

Trailer Parking/Staging Information

Cooper River Park
Intersection of North Park Drive and Cuthbert Drive
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Camden County Boathouse
7050 N Park Drive
Pennsauken Township, NJ 08109

Click here for a Google Map of the area.

Lodging Information:

USRowing has partnered with HBC Event Services to provide accommodation options for teams and spectators travelling to the 2020 USRowing U17/U15 National Championships. Rooms are now available at a variety of hotel properties near the venue.

Click here to secure rooms through HBC Event Services

Event Drone Policy:

In accordance with USRowing’s drone policy, anyone interested in utilizing a flying drone at the regatta venue must receive approval from USRowing and the Local Organizing Committee.

To request approval, contact james.rawson@usrowing.org for more information.

Unapproved drones are not permitted anywhere on the regatta venue. Continued use of unapproved drones may result in penalties to the associated crew, and the operator may be subject to removal from the venue.

Practice:

The course will be available for practice beginning at noon on Friday. Launching for practice will close at 4:30 p.m. All crews must be off of the water by 5:00 p.m. Please follow the traffic pattern.
The course will not be available for practice prior to racing or during lunch breaks on Saturday or Sunday.

Due to the amount of time required for racing, practice may not be available after racing on Saturday evening. If available, Saturday practice times will be listed in the confirmation packet distributed to teams at the close of registration.

Teams are not permitted to launch from the venue or practice on the course outside of posted practice times.
Contacts and Organizers

Contact Information:

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