

2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 25-27, 2025



Welcome to the 2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta! We look forward to seeing more than 1600 Junior athletes from across the US, from the Upper Midwest to the Northeast, and throughout the Southeast, compete in scull and sweep disciplines over Melton Lake's 2000-meter championship sprint course.

The 2024 Dogwood Junior regatta was our largest ever. For 2025, Oak Ridge Rowing Association has made some adjustments that we expect will better serve the athletes. The key change for 2025 is to the scheduled order of events that better supports the ability of athletes to compete in multiple events, especially within a discipline, whether sweep or scull. We also will now run the 1x/2-/2x time trials late on Friday afternoon. This dramatically reduces the early Saturday impact of those 200 small boats on a busy schedule.

Please read this information packet carefully as it describes the event structure, schedule, progressions, inclement weather policy, venue and course maps, practice times and other important information. We look forward to seeing you in Oak Ridge, TN!

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1 Important Dates and Deadlines

2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta Registration Dates and Deadlines.

Registration is available via [Regatta Central](https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job_id=9171) (https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job_id=9171).

- EARLY REGISTRATION
 - Opens March 01, 2025 @ 12:00 AM EDT
 - Closes March 23, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT
- STANDARD REGISTRATION
 - Opens March 24, 2025 @ 12:00 AM EDT
 - Closes April 13, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT
 - Entry counts received through the close of Standard Registration will define the progressions for all events.
- LATE REGISTRATION
 - Opens April 14, 2025 @ 12:00 AM EDT
 - Closes April 20, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT.
 - Entries during the late registration period will be accepted for those events where those new entries do not change progressions.
- LATE-LATE REGISTRATION (NO REGATTA CENTRAL REGISTRATION. SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.)
 - For requests after the close of Late Registration period on Regatta Central, ORRA will handle those on a case-by-case basis up to and including the day of the event. Contact regattadirector@orra.org with those requests. Late-late registration requests require event number and athlete lineup.
 - Similarly to Late Registration, late-late registration entries can only be accepted for those events where new entries do not change progressions.
- SCRATCH WINDOW
 - Opens March 1, 2025 @ 12:00 AM EDT
 - Closes April 13, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT.
 - See Section 5.6 for additional information.
- General Dates
 - Line-ups Due April 20, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT
 - Payments Due April 20, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT
 - Waiver Due April 20, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT

2 2025 Event Structure

For the 2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta, 42 individual events are offered. There are 20 events that include both Women’s and Men’s Events, 40 total, the PR2 1x and the U15 Mixed 8+. Reference Table 1.

Table 1. 2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Events

	1x	2x	2-	4x	4x+	4-	4+	8+
U15					Men Women			Mixed
U16					Men Women			Men Women
U17	Men Women	Men Women		Men Women			Men Women	Men Women
Youth	Men Women PR2	Men Women	Men Women	Men Women		Men Women	Men Women	Men Women

2.1 Event List and Cap

The Event List is available from Regatta Central and summarized in Table 2. The order of events is fixed. Each event has an entry cap that is based on historical demand for the event. That per-event cap is consistent with the schedule for progressions. The start times listed on Regatta Central are intentionally, and only, notional. Further, they indicate the anticipated start time for time trials, only. The authoritative times for the time trials and start times for all progressions will be published on HereNow, based on the number of entries, at the close of Standard Registration. Oak Ridge Rowing Association reserves the right to eliminate Events with fewer than 2 entries at the close of Standard Registration. PR2 events will be run with any number of competitors.

Table 2. Event List and Cap

Event Description	Event Cap	Event Description	Event Cap
Women’s and Men’s Youth 1x	24	Women’s and Men’s U17 2nd 4+	18
Women’s and Men’s U17 1x	24	Women’s and Men’s U17 4+	24
Youth PR2 1x	24	Women’s and Men’s U15 4x+	18
Women’s and Men’s Youth 4+	24	Women’s and Men’s U16 8+	18
Women’s and Men’s Youth 2nd 4+	18	Women’s and Men’s Youth 4-	18
Women’s and Men’s Youth 3rd 8+	18	Women’s and Men’s Youth 4x	24
Mixed U15 8+	18	Women’s and Men’s U17 4x	18
Women’s and Men’s U16 4X+	18	Women’s and Men’s U17 8+	24
Women’s and Men’s Youth 2-	18	Women’s and Men’s Youth 2nd 8+	24
Women’s and Men’s Youth 2x	None	Women’s and Men’s Youth 8+	24
Women’s and Men’s U17 2x	24		

2.2 Youth Varsity/2V/3V

The 2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta event list includes Youth 4+, Youth 2nd 4+, and Youth 3rd 4+, and Youth 8+, Youth 2nd 8+, and Youth 3rd 8+. Consistent with USRowing's Rules:

2.2.1 Youth 4+

The Youth 4+ Varsity boat is intended to be your fastest crew at the time of entry submission. A team may enter one crew to the Youth Varsity event.

A team entered in the Youth 2nd 4+ event must have also entered the Youth 4+. A team may submit one or more entries in the 2V event, and where there are more than one in the 2V event, identifying them as A, B, C etc.

A team entered in the Youth 3rd 4+ event must have also entered at least one entry in the Youth 2nd 4+. A team may submit one or more entries in the 3V event, and where there are more than one in the 3V event, identifying them as A, B, C etc.

2.2.2 Youth 8+

The Youth 8+ Varsity boat is intended to be your fastest crew at the time of entry submission. A team may enter one crew to the Youth Varsity event.

A team entered in the Youth 2nd 8+ event must have also entered the Youth 8+. A team may submit one or more entries in the 2V event, and where there are more than one in the 2V event, identifying them as A, B, C etc.

A team entered in the Youth 3rd 8+ event must have also entered at least one entry in the Youth 2nd 8+. A team may submit one or more entries in the 3V event, and where there are more than one in the 3V event, identifying them as A, B, C etc.

2.3 Progressions and the use of a Time Trial

ORRA will use a 1750-meter Time Trial on Friday p.m. (1x/2-/2x) and Saturday a.m. (4x/4+/8+) to establish a rank-ordered list for Events with eight or more entries. Progressions using the rank-ordered list are as follows.

Table 3. Progressions from Time Trial

Entries	Time Trial	Semi-Final	Petit Final	Grand Final
1	-	-	-	Transfer, combine, or cancel
2-7	-	-	-	Straight to Final
8-12	TT for Top 7	-	-	Top 7
13-18	TT for Petit /Grand Final	-	TT 7-12	TT 1-6
19-24	TT. Top 12 Adv.	2 Semi-Finals	Semi 4-6/ Semi 4-6	Semi 1-3/ Semi 1-3
25+	TT. Top 18 Adv.	3 Semi-Finals	Semi 3-4/ Semi 3-4/ Semi 3-4	Semi 1-2/ Semi 1-2/ Semi 1-2

The following progression is anticipated. Based on entries/distribution, minor adjustments may be made.

- If a single entry is received in an event, the LOC will work with the team/athletes to either shift them to another event, potentially run them combined with a similar event, or allow a cancel/refund.
- For events with 2-7 entries, that event will go straight to a seven-boat final, racing on Sunday. No time trial is included. ORRA may combine the Grand Finals of two smaller/similar events into a single event in the interests of total schedule.
- For events with 8-12 entries in an event, based on the results of the time trial, the top 7 progress directly to the Sunday Final.
- For events with 13-18 entries of 13-18, ORRA will use a time trial, with 7-12 to a Saturday Petit Final and the Top 6 progressing directly to a Sunday Grand Final. No semifinals are included.
- For events with 19-24 entries, a Time Trial will determine rank-ordered advancement of the top 12 to two semifinals on Saturday and Petit/Grand Finals on Sunday.
- For events with 25 or more entries, a Time Trial will determine rank-ordered advancement of the top 18 to three semifinals and Petit/Grand Finals.

2.4 Time Trial Schedule

Time trials will start late Friday (1x, 2-, 2x) and early Saturday (4x, 4+, 4-, 4x+ and 8+), and run across two parallel lanes on approximately (scheduled) 30-second centers, in Lanes 3 and 5 of the 2000-meter sprint course. Lane 4 is dead for the duration of time trials. Reference the Time Trial Course Map. Crews with odd bow numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9...) will race in Lane 3. Crews with even bow numbers (2, 4, 6, 8...) will race in Lane 5.

With referee direction, crews will assemble above the 0000-meter position in bow-number order and enter either the Lane 3 (odd bow numbers) or Lane 5 (even bow numbers) start chute in the area near the 0000-meter position. With confirmation from a referee, crews will then accelerate,

in bow number order, within their lane, to a rolling full-speed start, with timing beginning precisely at the 0250-meter mark.

Any crew that is overtaken during the Time Trial in Lane 3 must yield to Lane 2 (toward the outside of the course). Any crew that is overtaken during the Time Trial in Lane 5 must yield to Lane 6 (toward the outside of the course). Referees will be stationed in Lane 4.

2.5 Semi-final Schedule

At the conclusion of Time Trials on Saturday, the ORRA LOC and USRowing Referees will rotate, with a short schedule break, to support a full 2000-meter series of semi-finals for events with 19 or more entries and the Petit Finals for smaller events (those with 13-18 total entries).

For events with 2-12 entries, no semi-finals are necessary. The top 7 from time trials progress directly to the Grand Final on Sunday.

For events with 13-18 entries, no semi-finals are necessary. The top 6 from the time trial will progress directly to the Grand Final on Sunday. The second six, in positions 7-12, will progress directly to the Petit Final. In general, for events with 13-18 entries, those Petit Finals will run on Saturday. Any exceptions to the use of a Saturday Petit Final will be known at the close of Standard Registration.

For events with 19-24 entries, the top 12 from the time trial will be seeded to a pair of semi-finals on Saturday afternoon, with the three fastest from each semi-final advancing to the Grand Final. The 4-6 finishers in each semi-final progress to the Petit Final. Because crews race in a semi-final on Saturday afternoon, both the Petit and Grand Final will be held on Sunday. This ensures that, within a single event, no crew will race more than twice in a single day.

For events with 25 or more entries, the top 18 will be seeded to three semi-finals, with the two fastest teams from each semi-final advancing to the Grand Final. The third and fourth-place finishers from each semi-final advance to the Petit Final on Sunday. Because crews race in a semi-final on Saturday afternoon, both the Petit and Grand Final will be held on Sunday. This ensures that, within a single event, no crew will race more than twice in a single day.

2.6 Inclement Weather

Anticipate the race schedule (launch to dock) to run from 3pm-7m on Friday, 7am-7pm on Saturday and 7am-4pm on Sunday. In the event of inclement weather, the Chief Referee and Local Organizing Committee may revise the schedule to accommodate the event timing accordingly. GroupMe, a notification-only message service available for both iPhone and Android, will be used to communicating real-time updates. In addition, HereNow will be updated to reflect any changes to progressions or schedule.

The following general tenets apply to the management of inclement weather situations:

2.6.1 Progression Impact

In the absence of further progression, the results of an event's Time Trial will determine the order of finish.

In the absence of further progression, the timed results (not semi-final order of finish) of an event's semi-finals will determine the order of finish, without regard for the execution of multiple semi-finals. i.e. if an event has two semi-finals, but the final cannot be executed, the three fastest times across the two event semifinals will determine the order of finish.

Edge cases may exist, based on the time/duration of inclement weather in the schedule where the results of the Event's Time Trial may be used to seed crews directly to (optional Petit Finals)/Finals, with the semi-finals discarded.

2.6.2 Event Priority

Where inclement weather creates a specific need to prioritize events, highest priority is given to (highest to lowest):

- Events that require time trials, i.e. the LOC will prioritize the completion of time trials so that the order of finish will be known for that event.
- Events that have up to 7 entries (prescribed as Straight to Finals) since they would not have a time trial.
- Finals, largest boats to smallest boats
- Petit Finals, largest boats to smallest boats

Adjustments may additionally be made given appropriate safety considerations of smaller boats.

Racing on Sunday cannot extend past 6pm.

2.7 Athlete Participation in Multiple Events

The 2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta is structured to support the desire of athletes to participate in more than one event. Using the subscription (demand) for events from 2023 and 2024, and the revised event schedule, athletes that participate in multiple events are expected to have sufficient time between events, regardless of day (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) or progression (time trial, semi-final, of final).

As an example, an athlete competing in the Youth 1x and Youth 2x (1x → 2x) will have approximately 2 hours, start to start, between events for the Friday afternoon time trial. With the expectation that the Youth 1x and Youth 2x will require semi-finals, an athlete that progresses in both would again have a gap of approximately 2 hours, start to start between those two semifinals. Should that same athlete advance to the Petit or Grand Finals on Sunday, they would have a gap of no less than 2 hours.

With this in-mind, athletes are advised that participation in any event where the event gap (start

to start) is less than 1.5 hour is strongly discouraged.

To help athletes plan for potential event combinations, the following anticipated gaps are published. Coaches and athletes are responsible for the decision to participate in these multiple events. Event depth will impact actual gap length. The full schedule will be posted at the conclusion of standard registration.

Table 4. Anticipated Gaps for Specific Event to Event Transitions

Event to Event Transition	Time Trial	Semi Final	Final
Youth U17 1x → Youth U17 2x	+/-2 hours	+/-2 hours	+/-2 hours
Youth U17 1x → Youth U17 4x	N/A	+/- 4 hours	+/- 6 hours
Youth U17 2x → Youth U17 4x	N/A	+/- 4 hours	+/- 4 hours
Youth 4+ → Youth 2-	N/A	+/- 1.5 hours	+/- 1.5 hours
Youth 2 nd 4+ → Youth 2-	N/A	+/- 1 hour	
Youth 2- → Youth 3 rd 4+	N/A	+/- 1.25 hours	
Youth 2- → U17 4+	N/A	+/- 1.75 hours	+/- 1.75 hours
Youth 2-- → Youth 8+	N/A	+/-2.5 hours	+/- 5 hours
Youth 2-- → Youth 2 nd 8+	N/A	+/-2.5 hours	+/- 5 hours
Youth 2-- → Youth 3 rd 8+	N/A	< 1 hour	
Youth 4+ → Youth 4-	+/- 2.5 hours	N/A	+/- 5 hours
Youth 2 nd 4+ → Youth 4-	+/- 2.5 hours	N/A	+/- 5 hours
Youth 3 rd 4+ → Youth 4-	+/- 1.5 hours	N/A	+/- 2.5 hours
Youth 4- → Youth 8+-	+/- 1.25 hours		
Youth 4- → Youth 2 nd 8+-	+/- 1 hour		
Youth 4- → Youth 3 rd 8+-	+/- 2 hours		
U17 Youth (all) 4+ --> U17 Youth (all) 8+-	> 2 hours	> 2 hours	> 2 hours

3 Quick Links

3.1 Communication

Join the [2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta GroupMe](#) (Announcements-only). This will be used to communicate information to coaches and other participants throughout the Event. It is a announce-only text message service. In the event that weather or other circumstances impact the schedule, GroupMe will be the primary method of communicating progression and schedule changes.

3.2 Schedule

The initial schedule is posted. A revised schedule will be provided via Regatta Central at the conclusion of Standard Registration. The Official Schedule will be available via HereNow shortly after the close of Standard Registration.

3.3 Results

Official Results will be provided via HereNow.

3.4 Venue and Course Maps

See the Overview page on RC for the links to the Venue, Practice, Time Trial and Race Maps.

3.5 VIP Parking

Available via SignUp Genius. See the Overview page on RC for the link. VIP Parking provides guaranteed in/out parking for your vehicle from Friday afternoon, 2:00 p.m through Sunday.

4 Volunteers



Oak Ridge Rowing Association depends on the generosity of our volunteers to ensure the delivery of a successful event.

Interested in how the regatta is delivered? Curious about on-water execution by the USRowing referees? Interested in helping with control commission, starts, or the finish line? Want to see how the course is installed? Feel free to grab a volunteer shift and help. We'll provide a volunteer shirt, food and drinks, and appropriate instruction on your role. ORRA uses Sign Up Genius to describe volunteer opportunities and manage sign-ups. ***Volunteer via Sign Up Genius, with that link found on the Overview page on Regatta Central.***

5 Rules and Eligibility

All USRowing rules found in the [2025 Rules of Rowing](#) apply except as noted below.

- In accordance with USRowing, medical substitutions between events may be approved by someone certified in the medical field. If a lineup change needs to be made before an event starts, it must be approved in advance by the Regatta Director.
- In accordance with USRowing, a substitution from a qualifying crew from Saturday to Sunday may be made to accommodate religious beliefs. That lineup change must be approved by the Regatta Director prior to the progression of that crew.

5.1 Waiver Requirements

Every competitor shall complete USRowing's Regatta Liability Waiver. Competitors under the age of 18 must sign and have a parent or legal guardian sign an individual minor's waiver. No Paper waivers will be accepted.

5.2 Event Registration

5.2.1 Organizational and Individual Compliance on Regatta Central

ORRA is using Regatta Central as the event registration platform and the Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta is a USRowing-sanctioned event. In accordance with new policy in 2025 from USRowing, note that teams will not be able to make entries on Regatta Central if their Organizational membership is not current. Individuals can be entered noncompliant, with compliance resolved prior to the event.

Entries shall be made on the [Regatta Central](#) web site.

5.2.2 On-Site Check-in and Registration

Check-in- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eastern Time Friday and 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM Eastern Time Saturday All check-in is in the ORRA Boathouse.

Crews are required to check in before anyone from that team is allowed to race. On Friday, priority will be given to crews that are participating in Friday afternoon events.

Crews must have all USRowing waivers completed, and all entries paid for prior to racing. This will be verified at check in.

Packets for the Friday afternoon time trial events (1x, 2x, 2-) will be available beginning at 12:00 PM on Friday, organized by Team. Packets for the Saturday morning time trial events (4x, 4+, 4-, 4x+ and 8+) will be available beginning at 12:00 PM on Friday, organized by Team, and distinct from the Friday time trial packet. Packets for straight to final and progressions will be available at the ORRA boathouse, organized by Team, and distinct from the time trial packets.

5.3 Lineup Changes

Line-up entries and changes may be made by coaches/staff directly in Regatta Central through the close of Late Registration.

Line-up changes after Late Registration require notification from the coach to the Regatta Director at regattadirector@orra.org or via an on-site change. Line-up changes must be completed at the Registration Desk *no less than* 90-minutes before the event.

Line-up changes completed before the close of Late Registration will be reflected in Regatta Central. Line up changes completed after the close of Late Registration will be reflected only in HereNow.

5.4 Coaches and Coxswains Meeting

The C&C will be online on the Wednesday prior to the regatta. The link is published on Regatta Central on the Overview Page. There is no on-site C&C.

At least one representative from each crew must attend. All crews will be responsible for the information delivered at the meeting, regardless of attendance.

5.5 Weigh Ins

No Weigh Ins (rowers or coxswains). Shells are expected to meet the requirements of Article III, Part A of the [2025 Rules of Rowing](#).

5.6 Scratches

For entries that are scratched *prior to* the close of Standard Registration, the full amount of the scratched registration will be returned, minus a flat-rate merchant processing fee of 2.99%. Coaches should make those scratches directly in Regatta Central.

For entries that are scratched *after* the close of Standard Registration (during or beyond the Late Registration period), the associated event fees are due and no refund is provided. Coaches may make those scratches directly in Regatta Central or by contacting the Regatta Director at regattadirector@orra.org.

Scratches after the Late Registration Period require notification from the coach to the Regatta Director at regattadirector@orra.org so that those changes can be completed/reflected in HereNow.

5.7 Did Not Start Fees

Coaches and crews understand that they should typically launch 45 minutes prior to the start of their race. That is considered the minimum time to check in with the Referee, ensure safety

items, launch, exit the embayment, row to the starting area, and prepare to race. Referees are specifically capturing the launch time for every single boat in every single event. When crews do not launch, the control commission, marshaling and starting referees must identify and confirm that the crew is not present (or late to start) and not participating. Crews that must race-day scratch are required to notify the LOC at the boathouse office no less than 45 minutes prior to that event's start time to avoid a \$20 per incident fee.

5.8 Refunds

The Chief Referee, in consultation with the Regatta Director, is ultimately responsible for any decision that affects the cancellation of events. Fees for events cancelled due to acts of God are not refundable.

6 Venue

6.1 Practice

The boathouse and launch docks are available on Thursday through 6:00 p.m. and Friday through 2:00 p.m. for practice. Reference the Practice Day Traffic map on Regatta Central for additional information. Teams may use the sprint race course. Dead lanes described on the Practice Day Traffic map will be enforced. Friday p.m. practice may be further restricted as Lane 4 is configured to support Time Trials.

There is no practice after racing on Friday or Saturday afternoon/evening.

6.2 Weather

If fog is present such that the far shore is obscured, the Chief Referee and LOC regatta director will restrict launching until such time as conditions allow.

The weather in mid April can vary considerably. Typical weather conditions include early morning temperatures in the mid-50's and highs in the mid-70's. Athletes are reminded to be mindful of the weather conditions and dress appropriately.

6.3 Dock Master

The Dock Master, a USRowing Referee/Official, has absolute authority over the dock area. Each competitor is required to report in before boarding launching dock. Outgoing boats will have priority over incoming boats. The Dock Master will expedite and prioritize launching. All competitors must return to the recovery docks after their race.

6.4 Launching

Crews will launch from the labelled launch docks in the marina harbor (embayment). There will be no time allowed for equipment adjustment on the docks. Crews should plan to adjust foot stretchers and tie shoelaces after launching. Crews are responsible for getting their boat to the

start on time. *ORRA strongly recommends that crews allow no less than 40 minutes* to move from the embayment to the marshaling area above the start.

6.5 Safety Equipment

Every competing boat must be properly equipped with a bow ball. Every competing boat shall also be equipped with quick-release shoes. Control commission will check before boarding launching docks (per rule 3-109).

6.6 Boat Bow Numbers

For events that require a Time Trial, ORRA will provide assigned bow numbers for each shell. These are sequential. Odd bow numbers in Time Trials will race in Lane 3. Even bow numbers in Time Trials will race in Lane 5. Crews are responsible for placing the assigned bow number to the shell's bow. Assigned time trial numbers for crews will be distributed at the ORRA boathouse during registration.

For all other progressions, ORRA will assign an alphanumeric bow number, where the alphabetic character corresponds to the event number, and the numeric component corresponds to the assigned lane. Assigned semi-final, petit finals and grand finals alphanumeric bow numbers for crews will be distributed at the ORRA boathouse on Saturday, shortly after the conclusion of time trials, and again early Sunday.

Boat numbers, whether sequential for the time trials or alphanumeric for the progressions, must be placed on the bow of each boat entered.

Crews will be charged a replacement fee of \$25 for not returning any Boat Number at the conclusion of their race.

6.7 Equipment Failure Prior to Start

If a competitor loses his/her bow marker or experiences equipment breakage prior to Start, he/she should notify course Marshals as soon as possible. Marshals are distributed throughout the race-course, with radio communication to the Chief Referee and LOC.

6.8 Protests

Intent to file protest must be indicated to an official (referee / regatta director) immediately and within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the race. The regatta will consider a protest from a coach or coaching representative (only one coach/coaching representative per protest is allowed) per USRowing rules at a fee of \$50.00. The protest must be filed with the Regatta Director and the fee paid within 60-minutes from the start of the race in question. The Regatta Jury will consider appeals from crews who have been assessed a penalty.

6.9 Awards/ Medals

The top three places are awarded medals provided at least three boats rowed in their event. Medals will be awarded once results are official. Winners not claiming their medals/trophies by the end of the race day forfeit their award.

7 Directions and Parking

Oak Ridge Rowing Association is located at

697 Melton Lake Drive
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

7.1 VIP Parking

VIP Parking is available at the boathouse, with guaranteed in/out privileges for the entire weekend. Purchase your VIP parking pass using the SignUp Genius link found on the Regatta Central overview page. Pre-purchased passes will be available at the Boathouse Office on Friday, and at the parking lot entrance beginning at 6am on Saturday. Pick up your VIP pass early (please!) to ease congestion. Note, per City of Oak Ridge ordinance, there is no overnight parking at Melton Lake Park. VIP passes are non-transferable.

7.2 Additional Parking

The City of Oak Ridge allows privately owned vehicles to park on the shoulder of Melton Lake Drive, on both sides, subject to public safety items such as fire hydrants, intersections, and cross walks. Signage that indicates/restricts these areas is posted *and strongly enforced* by the City of Oak Ridge. No parking is allowed in the adjacent neighborhoods.

7.3 2-Minute Drop-Off / Load / Unload Zone

Dropping off athletes, passengers, food/beverages? ORRA has a 2-minute drop-off zone directly on the Melton Lake Drive shoulder, just past the parking lot entrance. This area is specifically marked. Parking is not allowed in this zone (and enforced).

7.4 Handicapped Parking

Handicap parking, including access aisles, for those persons with a valid handicap tag or placard is available at the boathouse venue, but the number of spaces is quite limited, managed and enforced by the City of Oak Ridge. These spaces are located immediately in front of the ORRA boathouse. VIP Parking affords persons with limited/restricted mobility the ability to park in any available space, including locations that are immediately adjacent (and more convenient) to team areas.

7.5 Special Consideration for Buses

For teams that are using commercial vans/buses, ORRA will permit athlete drop-off and pick-up in the ORRA Boathouse parking lot. Special parking spaces are designated for this activity. Buses may not idle and may not stay. Maximum turn-around time is ten-minutes and is enforced. Offsite parking for buses is available at many nearby locations include Roane State Community College (Briarcliff Avenue) and a large surface lot at the corner of Emory Valley Road and Briarcliff Avenue.

7.6 Shell Trailer Parking

The venue will be open for shell trailer parking starting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday. Arrival before this time requires coordination with the LOC. Once your travel plans are firm, please contact regattadirector@orra.org with your Team Name, Arrival Time/Date, and the contact information of the trailer driver. If arriving a bit later on Thursday, please make every effort to arrive before 7:00 pm. General availability of the trailer parking area continues Friday at 8:00 a.m. No pre-coordination is needed beginning Friday. Trailers arriving outside normal/coordinated hours will be required to find an alternate parking area in the area other than the venue. In accordance with City ordinance, trailers parked illegally may be towed. Prior to parking and unloading trailers, crews are required to check-in with a Venue Coordinator.

Trailer locations are not random. Trailers must be parked in order of arrival. A parking attendant will be available to assist boatmen with trailer parking.

Please watch the weather. If there has been considerable rainfall, please plan to bring plywood sheets to distribute trailer weight and to reduce the probability of your trailer becoming mired and to avoid damage to the venue. ORRA will distribute straw in the athlete areas as need be.

1x and 2x shell drop-offs are available immediately adjacent to the boathouse, directly across from the large mural that faces Melton Lake Drive.

Note: To protect the safety of athletes, teams may *not* remove their trailer from the venue until racing has concluded for that day and all crews have returned their shells to their respective areas. Drivers should expect the greenway to be closed to vehicle traffic until the Chief Referee and LOC reopen the north and south entrances to the laydown area.

7.7 Overnight Parking

Melton Lake Park is a City of Oak Ridge facility. Per City regulations, the venue grounds are closed from dusk until dawn. No overnight parking is allowed. ORRA will provide on-site security for the venue, peninsula, and trailer areas and coordinate any necessary early arrivals and late departures with our on-site security personnel.

8 Miscellaneous

8.1 Alcohol Use

Melton Lake Park is a City of Oak Ridge facility. Per City regulations, no alcohol consumption will be permitted or tolerated at the regatta or on the venue grounds. This will be clearly stated in the registration material to competitors as well as being announced at the coaches meeting prior to the regatta.

8.2 Contact Information

Oak Ridge Rowing Association
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9 Notional Schedule

Using the event caps for the 42 events offered at the 2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta and using the actual subscription of those events in 2023 and 2024, a notional schedule is shown. This is an example, only, which reflects the demand for specific events.

Event Description	Event Cap	Anticipated Progression	Friday PM	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday
Women's and Men's Youth 1x	24	TT 2S PF GF	Time Trial		Semifinals	Petit and Grand Finals
Women's and Men's U17 1x	24	TT GF	Time Trial		(opt) Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's Youth PR2 1x	24	TT ONLY	Time Trial			
Women's and Men's Youth 4+	24	TT 2S PF GF		Time Trial	Semifinals	Petit and Grand Finals
Women's and Men's Youth 2nd 4+	18	TT PF GF		Time Trial	Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's Youth 3rd 8+	18	TT PF GF		Time Trial	Petit Final	Grand Final
Mixed U15 8+	18	TT GF		Time Trial	(opt) Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's U16 4X+	18	TT PF GF		Time Trial	Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's Youth 2-	18	TT PF GF	Time Trial			Petit and Grand Finals
Women's and Men's Youth 2x	None	TT 3S PF GF	Time Trial		Semifinals	Petit and Grand Finals
Women's and Men's U17 2x	24	TT 2S PF GF	Time Trial		Semifinals	Petit and Grand Finals
Women's and Men's Youth 3rd 4+	24	TT 2S PF GF		Time Trial	Semifinals	Petit and Grand Finals
Women's and Men's U17 2nd 4+	18	TT GF		Time Trial	(opt) Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's U17 4+	24	TT 2S PF GF		Time Trial	Semifinals	Petit and Grand Finals
Women's and Men's U15 4x+	18	TT GF		Time Trial	(opt) Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's U16 8+	18	TT GF		Time Trial	(opt) Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's Youth 4-	18	TT GF		Time Trial	(opt) Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's Youth 4x	24	TT 2S PF GF		Time Trial	Semifinals	Petit and Grand Finals
Women's and Men's U17 4x	18	TT GF		Time Trial	(opt) Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's U17 8+	24	TT PF GF		Time Trial	Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's Youth 2nd 8+	24	TT PF GF		Time Trial	Petit Final	Grand Final
Women's and Men's Youth 8+	24	TT PF GF		Time Trial		Petit and Grand Finals

