

2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 25-27, 2025



Hosted by Oak Ridge Rowing Association
697 Melton Lake Drive - Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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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. 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](#).

- **EARLY REGISTRATION**
 - Opens March 1, 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
- **LATE REGISTRATION**
 - Opens April 14, 2025 @ 12:00 AM EDT
 - Closes April 20, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT
- **LATE-LATE REGISTRATION (NO REGATTA CENTRAL REGISTRATION. SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.)**
 - Contact regattadirector@orra.org. No changes to progressions allowed.
- **SCRATCH WINDOW***
 - Opens March 1, 2025 @ 12:00 AM EDT
 - Closes April 13, 2025 @ 11:59 PM EDT

2 2025 Event Structure

For the 2025 Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta, 43 individual events are offered. There are 21 events that include both Women’s and Men’s Events, 42 total, 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	Men Women	Men Women	Men Women		Men Women	Men Women	Men Women
Dash (Open)	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
Women’s and Men’s Youth 1x	24
Women’s and Men’s U17 1x	24
Women’s and Men’s Youth PR2 1x	24
Women’s and Men’s Youth 4+	24
Women’s and Men’s Youth 2nd 4+	18
Women’s and Men’s Youth 3rd 8+	18
Mixed U15 8+	18
Women’s and Men’s U16 4X+	18

Event Description	Event Cap
Women's and Men's Youth 2-	18
Women's and Men's Youth 2x	None
Women's and Men's U17 2x	24
Women's and Men's Youth 3rd 4+	24
Women's and Men's U17 2nd 4+	18
Women's and Men's U17 4+	24
Women's and Men's U15 4x+	18
Women's and Men's U16 8+	18
Women's and Men's Youth 4-	18
Women's and Men's Youth 4x	24
Women's and Men's U17 4x	18
Women's and Men's U17 8+	24
Women's and Men's Youth 2nd 8+	24
Women's and Men's Youth 8+	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-+/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		

Event to Event Transition	Time Trial	Semi Final	Final
	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