



2018-2019 ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST: ROWONTARIO

OCTOBER 26-27, 2018
Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Course
St. Catharines, Ontario

ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION BULLETIN #2

1. PRACTICE TIMES

Practice will be available **Thursday October 26th 3-6pm** and **Friday 4-6pm** at the discretion of the Chief Umpire, Regatta Chair and/or Regatta Manager. Practice will only be held if conditions permit.

Please note: A minimum of **three** safety boats are required on the water to have practice. University coaches are required to act as safety boats. No crews will be permitted to launch without three safety boats on the water. Please check in with Andrea Miller (Regatta Manager), Ken Campbell (Regatta Chair) or Rich Neufeld (Chief Umpire) before crews launch.

Please refer to the [“Course Map/Traffic Pattern – Training”](#) map available on RegattaCentral and ensure your athletes know the traffic pattern.

There is NO scheduled practice in the morning before racing on either Friday October 26th or Saturday October 27th.

2. COACHES MEETINGS

The Coaches Meeting will be managed differently this year, as directed by the OUA.

The regatta technical meeting will be held on **Thursday October 25th at 8:00PM** on the second floor of the boathouse, in the weigh-in room. This meeting will be facilitated by Andrea Miller, Regatta Manager, and include important regatta information and instructions from Ken Campbell, Regatta Chair, and Rich Neufeld, Chief Umpire. We will also distribute copies of the final draw and volunteer schedule.

A representative from each participating institution is required to attend the Coaches Meeting.

Immediately following the technical meeting (at approximately 8:30PM) will be a coaches-only meeting to discuss potential changes to the OUA Rowing Rules & Regulations. Please refer to the email forwarded to Head Coaches from Matthew Davies, OUA Director of Sport for more information.

We will only have a technical meeting before racing on Friday and/or Saturday if deemed necessary by the Regatta Chair or Chief Umpire.

Reminder: There will be an additional Coaches Meeting **20 minutes following the last race on Saturday** to select the Male and Female Athlete of the Year, Male and Female Novice Coach of the Year, and Male and Female Coach of the Year distinction awards.

3. WEIGH-IN TIMES

Weigh-ins for Lightweights and coxswains (Championship crews only) will be held in the second floor of the boathouse:

Friday October 26th: 10:30AM – 1:00PM

Saturday October 27th: 6:30AM – 9:00AM

A practice scale will be available on **Thursday October 25th** from **5:00PM-6:00PM**, also in the second floor of the boathouse.

4. NAME CHANGES, etc.

Any changes to the final draw will only be accepted at the discretion of Ken Campbell, Regatta Chair. Ken Campbell will be on-site to discuss changes to the draw on **Thursday October 25th** from **3:00PM-6:00PM** and **at the coaches meeting**.

Reminders:

- Only athletes listed on the roster may compete or be used as a spare or substitute in any entry for any reason.
- Substitutes must be registered and active in RCA's Web Registration System as a member of the appropriate member club
- *Substitutions:* After entries close, and prior to racing beginning, a maximum of 50% of a crew or the single may be substituted from the original team roster.
- Name changes will be subject to a fee of \$5 per name, except for medical reasons validated by medical documentation before the end of the regatta
- An athlete who has been medically replaced will not be allowed to compete in any event on that same day.

Ken will review all changes at the Coaches Meeting so everyone has the most up-to-date version of the draw, and a revised Final draw will be posted on RegattaCentral before racing begins on Friday.

5. VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Thank you to everyone for signing up volunteers. As you know, the event is not possible without them so we appreciate everyone's cooperation!

You have been emailed a final volunteer schedule, and it has also been posted on RegattaCentral and will be distributed at the Coaches Meeting. Please understand that the regatta will not be able to continue if volunteers don't report when they are expected. Sydney Boyes, ROWONTARIO Sport Development Coordinator will be responsible for managing the volunteers through the regatta. Please connect with her (sydney@rowontario.ca) if you have any questions or concerns related to volunteers.

6. ACCREDITATION REMINDER

All competing athletes must have in their possession at the championship a piece of identification which bears their picture (acceptable I.D. includes valid student cards, driver's license, passport).

Athletes will be required to show photo identification at weigh-ins and at the Control Commission prior to launching for each race.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further updates will be posted on Regatta Central.

Results will be available on Regatta Master and via the ROWONTARIO Twitter feed (@ROWONTARIO).