



## Registration Reminder for OUA-Affiliated Rowing Programs

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As the University competitive season is now underway, ROWONTARIO would like to remind all OUA-affiliated rowing programs about registration requirements. It has always been an expectation that all university program participants – rowers, coxswains, coaches, Varsity, Junior Varsity, Novice – register with ROWONTARIO and Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA). Due to changes, both at the ROWONTARIO office and with RCA's new membership model and partnership with Regatta Central, these registration requirements will be tracked and enforced more diligently in 2018.

For more information, please refer to the following:

- [RCA Rules of Racing \(2018\) – Rule 2.1](#)

*“To participate in an RCA sanctioned regatta, all rowers and coxswains must be registered members of an RCA rowing club in good standing (which is also a member in good standing of their provincial or territorial association) and must be competing for that club.”*

In the case of university programs who are not themselves ROWONTARIO member clubs, participants should register with the member club to which the program is affiliated.

- [ROWONTARIO Membership and Participant Registration Policy and Procedure](#)

ROWONTARIO recognizes that many university athletes and coaches will already have registered with a member club in 2018; however, as per the above, they must register in WRS for each club for which they compete. ROWONTARIO and RCA registration fees will only be invoiced once, to the club with which the athlete or coach first registers (on or after April 1, 2018).

### Important Deadlines

All participants should be registered prior to participating. Registration in WRS should be completed by each athlete and coach individually, as there is a waiver involved, then verified by the designated Club Administrator in WRS.

Registration is only considered complete once payment is received. ROWONTARIO invoices clubs monthly for new participant registrations; therefore, university participants registered by August 31<sup>st</sup> will be invoiced in September, and those registered by September 30<sup>th</sup> will be invoiced in October.

After each regatta, ROWONTARIO will audit regatta entries to flag unregistered participants, and will add them to the next month's invoice if necessary. However, it is still a member club's responsibility to ensure each participant is registered and active in WRS prior to participating in a program or competing at an RCA sanctioned event.

**Participants who are not registered and active in WRS at the time entries close in Regatta Central will not be permitted to race at the OUA Championships Regatta, and their entries will be deleted prior to creating the race draw.**

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