

**And SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION of MICHIGAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA RULES**  
*May 22nd and May 23rd*

**REGATTA:**

1,500 meters sprint competition for high school aged women and men in novice, junior and senior categories for the 2021 season.

The Championship regatta is to be held the on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for Division I and May 23<sup>rd</sup> for Division II.

All races will be conducted under S.R.A.M. rules and the USRowing "Rules of Racing"

All participants MAY be asked to provide a school issued photo ID prior to racing.

**DEFINITIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:**

Scholastic - Scholastic entries must be comprised of students (grades 9-12) who attend the same school and row exclusively representing that school during the spring season. Exceptions to this rule must petition and be approved by SRAM Executive Committee per SRAM By-Laws.

Junior - A junior is a competitor who is enrolled in grades 9, 10 or 11.

Second Boat – A team must enter a first boat to row a second boat. A team may enter a junior boat without entering the Varsity Four. Teams may not enter both a Junior 4/8 and a Second 4/8

Maximum race day age - 18 years old (student may not have reached their 19th birthday, unless retained in a grade prior to grade 9).

Number of events a rower may enter - A rower may be entered in no more than two events. No entry limit exists for coxswains.

Gender of Rowers - Only males may row in Boys events, only females may row in Girls events

Coxswain - May be of either gender, and of any skill or age classification (not withstanding the age maximum). There is no weight minimum for coxswains.

**Novice Definition (2021 only)**

Novice will include any athlete that started August 1st or after in 2019. There will be no points for the Novice events

**PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE TO RACE:**

The SRAM Championships are restricted to member, single high school (Scholastic) rowing programs in the State of Michigan as defined in the By-Laws of the Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan (SRAM).

**ENTRIES:****Entries must be submitted through Regatta Central by midnight TUESDAY, MAY 15.**

- Rowers may be entered in at most two events in the boating line-up. Substitutions (up to one half of the rowers of the crew as well as the coxswain) may be submitted, in writing, at registration.
- Eligibility/Team List certifying the students' attendance at a particular school, current grade level, number of semesters previously completed and date of birth. This form must be signed by the Athletic Director or Principal/Headmaster of the school and presented at registration the day of the event.
- The Eligibility/Team List must be typed and may be on a form sanctioned by the state or on your High School letterhead. Handwritten Eligibility Lists or lists on plain paper are not acceptable.
- Checks for Entry Fees must accompany all entries and be paid online through RegattaCentral.
- Online waivers are required for all participants and possible substitutes.
- Each participating school may enter only one entry in each listed event. (Shown as an "A" entry in the registration system.)

**MINIMUM ENTRIES TO CONSTITUTE A RACE**

- For a race to be held, a minimum of (4) entries must be received from different schools.
- The entry is to be received by the posted entry deadline.
- If a scratch received after the original entry deadline date causes a race to fall below the minimum number of entries required to constitute a race, then said race may be run at the discretion of the Executive Committee BUT the title of State Champion and any awards will NOT be presented nor will points be awarded.
- In the instance where a race is constituted by the minimum number of entries under the above criteria but falls short at actual race time by reason of a same day scratch or a crew becoming ineligible, said race will still remain valid and all awards and recognition of a State Champion be bestowed.
- Any entry fees paid for races that fall below the minimum to constitute a race will be reimbursed to the school.

**ENTRY FEES** (set by the Executive Committee):

- **NO Team Maximum**
- Eights \$80.00
- Fours/Quads: \$60
- Double/Single: \$50
  
- plus an Insurance Fee of \$50.00 AND a Membership Fee of \$50.00

*Note: The income derived from all fees and concessions is used to offset the operational and general maintenance expenses of the Regatta and the race course.*

**ERRORS ON ENTRIES:** (entering a rower in more than two events, etc.)

Any team with an entry that contains an error will be notified by phone or e-mail and given 24 hours to correct the error. If the time limit passes without resolution satisfactory to the regatta committee, the crew's entry from that particular event will be dropped, and will become subject to the **Late Entry** rule, should the coach try to subsequently correct the error or re-enter the crew.

**LATE ENTRIES:**

Any entry made after the deadline posted by the Regatta Committee, will be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Committee on a "lane available" basis and only with a \$25.00 per boat late fee. **A Late Entry will not be accepted if it creates a heat or causes a race to be added if said race originally did not meet the minimum requirements to constitute a race.**

**SCRATCH FEES:**

- Any team who scratches an entry after the date posted by the Regatta Committee will forfeit their entry fee. Those scratching after the start of the Regatta (including not showing-up to the start will forfeit their entry fee and be assessed a \$25.00 Scratch Fee, **to be paid prior to competition by any other boat from that team, in subsequent races.**
- Crews not making weight will not be assessed a scratch fee but WILL forfeit any entry fees paid or owed.

**COURSE MANAGEMENT / PRACTICE:**

Due to safety concerns, there will NO practice allowed on the race course or body of water in general on the Friday (all day) or Saturday morning before the regatta.

**ELIMINATION HEATS: Progression system:**

Events that require HEATS will be raced first, then all events that are not Finals-only will run Semi-Finals with those that raced Heats running their Semifinal in the event progression order.

Up to 7 entries	“A” Final only
8 - 14 entries	2 semi-finals, with the top 3 finishers from each race advancing to the “A” final.-
15 - 21 entries	3 heats, with the top 4 finishers from each heat advancing to a semi-final, with the top 3 from each semifinal advancing to the final.
22 - 28 entries	This progression will be determined once the SRAM organization grows to a size where this number of entries is possible.

“A” Final seeding based on two semifinals for one final:

S1-3      S2-2      S1-1      S2-1      S1-2      S2-3

Semi-Final seeding based on three heats for two semi-finals:

H3-4      H2-2      H1-1      H3-1      H1-3      H2-4  
H3-3      H1-2      H2-1      H3-2      H2-3      H1-4

**AWARDS:**

- Medals will be awarded as follows:
  - Events with entries of (6) or more: First, Second and Third
  - Events with entries of (4 or 5): First and Second
- An event must contain at least four entries from different teams to constitute a race
- AWARD PLAQUES will be given to the winning team for each event designating them as “State Champion” in their event.
- Team Points Trophies for Men’s, Women’s and Combined Points Champions
- Points will be awarded according to the Barnes’ Point System

**LISTING AND ORDER OF EVENTS of the SRAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Junior/Second</b>	<b>Novice</b>	<b>Freshman</b>
1	Girls Var 2X			
2	Boys Var 2X			
3			Girls Novice 4+	
4			Boys Novice 4+	
5		Girls Jr./Second 8+		
6		Boys Jr./Second 8+		
7	Girls Var. 4+			
8	Boys Var. 4+			
9	Girls Var. 4X			
10	Boys Var 4X			
11			Girls Novice. 8+	
12			Boys Novice 8+	
13		Girls Jr./Second 4+		
14		Boys Jr./Second 4+		
15	Girls Var. 1X			
16	Boys var. 1X			
17				Girls Freshmen 4+
18				Boys Freshmen 4+
19	Girls Var. 8+			
20	Boys Var. 8+			

## **HOT SEATING**

ALL HOT SEATING MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO THE EVENT BEING CALLED TO THE WATER. 3 EVENTS ARE REQUIRED BETWEEN RACES FOR HOT SEATING. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

## **BOW MARKERS:**

Each team is required to provide their own bow markers for their own boats for each race entered. (Lane numbers will be assigned as 0 through 6).

## **VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION / OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

As the Championship Regatta is an event sponsored by the SRAM Organization, it is incumbent upon the Organizations member schools to provide adequate volunteers so that the Championship can successfully function to its potential. All participating schools may be asked to provide suitable volunteers and equipment as needed.

The SRAM Board may choose to accept the assistance of one or more member schools who offer to host the regatta and provide for the majority of volunteers and equipment needed. In this case, the Board may reimburse said schools the reasonable cost for use of equipment and services.

## **REGATTA SITE MANAGEMENT**

- Teams are to use the defined tent and boat lay down areas as identified by the organizing committee contingent upon the current COVID restrictions.
- Designated team trailer and bus parking areas must be observed in order to facilitate site safety.
- Each team may be pre-assigned to a team tent area and a team boat lay-down area based on their size and participation levels. Areas may be assigned each year based on a team's finish in specified events or their active participation in volunteering. This assignment criterion is still under evaluation by the executive committee.

## **RULES OF RACING**

- The general USRowing Rules of Racing will be followed
- In addition to the USRowing rules of racing, the following will apply:
- The use of noise makers or amplifying devices of any kind (horns, bells, drums, whistles, megaphones etc) are forbidden at the start or within 500 meters of the finish line.