



**Head of the Colorado Regatta
October 27th, 2018
Festival Beach Park
Lady Bird Lake**

NOTE THE FOLLOWING UPDATES OR CLARIFICATIONS TO:

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Venue Information

Location

Festival Beach Park
Lady Bird Lake
5 Chicon Street
Austin, Texas 78702

All Crews will be required to launch from the main venue site.

Parking

Parking within the venue will be limited on race day to only boat trailers and the vehicle that was used to tow the boat trailer. Parking permits are only issued to boat trailer tow vehicles. Please visit the website for trailer parking maps and for additional information.

For vehicles without permits: Please visit the website for trailer parking maps for additional information. No equipment vehicles other than the boat trailer and tow vehicle are allowed to park within the venue. The venue is defined as the inner circle of Chicon Street.

Parents, booster clubs, and additional equipment vehicles are only allowed within the inner loop of the venue during the following times:

- Friday: Before 1pm and after 6:30 pm
- Saturday: 60 minutes after the conclusion of the final race of the day

Parents and coaches who have tents, grills, coolers, and other equipment to unload outside of the above times will need to park on Nash Hernandez Road. They will not be given access to the inner circle of Chicon Street outside of the posted loading/unloading times.

No coach/trailer tow vehicles will be allowed or to enter or exit the inner circle of Chicon Street starting 90 minutes prior to the first race of the day.

Anyone missing this window will need to park outside the venue, even if they have a parking permit.

NO PARKING ON GRASS IS PERMITTED FOR ANY REASON. Any vehicle found to have parked on the grass will be immediately be towed.

Coach, Coxswains & Blind Boat Meeting

Attendance is mandatory. Meeting will be held at 6:45am on Saturday. Chief Referee will take attendance to make sure each team has a representative at the meeting. If not at the meeting, you will need to speak with the Chief Referee prior to being allowed to launch. All competitors are responsible for knowing the information covered at the meeting, including the traffic patterns on the water.

Timing & Results

HereNow Timing will facilitate Timing and Results for the Head of the Colorado Regatta, all results will be available online at www.herenow.com. No results will be printed and posted at the venue.

Practice

The course will be available for practice Friday afternoon October 26th.

Crews may launch for practice from 2pm – 5:30pm. All crews must be off the water by 6pm.

Rules & Membership

Except as noted in this packet, the 2018 Head of the Colorado Regatta will be governed by the 2018 USRowing Rules of Rowing. The Head of the Colorado is a USRowing Registered Regatta. In order to compete in this event all organizations will need to adhere to the following:

- All attending organizations must be current USRowing organizational members
- All unaffiliated rowers must have a USRowing Championship membership
- All competitors must be a basic member and have a current (online) signed waiver

Every competitor must have signed a USRowing Release of Liability Waiver online through USRowing. No paper waivers will be available for this regatta. If any club has a question on how to renew membership or sign an athlete waiver please contact USRowing membership department directly at members@usrowing.org or call 1-800-314-4769.

Registration/Entries

All on-time entries are registered and paid for at regattacentral.com (no paper registration). Any entry whose fees are not paid in full when registration closes will be scratched, and must be resubmitted as a late entry. Any entrant whose circumstances require alternative payment arrangements must contact the Registrar before the registration deadline October 16th. Such arrangements are accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.

Competitors should be registered under their full names. Nick names should be avoided, and competitors entered in multiple events should be registered using the same name in all of them.

Crews who practice under their own crew names (e.g. "Oarsome Foursome") are encouraged to enter under those names at Regatta Central.

All rowers are responsible for the accuracy of their entries on Regatta Central; for rowers in Masters events, this includes birth years (which determine handicaps). Contact the registrar about entry problems by email.

On Site Registration

On-site registration will begin on Friday from 3-6pm and throughout race day on Saturday beginning at 6:30 am. Crews who need to make scratches or substitutions may do so during these times.

Important Entry Deadlines: (all time CDT)

- Opening of Registration: September 16th, 2017 (11:00pm)
- Standard Registration Deadline: October 16th, 2017 (10:59pm)
- Waiver Submission Deadline: October 23rd, 2017 (11:59pm)
- Line-up Deadline: October 23rd, 2017 (11:59pm)
- Late Registration Deadline: October 23rd, 2017 (11:59pm) Between October 16th and October 23rd late entries will be accepted on Regatta Central. After October 23rd, late entries will only be accepted during on-site registration hours on October 26th. No late entries will be accepted on race day.

The deadline for standard registration is 10:59PM CDT, Tuesday October 16th, 2018. All entries are required to be paid at the time the entry is placed. Any entry

that is scratched before the standard registration deadline will be refunded through Regatta Central.

A) Scratches: Fees for scratched entries made after the standard registration deadlines are non refundable, with no exceptions. Scratches can be made on Regatta Central through Tuesday, October 23rd at 11:59pm. Please inform the registrar by email of scratches that occur Wednesday, October 24 and Thursday October 25. All scratches made after this time will need to be made at registration during registration hours on Friday and race day. Scratch forms are available at the registration tent.

B) Late Entries: Late entries submitted after the standard registration deadline October 16th, 2018 are accepted at the discretion of the registrar. Prescribed late entry fees which are DOUBLE the regular fees, must accompany late entries. Before October 23rd at 11:59pm, late entries must be submitted on-line at Regatta Central. After this time, late entries will only be accepted on site Friday, October 26th from 3-6pm during registration hours. No late entries will be accepted after 6:00 PM on Friday, October 26th.

C) Substitutions: Before Tuesday October 23rd, any entry may replace all of its rowers and its coxswain, and all changes must be made by updating the entry's lineup at Regattacentral.com

After the Line-up Deadline of October 23rd 11:59 pm, a crew other than a single scull may substitute up to one half of its rowers, as well as the coxswain.

Line-up changes must be submitted on paper Substitution Forms available at the registration table, and handed in there at least one hour before their events.

D) Duplicate Entries: The regatta committee is not responsible for detecting duplicate entries. Please coordinate with your club, as fees will not be refunded for duplicate entries.

Crew Representation

A team is a group of rowers, representing one junior, collegiate, or club program or organization that has practiced and competed with the distinct location, colors and coaches for the entire competitive season beginning September 1, 2018. A junior rower is eligible to compete in this regatta only if s/he has represented the same team for the entire season.

No competitor may represent two different organizations in the Regatta. Any entry composed of competitors from different organizations must be entered as a composite entry. Composite entries are not permitted in junior events.

Schedule Changes

The event schedule is subject to change depending upon the number of entries received. Events may be canceled or combined if there are fewer than three entries as of the standard registration deadline. Any crew entered in a canceled event will be contacted and offered the option to switch to another event or to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Regatta Check in

All crews are required to check in at the registration desk before racing to pick up their bib and bow numbers. The registration desk will be open from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Friday October 26th and throughout the race day on Saturday beginning at 6:30am.

Required Equipment

Every competing boat shall be properly equipped with a bow ball, quick release shoes, and heel ties whose length is three inches or less, in accordance with the 2018 USRowing Rules of Rowing regarding Bow balls (3-105), Footgear Release (3-108) and Bow Numbers (3-110). All boats must be equipped with bow clips. Boats observed to be lacking any of these features will not be allowed to race.

A bow number and shirt number will be issued to each entry in its entry packet. If a boat fails to carry the correct number for its event, its start and finish times may fail to be recorded.

Traffic Pattern on the water

If a boat can be rowed, it must be rowed from start to finish. No boat should leave the course for any reason, or turn around prior to the start for any reason, unless directed to do so by an official.

The finish line is between Bird Island and the gazebo on the south shore of the lake. After crossing the finish, all crews must continue to paddle until they are well past the island. No crew should stop rowing before they are past the island, due to the risk of colliding with oncoming boats. Any crew that stops immediately after the finish may be assessed a penalty. When the crew is ready to return to the docks, they must continue rowing in a counter-clockwise pattern all the way around the island, and continue to stay to the north side of the buoy line to the docks.

COMPETITORS

Hot Seating of Boats

A boat that is to change crews immediately upon arrival at the docks after a race, and to race again without being removed from the water, is considered a hot-seat boat. The dockmaster must be notified of every hot-seat boat before it launches for a pre-hot-seat race, and may provide the boat with an identifying marker to indicate the need for special treatment on its return. In all cases, crews should follow the instructions of the dock personnel.

On time Arrival

Boats should be in the starting area 10 minutes before their start time. A boat arriving late to the starting line for an event may be excluded from that event. The Control Commission Referee can prohibit a boat from leaving the dock if, in his or her judgment it could not reach the starting line on time.

Junior Competition

A crew entered in a junior event shall include only junior rowers. A junior is a competitor who is and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full-time student seeking a diploma. A competitor ceases to be a junior after December 31 of the year of his or her 18th birthday, or of the year in which he or she completes the 12th grade of secondary school, having been a full-time student, whichever is later. Rule 4-104.1(c)

No junior is allowed to row in any non-junior event, nor to enter as a coxswain in any open event.

Novice Competition

**** Important Note: Sweep vs. sculling novice eligibility is under review by the LOC, and is subject to change after the 2018 racing season. ****

Crews entered in Novice events shall include only novice rowers. A rower qualifies as a novice in a given discipline (sweep or sculling) provided s/he did not row in the 2017 Head of the Colorado Regatta, or in any previous regatta, in the same discipline.

Coxing experience has no bearing on novice rower classification. A novice entry's coxswain is not required to be a novice.

Novice Coxswains

A novice entry's coxswain is not required to be a novice.

Men and Women Rowers in Boats

In accordance with USRowing rules, all rowers in men's events must be men, and all rowers in women's events must be women. Coxswains are exempt from this rule. Each mixed crew shall include at least one male rower, and at least half of the rowers must be women. Doubles require a crew of one man and one woman, quads/fours crews may have either one man or two, and eights crews may have two, three or four men. Any entry violating this rule will be excluded.

Lightweight Weigh-Ins

Coxswains will not be required to weigh-in.

The weight of rowers in lightweight events will be determined on race day between 6:30am and 11:00am. Lightweight men must weigh no more than 160 pounds (except for Junior men, who must weigh no more than 150 pounds), and lightweight women no more than 130 pounds. Competitors will be weighed in racing uniform, without shoes or other footgear.

A Rower whose initial weight is greater than one (1.0) pound above the weight standard will be ineligible to compete in the Event. A rower within one pound of the weight standard is allowed one re-weigh during the 6:30-11:00am window; a rower whose initial weight exceeds the weight standard by more than one pound will not be allowed to re-weigh.

Lightweight Rowers who fail to weigh-in during the Weigh-in Window shall be deemed ineligible to race.

Lightweight rowers who make weight will be issued wristbands, which they must wear for all lightweight events. No rower without such a wristband may compete in any lightweight event.

Open Events

Club, collegiate, or master's rowers, all of who shall be eligible for medals, may race open events. No junior, or other athlete under the age of 18 who is not enrolled at a college or university, may enter an open event as either rower or coxswain.

Masters Competition

Masters' age categories are defined in USRowing's 2018 Rules of Rowing, 4-104.1(d). A rower's "rowing age" is his/her age on 31 December 2018; a crew's age is the average of its rowers' rowing ages, rounded down to the nearest whole number. All rowers in masters' events must be at least 21 years old.

Entries in Masters events must list every rower's year of birth in order to compete. The Regatta Committee reserves the option to split any Masters event into two or more separate events according to the crews' age categories.

Time handicaps, applied in all Masters events, are computed using the formula on page 31 of USRowing's Rules of Rowing and multiplied by 5.000 to account for the length of the course.

Masters Crews shall be classified by age according to the following categories:

- (AA) 21-26 years
- (A) 27-35 years
- (B) 36-42 years
- (C) 43-49 years
- (D) 50-54 years
- (E) 55-59 years
- (F) 60-64 years
- (G) 65-69 years
- (H) 70-74 years
- (I) 75-79 years
- (J) 80 years and over

Recreational Singles

A recreational single is any boat at least 17 inches wide at the waterline and at most 22 feet long (e.g. Maas Aero). There will be no exceptions to this rule. Note that recreational singles are subject to the bow-clip requirement (Rule 12).

Sportsmanship

USRowing Rule 2-410 Unsportsmanlike Conduct (*)

(a) A Crew or Team that engages in Unsportsmanlike conduct, as witnessed by a Race Official, may be assessed by a Race Official with one of the penalties described in Rule 2-602 ("Types of Penalties"), regardless of whether such conduct otherwise constitutes a violation of these rules. If another Crew's opportunity to win, place, or advance is affected by such conduct, the Race Official shall take appropriate action

to restore that opportunity, pursuant to Rule 2-603 (“Restoring Opportunity of Winning; Altering Results”).

(b) Any Team member, including a Competitor, who engages in Unsportsmanlike conduct at any time during the Regatta, as witnessed by a Race Official, may have his or her further participation at the Regatta curtailed or prohibited by a Race Official.

(c) If any Team member engages in personally abusive language or conduct, the incident shall be reported by a witnessing Race Official to USRowing.

Dispute Resolution/Protest

All questions of eligibility, qualification, and interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Regatta Director and or Chief Referee whose decisions shall be final. Any protest filed will be in accordance with the 2018 USRowing Rules.

Seeding

Seeding is for starting order of entries within a non-masters’ event as follows:

1. First are on-time entries that placed 1-5 in the same event last year, in order of their finish last year. Single-scul entries are identified as individuals, and named crews are identified by their names. All others are identified by affiliation and seed.
2. Next are all other on-time entries, in order of their Regatta Central seed values; entries with the same seed value are ordered randomly.
3. Last are late entries, in the order in which they are received by the Registrar.

Because the division of Masters events into age-based sub-events varies from year to year, Masters events are seeded randomly.

Violations and Penalties

Late arrivals at the start, late departures from the dock, excessive time on the docks, and other violations may result in time penalties or exclusion, as deemed appropriate by regatta officials. A table of violations and penalties is available ONLINE and will be posted at the regatta venue. Note: crossing buoy line penalty has been reinstated.

Passing During a Race

When passing, an overtaking boat has the right of way. A boat being overtaken must give way on the side chosen by the overtaking boat; generally, this will be the shortest line that gives an advantage. No boat should press its right of way to the

point of collision. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Boats showing disregard for safety may be penalized or excluded.

Awards

Medals are awarded for first, second, and third place finishes, except that no medal is awarded to an event's last-place boat. Medals for each event will be available for pick up at the registration table 60 minutes after the posting of the event's results, beginning at 10:00am. All medals must be picked up within 30 minutes after the posting of the results of the last event; no medals will be mailed.

Lady Bird Lake is no touch water:

NO swimming or throwing the cox into the water is permitted on Lady Bird Lake.

Cancellation Due to Weather

Occasionally regattas have to be truncated or canceled, usually in order to avoid exposing competitors, officials, and volunteers to unsafe weather conditions. No regatta is truncated or canceled except by order of the City of Austin or of the Chief Referee, who is trained and certified by the United States Rowing Association and bears ultimate responsibility for the regatta's safety.

When a regatta is truncated or canceled, no registration fees are refunded. If a regatta's sponsoring organization, whose expenses are not reduced by the cancellation, had to bear the entire risk of weather events, entry fees would have to be raised (if the regatta could be staged at all). Instead the risk is distributed among the entrants. Any entrant unwilling to assume a share of that risk should not submit an entry.

Event Drone Policy

The Local Organizing Committee, working in conjunction with the chief referee, is charged with approving the use of any and all drones at the regatta venue both on shore and in the field of play, including the airspace above the course (in accordance with local and FAA drone regulations for the specific venue).

Anyone wishing to operate a drone at the regatta venue, including media, competing organizations (including athletes, coaches, support personnel, parents or fans) or spectators must have prior approval from the LOC.

Any drones operating in the field of play must be controlled from the shore with an experienced drone operator. The drone itself must remain at least 10 meters behind the crew in its lane and at least 10 meters above the highest point of the referee launch. A drone may not operate in front of a crew in the field of play. At no time may a drone fly directly above a crew or referee in the field of play.

A drone may follow racing on the side of the course, but it must remain at least five meters away from the outside lane and 10 meters above the highest point of the referee launch. A drone may not follow racing on the side of the course being used as the travel lane for launching crews unless there is enough space to have both a five-meter buffer between the drone and the side of the course, as well as a five-meter buffer between the drone and the travel lane.

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