

**SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION of MICHIGAN**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA RULES**  
*(Effective beginning the 2008 Championship)*

**REGATTA:**

1,500 meters sprint competition in coxswained fours and eights for high school aged women and men in junior, lightweight and senior categories.

The Championship regatta is to be held the third full weekend in May.

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

The Championship Regatta is a USRowing sanctioned regatta. All participating schools must be a registered organizational member of USRowing to participate.

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.

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

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 - 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.

**Weight Categories:**

Boys Lightweight: 150 lbs. individual maximum, no averaging

Girls Lightweight: 130 lbs. individual maximum, no averaging

**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).

In addition, teams must have paid their SRAM and USRowing organizational membership and; submitted an annual information update to the Association, prior to the start of spring competition, no later than April 1. Schools that have never been a member of the Association must submit a statement regarding its status at the school (varsity team, recognized school club, etc.) on school letterhead in addition to the information update and dues, for consideration. The due date for submission is April 1.

**ENTRIES:**

Are due in the hands of the regatta committee six days prior to the regatta (Omitting any of the following items will disqualify your entries). Regatta Central may be utilized for event entry.

- 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.
- Entry Form (boating line-up) must be signed by the team's Head Coach.
- 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.
- The Eligibility/Team List must be typed and may be on a form sanctioned by the state, the form provided in your entry packet 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.
- Release 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.)

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

- **NO Team Maximum**
- Eights \$60.00
- Fours: \$40.00
  
- plus an Insurance Fee of \$40.00

*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.**

**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 or crews that do not make weight) 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.**

**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.

**WEIGH-IN RULES:**

- All lightweight competitors must "Weigh-In" **on the day of the Regatta.**
- All competitors will weigh in wearing the same uniform, identical in style, color and detail, including any insignia. No one will be weighed-in wearing more or less clothing.
- Crews must weigh-in together and be accompanied by a Coach or School Official.
- Crew members are to step on the scales in the order that they row in the boat (i.e. bow to stern).
- Clerk of the Scales or Registrar will communicate with the Coach or Designate, only.
- Competitors will be allowed (1) re-weigh if weight is not made on the first attempt. Only those not making weight on the first attempt will need to re-weigh (not the entire boat).
- Either the same person or (1) pre-registered substitute is eligible for the re-weigh if a competitor should not pass the initial weigh-in. Whichever athlete weighs-in on the second attempt, he or she must make weight or the entire boat will be scratched from the competition.
- Each crew must have completed the weigh-in process prior to the "first call" of the race preceding their event.
- Weigh-in scales will be open 2 hours before and close 2 hours after the first race of the day.
- No one will be allowed to "check their weight" on the official scale during the official weigh-in times.
- A "weigh-in" schedule will be posted so that crews can be checked-in giving priority to earlier races.
- All verified and approved lightweight participants will be required to show the proper wrist band or other identification (provided at the weigh-in scales) at the launch dock prior to a boat being allowed to launch.

**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. All others will advance to the “B” 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 “A” final. Those crews not advancing from the heat to the semi-final will advance to the “C” final. Those crews not advancing from the semi-final to the “A” final will go to the “B” 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
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“B” Final seeding based on two semifinals for one final:

S1-6	S2-5	S1-4	S2-4	S1-5	S2-6
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“C” Final seeding based on three heats:

H1-6	H3-6	H1-5	H2-5	H3-5	H2-6
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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 awarded for FIRST, SECOND and THIRD place for all events.
- An event must contain at least three 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.
- Consideration of a “Team” points champion will be taken under consideration at such time when and if a majority of the participating schools have the ability to equally compete for the award.

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

No.	Senior	Junior	Lightweight
1			Girls Ltw. 4+
2			Boys Ltw. 4+
3		Girls Jr. 8+	
4		Boys Jr. 8+	
5	Girls Var. 4+		
6	Boys Var. 4+		
7			Girls Ltw. 8+
8			Boys Ltw. 8+
9		Girls Jr. 4+	
10		Boys Jr. 4+	
11	Girls Var. 8+		
12	Boys Var. 8+		

- Race scheduling will be set to assure proper rest periods between races of like categories (i.e. Senior 4+ and Senior 8+) by utilizing open breaks where necessary.

**ADDITION AND DELETION OF EVENTS**

- Member organizations may petition the SRAM Executive Committee for the inclusion of events not listed above. A minimum of (4) four member organizations must sign the original petition and guarantee participation in the requested event by their organization.
  - As this is a “Championship” regatta, the inclusion of “Novice” category races is excluded from the petition process.
- All events are subject to review each year by the executive committee to determine viability of future consideration. Circumstances such as competitiveness and number of participants will be the major factors involved when determining continuation of events.

**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 7).

**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 are required to provide suitable volunteers and equipment in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Provide a number of volunteers that is at least 10% of the organizations athletic roster (if a team roster is 100, provide 10 volunteers).
- Volunteers must be responsible individuals and have the appropriate knowledge and/or experience associated to the activity volunteered for.
- Student volunteers will be allowed for some activities (stake boat holders, bow marker collection, runners, etc)
- Accept responsibility (individually or with another team) for coordinating at least (1) one listed activity from the “Volunteer Opportunity” list.
- Provide at least (1) motorized launch with motor and adequate fuel for the purpose of being used for race officials, safety boats, media, etc.. Each launch must be equipped with a minimum of (15) adult size Personal Flotation Devices (PFD’s) as prescribed by US Coast Guard regulations for Type II, III or V.
- Provide at least (1) one operating megaphone or other such voice projection device that can be used on shore or on the water by regatta officials.

**Preliminary Volunteer Opportunities**

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| • Awards (procurement, distribution) | • Park set-up / clean-up            |
| • Officials                          | • First Aid / Safety                |
| • Launch/safety boat drivers         | • Announcer / calling races         |
| • Stake boat holders                 | • Entries / Lane Draws / Schedule   |
| • Finish line                        | • Souvenirs (T-shirts, etc)         |
| • Dock master                        | • Program (creation & distribution) |
| • Registration                       | • Results / media                   |
| • Weigh-in scales                    | • Parking                           |
| • Course set-up / take-down          | • Headquarters                      |

**Regatta Site Management**

- Each team will 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 teams finish in specified events or their active participation in volunteering. This assignment criterion is still under evaluation by the executive committee.