



## **2011 Regatta Rules**

### **Scholastic Rowing Association of America**

#### **National Championship Regatta**

#### **Regatta Information & Rules**

**Racing will be conducted under the USRowing, "Rules of Racing" and SRAA Rules.**

- This regatta will always be held on Friday & Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
- This regatta is open to qualified crews of any public or private school or home school association given to the education of youth.
- A national scholastic institution must certify the school.
- Students must be working toward a diploma.
- All schools or homeschool associations wishing to enter must be approved to compete in their state's public league championship regatta.
- Homeschool association crews must be part of a local homeschool association and participating in regular educational activities of the association in order to avoid being classified as a composite team or multidistrict crew.
- Neither composite teams, nor rowers representing more than one public school district will be allowed to compete.

#### **Qualifying**

- Crews will qualify for events based on their performance at a qualifying championship.
- The qualifying championship regattas are:
  - Florida State Championship
  - Midwest Championship
  - Garden State Scholastic Championship
  - New York State Scholastic Championship
  - Philadelphia City Championship
  - Virginia State Championship
- All teams must qualify at their local championship or petition for open slots.
- Open slot petitions will be accepted from crews placing below the automatic selection criteria in their championship regatta, however, priority for open slot petitions will be given to crews that are not from one of the qualifying championship areas.
- In addition, any entries not used for the championship regattas will go into the open slot category.
- The qualifying championship regatta directors must supply the order of finish for their events to the SRAA.

#### **Events**





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	Varsity					2nd Varsity *	Junior					Lightweights			Freshman	
	8+	4+	4x	2x	1x	8+	8+	4+	4x	2x	8+	4+	2x	8+	4x	
Florida State	5	5	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	
Midwest	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	
Garden State Scholastic	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	
NY Scholastic	5	5	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	
Philadelphia Cities	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	
VA Scholastic	6	6	1	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	
Open Slots **	8	8	6	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
<b>Total Entries</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	

\*Second varsity boats will only be allowed if the Varsity 8 Qualifies and registers. Your second boat must qualify as well. \*\* Open Slots are for schools: (a) who do not compete in the championship regattas; (b) who do not qualify for automatic selection at one of the championship regattas. **Entries** All entries must be signed by the Headmaster or Principal of the school and contain only the names of bona fide students in regular attendance at day classes, grades 9 thru 12, whose scholastic eligibility meets the regular requirements of their respective schools. Each school shall be responsible for the conduct and physical fitness of its contestants.

## 1) Entry Fees:

8	\$150
4/4x	\$100
2x	\$75
1x	\$50

## 2) How to enter.

- All teams that qualify through the championships regattas must complete the entry process online at [www.powerhousetiming.com](http://www.powerhousetiming.com) no later than 5:00PM EDT on Sunday May 15, 2011
- Your boatings MUST include the names of your substitutes.
- Please refer to the lightweight rules for additional documentation needed.

No late entries will be considered or accepted.

## 3) How to petition for Open slots at the SRAA Regatta.



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- Teams without qualifying regattas may petition for Open “slots” beginning from April 1st.
  - Teams with qualifying regattas that do not automatically qualify may still petition for an open slot in the regatta.
  - Petitions must be entered on-line and received at [www.powerhousetiming.com](http://www.powerhousetiming.com) no later than 5:00PM EDT on Sunday, May 15, 2011.
  - Petitioning teams should provide evidence of why they should be considered.
  - A subcommittee of the SRAA Board of Directors will consider petitions as they are received, with priority given to competitive teams that are not in one of the championship regattas.

### **SRAA Regatta Rules**

- 1) Racing will be conducted under the current edition of USRowing “Rules of Racing” and the SRAA Rules.**
- 2) The Executive Board of the SRAA reserves the right to request the removal of any person or persons from the regatta site for unsportsmanlike conduct or breaking of the rules. Removal from the site may lead to a ban of that person or persons from future regattas as determined by the Executive Board.**
- 3) Access to the race course by anyone other than race officials or safety personnel is prohibited. Exception to this rule would be for a credentialed member of the press or VIP approved by at least two members of the Executive Board of the SRAA. Notification of this exception must be provided to the Chief Referee prior to access to the race course.**
- 4) All questions of eligibility, qualification or interpretations of any rule shall be referred to the Chief Referee whose decision shall be made in coordination with the SRAA Executive Committee. This decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.**
- 5) All decisions of the SRAA Race Jury with respect to protests shall be final and binding, and not subject to appeal to any outside agency or organization.**
- 6) ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY LIMITATION**
  - Eligibility is assigned to students in their freshman through senior year (grades 9 through 12).
  - Each athlete has four consecutive years (eight consecutive semesters) of eligibility beginning in September of their freshman year (9th grade).
  - A rower or coxswain cannot have reached his or her 19th birthday prior to September 1st of that academic year.
  - After eight consecutive semesters, a student will have completed his/her athletic eligibility and may no longer participate in the SRAA Regatta.
  - The eight consecutive semester rule begins with the student's initial enrollment in the 9th grade.
  - Post Graduates or (Canadian/US) fifth year students are not permitted.



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- 7) All races shall be a distance of 1500 meters.
- 8) No movable outriggers.
- 9) "B" boats will not be accepted in the regatta.
- 10) Rowers and coxswains are only allowed to row in one event.
- 11) Freshman shall be designated as those athletes in the 9th grade as listed on their team roster.
- 12) Junior events are restricted to competitors in the 11th grade (junior year) or lower.
- 13) Juniors, including coxswains, must not have attained the age of 18 years prior to September 1st of that academic year.
- 14) 12th grade (Senior) students shall not complete in junior events.

**Progressions** We will use the USRowing Progressions system "C" except for the Sr. 8's and Sr. 4's. Senior 8's and Senior 4's Events with 36 entries will have 6 heats of 6 boats. Heats

- 1st and 2nd place will go straight to semi's
- 3rd and 4th place will go to repechage
- 5th and 6th place will be eliminated

Repechage (2 reps of 6 boats each)

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will go to semi's
- 4th, 5th, and 6th will be eliminated

Semi Finals (3 semis of 6 boats each)

- 1st and 2nd place will go to the Grand final
- 3rd and 4th place will go to the Petite final
- 5th and 6th place will be eliminated

### **SRAA Lightweight Rules**

- Men's Weights: 155 lbs. (no averaging)
- Women's Weights: 130 lbs. (no averaging)
- All lightweight rowers including potential substitutes must have submitted a verified health certificate ([www.sraa.net](http://www.sraa.net)) dated between August 15th and April 1st of the regatta year.
- Certification must be completed by a licensed athletic trainer.
- Certificates will not be accepted the day of the regatta.
- Teams that do not submit the SRAA health certificate with their lightweight registration will



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not be permitted to row at the regatta in a lightweight category.

### Weigh-in Procedures

- USRowing rule 4-110 does not apply for this regatta.
- Test scales will be open Thursday evening in the weigh-in area from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Rowers must bring a picture ID
  
- There will be only one official weigh-in period for the entire regatta on Friday morning.
- The window for weigh-ins is from 7:00AM to 10:30AM.
- All weigh-in procedures must be completed two hours prior to the published race time.
- Rowers scheduled in the earlier races will be given priority.
- All boats must have filled out a boat weigh-in form found at [www.sraa.net](http://www.sraa.net), including the names of substitutes, prior to weighing-in.
- All rowers and coxswains must be present by boat in their team uniform (uni) for weigh-ins.
- Coxswains do not weigh in.
- All substitutes will weigh in with their boat mates.
- Weigh-ins will be conducted as a yes/no system without actual weight being announced.
- Rowers that do not make weight on the first try will be excluded from all lightweight events for the entire regatta.
- Rowers making weight must attach the lightweight wristband to their “outside” hand before leaving the weigh-in area.
- Wristbands are to remain in place until the conclusion of rowing in the regatta.
- Problems with wristbands must be brought to the attention of the referee in charge of weigh-ins.
- Food is not permitted in the weigh-in area.

### Protests

- Protests should be registered on the water in accordance with USRowing rules.
- In order to address protests, an informal “pre-hearing” will be held by a specially designated “ombudsman” official as soon as the crews have returned to the dock.
- This “ombudsman” will act only as a moderator and will attempt to resolve the potential protest(s) in a way mutually agreeable to the protesting crew, any other crews involved and the official most directly involved.
- If no mutually agreeable resolution can be arranged within a reasonable period of time or if it seems necessary to consult additional witnesses, the protesting team will then submit its formal protest to the SRAA Race Jury. The Jury will be convened as soon as possible.
- The formal protest, written by a member of the racing crew, to the SRAA Race Jury must be submitted to the Chief Referee or his designee by a member of the crew, citing the reason for the protest, the USRowing or SRAA rule(s) being cited and the remedy the crew seeks.
- The protest must be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee, returned if the protest is upheld.
- Disposition of the protest will follow the USRowing rules.
- In accordance with SRAA rules and with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer of



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USRowing, rule 2-608, "Appeal from the Jury and Grievance Procedure" as described in the Chief Executive Officer Procedures Manual are superseded. All decisions of the SRAA Race Jury with respect to protests shall be final and binding, and not subject to appeal to any outside agency or organization.

### Awards

- Medals and shields will be presented to each member of the winning crews and award plaques to the winning schools.
- Medals will be given to second and third place finishers in events with six or more entries.
- Earle P. Baltz Memorial Trophy will be presented to the winner of the Men's Senior Single.
- Mathew Ledwith Memorial Trophy will be presented to the winner of the Women's Senior Single.