



SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL'S ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 REGATTA NOTICE & INFORMATION

SASRU cordially invites all member schools and junior clubs to the 2015 SA Schools Rowing Championships.

1. Venue & Dates

- 1.1. The 2015 South African Schools Rowing Championships will be held at Roodeplaats Dam in Pretoria from the 6 March to the 8 March 2015.

2. Entries

- 2.1. All entries must be made using the website www.regatta.co.za.
- 2.2. The format of the regatta will follow the same format as the 2013 regatta i.e. Junior Clubs (as opposed to schools) are invited to enter dedicated/invitational junior club events and to compete on equal footing to other junior clubs. As in 2013 boat classes will be allocated taking into account advice from Junior Clubs of their anticipated entries, subject to this advice and demand, it is anticipated that events will probably only be offered in the Open and u15 age categories. Junior Clubs please contact paulc@law.co.za for the relevant forms.
- 2.3. Rowers enrolled at a rowing school may not compete for any other school or club unless that rower has written approval from the SASRU Executive, which shall not be given unless that rower also has written approval from the Head of that rowers school. Rowers enrolled at a non-rowing school may not compete for a rowing school, but only for a club unless that rower has written approval from the SASRU Executive.
- 2.4. Entries CLOSE on the 19 February 2015 at 17:00.
- 2.5. When capturing entries onto the Regatta Website, entries must be made in crew ranking order by event. If any event has more than 8 heats restrictions will be made by school affecting schools with the most entries.
- 2.6. No boy may be entered or participate in a girls' event or girl in a boys' event. This rule includes coxswains. Composite crews are not permitted.
- 2.7. The following events are incompatible in the Racing Programme: Eights and Doubles; Octuples and Doubles; Fours and Quads; Pairs and Single Sculls; Girls 4+ and Girls 2x. Schools may not enter the same crew in separate incompatible events i.e. 4x+ and 4+
- 2.8. There is no restriction on the number of a school's entries in any particular event. There is also no restriction on the number of events an individual rower may enter. The SASRU Executive reserves the right to reduce the number of a school's entries in any particular event if in its opinion this is warranted. In practice it is likely that school' entries in single and double sculls will be restricted. Coaches should therefore enter scullers and crews in order of competence.
- 2.9. Schools may only enter 4 single scullers in each age group.
- 2.10. Entries close at 17:00 on 19 February 2015. The preliminary draw will be published on 23 February and remain open for name-changes and scratchings and late entries (except in single sculls) until 17:00 on 26 February.
- 2.11. **No crew changes or scratches in Open and U16 events may be made after the publication of the first (preliminary) draw (except for medical reasons), If a rower withdraws from an event, even with a medical certificate he/she will forfeit all seats in the regatta.**

- 2.12. Even if there are open lanes in the single sculls event, these will not be offered to schools to fill.
- 2.13. Late Entries made after the close of the draw will only be allocated an event where open lanes still exist. No new heats will be created as this would mean reseeding the draw. Entries will only be entered into open lanes on a first come, first served basis. Once all the lanes are full extra entries will be excluded.
- 2.14. Late entries/scratchings/crew changes requested MUST be done by the Head Coach or MIC, on the attached form, contain a reason for request and will attract an additional fee of R50.00 per crew, irrespective of size.
- 2.15. The final regatta programme will be published on 2 March after which time no changes will be made.
- 2.16. Any event attracting less than three entries from 3 different schools will be cancelled.
- 2.17. There will be no B Finals except for in Open age group.
- 2.18. Entries will only be accepted from schools which are up to date with payments to SASRU.
- 2.19. Any problems experienced with your entries please contact Nadine De Reuck at saschoolsrowing@gmail.com or DeReuckN@stbenedicts.co.za Mobile: 0836520421
- 2.20. The entering of your school or members serves as an acceptance of Indemnity in this regatta, namely that you declare that you accept your own risk and indemnify the Regatta Organisers, Sponsors and Officials of this rowing regatta against any claim of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising, which may result from your schools, clubs and/or your rowers' participation.

3. Spectator Entry Tickets:

- 3.1. In addition to the normal R120.00 entry ticket for the weekend, SASRU will be selling DAY attendance tickets valid for one day: Friday, Saturday or Sunday at R50.00 per day. Parents may purchase entry tickets at the Rowing Centre main gate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- 3.2. Clubs are invited to sell pre-regatta entry tickets to their parents and supporter in advance for R110.00 a ticket (i.e. R10.00 discount). There is no charge for Children. These tickets will be available from about 19 February from Claudia Carozzo at CarozzoC@stbenedicts.co.za
- 3.3. Only coaches and Officials in possession of an ID card will be allowed free entry into event.

4. Roodeplaat Entry Tickets:

- 4.1. Special Roodeplaat main gate entry tickets valid for Wednesday to Sunday are being negotiated.
- 4.2. Any person entering Roodeplaat, without any of the above ticket options, on either one of the days will be expected to pay the normal cost per vehicle. This also applies to parents dropping off rowers.
- 4.3. The above does not apply to persons who have purchased a full-year-season-ticket.

5. General:

- 5.1. All schools heads, staff , rowing representatives, coaches and officials are invited to attend the SASRU AGM immediately after the last race on Friday (at approximately 17h30).
- 5.2. Flag poles are available for schools wishing to fly their school flags. The Regatta Committee will take precautions to ensure the safe keeping of these flags.
- 5.3. Accommodation: Schools requiring camping facilities at Roodeplaat need to book sites well in advance. Contact Roodeplaat directly.

6. Schools Tasks:

- 6.1. All schools are expected to assist with various jobs to be done both before and at the Regatta. The School Task list is published on www.sasru.co.za under heading "Championships".
- 6.2. All details of tasks may be discussed with Lesley Hutchins: lesley.hutchins@bcx.co.za.
- 6.3. All Schools to arrange their own transport to and from the regatta.

7. Seating and Trailer Parking:

- 7.1. A seating plan with designated areas for participating schools and clubs will be available on www.sasru.co.za.
- 7.2. **NB: Schools MAY NOT erect tents/marquees larger than 3m x 6m or higher than 3m without written permission from Lesley Hutchins at lesley.hutchins@bcx.co.za, there will be an additional fee charged. Rowers from schools ignoring this rule will not be allowed to participate in the regatta until the tent/marquee is removed.**
- 7.3. An area along the bank of the dam outside of the rowing area has been allocated for trailer parking.
- 7.4. Trailers must be parked as per the marshal's instructions.
- 7.5. Sculling Trailers: if used as boat racks – can be parked behind the clubhouse.
- 7.6. Cars with boats on the roof racks will not be allowed into the club house or VIP parking areas.
- 7.7. No trailer may be parked between the jetties and the sheds/clubhouse.
- 7.8. All sculls must be removed from the racks at the venue by the last race on Friday.
- 7.9. Schools are advised to bring their own boat trestles for rigging and boat storage. Racks will be allocated to schools for quads; fours and eights.

8. Rules of Racing:

- 8.1. The RowSA Rules of Racing apply except where there is a specific or local SASRU rule.
- 8.2. If a crew member wishes to wear an undershirt then all members of that crew who wear one should wear one of the same colour and preferably the same length sleeve, but those who do not want to wear one do not have to, the same will apply to caps;
- 8.3. ID cards: Each club must have a file with a photograph of each athlete filed alphabetically in age groups. This file to be available to regatta control at all times during the weekend.
- 8.4. All boats must have a number holder on the bow of the boat to take a lane number. Schools must provide their own lane numbers and these must meet the requirements of the RowSA Rules of Racing;
- 8.5. Boat Weighing: Boat weighing will take place. The scales will be available for pre-weighing.
- 8.6. Ballast: Crews should note that they are responsible for the ballast for their boats and coxswains. The latter is only applicable for J19 coxswains.
- 8.7. Crew changes: Remember no more than 50% of the crew may change. No changes/substitutions will be allowed in the single sculls events.
- 8.8. The Rules, Points and Progression Rules and list of events applicable to the Championships are as published on www.sasru.co.za as at 31 January each year.
- 8.9. In there being a conflict between the Rules, Points, or Progressions published on the website and this notice, those published on the website will prevail.

8.10. Any alteration to entries and/or scratching of crews must be reported to the President of the Jury at least 1 hour prior to the published start line of the race. The POJ will refer these to Control Commission.

8.11. Officials will only enter discussions with coaches wearing ID Cards.

9. Regatta Water and Traffic Rules:

9.1. The water and traffic rules and map are as published on www.sasru.co.za and on a notice board at the venue.

10. Crew entry fees:

10.1. Eights and Octuples: R150 per crew

10.2. Fours and Quads: R60 per crew

10.3. Pairs and Double: R40 per crew

10.4. Single sculls: R30 per sculler

10.5. Entry fees are payable on presentation of invoice, at the regatta.

11. Medals

11.1. Gold, silver and bronze medals are presented to the first, second and third placed A-finalists among South African school crews.

11.2. Additional medals are awarded to non-South African school crews obtaining first, second or third places.

11.3. Non championship medals are awarded to the best Boys' "Second Eight" and the best Girls' "Second Quad" at the regatta. A school's "first crew" must have participated in the regatta to enter this event. The same crew may not enter both 1st Eight/Quad and Second Eight/Quad events.

12. International Rowers

12.1. All International School's requiring an invitation letter to the event are to contact: Lesley Hutchins at lesley.hutchins@bcx.co.za.

13. All details on the Regatta can be found on www.sasru.co.za

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