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**Notice of Regatta Amendment : 5 October 2019**  
**The Inaugural Match Racing Championship**  
**Hosted by St Mary's School, Waverley**

**Amendment notification:** GSRF have requested a final change to the Regatta format, it follows:-

1. The U15 Age Group category will not be available for initial entry
2. Should entries into the balance of the categories (U16/U19, Seniors and Masters) enable the addition of U15 athletes into the regatta, then a notice announcing the opening of entries to U15's will be made by the Organising Committee as late entries
3. The amended entry details are contained in this regatta notice and are repeated below for ease of reference

**Entries**

- a. Close at 17:00 on Tuesday 24 September 2019.
- b. Late entries will **Amendment not** be accepted for the U15 Age Group only at the discretion of the Organising Committee and based upon the number of entries into the regatta at the time entries close.
- c. **Amendment** The Organising Committee will announce whether U15 entries are available via a bulletin to be distributed on the 25th of September 2019 with further entry details contained therein
- d. Entries shall be done directly on to the website [www.regatta.co.za](http://www.regatta.co.za) by authorised club representatives.
- e. All crew entries must include crew member's names, and an athlete is limited to 2 events at the Regatta (excluding coxswains).
- f. **Amendment** ~~A Club may enter a maximum of:-~~
  - ~~○ 2 Boats per event for 8 + / x +~~
  - ~~○ 3 Boats per event for 4x, +~~
  - ~~○ 4 Boats per event for 2x.~~
- g. Amendment: There is no restriction on the number of boats a club may enter in a class
- h. Each club must enter their crews based on the sequence of the finals. These will be at three to four minute intervals in the order of event number. Any race clashes occasioned by multiple entries will be rejected by the Committee.

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At the request of GSRF several amendments to this regatta notice are announced, the intention behind the amendments are to:-

1. Have athletes race longer distances in the heads race
2. Reduce the risk of athletes having a single heads race only ie not qualifying for the match racing
3. Have a regatta starting later than 06:00

The inaugural Match Racing Championship will be held at the VLC Club at Germiston Lake on Saturday 5 October 2019.

Entries are invited from Masters, Senior, University and School Rowing Clubs who are affiliated to, and paid up members of RowSA and their respective Clubs.

The Regatta will be run as a Regatta under the RowSA Rules of Racing modified, where applicable, to Match Racing as detailed hereafter.

**Amendment** ~~The event is run as a Match Race regatta but will have Heads Races in order to determine the entrants for each Match Race event where the number of entrants for the event exceeds eight (8) boats. The Match and Heads races take place at the venue on the same day, although 2 separate courses will be used.~~

**Amendment:** The event is run as a Match Race regatta but will have a Heads Race per boat class to determine seeding for the Match racing events. The fastest 8 boats from each head will proceed to the A final in the boat class, the next fastest 8 will proceed to the B Final, the next 8 to the C Final and so on. The heads race and the match race will take place on the same course.

The fastest 32 boats per class will qualify to go through into the match racing, and there will therefore be a maximum of 4 events per match race class, with 8 boats per event.

The Match Racing course: a custom-built course of  $\pm$ 1,300-1,500 meters at Germiston Lake. The course is not straight and has bends in it. The finish line is roughly in front of, and perpendicular to the VLC Clubhouse.

**Amendment** ~~The Heads Racing Course: the existing VLC rowing course will be utilised for the heads races with racing happening in Lanes 1 & 2. The distance of each Heads Race will be approximately 600m.~~

Traffic rules will be released via email with the Final Draw on Wednesday 2 October 2019.

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~~**Amendment** Racing will start from 06:00 on Saturday 5 October 2019.~~ Racing will start at 07:00 on Saturday 5 October 2019. Match races are 3-4 minutes apart and there is no provision for tea or lunch breaks. The Organising Committee anticipates something in the order of 150-180 races being conducted on the day.

Qualification for the Match Racing:

- Entries are to be made in accordance with the boat and crew criteria published hereunder.
- ~~**Amendment** Where entries for an event exceed eight (8) boats, a qualifying heads race will be run per event with the fastest eight (8) boats being entered for the Match Race.~~
- **Amendment** Qualifying heads races will be held per boat class unless there are 8 (eight) entries or fewer in a class in which case the class shall proceed directly to the Match race.
- **Amendment** The first fastest 8 (eight) boats will proceed to the A Final, the next 8 fastest to the B Final and so on. All boats will be accommodated in a Match race
  - The Judge's decision in terms of timing and qualification is final.
- The qualifying Heads Race will start from ~~**Amendment** 06:00~~ 07:00 on Saturday 5 October 2019 at the venue.
  - Failure to attend a Heads Race will exclude a boat from participation in the Match Race event.

Racing rules: All crews must be up at the start 10 minutes prior to their event. Failure to be at the start on time will result in an exclusion. The 2-minute rule for starts does not apply.

Match Racing:

- Only two (2) boats shall race abreast in the heats, with the fastest boat (1st across the line) progressing through to the next round.
- Heats in all events will be rowed sequentially and will be raced at close intervals (3-4 minutes) with Umpires in stationary fixed positions along the course.
- Failure of a boat to make a start time will result in the boat forfeiting the opportunity to race and the other boat will progress to the next round. The progressing boat is still required to complete a row-over to qualify for progression to the next round.
- Times will not be taken, the boat crossing the finish line 1<sup>st</sup> will progress to the next round or win the event, whichever applies: -
  - The old Masters Handicapping system will apply.
- The course is partially buoyed in the center of the course to separate the two competing boats, and on the bends to ensure the correct distance is rowed.
- The start will be from held platforms and staggered to ensure an equal distance is rowed.

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- All competing crews must stay in the lane that they are allocated at the start of their race. This is a safety feature.
- At a bend the crew must keep their boat on the lane side of the corner buoy, although blades may be outside this limit.
- Should the blades cross the lane markers and compromise the other crew, the offending boat may be excluded.
- A bow-ball breaking the line of buoys will result in the offending boat being excluded.

#### Heads Racing

- A boat must be ready to race its Heads Race at the published time, failure to make the correct Heads Race start will render the boat ineligible for qualification for the Match Racing.
- SAROC approved Rules of Racing apply.

#### Coxswains

- ~~**Amendment** Weighing will take place.~~
- ~~**Amendment** Exception to the one 1-2 hour weighing rule: where a Coxswain is racing in any race between **Amendment** 06:00 to 07:00 07:00-08:00 on the day, they may weigh immediately before their race ie within the hour before the race. The weighing station will open at **Amendment** 05:30 06:30~~
- **Amendment:** Weighing will not take place

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Indemnity

- The entering of your club members serves as an acceptance of INDEMNITY in this regatta. namely "we declare that we accept the rules of entry and that we shall participate in the Match Race Regatta at our own risk and indemnify the organisers, sponsors, venue and officials of this rowing regatta against any claim of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising, which may result from our club's participation".

Medical Information

- Athletes who may require medical assistance/attention during their race must ensure that organisers are aware of this before the start of their race.

Prize-Giving

- Trophies and medals will be awarded to winning crews on completion of each event. There will not be a formal prize giving at the end of the regatta.

No Shows / Scratching's / Withdrawals Penalties

- Withdrawals without medical certificate or reason acceptable to the Organising Committee will result in the crew, and the athletes individually being excluded from the balance of events in the regatta.
- A significant number of No Shows, Scratching or Withdrawals may result in the Club being excluded from the regatta in the following year at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- Any athlete withdrawing from a crew, for reasons other than medical, after the first race for the event entered, may be disqualified from racing in any other race/s.

Entry Fees

- There are no entry fees per seat.
- There is a gate fee of R40 for spectators, seniors and masters' athletes
- Entry for school athletes and coaches is free.

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The Draw

- Allocation of entries to the **Amendment** ~~eliminating~~ seeding heats, and to stations shall be drawn by the Organising Committee at 17:00 on Friday 27 September 2019.
- The draw will be available on [www.regatta.co.za](http://www.regatta.co.za) for perusal and e-mailed to each club entered.
- Any alterations or corrections must be completed by each club by 17:00 on Monday 30 September 2019.
- The final draw will be issued on Wednesday 2 October 2019 at 17:00.

Substitution

- Substitution of athletes in crews will be allowed up to one hour before the first time that that crew races. Note that only up to 50% of the crew may be altered compared to the originally entered crew list.

Boat Numbers

- Each boat entered will be allocated a bow number to be visible at all times while on the water during the Regatta period.
- Failure to carry the required boat number may lead to exclusion of the crew from the event.
- These numbers will be available from Control Commission for a refundable deposit (R100/number).

Weather

- In the event of unfavourable weather, President of the Jury shall make all decisions about safety and whether racing should proceed as per the events schedule.
- If the regatta is delayed, events will continue from the time on the programme. The events that took place during the delay will be cancelled.
- If it is not possible to complete the regatta, the Organising Committee shall decide to declare the regatta "cancelled" or "complete".

Food & Refreshments

- Food platters, soft drinks and Grab-n-Go will be available for sale.
- The VLC Kitchen will be offering sit-down, plated food options.
- The VLC Bar will be open for adults only.
- There will be a Gin Bar available for adults only.

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General

- The Organising Committee shall have power to abrogate, alter or suspend any rule if deemed necessary by the Organising Committee.
- The Organising Committee shall have the power to accept or deny any entry without having to provide reasons for its decision.

For matters related to entries, the draw and other competitor issues please contact:

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**Event List**

Boat Class	Masters	Seniors	U19	U16	U15
Mens Eight & Oct	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	To be confirmed
Mens Quad & Four	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	To be confirmed
Ladies Quad & Four	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	To be confirmed
Mens Double & Pair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Double only	To be confirmed
Ladies Double & Pair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Double only	To be confirmed

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**Event Order:** Please note race times will be released once the entry list is known

Time	Event
07:00	Head: Mens Double & Pair
07:17	Head: Ladies Double & Pair
07:34	Head: Mens 8 & Oct
07:51	Head: Ladies Four & Quad
08:08	Head: Mens Four & Quad
08:30	Match: Ladies A-D Finals: Double & Pair
Times to be announced once entry list has been confirmed	Match: Mens A-D Finals : Double & Pair
	Match: Mens A-D Finals: Four & Quad
	Match: Mens A-D Finals: 8 & Oct
Final match race of the day scheduled for 17:55	Match: Ladies A-D Finals Quad & Four

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