



SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 REGATTA NOTICE & INFORMATION

SASRU invites all member schools and junior clubs to the 2020 SA Schools Rowing Championships.

1. Venue & Dates

- 1.1. The 2020 South African Schools Rowing Championships will be held at Roodeplaat Dam in Pretoria alternatively at a venue to be announced from the 6 March to the 8 March 2020.

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 since the 2017 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 since 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. **Rowers enrolled at a non-rowing school may not compete for a rowing school.**
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. 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.
- 2.6. The following events are **incompatible** in the Racing Programme: **Boys:** Eights & Doubles; Octuples & Doubles; Fours & Quads; Pairs & Single Sculls; **Girls:** Eights & Doubles; Fours & Doubles; Octuples & Doubles; Pairs & Single Sculls. Quads are compatible with all events. **Schools may not enter the same crew in separate incompatible events.**
- 2.7. Schools may only enter 4 single scullers in each age group, except for the Open age group where 5 entries are permitted. There is no other restriction on the number of a school's entries per 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 all events if in its opinion this is warranted. Coaches should therefore enter scullers and crews in order of competence.
- 2.8. **Schools may only enter Boys 2nd 8+ and Girls 2nd 4x+ events if they have a crew entered in the 1st Event.**
- 2.9. Entries CLOSE on the **24 February at 16:00.**
- 2.10. The preliminary draw will be published on **26 February** and remain open for name-changes and scratchings and late entries until 16:00 on **28 February**, except for crews mentioned in 2.11 below. Late entries are not permitted in single sculls even if there are open lanes.
- 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. Late Entries made after the date for entries 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.

- 2.13. The final regatta programme will be published on **2 March** after which time no changes will be made.
- 2.14. Any event attracting less than three entries from 3 different schools/clubs will be cancelled.
- 2.15. There will be no B Finals for any age group..
- 2.16. Entries will only be accepted from schools which are up to date with payments to SASRU.
- 2.17. Any problems experienced with your entries please contact Gaynor: row@rowsa.co.za or Paul: paulc@law.co.za.
- 2.18. 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. Pre-regatta entry tickets are no longer available.
- 3.3. Only coaches and Officials in possession of an ID card will be allowed free entry into the 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 held as per the published AGM notice.
- 5.2. Flag poles are available for schools wishing to fly their school 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 the 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. Boats on trailers must be securely fastened at the end of racing each day.
- 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 available 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. Digital ID cards: Each club must ensure that the data and a photograph of each athlete is correctly filed with the correct age on the www.regatta.co.za database. This data will be checked online by regatta control during the weekend.
- 8.3. 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;
- 8.4. Boat Weighing: Boat weighing will take place. The scales will be available for pre-weighing.
- 8.5. Ballast: Crews should note that they are responsible for the ballast for their boats and coxswains. The latter is only applicable for J19 coxswains.
- 8.6. Crew changes: Remember no more than 50% of the crew may change. No changes/substitutions will be allowed in the single sculls events.
- 8.7. **The Traffic Patterns**, Local Rules, Proposed Sequence of Events, 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.
- 8.8. 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.
- 8.9. Any alteration to entries and/or scratching of crews must be reported to Control Commission at least 1 hour prior to the published start time of the race.
- 8.10. Officials will only enter discussions with coaches wearing ID Cards.

9. Regatta Water and Traffic Rules:

- 9.1. The water and traffic rules, patterns 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: R160 per crew
- 10.2. Fours and Quads: R80 per crew

- 10.3. Pairs and Doubles: 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 Schools 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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