



REGATTA NOTICE

2025 GAUTENG SCHOOLS ROWING FEDERATION AND AFRICAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Participating Schools and Clubs

The GSRF Championships have long set the benchmark for excellence in school and provincial rowing, delivering a world class event that showcases both competitive spirit and professional organisation. This reputation has been further affirmed by the privilege of hosting the African Rowing Championships alongside our own regatta. Being entrusted with this responsibility by African Rowing is a testament to the confidence placed in South African rowing and in the GSRF's ability to stage events that meet international standards while inspiring athletes across the continent. We hope that this event will not only showcase South Africa's capabilities but also strengthen our case in the hope of eventually being awarded larger regattas, such as the World Rowing Championships, in the near future.

This regatta notice serves as an invitation to all school and junior rowing clubs in Gauteng to participate in the local regatta as detailed in the notice below:

1. Venue:

- 1.1. Alan Francis Rowing Course
- 1.2. Roodeplaat Dam, Pretoria

2. Date:

- 2.1. Racing will take place over three days:
 - 2.1.1. Friday, 31 October 2025
 - 2.1.2. Saturday, 1st November 2025
 - 2.1.3. Sunday, 2nd November 2025
- 2.2. The rowing course will be closed 30 minutes before the start of racing each day.
- 2.3. The rowing course will be closed for 30 mins after the last race has

completed each day.

3. Events:

3.1. The regatta will be run in terms of the relevant rules and laws as published in the ROWSA rules of racing and in terms of the conditions contained in this notice.

3.2. See respective documents following this regatta notice:

- 3.2.1. Addendum A: [Racing Schedule](#)
- 3.2.2. Addendum B: [Event Point Allocation](#)
- 3.2.3. Addendum C: [Progression Table](#)

4. Entry Fees:

4.1. Spectator gate entry fee

- 4.1.1. Friday R50.00
- 4.1.2. Saturday R80.00
- 4.1.3. Sunday R80.00
- 4.1.4. Full Weekend Pass R200.00
- 4.1.5. No entry fees applicable for children under the age of 12 years, athletes and coaching staff. Tickets will be available online via Quicket. <https://www.quicket.co.za/events/337295-gauteng-school-rowing-federation-and-african-rowing-championships-2025/>

4.2. All Junior Clubs and Outside Gauteng Based Junior Clubs and Schools will be charged a seat fee amounting to R30 per seat including coxes. These seat fees will be invoiced based on entries reflected on the final draft.

5. Course:

- 5.1. The course consists of 8 fully buoyed straight lanes. Crews are to row to the start between the clubhouse bank and the buoys. Crews disqualified from races or who cannot compete in a race must make their way back to the clubhouse between lane 8 and the far side of the bank.
- 5.2. For 1000m events, the holding area for crews is positioned between the start line and the North Bank. For 2000m events, the holding area for crews is positioned between the start line and the Western Boom. It is the responsibility of the crews to remain within hearing distance of the aligner

to make sure that they hear when their race is being called.

- 5.3. The flying of drones is strictly prohibited as these may directly impact on the live streaming of the event.

6. Entries:

- 6.1. Entries close at 17:00 on Thursday, 23 October 2025. Late entries may be accepted provided there are available lanes following the draft draw publication.
- 6.2. Entries are to be made via the website, www.regatta.co.za
 - 6.2.1. The Draft Draw will be published *Monday, 27 October 2025*
 - 6.2.2. The Final Draw will be published *Wednesday, 29 October 2025*
- 6.3. Late entries will be allocated to empty lanes in existing events in the order in which they are received. If no empty lanes are available, entries will not be accepted.
- 6.4. No late entries will be permitted after the publication of the final draw.
- 6.5. Entries into the regatta are governed by the SASRU Rules of Racing.
- 6.6. Restrictions on entries are as follows:
 - 6.6.1. Four entries per school per U14, U15, & U16 single sculls event.
 - 6.6.2. Five entries per school per U19 single scull event.
 - 6.6.3. The double and the octuple are incompatible events.
 - 6.6.4. The JW16 and JW19 fours and doubles are incompatible events
 - 6.6.5. The double and eight are incompatible events.
 - 6.6.6. Crews must be entered in ranking order.
- 6.7. Gauteng Schools Rowing Federation welcomes entries for schools and clubs from outside of Gauteng.
 - 6.7.1. As stipulated in point 4.3 these clubs will be charged a seat entry fee and will not be eligible for points earned in any event.
 - 6.7.2. Additional medals will be made available for Gauteng-based schools displaced by schools or clubs outside of Gauteng.
 - 6.7.3. Points will be allocated in order of Gauteng-based schools finishing in the top 8 of any event.

- 6.8. The entering of your school/club serves as an acceptance of indemnity for this regatta, namely that you declare that you accept the rules of entry and that you shall participate at your own risk and indemnifies the Regatta Organisers, Sponsors, and Officials.

7. Order of Events:

- 7.1. The GSRF executive reserves the right to alter the order of events if necessary and only in consultation with all school representatives.
- 7.2. Attention is drawn to the intervals between races as set out in the Final Draw. Crew entries and boat allocations should be planned around these times. The organizers will not be able to delay the published start times of any races in order to accommodate crews or boats. The racing schedule can be found in *Addendum A*.

8. Catering:

- 8.1. Food and refreshments will be available at the venue throughout the day.
- 8.2. No food or refreshments may be brought into the venue. However, competing athletes will be permitted to bring in their own food and refreshments into the athlete area only.
- 8.3. There will be a fully licensed bar available and therefore NO LIQUOR may be brought onto the Roodeplaat Rowing Centre premises.
- 8.4. The Regatta Organising Committee would appreciate it if you could remind your club members and supporters of the restrictions on liquor, food and refreshments at premises of the Roodeplaat Rowing Centre Facilities.
- 8.5. No cooler boxes will be permitted.
- 8.6. Permission must be obtained from the organizing committee for any functions taking place at the venue.

9. Prize Giving:

- 9.1. Please note that prize giving will take place 45 minutes after the last race.
- 9.2. Medals for all events will be presented during the course of each day, via the winners jetty.

- 9.3. Trophies will be displayed in the club house for all events except the overall and JM1st 8+ and JW1st 4x+ trophies; these will be handed out at prize giving.

10. Weather interruptions:

- 10.1. In the event of unfavorable weather, the President of the Jury, in consultation with the GSRF Executive, shall make all decisions with regard to safety and whether racing should proceed as per the events schedule.
- 10.2. If the regatta is delayed, event times shall be rescheduled to include earlier and/or later times of racing on the remaining day/s of the regatta in order to complete all events.
- 10.3. If it is not possible to complete all events, the President of the Jury shall liaise with the GSRF Executive and representatives from member schools with a view to reducing the number of events.
- 10.4. If it is not possible to complete the regatta, the GSRF Executive shall decide to declare the regatta "canceled" or "complete".
- 10.5. If the regatta is declared "complete", points already accrued shall be deemed to be the final tally for the purpose of awarding medals, trophies, etc.

11. VIP Lunch:

- 11.1. A light lunch and refreshments will be served between 11:00 and 13:00 on *Sunday, 2 November 2025* for invited guests.

12. Regatta Event Rules and Regulations:

- 12.1. Right of admission is reserved at the discretion of the Gauteng Schools Rowing Federation (GSRF) and its senior management.
- 12.2. Any person behaving in a manner deemed disruptive, unsafe, or in violation of these rules may be removed from the premises without refund.
- 12.3. All spectators must possess a valid ticket. No ticket, no entry.

- 12.4. Wristbands must be worn at all times by spectators, athletes, and coaches.
- 12.5. Lost or damaged wristbands will not be replaced.
- 12.6. The event is cashless. Only card or digital payments will be accepted.
- 12.7. As the event is fully licensed, no alcohol may be brought onto the premises.
- 12.8. No glass containers or bottles are allowed.
- 12.9. All athletes must report to the main gate upon arrival.
- 12.10. Access to the Gauteng Schools Rowing Federation and African Rowing Championships are only permitted for athletes who have already registered.
- 12.11. Parents/ Spectators are not allowed in the athlete area at any time or in any areas designated for participants
- 12.12. Only GSRF officials, vendors, and on-duty personnel will be permitted entry into the VIP parking area.
- 12.13. VIP parking is located at the top of the property and is only accessible via a valid ticket, which must be pre-issued.
- 12.14. Pedestrian access for ticket scanning is required before entering the VIP area.
- 12.15. The main gate is a pedestrian-only entrance. Vehicles must use designated parking areas.
- 12.16. No pets or animals are allowed, except for registered service animals.
- 12.17. Flying of drones is prohibited, except with written approval from GSRF and compliance with South African aviation laws.
- 12.18. No firearms, weapons, or hazardous materials are allowed onsite.
- 12.19. Smoking is only permitted in designated smoking areas.
- 12.20. Any unauthorised commercial activity, including ambush marketing, unauthorised branding, or sales, is strictly prohibited.
- 12.21. Loudhailers, air horns, vuvuzelas, or any noise-making devices that may

interfere with races are not permitted.

- 12.22. Spectators may not obstruct official race marshals, volunteers, or emergency services.
- 12.23. All participants and spectators attend the event at their own risk. The organising committee, event sponsors, and affiliated organisations are not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage incurred during the event.
- 12.24. First aid and emergency services are available on-site. Please report any medical emergency to an event official immediately.
- 12.25. In the event of an evacuation, follow all instructions from security personnel and event staff.
- 12.26. Children under 12 must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.
- 12.27. Please use designated bins. Littering is prohibited.
- 12.28. Tampering with event infrastructure, signage, or environmental areas is strictly prohibited.
- 12.29. By attending, all spectators consent to being photographed or recorded for promotional or broadcasting purposes.
- 12.30. Unauthorized live streaming or professional photography without event approval is prohibited.
- 12.31. Permission must be obtained from the organising committee for any functions taking place at the venue.

13. General

- 13.1. The Gauteng Schools Rowing Federation Championship will be held in conjunction with the African Rowing Championships as a combined event. For additional information, please consult the African Rowing Championship Regatta Notice.

Yours faithfully

GSRF Executive Committee