

# GAUTENG SCHOOLS ROWING FEDERATION



## REGATTA NOTICE

### **2024 GAUTENG SCHOOLS ROWING FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Dear Participating Schools and Clubs

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, 1st November 2024
- 2.1.2. Saturday, 2nd November 2024
- 2.1.3. Sunday, 3rd November 2024

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*

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## 4. Entry Fees:

### 4.1. Spectator gate entry fee

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| 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. |         |

### 4.2. No GSRF Affiliated school will be charged a seat entry Fee

4.3. 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. The holding area for crews is positioned between the start line and the North Bank. 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. Head races will be raced in lanes two and three. Slower boats must move into lanes one and four, respectively. The holding area for boats applies as above (5.2). Boats will be called in numerical order to the start and will be started at approximately 15-second intervals.

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

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## 6. Entries:

- 6.1. Entries close at 17:00 on Thursday, 24 October 2024. 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](http://www.regatta.co.za)
  - 6.2.1. The Draft Draw will be published *Monday, 28 October 2024*
  - 6.2.2. The Final Draw will be published *Wednesday, 30 October 2024*
- 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.

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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, including soft drinks and water 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 (including soft drinks and water) 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:**

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

## **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, 3 November 2024* in the Clubhouse for invited guests.

We look forward to our provincial School and Junior Club Championships and wish all participating rowers everything of the best - good luck and race hard.

Yours faithfully

*GSRF Executive Committee*