

Regatta Notice

2025



Hosted by St Andrews School for Girls

Dates

Saturday 11th October 2025

- Head Racing or Round of 16 & Quarter Finals 8:00-16:00

Sunday 12th October 2025

- Semi-Finals & Final on Sunday 8:00-14:00
- Prizegiving 14:30

Venue

Aqua Vaal Angling Club, Dihlabakela Rd, Vaal River. Adjacent to Lethabo Power Station

-26.735687, 27.989997

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Race Format

Racing is 2 boat side by side over a distance of 1 Mile (1609m). The course consists of a single line of buoys separating the two crews.

Only the winner of each race progresses to the next round of racing. The loser of a race is eliminated.

Events Offered

Competitors are permitted to enter into a maximum of two events:

(JW16 4x+ or JW16 4+)	&	JW16 2x
(JM16 4+ or JM 16 4x+)	&	JM16 8+
(JW19 4+ or JW19 4x+)	&	JW19 2x &
(JM19 4- or JM19 4+ or JM19 4x+)	&	JM19 8+
(M4- or M1x or M4x)	&	(Mast M2x or M8+)
(W4- or W1x or W4x)	&	(Mast W2x or W8+)

Introduction of Men's and Women's Elite Single Sculls. Entry will be restricted to 8 crews in each of these events. Entries will be considered and accepted by the organizing committee.

Mixed Masters gender entries will be accepted but must be entered into Men's category races.

Club Captains and School Coaches are asked to carefully consider entries into each event. If there are more than 16 entries in any event, then the event will revert to a HEAD RACE from which only the top 8 will progress to the Quarter-Finals. If events are flooded with uncompetitive crews that are simply being given a race it will not be a good experience racing only a head race before being eliminated. Weaker crews may be more prudent to focus on doing well in one event and having a better experience of side-by-side racing. The regatta organisers reserve the right to reduce entries from schools and clubs if the entries in any event will add significant time to the regatta schedule.

Race Schedule

Races in Round of 16, Quarter Finals and Semi Finals will be raced at 3min intervals so crews must boat in plenty of time (minimum of 30min before race start time). Jetty marshals will be policing jetties and will not allow crews onto jetties if oars are not ready for launching.

Finals will be raced at 5min intervals.

Entries

Entries should be made on the Internet. The site address is www.regatta.co.za

Entries open on 15th September

Entries close on Wednesday 1st October at 17:00. No late entries will be accepted.

Entries made on the internet are regarded as you automatically accepting the Entry Indemnity Conditions.

A detailed race schedule of predicted entries and race schedule will be provided closer to the event to assist with entries.

A draft draw will be published on Friday 3rd October. Withdrawals of crews or name changes must be made directly with the regatta organiser by 17:00 Sunday 5th October.

No late entries will be accepted after the draw closes as it effects the schedule of races and seeding of the draw.

A final draw and race schedule will be provided by Tuesday 7th October. This final draw may have time changes based on the number of entries and therefore the number of races in any boat class. The order of events will remain the same in each group of races.

Regatta Seeding

Seeding for the racing will be based on the most recent regatta results.

Entry Restrictions

No athlete may enter more than 2 events.

No Junior/School rower may row or cox in a senior event.

Coxswains may cox more than 2 events but no accommodation will be made for event clashes. Administrators & Coaches must carefully consider the schedule of events, particularly semi and final races where gaps close significantly.

National Team athletes may not make up more than 50% of any crew. National team athletes are those that represented South Africa at a World Cup, World Championships, u23 World Championship or Olympic Games in 2024 or 2025.

Entry Fee

Double Sculls	– R150 per boat
Quad Sculls, Coxed Fours, Coxless Fours	– R300 per boat
Eights	– R600 per boat

All fees must be paid along with entries. Any fees not paid at the time of the draft draw will be removed from the draw and not reinstated.

Seat Entry Fees should be deposited directly into:-

St Andrew's School for Girls

FNB

Bedford Gardens 252155

Ac No: 62065437454

Reference: SCHOOL NAME - REGATTA FEE

If you require an invoice, please email headcoach@standrews.co.za with your list of entries before entries close.

Please send Proof of Payment to headcoach@standrews.co.za

Progression

Please see the Annexure – B: Race progression brackets

No Shows / Scratching's / Withdrawals Penalties

Withdrawals or No Shows without medical certificate or reason acceptable to the President of the Jury will result in the crew, and the athletes individually being excluded from all events in the regatta.

Any athlete withdrawing from a crew, for reasons other than medical, after the first race for the event entered, will be disqualified from racing in any other race/s.

Traffic Pattern & Training

Crews must use the course in strict observance of the Traffic Rules Annexure A included in this package.

Note that the course will be closed to crews training on Saturday morning and will be open from 30min after the final race on Saturday. All crews must be off the water before 6:00pm.

Training pattern will be the same as the racing pattern. I.e. row up to the start on the Gauteng bank in the warm up zone, and travel back to the finish on the Free State lane of the racing course.

It is curtesy to stop rowing during the regatta warm up when a race comes past, so as not to distract the crews racing.

Umpiring & Rules of Racing

Umpiring will be stationary. No motorboats will follow races in order to reduce wake.

Umpires will be positioned at the start, ¼ Mile, ½ Mile, ¾ Mile and finish line.

Umpires will issue warnings and penalties to crews that stray across the line of buoys.

- If a crews oars cross the line of buoys they will be warned to return to their station. If the crews blades cause a clash or interfere with the crew into whose lane they have strayed they may be ordered to stop rowing and be excluded by the presiding umpire.
- If a boat's bow ball crosses the line of buoys separating the crews the crew will automatically be excluded even if they do not interfere with the other crew in the race.
- No boat weighing will take place
- No cox weighing will take place.
- Boats must pass all normal regatta safety checks at Control Commission. Bow ball, Hatches and Heel straps must be correctly fitted.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE ORDER OF EVENTS WHEN MAKING ENTRIES. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT NO CREW, BLADE OR BOAT CLASHES OCCUR RESTS WITH THE CLUB. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF EVENTS AS PUBLISHED IN THIS PACKAGE.

- Crews must be at the start a minimum of 7min before the start of time of their race in order to be marshalled into start order. Crews late to the marshalling area will be awarded a yellow card.
- If a crew is not at the start at the race time they will be excluded and the other crew will “row over” the course and progress to the next round.

Head Racing

Boat Numbers

- Each boat entered will be allocated an individual bow number to be visible at all times while on the water.
- Failure to carry the required boat number will lead to exclusion of the crew from the event.
- These numbers will be available from Control Commission.
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Crews will be set off in alternating lanes at 15second intervals. In the event that a crew catches the crew set off in front the slower crew must move to the side and allow the faster crew to pass.

Weather interruptions

In the event of unfavourable weather, the President of the Jury shall make all decisions with regard to safety and whether racing should proceed as per the events schedule. 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.

In the event of lightning athletes and spectators will be advised to seek refuge in busses and cars until the lightning is declared safe.

Spectators

Spectator Entry fee will be R80.00 per person per day

Children under 12 are free

Entry tickets must be pre-purchased via the online ticketing system. Spectators are encouraged to buy their ticket before the event to avoid queuing at the event.

Trailer Parking, Bus Parking and Spectator Parking

Separate large parking areas will be provided that allows trailers to be close to boat launching, buses to be close to competitor seating and cars to be close to spectator seating.

Please do not park randomly. The organising committee reserves the right to move any trailer or car that is parked in the wrong area or blocks traffic from flowing.

Bike Path

There is a bike path available to follow racing from the ½ mile to the ±70m from the finish. Spectators and coaches may make use of this path. It is strictly one way to avoid accidents. Once cyclists reach the finish area they must return via the return route and may not ride against the flow back to the start. Mountain bikes or cyclocross bikes are appropriate. Cyclists are responsible for the security of their bikes.

Competitor Seating

Large, shaded areas will be reserved for competitors to place schools and club gazebos. Spectators must please not seat themselves in this area.

Spectator Seating

The banks of the river are well grassed and provide more than enough seating for spectators and gazebos. Areas will be demarcated for schools and clubs to set up gazebos on a first come first served bases.

The last 70m of the race course from the finish line will be reserved for standing spectators only (no chairs, no gazebos). So, when a spectator's race of interest is scheduled they can move from their gazebos to watch the finish line, and then return to their gazebos afterwards.

The last 400m will be clearly visible from the bar and tent, which are behind the spectators seating but elevated.

Food Court

A shaded food court will be available serving all the usual regatta food

Coffee stand, Bacon & Egg Rolls, Prego's, Burgers, Wors Rolls, Cooldrinks, Sweets & Snacks

Camping

Limited overnight camping is possible and can be booked via the online ticketing system.

Details of the available camp sites will be sent separately.

Camping is off grid, with only water supplied. Campers must make arrangements for their own lighting. Generators are not permitted. Camping will include access to shower facilities.

Camp sites will be available from 16:00 on Saturday so as not to interfere with regatta operation.

General

The Organising Committee shall have power to revoke, 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.

Indemnity

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.

Kind Regards

Jamie Croly

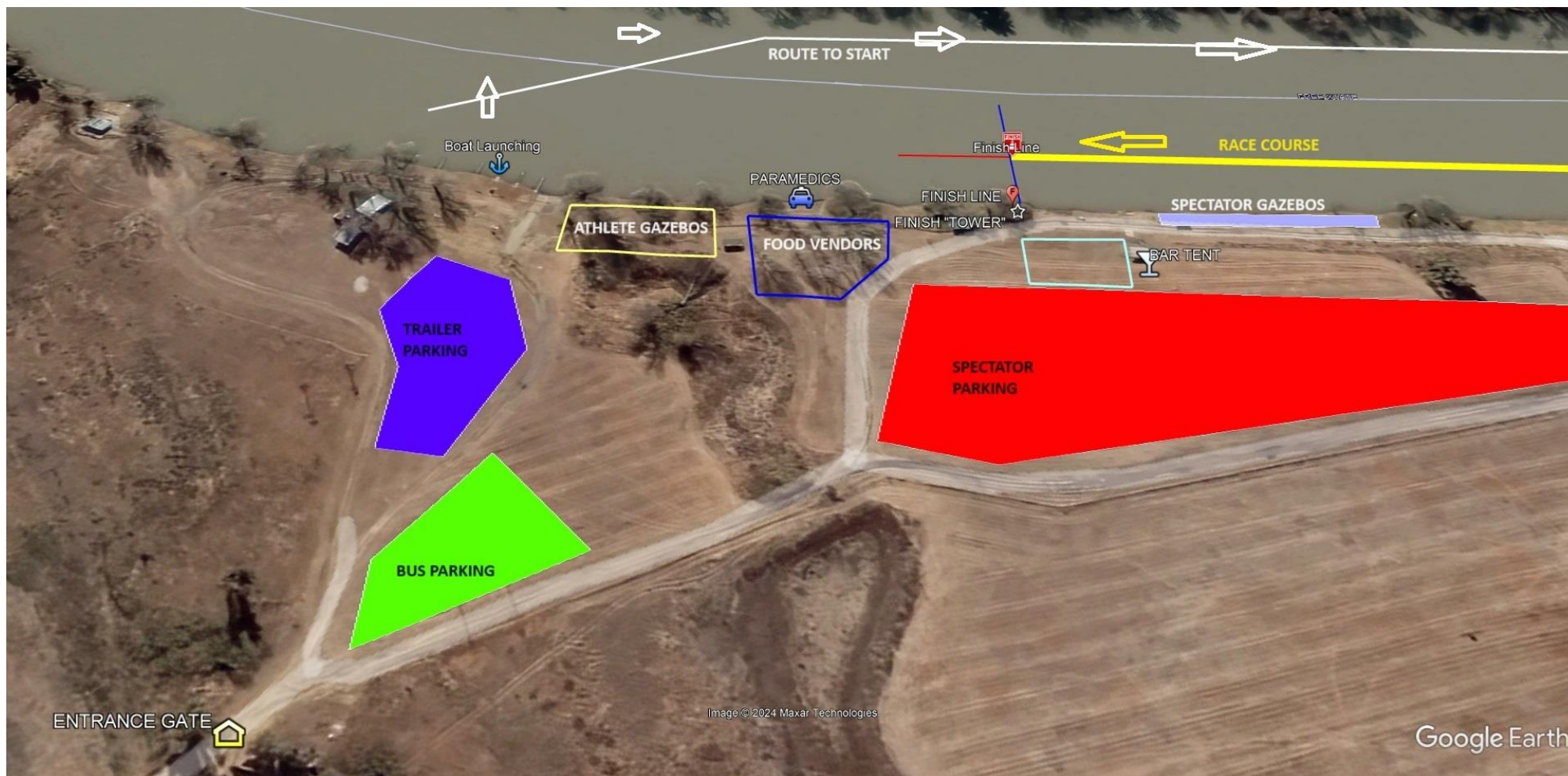
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Annexure A – Site Plan & Traffic Pattern



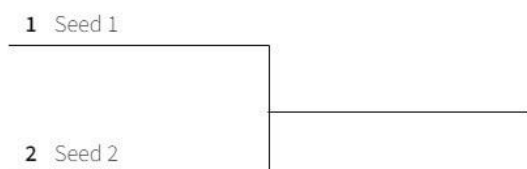




Annexure B

Regatta Seeding and Race Progression Bracket

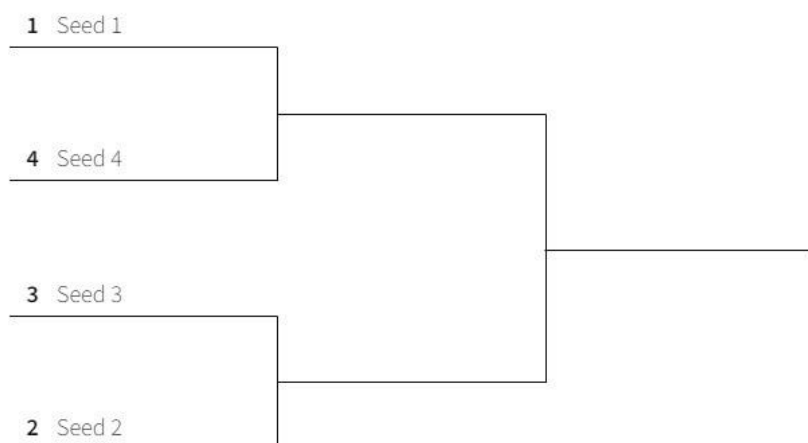
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3 Entries



4 Entries



5 Entries



6 Entries



7 Entries



8 Entries



9 Entries

10 Entries



11 Entries



12 Entries



13 Entries



14 Entries



15 Entries



16 Entries

