



SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

REGATTA NOTICE & INFORMATION

SASRU invites its member schools to the 2025 SA Schools Rowing Championships.

The purpose of this premiere schools' event is to allow school rowers the opportunity - at the end of the rowing season - to experience racing that is fast, competitive and fun. The national school championships take place on an annual basis on the first weekend in March and aim to provide an opportunity for member schools to compete in order to identify and recognise the champion school crew in each of the races offered on the three-day programme.

The regatta is organised and run by an organising committee which consists of a group of volunteers aligned to the South African Schools Rowing Union. The regatta - governed by the SASRU Rules of Racing and Constitution - is a not-for-profit event and any money raised is put towards the running of future regattas.

1. Venue & Dates

The 2025 South African Schools Rowing Championships will be held from 28 February to 2 March 2025 at Roodeplaat Dam, Pretoria, Gauteng.

2. Entries

- 2.1. All entries must be made using the website www.regatta.co.za.
- 2.2. The regatta is open to participants from member schools affiliated to SASRU and to school rowers who are members of Junior Rowing Clubs. African and international schools are accommodated upon receipt of a written request.
- 2.3. Neither schools nor clubs are permitted to enter composite crews in any event, i.e. the crew members of each boat entered must all be enrolled at the same school or must be members of the same club.
- 2.4. Rowers enrolled at a rowing school may not compete for any other school. **Rowers enrolled at a non-rowing school may not compete for a rowing school and are required to be registered at a junior club.**
- 2.5. Only rowers whose personal details have been fully and accurately captured on www.regatta.co.za will be permitted to enter the event.
- 2.6. 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 to schools with the most entries.
- 2.7. No boy may be entered into or participate in a girls' event or girl in a boys' event. This rule includes coxswains.
- 2.6. The following events are **incompatible** in the Racing Programme:
 - **Boys:** Eights & Doubles; Octuples & Doubles; Fours & Quads; Pairs & Single Sculls
 - **Girls:** Fours & Doubles; Octuples & Doubles; Pairs & Single Sculls

- **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 a maximum of 5 entries is 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 Tuesday, **18 February, 2024 at 16:00.**
 - 2.10. The preliminary draw will be published on **20 February** and remain open for name changes and scratchings and late entries until **16:00 on 25 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 to 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 **26 February** 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 at row@rowsa.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. SASRU will be selling daily and weekend attendance via Quicket. Ticket prices are as follows:
 - Friday, 28 February - R80.00
 - Saturday, 1 March - R100.00
 - Sunday, 2 March - R100.00

- Weekend Pass - R240.00

- 3.2. Only coaches and officials in possession of an ID card will be allowed free entry into the event.
- 3.3. Only SASRU officials, vendors and on-duty officials will be permitted entry into the VIP parking area.
- 3.3. All spectators, athletes, coaches and officials will be issued with wristbands upon entry. These must be worn at all times.

4. SASRU AGM:

All schools' heads and heads of rowing and coaches are invited to attend the SASRU AGM held as per the published AGM notice.

5. Athlete Transport:

- 5.1. All schools arrange their own transport to and from the regatta.

6. Seating and Trailer Parking:

Arrangements for parking and seating for both participants and spectators will follow.

7. Rules of Racing:

- 7.1. The Row SA Rules of Racing apply except where there is a specific or local SASRU rule.
- 7.2. Each member school must ensure that the data 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.
- 7.3. 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;
- 7.4. Boat Weighing: Boat weighing will take place. The scales will be available for pre-weighing.
- 7.5. Ballast: Crews should note that they are responsible for the ballast for their boats and coxswains. The latter is only applicable for J19 coxswains.
- 7.6. Crew changes: In conjunction with point 2.11., no more than 50% of the crew may change. No changes/substitutions will be allowed in the single sculls events.
- 7.7. 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.
- 7.8. Should there be a conflict between the Rules, Points, or Progressions published on the website and this notice, those published on the website will prevail.
- 7.9. Any alteration to entries and/or scratching of crews must be reported to the Control Commission at least 1 hour prior to the published start time of the race.
- 7.10. Officials will only enter discussions with coaches wearing ID Cards.

8. Crew entry fees:

- 8.1. Eights and Octuples: R200 per crew

- 8.2. Fours and Quads: R100 per crew
- 8.3. Pairs and Doubles: R80 per crew
- 8.4. Single sculls: R60 per sculler
- 8.5. Entry fees are payable on presentation of invoice, at the regatta.

9 Medals & Prizegiving

- 9.1. Gold, silver and bronze medals are presented to the first, second and third placed A-finalists among South African school crews.
- 9.2. Additional medals are awarded to visiting non-South African school crews obtaining first, second or third places.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. The final prize giving will commence 1 hour after the final race on Sunday.
- 9.4. Medals for the following boat classes will be presented at the final prize giving and not at the winners' jetty:

10. International Rowers

All International Schools requiring an invitation letter to the event are to contact: Michelle Kleer, kleerm@stbenedicts.co.za

11. Boat Racks and Trailers

Whilst there are sufficient boat racks available at Roodeplaat, schools are permitted to bring their own boat trestles for rigging and boat storage. Trailers must be parked in the designated area and may not enter or be parked in the spectator or competitor section.

12. Food, Refreshments and Liquor

- 12.1. Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day. Supporters must be discouraged to bring their own refreshments.
- 12.2. There will be a fully licensed bar available and therefore **NO LIQUOR may be brought onto the Roodeplaat Rowing Centre premises.**
- 12.3. The Regatta Organising Committee would appreciate it if you could remind your club members and supporters of the restrictions on liquor at premises of the Roodeplaat Rowing Centre Facilities.
- 12.4. Permission must be obtained from the organising committee for any functions taking place at the venue. Contact Michelle Kleer, kleerm@stbenedicts.co.za

13. VIP Refreshments

Heads of Schools will be permitted free access for two. Invitations to the VIP section will be mailed directly to the schools.

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