

Alberta Open Regatta

Saturday June 28th, 2008

Dear Coach,

This is the regatta package for the 2008 Alberta Open Rowing Championships to be held on Glenmore Reservoir in Calgary, Alberta on Saturday, June 28th.

The package contains important information about regatta procedures, race events, entry fees and deadlines. This regatta information (and any needed updates) can be found by visiting the Calgary Rowing Club's website, www.calgaryrowing.com, June 16th or later.

Should you have any questions or comments after reviewing the material, please do not hesitate to contact the Calgary Rowing Club. The club manager is Blair Rasmussen; he is usually reachable during normal office hours.

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We look forward to seeing you in Calgary on race day!

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General Information

The entry deadline is 1:00pm MDT, Sunday, June 22nd, 2008.

Entry fees are \$40 per athlete, regardless of how many events an athlete competes in. Fees are due before the start of racing on the day of the regatta.

All races will be 1500m straight on a six lane buoyed course, with a floating start, except for Novice and Masters Mixed 8+ races, which be 500m with a floating start. Coaches are advised to make sure all of their rowers and coxes have had practice in maneuvering and aligning boats for floating starts.

All competitors must be registered with Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) or their corresponding federal rowing association.

RCA Rules of Racing will apply, with a few exceptions that will be made later in this race package. The complete RCA rules can be found on the World Wide Web at www.rowingcanada.org. Coaches, please make sure your rowers and coxes are familiar with race procedures, as described in Part 10 of the RCA Rules of Racing.

Following the completion of racing, there will be an awards presentation and catered dinner in the banquet room at the top level of the boathouse building. The dinner is free for all competitors and coaches, and costs \$12 for anyone else wishing to attend. There will be a cash bar at the dinner.

Racing Categories

Junior: Athletes born in 1990 or later.

Novice: Athletes who started rowing after September 1, 2007.

Lightweight: Male athletes 73.5kg (162.0 lbs) or less; female athletes 60kg (132.3 lbs) or less. (Note that these limits are 1kg above the RCA limits for lightweights.)

Masters: Athletes who will be at least 27 years old by December 31, 2008. Contrary to the RCA rules, we will allow athletes to compete in both masters and non-masters events. Handicaps of 1.5 seconds per year of crew average age will be applied in masters events. When making entries in masters events, please state crew average ages using ages that will have been attained on December 31, 2008.

Open: Open to all competitors.

List of Events

Open Women: W1x, W2x, W4x, W2-, W4-, W8+

Lightweight Women: LW1x, LW2x, LW4x

Junior Women: JW1x, JW2x, JW4x, JW2-, JW4-

Masters Women: MW1x, MW2x, MW4x

Novice Women: NovW2x

Open Men: M1x, M2x, M4x, M2-, M4-, M8+

Lightweight Men: LM1x, LM2x, LM2-, LM4-

Junior Men: JM1x, JM2x, JM4x, JM2-, JM4-

Masters Men: MM1x, MM2x, MM4x

Novice Men: NovM2x

Masters Mixed: MMix2x, MMix4x, MMix8+

Novice Mixed: NovMix8+

All races are 1500 meters except the MMix8+ and NovMix8+, which are 500 meters.

The M4- and LM4- events will be merged if the combined number of entries is 6 or fewer.

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If two or more visiting clubs request a JW8+ race, we will add it to the schedule. The same applies for the JM8+.

Coaches: Please note that in recent years, some 1x and 2x events have had large numbers of entries, requiring numerous races, with hot-seating, in early-morning heats. *In order to help us run a reasonable schedule, and to avoid wearing out rowers before finals even get started, please consider not entering any one rower in multiple 1x events or in multiple 2x events.*

Preliminary Regatta Schedule: Outline

There will be a meeting of coaches and officials at 8:00pm on Friday, June 27th, in the hall on the top floor of the Calgary Rowing Club boathouse.

We expect to start heats for events with seven or more entries at approximately 7:00am on Saturday morning. The exact start time will depend on the number of events that require heats.

Weigh-ins for lightweights will start at 7:00am or one hour before the start of the first heat in a lightweight event, whichever is earlier, and will close at 9:00am.

Projected start times for finals are listed in the table on the next page. If we have to run a large number of heats, the first final may start later than 9:00am, but we will preserve the order of events.

A tentative draw and schedule will be produced by Wednesday, June 25th, and a final draw and schedule will be produced after the coaches meeting on the evening of Friday, June 27th.

Preliminary Regatta Schedule: Projected Start Times for Finals

Event #	Start Time	Event Class
1	9:00am	M 4-
2	9:10am	LM 4-
3	9:20am	JW 1x
4	9:30am	MW 2x
5	9:40am	W 4-
6	9:50am	LW 1x
7	10:00am	MM 2x
8	10:10am	JM 1x
9	10:20am	JW 4-
gap for 1x hot-seating		
10	10:40am	M 1x
11	10:50am	NovM 2x
12	11:00am	LM 2-
13	11:10am	JM 4-
14	11:20am	W 1x
15	11:30am	JW 2x
16	11:40am	MM 1x
17	11:50am	MW 4x
18	noon	JM 2x
19	12:10pm	LM 1x
20	12:20pm	NovMix8+
21	12:30pm	MMix8+
break		
22	1:00pm	W 4x
23	1:10pm	LW 4x
24	1:20pm	M 2x
25	1:30pm	MW 1x
26	1:40pm	JW 2-
27	1:50pm	NovW2x
28	2:00pm	MM 4x
29	2:10pm	W 2x
30	2:20pm	M 4x
31	2:30pm	JM 2-
32	2:40pm	MMix 2x
33	2:50pm	W 2-
34	3:00pm	JW 4x
35	3:10pm	LW 2x
36	3:20pm	M 2-
37	3:30pm	JM 4x
38	3:40pm	LM 2x
39	3:50pm	MMix 4x
40	4:00pm	W 8+
41	4:20pm	M 8+

Process for Making Entries

This year we would like each club to make its entries by filling in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file. A copy of this file will be available for download from www.calgaryrowing.com by the week of June 16th.

There is single sheet in the file, with four areas labeled General Info, Junior Entries, Senior Entries, and Masters Entries. Please use the General Info area to enter your club name, contact information, and numbers of athletes, coaches, and number of extra dinner tickets needed.

Then use the other three areas to list your entries. For each event you wish to enter, replace the 0 in the **# of Entries** cell with the appropriate number, then use the cells to the right to list the names of the strokes for each boat. In the Masters Entries area, please also enter the crew age in the cell underneath the stroke's name.

Here is an example showing how to fill in the Masters Entries area:

Category	Boat Type	# of Entries	Last Name(s) of Stroke(s)		
MW	1x	3	Smith	J. Jones	M. Jones
age Dec. 31, 2008:			37	41	52
MW	2x	1	Smith		
avg. age Dec 31, 2008:			44.5		
MW	4x	0			
avg age Dec 31, 2008:					
MM	1x	0			
age Dec. 31, 2008:					
MM	2x	0			
avg. age Dec 31, 2008:					
MM	4x	1	Brown		
avg. age Dec 31, 2008:			47.25		
M Mixed	2x	0			
avg. age Dec 31, 2008:					
M Mixed	4x	1	Smith		
avg. age Dec 31, 2008:			33.5		

The Junior and Senior sheets are similar but simpler, because age information is not needed for Junior and Senior events.

If you would like to enter a JW8+ or JM8+ event, please change the word NO to YES in the appropriate cell(s) in the Junior Entries area.

Please send the completed file as an email attachment to steve.norman.rower@gmail.com