

# The Southeast Youth Championship Regatta

(please read all of this packet prior to arrival to venue)

May 8-9, 2010

(2nd weekend in May)

**Venue:** Sarasota Benderson Park (Cooper Creek)

**Course Length:** 1750 meter

### **Hosted by**

Sarasota Crew | Sarasota Scullers  
Florida Scholastic Rowing Association  
Southeast Youth Rowing Association

**Registration Window:** April 1 - April 28, 2010

<http://www.regattacentral.com>

**Scratch Deadline:** May 3, 2010

If you have questions, please contact the Southeast Youth Representative or check the SEYRA web site <http://www.southeastjuniors.org> prior to arrival at the venue for updated information. More information on the venue and hotels in the area will be sent out in a later packet.

The Southeast Youth Championship Regatta is a USRowing registered championship level regatta to provide regional programs a quality year-end championship event. The Southeast Youth Championship Regatta shall be open to crews of the 7 states that make up the Southeast Region; **Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee**. The course is a sprint competition in the following youth categories:

	<u>1x</u>	<u>2-</u>	<u>Lt 2x</u>	<u>2x</u>	<u>Lt 4+</u>	<u>4+</u>	<u>4x-</u>	<u>Lt 8+</u>	<u>8+</u>
<b>Men's &amp; Women's Youth Qualification Event</b>	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*
<b>Men's &amp; Women's Youth 2V Events</b>						X			X
<b>Men's &amp; Women's Youth Novice Events</b>						X			X

\*USROWING YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION EVENTS

Site information can be found on <http://www.southeastjuniors.org>

Course Map and Traffic patterns will be posted at the Launch docks. All coaches, coxswains, captains, and scullers must read and familiarize themselves with the traffic rules before leaving the dock.

**SEYRA COMMITTEE AND THE REPRESENTATIVES.**

All regatta questions of eligibility, qualifications, or interpretations of the rules shall be referred to the SEYRA Coaches Committee, whose decision shall be final. Amendments to the Southeast Youth Championship Regatta Rules shall be made six (6) months prior to the event by a majority vote of the SEYRA Coaches Committee. All questions not specifically provided for in these Southeast Youth Championship Regatta Rules or suggestions should be directed in writing to the USRowing Southeast Youth Representative.

The location of Southeast Youth Championship Regatta will travel annually to locations within the Southeast as decided by the SEYRA Coaches Committee. Rotating between the **North Region** (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, North/South Carolina) and **South Region** (Florida) sections of the region. Venues wishing to hold the regatta at their venue are encouraged contact the Southeast Youth Rowing Association.

The USRA YAC Representative every three years or when vacant selects regional coach representatives. Regional coach representatives will be selected based on the following criteria; Junior coaches that has crews attend the Southeast Youth Championships. Coach representatives are required to attend the Southeast youth Championship and the regional meeting held at the Head of the Hooch in early November. The USRowing election process votes the USRA YAC Southeast Representative in every three years, this process can be found on at [www.usrowing.com](http://www.usrowing.com). In addition to planning and organizing the Southeast Youth Championships the YAC Southeast Representative is required to attend USRowing Convention and the Youth National Championship in addition to quarterly conference calls.

USRA YAC Southeast Rep:

Allen Eubanks, Atomic Rowing [coach@orra.org](mailto:coach@orra.org)

Alabama | Mississippi Rep:

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Florida (North) Rep:

Dan Newman, Capital City Rowing {FSRA President}

Florida (East) Rep:

Phil McMican, Power 10 Rowing

Florida (West) Rep:

Matt Able, Plant High School Crew

Florida (South | Central) Rep:

Laura Bracken, Miami Rowing Club

Georgia Rep:

John Pearson, Atlanta Juniors Rowing

North Carolina | South Carolina Rep:

Byron Walthall, Charlotte Youth Rowing

Tennessee Rep:

Scott Shoup, McCallie School

Chief Referee:

Mike Chambers

Deputy Chief Referee:

Joe Carlson

Venue LOC:

Roy Dupuis

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- o The Southeast Youth Championship is an open southeast district championship regatta.
- o USRowing 2010 Rules of Rowing govern this event.
- o USRowing Organizational membership is a requirement for all boats larger than a double and must be taken care of prior to arriving on site. Membership may be activated or renewed online:<http://www.usrowing.org> **OR**, by contacting the USRowing membership office at **1-800-314-4769**. If this is not enforced our regional event risks losing its qualification status.
- o Waivers are to be signed on-line at the time of membership and paper waivers are not required for this regatta. If your rower has not yet signed a waiver for the year, please have them do so online at the link given above.
- o The Southeast Youth Championship is a recognized qualifier for the Youth National Championship.
- o All events shall be raced for a distance of two thousand (2000) meters or as close to this distance as the race venue safely allows.
- o All boats will be inspected for safety, boats not so equipped shall be barred from launching
- o All competing boats shall carry a bow number of their assigned race lane for identification, said numbers containing numerals at least seven (7) inches high and four (4) inches wide on a background of a contrasting color, such as black numerals on a white background. Crew will need to supply their own set of bow numbers.
- o During a race, no boat shall have on board any electronic devices that are capable of sending or receiving information from any source external to the boat.
- o All Scratches, Late Adds or Line-up changes require written documentation signed off by the Regatta Director or Register two (2) hours prior of the event effected.
- o Regatta Officials shall announce or post their official radio communication channel(s) at the start of the race day, if needed. All teams and their guests are prohibited from using these radio channel(s). Teams violating the use of restricted channel(s) shall be subject to disqualification. In the event that racing crews "accidentally" use regatta channel they will receive one warning.

**ATHLETE CHECK-IN**

- o **Check-in Times: Friday–May 7th 12:00a.m.–5:00p.m. The information tent will be open during the entire event for information, questions, etc.**
- o Coaches may check in their crews to verify membership and ensure paperwork is completed. Athlete registration will be held at the information tent. Schedules, traffic patterns maps and all relevant venue information will be available at the information tent at time of check-in. All Organizations must have current membership and all participants' waivers on file for coaches to pick up credentials. A crew list can be forwarded to USRowing to check waiver status before the event.
- o Waivers must be completed on-line at <http://www.regattacentral.com> as no 'hard-copy' waivers will be utilized. **Waivers MUST be completed by May 3rd**
- o Credentials will be issued to athletes in 2010. All athletes will receive identification badges. Athletes must present these badges before launching for all races. **A replacement fee of \$10.00 will be charged for each lost badge. ATHLETES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW CREDENTIAL TO REFEREE AT CONTROL COMMISSION UPON LAUNCHING FOR THEIR RACE.**

**ENTRY FEES**

- o There will be a **\$1000** cap on entry fees. The fee per entry will be as follows:  
**8+(\$90), 4+/x (\$60), 2x/- (\$30), 1x (\$15)**
- o Fees not included in the event cap:
  - Venue use fee **\$3.00** per athlete.
  - Structure Permit: **\$25.00** for up to a 20'x20' structure without food prep.
  - Structure Permit: **\$50.00** for up to a 20'x20' structure with food prep.
  - Parking Fee: \$5.00 donation to "Friends of the Sarasota Parks" per vehicle
- o Invoices may be paid by credit card online using RegattaCentral, or you can make checks payable to: **Southeast Youth Rowing Association (SEYRA)** and send payments to: 136 Orchard Lane, Oak Ridge TN, 37830. Payments must be postmarked by May 3, 2010. Payment made after this time will need to be presented at regatta check-in.

**COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY AND RULES:**

- A junior is a competitor who in the current calendar year does not attain the age of 19, or who is and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full-time student seeking a diploma. For the purposes of eligibility for the Southeast Youth Championship Regatta, this definition will include post-graduate athletes who meet the criteria stated above.
- Affiliation with only one program, which he/she is registered with as of the first competition (registered/ non-registered, not including indoor events) for the duration of the spring season, defined between January 1 and June 15 of that current calendar year, to participate in the Southeast Youth Championship Regatta.
  - Exception: Athletes who are members of a junior rowing club existing as a composite of athletes with no stand-alone high school rowing program may row as a single (1x) in a regatta under the name of their school where they are not permitted to enter as “unaffiliated.” For the purposes of qualifying for the USRowing Youth National Championships in an individual event, the athlete must still represent the club (entered under the club’s name) with which he/she began the season. If athletes wish to compete in a team event under the name of their school with an established high school rowing program rather than as a club, a USRowing organizational member is required for that school for that purpose and the athletes must compete as this organization the entire spring season.
  - All questions of eligibility, qualifications, or interpretations of the rules shall be referred to the Southeast Youth Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- Athletes that are part of a boat that was excluded or disqualified while participating in an event at the Southeast Youth Championship regatta are considered ineligible to advance and compete at the USRowing Youth National Championship. These athletes are considered ineligible substitutions in boats that did qualify. **Exception:** The athlete’s ineligibility is due to a failure to make weight in a lightweight event.

**SEEDING**

- Seeding and lane assignments will be done using seeding using two events. **The Florida State Championships and the Oak Ridge Dogwood Regatta.**
- Entries and event times will be published after the entry window closes. After the entries have been received and processed the following seeding priorities will be used to determine the composition of heats, and the assignment of lanes in heats will be assigned from the center lanes outward.
  - First seeding priority: 1st place from FSRA and OR Dogwood Regatta
  - Second seeding priority: 2nd place from FSRA and OR Dogwood Regatta
  - Third seeding priority: 3rd place from FSRA and OR Dogwood Regatta
  - Forth seeding priority: Crews from open registration
  - The SEYRA Committee reserves the right to redraw events if the number of scratches warrants such changes.
- All Lane assignments and updates will be posted on the [www.southeastjuniors.org](http://www.southeastjuniors.org) and [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com)
- Initial lane assignments will be posted **May 1st, 2010**
- Scratches will be accepted, with no fee, until **May 3rd, 2010**
- Final lane assignments will be posted **May 5th, 2010**
  - Scratches made after **May 5th, 2010** subject to forfeiture of entry fee.
  - Scratches or no shows after the C&C meeting will incur a **\$50.00** Scratch Fee due prior to following crews are allowed to launch or future entries accepted. Medical exceptions will be accepted.
- The assignment of lanes for semifinals and finals shall be assigned from the center lanes outward according to the order of finish in the previous level of competition.
- In there are an unusually large number of entries, the Regatta Director and the Chief Referee reserve the right to seed any crew that does not fit the above categories.

**VOLUNTEERS:** FSRA Programs need to assist in running the regatta. See your team coaches or board members to get involved. A volunteer check-in tent will be located at the park entrance.

### **EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ENTRY**

USRowing definitions will be used. (Exceptions to the definitions can be made at the discretion of the SEYRA.)

**Team:** A team is considered the usual way the program competes as of January 1 of the same year. A school team/club represents a single organization, with distinct location, colors, and coaches for the entire competitive season is a team. All crews representing the school/club must wear similar uniforms. Each team shall be responsible for the conduct, physical fitness, including the ability to swim, of its competitors. 1X athletes are exempt from this rule.

**Entry Priority:** Crews must be represented in a Championship (CH) or Lightweight (LT) event with an equal or greater number of seats prior to entering crews in subsequent events. Therefore, a team can enter into a 2V4+ if and only if they have also entered a CH/LT 8+ or CH/LT 4+ and can enter a 2V8+ if and only if they have also entered a CH/LT 8+. It is understood that the CH/LT boat be entered as the faster of the two boats. (This recognizes that not all crews have the depth to put athletes in all of the CH/LT categories. A team within the first five (5) years of start up is exempt from this rule.) Events with only one (1) entry at the registration deadline shall be eliminated and the team shall be notified in advance of race day. If race day scratches reduce a race to one (1) entry, the single entry shall row down the course for time. Athletes in each event are required to be of the same gender. A coxswain may be of either gender or age classification (not withstanding the age maximum). Novice coxswains must be used in novice events.

**Championship Events (CH):** Category intended for championship youth crew that meets the requirements of the event. Each team is allowed one (1) entry in these events (1x, 2x, and 2- events are exempt from this rule.). Championship events that receive a second entry will be placed into 2V events. In the instances the event does not exist a 2V event will be developed and placed into the schedule. The 2V boat will be allowed to race the heat but not progress into the finals.

**Lightweight Events (LT):** Category intended for championship youth competitor that meets the requirements establish in these rules for Lightweight rowers. Each team is allowed one (1) entry in these events.

**2nd Boat Events (2V):** Category intended for non-championship 2nd crews or JV youth crews. The 2V classification is not open to any athlete competing in a CH/LT event. Teams are allowed multiple entries in these events.

**Novice Boat Events (N):** A Novice is considered to be in their first year of racing. One year from the date of the current event. Teams are allowed multiple entries in these events.

**Entry Limits:** Rowers may compete in only two (2) events. No consideration shall be given to scheduling conflicts of rowers and coxswains competing in multiple events. The coach and competitor shall decide which event shall be their priority. Coaches should take into consideration that an illness or injury on race day should require an alternate rower not already seated in an event. An athlete that participates in a championship category (8+,4+/x) may not participate in the same 2nd category (8+,4+/x) event.

- Hot seating must be arranged with the dock master before the scheduled race. The regatta will proceed on time and will not be held for hot seating crews.

### **GUEST CREWS**

A program from outside the Southeast Region that wish to participate in the Southeast District Youth Championship Regatta requires to petition the USRowing Youth Committee and the SYRA to be able participate in this regatta and will be considered a guest. Teams may petition the YAC to permanently change their appointed district affiliation due to a hardship within their current district. The receiving LOC must endorse any transfer prior to registration. Teams are not being permitted to change qualification regattas annually to reduce "Bid Shopping". Guest entries are not able to qualify for the USRowing Youth Nationals at this regatta. In the event a guest crew attends may be allowed to row as exhibition only as lane availability allows. (i.e. they get lane 7 if they make it to finals.)

**WEIGH-IN RULES**

- The weight of junior rowers in lightweight events and coxswains shall be determined once each day **no less than one hour and no more than two hours** before the scheduled time of the first race in which the weight is relevant.
  - All Competitors and Coxswain weigh-ins should be completed in racing uniform, without shoes or other footgear. No one will be weighed-in wearing more or less clothing.
- Crews and alternates will weigh-in together and must be accompanied by a Coach or Program Designate. Coxswains may weigh-in at a separate time than crew.
- Lightweight weights will be strictly enforced.
  - Lightweight Youth Men 155.0 lbs. (max - no avg.)
  - Lightweight Youth Women 130.0 lbs. (max - no avg.)
  - Crews are to step on the scale in the order that they row in the boat (i.e. bow to stern).
  - No one will be allowed to "check weight" on the official scale during the official weigh-in times. Un-official scales will be on site as of Friday at noon.
  - Each junior lightweight rower shall have only one (1) initial opportunity to weigh-in. A competitor within one (1.0) pound or less of the weight standard is allowed one (1) re-weigh within the official weigh-in time window. A competitor whose initial weight is greater than one (1.0) pound above the weight standard will be ineligible to compete in the event.
  - The LOC strongly urges all coaches to refrain from unnatural weight requirements for rowers. A rower who appears severely dehydrated or to have used extreme means to lose weight **shall** be required to be checked by onsite medical personnel before being cleared to race. A rower who requires intravenous re-hydration will not be allowed to race.
- Coxswains who are more than five pounds beneath the minimum weight are encouraged to bring weight to weigh-ins (e.g. scuba weights, lead plates, bag of sand, etc...). The LOC will supply sand weights of small weight increments to correct any difference in weight.
  - Men's Youth Events 120.0 lbs. minimum
  - Women's Youth Events 110.0 lbs. minimum
  - **ONLY COXSWAINS IN QUALIFYING EVENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEIGH-IN.**
  - "Coxswain-Keeper" strap system will not be permitted.
  - **ALL WEIGHTS**, whether provided by LOC or not, must be weighed and marked by the Clerk of Scales for specific individuals at the time of the coxswains weigh-in. Coxswains are also advised that they must display their weight to the Referee, if so requested.

**Southeast Youth Championship Regatta**  
2010 Regatta Information

**ORDER OF EVENTS** (The order of the qualification events follows the YNC orders of events)

1	Women's Youth 1x	14	Men's Ltwt. Youth 4+
2	Men's Youth 1x	15	Men's Youth 4+
3	Women's Ltwt. Youth 2x	16	Men's Ltwt. Youth 8+
4	Women's Youth 2x	17	Women's Youth 8+
5	Men's Ltwt. Youth 2x	18	Men's Youth 8+
6	Men's Youth 2x	19	Men's 2V 4+
7	Women's Youth 2-	20	Women's Novice 8+
8	Men's Youth 2-	21	Men's Novice 4+
9	Women's Youth 4x	22	Women's 2V 8+
10	Men's Youth 4x	23	Women's Novice 4+
11	Women's Ltwt. Youth 8+	24	Men's Novice 8+
12	Women's Youth 4+	25	Women's 2V 4+
13	Women's Ltwt. Youth 4+	26	Men's 2V 8+

**REGATTA FORMAT** (Times subject to change)

- **Friday** - 7:00 PM Cox and Sculler Meeting & The Southeast Youth Coach's meeting
- **Saturday**- 8:00 AM – QE Heats, NQE Heats, QE Repechages, NQE Semi Finals (as needed),
- **Sunday** - 8:00 AM – QE Semi Finals (as needed), NQE Finals, QE Finals

**PROGRESSION**

The Southeast Youth Championship Regatta will use alternate progression systems, for events eligible to qualify for the USRowing Youth National Championship. The events shall consist of finals, and if necessary, heats, repechages, and semifinals. There will be **NO** "B", "C" or "D" finals at the 2010 Southeast Youth Championship due to scheduling concerns. Crews advancing out of each heat are placed directly in the semifinals or finals. All others in the heats go to the repechages. Those advancing out of the repechages are placed in the semifinals or finals; all others in the repechages are eliminated. All those advancing out of the semifinals are placed in the grand final; all others in the semifinals are eliminated. The regatta progression is subject to change until 48 hours prior to the first race. In the event that heat entries fall below the number that are to advance the last place crew will not be permitted to progress.

**YNC Qualification Events - USRowing Alt Progression "B"**

Entries	Heats	Adv.	Reps	Adv.	Semi	Adv.
1-7	0	-	0	-	0	<i>FINAL ONLY</i>
8-11	2	2	1	2	0	-
12-14	2	1	2	2	0	-
15-16	3	3	1	3	2	3
17-20	3	2	2	3	2	3
21-22	4	2	2	2	2	3
23-28	6	1	6	1	2	3

The Southeast Youth Championship Regatta will use a progression system for events that are not eligible for qualification to the USRowing Youth Championship. The events shall consist of finals, and if necessary, heats, and semifinals. There will be **NO** repechages, "B", "C" or "D" finals due to scheduling concerns. Crews advancing out of each heat are placed directly in the semifinals or finals; all others in the repechages are eliminated. All those advancing out of the semifinals are placed in the grand final; all others in the semifinals are eliminated. The regatta progression is subject to change until 48 hours prior to the first race. In the event that heat entries fall below the number that are to advance the last place crew will not be permitted to progress.

**Non-Qualification Events - USRowing Progression "C"**

Entries	Heats	Adv.	Reps	Adv.	Semi	Adv.
1-6	0	-	0	-	0	<i>FINAL ONLY</i>
7	2	All but last	0	-	0	5 Boat Final
8-12	2	3	0	-	0	-
13-15	3	2	0	-	0	-
16-18	3	4	0	-	2	3
19-24	4	3	0	-	2	3
25-36	6	2	0	-	2	3

**PROTESTS**

The crew at the finish in accordance with USRowing rules should register protests on the water. Once a protest is lodged, a crew wishing to be heard by the jury shall submit a concise written statement to the Chief Judge within one (1) hour after reach land citing the facts that underline the protest and the relief that the crew seeks accompanied by a \$25.00 payment. Disposition of the protest will follow USRowing rules including return of the fee if the protest is upheld.

**AWARDS**

Medals will be awarded as results are finalized. Medals awarded to first, second, and third place for all races. A crew must not necessarily beat another crew to be awarded medals. The trophies shall remain in the possession of the winning team for one (1) year and returned at the next Southeast Youth Championship Regatta. Teams failing to return trophies must pay a replacement fee before they will be allowed to compete.

**TRAVELING TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded at the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the day. Regional programs to celebrate outstanding achievements by regional youth crews sponsor traveling trophies. The regatta committee would like to thank the sponsors of these special awards. Regional programs wishing to sponsor events please contact the Southeast Region Youth Representative for details. Guest programs are not eligible for traveling trophies.

**“THE SPOONER CUP”**

Sponsored by Oak Ridge Rowing Association is a traveling trophy presented to the first place crew in the Men’s Youth Champion Eight (MY8+) category. Past Winners:

2002-2004: McCallie School	2006: Leon HS	2008: Winter Park HS
2005: Oak Ridge	2007: Leon HS	2009:

**“THE ABSHER CUP”**

Sponsored by Oak Ridge Rowing Association is a traveling trophy presented to the first place crew in the Women’s Youth Champion Eight (WY8+) category. Past Winners:

2002: Oak Ridge	2005: Baylor School	2008: OARS
2003: Augusta	2006: Winter Park HS	2009:
2004: GPS	2007: OARS	

**“THE ALLSTATE CUP”**

Sponsored by Augusta Rowing Club is a traveling trophy presented to the first place crew in the Men’s Youth Champion Four (MY4+) category. Past Winners:

2005: McCallie School	2007: Sarasota Crew	
2006: Stanton Prep	2008: Capital City	2009:

**“THE AUGUSTA CUP”**

Sponsored by Augusta Rowing Club is a traveling trophy presented to the first place crew in the Women’s Youth Champion Four (WY4+) category. Past Winners:

2005: GPS	2007: St. Andrews	
2006: Stanton Prep	2008: GAR	2009:

**TEAM POINTS TROPHY**

The Overall Team Point Trophy will be awarded to the team with the highest combined point total. The following table summarizes how points shall be awarded for events. In the event of a points tie, a coin toss shall be used as a tiebreak. All events will be scored. One boat per team scored in each event. The trophy sponsored by the Oak Ridge Rowing Association is a traveling trophy that is awarded for top scoring team overall. Past Winners:

2002-2005: McCGPS	2007: McCGPS	2009:
2006: St. Andrews	2008: AJRA   Sarasota Scullers	

	<b>Championship Events</b>				<b>Non-Championship Events</b>			
	8+	4+	2x	1x	2V8+	2V4+	2x	1x
	LT8+	LT4+	LT2x		N8+	N4+		
		4x	2-					
1st	80	40	20	10	56	28	14	7
2nd	72	36	18	9	48	24	12	6
3rd	64	32	16	8	40	20	10	5
4th	56	28	14	7	32	16	8	4
5th	48	24	12	6	24	12	6	3
6th	40	20	10	5	14	8	4	2

## SCRATCH & LATE ENTRY FORM

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE REGISTRATION DESK AT LEAST TWO HOURS BEFORE THE EVENT. A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH SCRATCHED OR LATE ENTRY.

<b>Organization Name:</b>	
<b>Contact Name:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>
<b>Coach Name:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Date submitted:</b>	<b>Time submitted:</b>

### SCRATCH

Scratches made after **May 5th, 2010** subject to forfeiture of entry fee.  
Scratches or no shows after the C&C meeting will incur a **\$50.00** Scratch Fee due prior to following crews are allowed to launch or future entries accepted. Medical exceptions will be accepted.

<b>Event Name:</b>
<b>Event #:</b>
<b>Boat Designation (A boat, B boat, etc.):</b>
<b>Reason?</b>

### LATE ENTRY or CHANGE FORM

Late Fee: **8+** \$90; **4+/-4X** \$55; **2-/-2X** \$55; **1X** \$35  
Change Fee: No Charge

<b>Mastercard/Visa #:</b>			
<b>Exp. Date:</b>	<b>CBV Code:</b>		
<b>Boat Designation (A boat, B boat, etc.):</b>			
<b>Event Name:</b>			
<b>Event #:</b>			
<b>Athlete Name</b>	<b>Age as of 12/31</b>	<b>Replacing Athlete Name</b>	<b>Age as of 12/31</b>
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	
<b>Cox:</b>		<b>Cox:</b>	

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<b>Heat:</b>	<b>Lane:</b>
<b>Accepted By:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>Start Notified:</b>	<b>Finish Notified:</b>
<b>Dock Master Notified:</b>	<b>Data Base Updated:</b>

## **USROWING YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The USRowing Youth Advisory Committee has established the Southeast Youth Championship Regatta on May 8-9, 2010 held at Sarasota Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida will be responsible for the three (3) Southeast District Bids for the district that includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee

### ○ **QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES**

- **All crews from the organization must qualify at the same qualification regatta.** In districts with multiple qualifying regattas, teams will be required to declare which regatta they will use as their qualifier for the Youth Nationals prior to regatta registration each year. For those crews that participate in more than one qualifying regatta, failure to declare will constitute using the first qualification regatta entered as the crew's qualification regatta.
- The YAC has a "Roll Down" bid policy that applies at a qualifying regatta with less than three bids. If a qualifying crew(s) chooses to decline a bid(s) for the Youth National Championships, the subsequent place finisher(s) would receive the bid(s). In no case does a roll down bid extend past the third-place finisher.
- Teams may petition the YAC to permanently change their appointed district affiliation due to a hardship within their current district. The receiving LOC must endorse any transfer prior to registration. Teams are not permitted to change qualification regattas annually to reduce "Bid Shopping."
- A crew that receives a Youth National Championship bid from a recognized qualification event and registers in an event shall be required to compete in all its stages: heats, reps, semifinals and petite or grand finals. Failure to participate in an event for which a crew has registered will result in a one-year suspension for that team for that registered event.
- No competitor shall enter more than two events at the Youth National Championships.
- Crews shall only be allowed to qualify for the Youth Nationals from a qualifying regatta within their individual districts. Note that the qualifying regattas are contingent on their USRowing registered regatta status. (If they choose not to register their regatta, they cannot be considered a qualifying regatta.)
- Crews are asked to register for the Youth National Championship within three days of qualifying for the event **OR** to notify USRowing's Director of Events and Sponsorship ([alvin@usrowing.org](mailto:alvin@usrowing.org)) that the bid will be declined.

### ○ **PETITIONING**

- The Youth Advisory Committee has tried to make qualifying as clear and inclusive as possible. USRowing will accept petitions; recognition of a petition does not guarantee a bid to attend the Youth National Championships. The Youth Committee strongly recommends submitting your petition within three days of your qualifying regatta.
- Petitions must be submitted by **May 19, at noon EDT. NO LATE PETITIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**
- Petitions can be found at [www.usrowing.org](http://www.usrowing.org). Petitions may be sent to USRowing's Director of Events and Sponsorship, at [alvin@usrowing.org](mailto:alvin@usrowing.org).
- All event categories have a maximum of 36 entries. If an event is fully subscribed and not all petitions can be accepted, the YAC will choose the petitions from the most competitive crews based on the information given in the petition, without appeal.
- Crews will be notified on their petition status by end of day May 25, 2010.
- Petitions will not be accepted from athletes that are part of a boat that was excluded or disqualified while participating in that event at a qualifying regatta, unless the exclusion or disqualification is overturned. **Exception:** The athlete's ineligibility is due to a failure to make weight in a lightweight event.
- Petitions will be accepted for the following reasons. Please do not submit petitions that do not meet these requirements, as they will not be considered.
  - In the event a registered qualifying regatta does not offer the event.
  - An unfortunate event, especially something beyond the ordinary or the expected that caused a disadvantage that precluded a crew to compete in a qualifying event.
  - The petitioning crew must provide the petition committee substantiation of sufficient boat speed within the following seconds of the winning boat in the petitioned category at a recognized YNC qualifying regatta. (8+/4+/4x within four (4) seconds, 2x/2-/1x within six (6) seconds)
- Petitions will be reviewed and voted on by a subcommittee of the Youth Advisory Committee. The composition of the petition committee will be as follows: the at-large members and the district representative.

### ○ **SEEDING**

- In the USRowing alternate progression systems, events shall consist of finals, and if necessary, heats, repechages, and semifinals. "A" and "B" Finals will be contested in all events with eight or more entries. "C" Finals will be contested in all events with 13 or more entries. "C/D" Semifinals will be contested in all events with 19 or more entries. There will be **NO** "D" finals at the 2010 Youth National Championship due to scheduling concerns. Crews advancing out of each heat are placed directly in the semifinals or finals. All others in the heats go to the repechages. Those advancing out of the repechages are placed

- in the semifinals or finals; all others in the repechages are eliminated. All those advancing out of the semifinals are placed in the grand final; all others in the semifinals may be placed in a petite final.
- Lane assignments will be posted on the USRowing and Racetrak Web sites 48 hours before the event. Random lots within the following seeding priorities will be used to determine the composition of heats, and the assignment of lanes in heats will be assigned from the center lanes outward.
  - First seeding priority: 1st place from qualification regattas.
  - Second seeding priority: 2nd place from qualification regattas.
  - Third seeding priority: 3rd place from qualification regattas.
  - Forth seeding priority: Accepted petitioning crews
- The assignment of lanes for semifinals and finals shall be assigned from the center lanes outward according to the order of finish in the previous level of competition. If there are an unusually large number of entries, the Regatta Director and the Chief Referee reserve the right to seed any crew that does not fit the above categories.
- **ATHLETE CHECK-IN**
  - **Check-in Times: Thursday–June 10 11:00a.m.–5:00p.m. The USRowing tent will be open during the entire event for information, membership questions, etc.**
  - All athletes will receive identification badges. Athletes must present these badges before launching for all races. Identification badges will be issued only with proof of USRowing membership. **A replacement fee of \$10.00 will be charged for each lost badge. ATHLETES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW CREDENTIAL TO REFEREE AT CONTROL COMMISSION UPON LAUNCHING FOR THEIR RACE.**
  - Coaches may check in their crews. All crew members must have current membership and waivers on file for coaches to pick up credentials. A crew list can be forwarded to USRowing to check membership status before the event.
- **WEIGH-INS**
  - The weight of junior rowers in lightweight events and coxswains shall be determined once each day **no less than one hour and no more than two hours** before the scheduled time of the first race in which the weight is relevant.
  - All Competitors and Coxswain weigh-ins should be completed in racing uniform, without shoes or other footgear.
  - Lightweight weights will be strictly enforced.
    - Lightweight Youth Men 155.0 lbs. (max - no avg.)
    - Lightweight Youth Women 130.0 lbs. (max - no avg.)
    - Each junior lightweight rower shall have only one (1) initial opportunity to weigh-in. A competitor within one (1.0) pound or less of the weight standard is allowed one (1) re-weigh within the official weigh-in time window. A competitor whose initial weight is greater than one (1.0) pound above the weight standard will be ineligible to compete in the event.
    - A rower who appears severely dehydrated or to have used extreme means to lose weight **shall** be required to be checked by onsite medical personnel before being cleared to race.
    - A rower who requires intravenous re-hydration will not be allowed to race.
  - Coxswains who are more than five pounds beneath the minimum weight are encouraged to bring weight to weigh-ins (e.g. scuba weights, lead plates, bag of sand, etc...). The LOC will supply sand weights of small weight increments to correct any difference in weight.
    - Men's Youth Events 120.0 lbs. minimum
    - Women's Youth Events 110.0 lbs. minimum
    - "Coxswain-Keeper" strap system will not be permitted.
- **RACE SCHEDULE:**
  - Actual entries and events will be published prior to the Youth National Championship regatta after the entries have been received and processed.
  - Lane draws will be posted on the USRowing and Racetrak Web sites 48 hours before the event.
  - **Regatta Format:** (subject to change)
    - Coach and Cox Meeting Thursday 5:00 p.m
    - Heats/Semis or Heats/Reps (Depending on Subscription)
    - Friday and Saturday A/B Finals Sunday
  - **Racing Progression:** Due to scheduling concerns, there will not be D finals at the 2010 USRowing Youth National Championships. C Finals may be cancelled due to inclement weather or event subscription. Progression will be published at a later date.
  - The Youth Advisory Committee will work toward having racing end no later than 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 13. However, depending on entries, racing could go later.