

Pac-10 Rowing Championships Regatta Manual

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1. Name

The event will be called the Pac-10 Rowing Championships.

2. Date

The Pac-10 Championships will take place Sunday, May 16, 2010.

Generally, the regatta will be conducted on the Sunday two weekends before to the NCAA Women's Rowing Championships.

3. Format

A one-day event that will include the following races:

men's varsity eight

women's varsity eight

men's second varsity eight

women's second varsity eight

men's freshman/novice eight

women's novice eight

men's varsity four

women's varsity four

Additional races that had been a part of the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships (PCRC), but are not a part of the Pac-10 Championships will be conducted on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

The Pac-10 regatta shall use a seven-lane course with finals-only races except if there are more than seven entries in a men's race. If there are more than seven Pac-10 institutions that enter a men's race, heats will be contested. Sunday's format shall include a 2:20 hour block in the morning for the finals-only competition. The race schedule is outlined on page 10.

All institutions with an entry in the men's varsity four race also must have an entry in the varsity eight race. Institutions that are unable to field a men's varsity eight boat may petition the Regatta Management Committee for entry into the men's varsity four race

only. A petition must be submitted by the institution to the Regatta Management Committee prior to the entry due date.

All institutions with an entry in the women's varsity four race also must have an entry in the women's varsity eight and the women's second varsity eight races. Petitions will not be accepted for entry in the women's varsity four.

The time schedule shall not be adjusted because of equipment conflicts or student-athletes utilizing the doubling opportunities.

4. **Race/Lane Adjustments When a Scratch Occurs**

There shall not be more than a one boat difference in the races involved in a specific boat classification (e.g., women's varsity 8, men's varsity 4) and there shall be a redraw of race and lane assignments when the races become imbalanced by two or more boats.

5. **Changing Lane Assignments Based on Weather Conditions**

Lanes may be reassigned at any time during the regatta, based on the decision of the regatta management committee.

6. **Doubling**

a. **Women's doubling**

No doubling of participants shall be permitted between any of the women's races. The student-athletes could, however, double into boats which participate in the races held on Saturday.

b. **Men's doubling**

Doubling shall be permitted in the men's varsity eight, men's second varsity eight (except that doubling shall not be permitted between the men's varsity eight and the men's second varsity eight), men's freshman/novice eight and men's varsity four with the understanding that the race schedule shall not be adjusted to accommodate a student-athlete(s) that utilized this opportunity.

7. **Coxswain's weight**

- a. A coxswain in an event for men's crews shall weigh at least 125 pounds. A coxswain in an event for women's crews shall weigh at least 110 pounds. Weight shall be determined as provided in weighing of competitors below.
- b. Coxswains who do not comply with subsection (a) above shall carry deadweight, such as sand or other ballast, in order to achieve the minimum weight. Any such deadweight shall be placed in the boat as close to the torso of the coxswain as possible, and it is specifically forbidden to distribute the deadweight throughout the boat.
- c. Excess clothing, equipment, electronic systems, tools, or other utilitarian devices germane to competition, shall not be considered part of the coxswain's weight, and shall not be included as part of any deadweight required under (b) above.

8. **No Multi-Entries in a Race**

Each institution will be allowed to enter only one (1) entry in each race starting with the 1999 Pac-10 Rowing Championships.

9. **Entry Deadline**

a. **Friday, April 23, 2010**

Entries *and payment* due in the Pac-10 Office by 5 p.m. for men's boats requiring a petition.

b. **Friday, April 30, 2010**

All entries *and payment* due in the Pac-10 office by 5 p.m. (subsequently provided to Seeding Committees).

10. **Scratch Fee**

An additional 50 percent scratch fee shall be imposed on all crews who scratch after the entry deadline. No other crews representing the program scratching an entry shall be permitted to race until the scratch fee is paid.

11. **Seedings**

The men's and women's seeding committees shall provide the seedings to the coaches on the Monday prior to the Championships (May 10, 2010).

a. **Monday, May 10, 2010**

Seedings provided to Pac-10 office by Seeding Committees by noon. Seedings posted on Pac-10 web page and Regatta Central.

b. **Women's seeding committee**

Amy Kearney

Jane LiRiviere

c. **Men's seeding committee**

Craig Amerkhanian

Arthur Ericsson

Championship races on Sunday shall be limited to the top 21 seeded boats. Additional boats shall have the opportunity to participate in the races held on Saturday. All Pac-10 rowing members receive automatic entry in the Pac-10 Rowing Championships.

12. **Regatta management**

Major changes in the format the Pac-10 uses to conduct its Rowing Championships such as changes in the rules of racing, adding or deleting events and approval of the regatta entry fees must be voted on by the Pac-10 coaches and approved by the Pac-10 Council.

USRA and NCAA rules of racing shall be utilized for the Pac-10 Rowing Championships as well as rules adopted by the Conference and outlined in the Pac-10 Rowing Championships Regatta Manual.

Race day management shall be handled by the Regatta Management Committee, which shall be comprised of the following:

a. **Voting members**

Yasmin Farooq
Steve Todd

b. **Limited-voting members**

Regatta Coordinator (Bob Whitford or his equivalent)
Site Coordinator (Brian Dulgar or his equivalent)
Conference Coordinator (Heather Perry or her equivalent)

The limited-voting members shall be charged with breaking a tie vote between the Regatta Management Committee (two coaches).

13. **Duties of Regatta Management Committee**

The duties of the Regatta Management Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Resolution of petitions for entries, exceptions to doubling rules or substitution rules because of sickness, injury, or extremely small squad size.
- b. Resolution of a petition for other extraordinary circumstances that an institution may find itself in that does not require a major change in the regatta.
- c. Coordinating and approving racing schedule changes requested by regatta officials because of inclement weather.
- d. Informing conference members of ongoing preparations for the regatta.
- e. Informing venue staff of the concerns and desires of Conference members.

All petitions must be delivered in writing and shall be considered public information.

14. **Eligibility**

a. **Women's eligibility rules for Pac-10 Championships**

All non-Conference institutions that participate in the Pac-10 Rowing Championships must comply with NCAA or junior college eligibility rules as required by the membership status of the team's institution (e.g., NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, junior college).

The Pac-10's definition of a novice woman would apply to all participants in the women's novice eight race. (See Attachment 2)

b. Men's eligibility guidelines for Pac-10 Championships

All NCAA rules that apply to women's rowing shall apply to intercollegiate (as opposed to club) men's rowing programs, with the following exceptions: (10/05, 6/06)

- (1) The initial eligibility of student-athletes shall be certified by the institution, or, at the institution's discretion, by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. (6/86, 12/88, 6/00, 10/01)
- (2) Students whose first full-time collegiate enrollment occurred before the Fall 2006 term shall be required to meet the NCAA satisfactory progress rule in effect for the 2002-03 academic year (e.g., fall-to-fall or averaging option). NCAA rules pertaining to the "specific degree program", percent of degree (25-50-75), minimum grade-point average (90-95), regular academic year (75-25), progress toward degree (40-60-80), term-by-term grade-point average checks, six units per term check, and limits on remedial units shall not apply. (6/86, 12/88, 12/92, 6/00, 6/03, 6/06)
- (3) There shall be no limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters. (10/05)
- (4) The Henley Royal Regatta shall be an annual exemption to the maximum number of dates of competition in a given academic year. (6/06)
- (5) Beginning with the 2006-07 academic year, it is permissible for institutions to start a new four-year cycle for foreign tours. (6/06)

c. Eligibility Reinstatement

In the event of a violation of an NCAA rule that adversely affects a student-athlete's eligibility in the sport of men's rowing, the institution shall declare the student-athlete ineligible, and promptly notify the Conference office. Reinstatement of eligibility may be sought pursuant to the procedures established in CER 2-26. (6/00, 10/05)

d. Eligibility Certification

Conference member institutions that enter club teams in the Conference Championships shall provide certification to the Conference office that all student-athletes participating in the Championships are enrolled as full-time students and have not competed for more than four seasons within five calendar years of the date of their initial full-time collegiate enrollment. (See NCAA 14.2, NCAA 14.2.1, NCAA 14.1.8.2) The form is due to the Conference office by 5 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2010.

e. Eligibility Challenge

It is prohibited to challenge eligibility at the site of competition.

f. Competitors

Only institutions from NCAA districts seven (7) and eight (8) shall be allowed to compete in the Pac-10 Rowing Championships.

15. Expenses

Institutions will be charged a reasonable entry fee to offset the operating cost of the regatta. The fee will be determined annually after a budget for the regatta has been established.

There will be a no-refund policy for all Pac-10 Rowing Championship entries.

An additional 50 percent scratch fee shall be imposed on all crews who scratch after the entry deadline. No other crews representing the program scratching an entry shall be permitted to race until the scratch fee is paid.

Travel expense sharing will be at the discretion of the conferences or organizations (e.g., WIRA) with teams attending the regatta. The Pac-10 will continue to use the travel expense sharing system approved by the members, which only involves Pac-10 institutions.

16. Championship Determination

The Pac-10 shall determine a men’s rowing champion and a women’s rowing champion. The champions shall be the institution with the most points as determined by the order of finish of the Pac-10 crews at the finals of the Pac-10 Rowing Championships in the following eight events: Men’s varsity 8, men’s second varsity 8, men’s freshman/novice 8, men’s varsity 4, women’s varsity 8, women’s second varsity 8, women’s novice 8 and women’s varsity 4.

The point system to be used is as follows:

Women’s

Place	I Eights	II Eights	Fours	Novice
1	21	14	7	3.5
2	18	12	6	3
3	15	10	5	2.5
4	12	8	4	2
5	9	6	3	1.5
6	6	4	2	1
7	3	2	1	0.5

The finish in the women’s varsity 8 would be utilized as a tie-breaker. The institution with the better finishing boat in the women’s varsity 8 would be awarded the better place finish at the Pac-10 Rowing Championships in case of a tie in the number of points.

Men's

Place	men's varsity 8	men's 2nd V8	men's frosh/novice 8	men's varsity 4
1	32	16	16	8
2	28	14	14	7
3	24	12	12	6
4	20	10	10	5
5	16	8	8	4
6	12	6	6	3
7	8	4	4	2
8	4	2	2	1
9	0	0	0	0

The finish in the men's varsity 8 would be utilized as a tie-breaker. The institution with the better finishing boat in the men's varsity 8 would be awarded the better place finish at the Pac-10 Rowing Championships in case of a tie in the number of points.

18. Medals

All medals and trophies shall be awarded to actual place finishers, whether or not they are Pac-10 institutions. Recipients gain custody of perpetual trophies and are expected to have their names engraved on the trophy and return it at the following year's Pac-10 championship.

Tentative Race Schedule

Race No.	Race	Race Time
1	Men's Frosh/Novice Eight	9:30 a.m.
2	Women's Novice Eight	9:50 a.m.
3	Men's Varsity Four	10:10 a.m.
4	Women's Varsity Four	10:30 a.m.
5	Men's Second Varsity Eight	10:50 a.m.
6	Women's Second Varsity Eight	11:10 a.m.
7	Men's Varsity Eight	11:30 a.m.
8	Women's Varsity Eight	11:50 a.m.

If there are more than seven entries in a men's race, heats will be contested and the schedule would be altered.

Progression Systems for Pac-10 Regatta

Progression		(approved by Pac-10 Council Oct. 7, 2003)					
2-7 entries: Final Only							
	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6	Lane 7
Final A	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7
8-13 entries: Two heats, Final A and Final B							
	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6	Lane 7
Heat A	#1	#4	#5	#8	#9	#12	#13
Heat B	#2	#3	#6	#7	#10	#11	
Final B	4th Place	4th Place	5th Place	5th Place	6th Place	6th Place	7th Place
Final A	1st Place	1st Place	2nd Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place	

In Finals races, the lane assignments will be based on the seedings of the seeding committee, with the top-seeded boat in lane one and the next highest seeded boat into lane two and so on.

PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE
Rowing Definitions

Novice Rowers.

A novice rower is defined as a student-athlete in his or her first year of collegiate rowing. A second-year collegiate rower may retain novice status only by meeting any of the following requirements:

- (a) The student-athlete received a hardship waiver for the first year of collegiate rowing. (6/96, 6/00)

- (b) The FARC determined that the student-athlete could have been granted a hardship waiver for the first year of participation, but for the fact that the student-athlete did not compete. Institutions may then use this determination to assign novice rower status to the student-athlete. (10/02)

- (c) The student-athlete participated in the fall and did not practice or compete after January 1 of the first year of collegiate rowing. (6/96, 6/00, 10/04).

Men's Freshman/ Novice Eight.

Any Conference institution or invited institution may enter the Men's Freshman/Novice Eight event with student-athletes who meet the criteria of: (a) eligible freshmen, as certified by that institution's faculty athletics representative or (b) "novice" rowers. (12/94, 5/97, 6/00)

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