



ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships

May 8, 2011

Lake Quinsigamond
Worcester, Massachusetts

*Hosted by the
Quinsigamond Rowing Association*

April 18, 2011

WELCOME

The Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and the Quinsigamond Rowing Association (QRA) welcome all participants, coaches, oarsmen, oarswomen, and coxswains to the 19th Annual ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships. Please find the enclosed regatta information and material pertinent to your participation in the Regatta on Sunday, May 8, 2011.

1. Listing of Participating Colleges
2. Schedule of Events
3. Notice on mandatory coxswains' meetings
4. Formulas for awarding men's, women's and overall point trophies
5. Rowing Equipment Compliance Forms (May be completed and turned in on arrival at site)
6. Special Instructions for Coxswains and Coaches
7. Weigh-in procedure for coxswains
8. Regatta safety rules
9. Lane Assignments and alternative programs due to unfair weather conditions
10. Venue and Course Maps will be available by Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at this link: :
<http://qra.org/visitors/RacingTraffic.pdf>

WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM: It is required that all competitors read and complete the ECAC Rower Education Survey located at www.RegattaCentral.com.

ACCESS TO REGATTA POINT STATE PARK: Park gates will open at 8:00 am Saturday morning and will be locked at 7:00 pm. All crews practicing on the course should be off the water by 6:30 PM. Park gates will open at 6:00 AM on Sunday. Trailers will not be allowed inside the park gates before Saturday morning.

PARTICIPANT ACCIDENT INSURANCE: Any participant must be covered by \$25,000 "Participant Accident Insurance" and/or one million dollar catastrophic insurance on behalf of each 'participant' and maintain the 'participant' accident insurance in effect at the time of any 'occurrence' giving rise to claim or 'suit' under this policy."

Jason Steele
Regatta Director
Quinsigamond Rowing Association

Gary R. Caldwell
ECAC Director of Rowing

**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES COMPETING IN THE 19th ANNUAL
ECAC NATIONAL INVITATIONAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Bates College
Boston College
Bucknell University
Colby College
College of the Holy Cross
Connecticut College
Hamilton College
Hobart College
Ithaca College
Marist College
Mount Holyoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Simmons College
Smith College
St. Lawrence University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Coast Guard Academy
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan
University of New Hampshire
University of Rhode Island
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
William Smith College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

2011 ECAC NIRC Race Schedule (Tentative and Subject to Change Upon Final Entry)

Morning Program of Races:

Race:	Event:	Type:	Time:	Progression:
1	Women's Open Four	Heat	8:15	3 to grand, remainder to petite
2	Women's Open Four	Heat	8:25	3 to grand, remainder to petite
3	Women's 3rd Varsity Eight	Heat	8:35	3 to grand, remainder to petite
4	Women's 3rd Varsity Eight	Heat	8:45	3 to grand, remainder to petite
5	Men's 3rd Varsity Eight	Heat	8:55	3 to grand, remainder to petite
6	Men's 3rd Varsity Eight	Heat	9:05	3 to grand, remainder to petite
7	Women's Novice Eight	Heat	9:15	3 to grand, remainder to petite
8	Women's Novice Eight	Heat	9:25	3 to grand, remainder to petite
9	Men's Novice Eight	Heat	9:35	3 to grand, remainder to petite
10	Men's Novice Eight	Heat	9:45	3 to grand, remainder to petite
11	Women's 2nd Varsity Eight	Heat	10:00	2 to grand, 2 to petite, remainder to 3rd level
12	Women's 2nd Varsity Eight	Heat	10:10	2 to grand, 2 to petite, remainder to 3rd level
13	Women's 2nd Varsity Eight	Heat	10:20	2 to grand, 2 to petite, remainder to 3rd level
14	Men's 2nd Varsity Eight	Heat	10:30	3 to grand, remainder to petite
15	Men's 2nd Varsity Eight	Heat	10:40	3 to grand, remainder to petite
16	Women's Varsity Eight	Heat	10:50	2 to grand, 2 to petite, 2 to 3rd level, remainder to 4th level
17	Women's Varsity Eight	Heat	11:00	2 to grand, 2 to petite, 2 to 3rd level, remainder to 4th level
18	Women's Varsity Eight	Heat	11:10	2 to grand, 2 to petite, 2 to 3rd level, remainder to 4th level
19	Men's Varsity Eight	Heat	11:20	2 to grand, 2 to petite, 2 to 3rd level, remainder to 4th level
20	Men's Varsity Eight	Heat	11:30	2 to grand, 2 to petite, 2 to 3rd level, remainder to 4th level
21	Men's Varsity Eight	Heat	11:40	2 to grand, 2 to petite, 2 to 3rd level, remainder to 4th level

2011 ECAC NIRC Race Schedule (Tentative and Subject to Change Upon Final Entry)

Afternoon Program of Races:

Race

#:	Event:	Type:	Time:
22	Women's Open Four	Petite	1:10
23	Women's Open Four	Grand	1:20
24	Men's Open Four	Grand	1:30
25	Men's 2nd Novice Eight	Grand	1:40
26	Women's 3rd Varsity Eight	Petite	1:50
27	Women's 3rd Varsity Eight	Grand	2:00
28	Men's 3rd Varsity Eight	Petite	2:10
29	Men's 3rd Varsity Eight	Grand	2:20
30	Women's Novice Eight	Petite	2:30
31	Women's Novice Eight	Grand	2:40
32	Men's Novice Eight	Petite	2:50
33	Men's Novice Eight	Grand	3:00
34	Women's 2nd Varsity Eight	3rd level	3:10
35	Women's 2nd Varsity Eight	Petite	3:20
36	Women's 2nd Varsity Eight	Grand	3:30
37	Men's 2nd Varsity Eight	Petite	3:50
38	Men's 2nd Varsity Eight	Grand	4:00
39	Women's Varsity Eight	4th level	4:10
40	Women's Varsity Eight	3rd level	4:20
41	Men's Varsity Eight	4th level	4:30
42	Men's Varsity Eight	3rd level	4:40
43	Women's Varsity Eight	Petite	4:50
44	Women's Varsity Eight	Grand	5:00
45	Men's Varsity Eight	Petite	5:10
46	Men's Varsity Eight	Grand	5:20

IMPORTANT

COXSWAINS Check-In and MEETING

2011 ECAC NATIONAL INVITATIONAL ROWING
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, May 8, 2011

Coxswains who didn't race at NERC the previous weekend must check in with Regatta Chief Official, Roxanne Everetts, before going out on the water to practice. Failure to complete this task will result in assessment of a warning on your program and possible exclusion from the regatta. It is extremely important that you understand the traffic pattern fully before your crew(s) launch.

COXSWAINS AND COACHES MEETING TIME:
7:00 AM Sunday
Flag Pole at Regatta Point

Coxswains Weigh-in from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Saturday and
6:30 AM - 9:30 AM Sunday at the Weigh in Booth

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Point Scoring Formulas

Overall Point Championship Trophy

The Overall Point Trophy will be awarded to the college accumulating the highest combined point total in the Men's and Women's Championships.

Men's Point Championship Trophy

In Honor of Fred Emerson and sponsored by Mr. Jack Spratt

The Men's Point Championship Trophy will be awarded to the college scoring the highest combined total of points in all eights events for men.

Women's Point Championship Trophy

In Honor of Anita DeFrantz and sponsored by Connecticut College

The Women's Point Championship Trophy will be awarded to the college scoring the highest combined total of points in all eights events for women.

Both Championship Trophies will be awarded according to the following point scoring formula. No points will be awarded for events with three crews or less.

	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>Second Varsity</u>	<u>1st Novice and 3rd Varsity</u>	<u>2nd Novice</u>
1 st	24	18	18	6
2 nd	23	17	17	5
3 rd	22	16	16	4
4 th	21	15	15	3
5 th	20	14	14	2
6 th	19	13	13	1
7 th	18	12	12	
8 th	17	11	11	
9 th	16	10	10	
10 th	15	9	9	
11 th	14	8	8	
12 th	13	7	7	
13 th	12	6	6	
16th	11	5	5	
15 th	10	4	4	
16 th	9	3	3	
17 th	8	2	2	
18 th	7	1	1	
19 th	6			
20 th	5			
21 st	4			

2011 ECAC NIRC Rowing Equipment Compliance Form

TO: Coaches – 2011 ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships

IMPORTANT: Part A must be signed by all participating coaches: Part B if applicable.

DATE: April 18, 2011

A. My boat is in compliance with USRowing 2011 Rules of Rowing 3-109 as follows:

Where the feet of the competitor are held in place by footgear affixed to the structure of the boat, the design of such footgear shall provide for the quick release of the competitor's feet in case of emergency, without the use of hands. Any pull strings shall not allow the heel to raise more than 3 inches (7.5 cm) above the footboard to which it is anchored.

Please check all boats that apply:

MV8 ____ M2V8 ____ M3V8 ____ MN8 ____ M2N8 ____ MO4 ____

WV8 ____ W2V8 ____ W3V8 ____ WN8 ____ W2N8 ____ WO4 ____

Institution _____

Coach _____
Signature

Date _____

Print/Type Name

B. My boat is in compliance with USRowing 2011 Rules of Rowing 3-110 as follows:

A boat in which the body of the coxswain is enclosed or partially enclosed within the hull of the boat shall conform to the following requirements:

- a. The opening of the boat through which the coxswain enters and exits shall be at least 2.30 feet (70 cm) long when measured along the longitudinal axis of the boat. For a length of at least 1.65 feet (50 cm), the opening shall be as wide as the inner hull of the boat itself.
- b. The inner surface within which the coxswain's body rests shall be smooth and free of any obstacles, devices, or other structures that would hinder quick exit.

Please check boats that apply:

MO4 ____

WO4 ____

Institution _____

Coach _____
Signature

Date _____

Print/Type Name

ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships

2011 Special Instructions to Coxswains and Coaches

- I. The 2011 ECAC Regatta will be conducted in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Racing except as modified in these special Instructions.

VIOLATION OF SAFETY RULES: A crew that violates any of the safety rules described below may be assessed a “WARNING” by the starter or referee. Such warning shall be applicable to the next race in which the crew competes.

II. **Procedures Prior to Race Day** (Saturday, May 7)

1. **A Bow Ball** is **MANDATORY** on the bow of every racing shell unless equivalent provision for visibility and protection against puncture injury is included in the shells' basic construction.
2. Follow designated traffic pattern per diagrams available here: <http://qra.org/visitors/RacingTraffic.pdf> from launch area to the starting area to the finish line.
3. **No coaching launches** on the course. All crews will be off the water by 6:30 p.m. Saturday.
4. Coxswains must weigh-in, per posted schedule.
5. A mandatory coaches and coxswains meeting will be held Sunday, May 8, 2010 at 7:00 AM for all coxswains and coaches to review these 2011 ECAC special instructions.

III. **Race Day Procedures prior to the race**

1. Coxswains may weigh in between the hours of 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM Saturday. Coxswains arriving on Sunday may weigh in beginning at 6:30 AM on Sunday. All coxswains must be weighed in by 9:30 Sunday morning.
2. Check your equipment before launching. “Bottom Tape” is banned.
3. Check with your dispatcher to confirm your lane assignment and departure time schedule. **EACH CREW IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN BOW MARKER.** Your dispatcher is the referees' official representative at the boathouse, and his/her instructions concerning launching shall be strictly followed.
4. **ALL COXSWAINS CARRYING EXTERNAL WEIGHT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.** Weight shall be carried in the shell at the coxswain's seat, as close as possible to the coxswain's torso.
5. Shells departing the dock area shall be given priority over incoming shells.
6. Crews proceeding to the starting line and warm-up area will follow designated traffic patterns per diagrams available at this link: <http://qra.org/visitors/RacingTraffic.pdf> , keeping off the race course. **IMPORTANT:** At no time when the crews are on the water will urinating from the shells be permitted. Violations of this directive will result in immediate exclusion of that crew from the regatta. Further, the team to which the offending rower belongs will be suspended from competition on the lake the following year.

7. If, on the way to the starting line, your shell has breakage of any kind, report said breakage to the start marshal or starter and follow his/her directions. Do not return to the boathouse for repairs unless so instructed. Repairs will be made on the water whenever possible.
8. When reaching the starting line, identify yourself to the start marshal or his/her assistant. Remain within voice distance of the starting line. Your crew must be on the starting line, at your designated station, pointed and ready to race, two (2) minutes prior to scheduled start of your race. Don't be late. A crew will be assessed a warning if it is not in position two (2) minutes before its schedule race time.
9. Pre-race warm-up practice should be completed on the way to the starting line off the race course. All crews traveling up to the starting line area alongside the course are restricted to rowing on-the-paddle from the 150 meter mark on the course to the starting line. (Buoy line color is red on first 150 meters of the course). Practice starts alongside the course in the area of the starting line are prohibited. See course maps at this link: : <http://qra.org/visitors/RacingTraffic.pdf>
10. Crews LEAVING the practice area to approach the starting area should enter the race course single file on the Shrewsbury shore. The traffic pattern will be posted by Wednesday, May 4, 2011: <http://qra.org/visitors/RacingTraffic.pdf>.
11. Practice starts and warm-ups at racing cadence are permitted in the practice area, but extreme caution must be observed as there will be a constant flow of boats in and out of the area.
12. Practice starts on the course are permitted, but only after the previous race has left the starting zone. During such practice starts, a crew may row at racing cadence down the course in its lane only. A crew following this procedure should turn in its own lane, and paddle back to the start, in its own lane, turning and positioning itself in front of its designated station. Crews should use extreme caution when turning, and should be alert at all times to other crews on the course. NOTE: This privilege to permit racing starts on the course may be suspended or canceled at any time, but only by the regatta director, with appropriate notification to all competitors prior to their scheduled launch time.
13. At approximately ten (10) minutes prior to the start of each race, the starter will announce the next event and the lane assignment of each competitor. The starter will also announce the five (5) and two (2) minute marks prior to each race.

IV. **Race Day Procedures at the Start**

1. Stake boat platforms and bows-on-line start will be used for all races. The starting stations are numbered 0-6, beginning with lane 0 on the Worcester shore.
2. When all crews are in position, the aligner will bring the crews even. When the crews are even (aligned), the aligner will raise a WHITE flag.
3. The aligner's white flag will be held aloft throughout the starting procedure. If the crews lose alignment at any time, the aligner will lower the white flag, regain alignment, and then raise the flag again.
4. When the starter is satisfied that the alignment is complete (aligner's white flag aloft) and that the crews are ready to race, he will poll the crews starting with lane 1; naming the crew in lane 1, asking if it is "Ready," proceeding likewise to lane 2 –

- “Ready,” etc. As each crew is polled the coxswain will acknowledge in the affirmative with a hand wave. A crew which is not ready will signify so by the bow person’s raised hand. The starter, at his or her discretion, may eliminate the polling of the crews and proceed directly to the countdown start if conditions dictate.
5. When all the crews have been polled, the count down start will begin. The starter will give the following “count-down” and starting commands: “5-4-3-2-1, Attention, GO.” The pause between “Attention” and “Go” will be an indeterminate one. Hands may not be recognized once the countdown procedure has begun.
 6. Between the words “Attention” and “Go” crews must avoid any movement in their boat (including the squaring of oar blades). Any such movement may result in a warning.
 7. IF A CREW FAILS TO LEAVE THE STARTING LINE after the starting commands have been given, the starter shall stop the race. If the crew’s failure to start is not justified, the starter may assess the crew a warning. A warning, in combination with a false start or a second warning will result in exclusion from the event.
 8. The referee may stop the race if any one of the following situations occurs:
 - A. **False Start**: a crew will be assessed a false start for leaving the starting line before the “Go” command is given, or for any action deemed to be unsportsmanlike in nature, and/or which gives one or more crews unfair advantage over other competitors. A crew that makes or cause two (2) false starts shall be excluded from the regatta.
 - B. Collisions between crews within the first 150 meters of the race.
 - C. When, during the first 150 meters of the race, the coxswain, or any other member of the crew puts his hand as a signal for broken or damaged equipment or an oarsman is thrown out of the boat, or experiences an over the head crab, or equipment is damaged as a result of a crab. A partial crab is not grounds for recalling a race. NOTE: The first 150 meters of the course is marked by red buoys, the buoy color changes to white at the 150 meter mark.

If the referee observes any of the above incidents (A), (B), or (C) and determines that the race should not continue, he/she will stop all crews by sounding an air horn and waving a RED flag. The referee will inspect the affected crew and determine when the race shall be rescheduled and whether or not any penalties are warranted.
 9. Any attempt to stop a race for unauthorized reasons may be cause for exclusion of the offending crew.
 10. **Exclusion/Disqualification**: A crew that makes or causes two (2) false starts shall be excluded from the regatta. A crew may be excluded from the regatta for causing a collision with another crew or by causing interference with another crew. A crew may be excluded from the regatta for unsportsmanlike conduct, including urination from a shell on the water, but only by action of the Race Committee.

V. During the Race

1. Course Markers - The seven (7) lanes of the course are lined by floating buoys. The buoys stop at the finish line.
2. USRowing rules will be followed during the progress of the race.
3. Dead Heat Instructions - In the event of a dead heat for 1st place in any if the Grand Final races, a re-row will take place between the dead heat crews as soon as feasible, if time permits, but not earlier than one (1) hour after the completion of the event in which the dead heat occurred.

VI. After the Race

Coxswains who carry weight may be required to display their weight to the referee at the finish line.

After the Heats and Petite Finals

1. After each race, crews should proceed immediately to the boathouse area, observing proper traffic patterns. Do not remain around the finish line area, and particularly do not stay in the line of sight of the judge's stand at the finish line.
2. Follow the dispatcher's directions when approaching the docks. Crews departing the dock have priority.

After the Grand Finals

1. Crews finishing second and third should stop at the award dock and receive their silver and bronze medals without getting out of their shell. These crews should proceed to the launching docks.
2. The winning crew in each event will proceed to the award dock. The Cup or Trophy for the event and the individual gold medals will be awarded to the champion crew and its coach on this dock.
3. Crews finishing fourth through sixth in each Grand Final should follow the procedures outlined in 1, 2, and 3 above.

Protests

1. Protests should be registered on the water in accordance with USRowing rules. In order to address protests as soon as possible, an informal "pre-hearing" will be given to them by a specially designated "ombudsman" official as soon as crews have returned to the docks. This ombudsman will act only as a moderator and will attempt to resolve the protest in a way that is mutually agreeable to the protesting crew, any other crews involved and the official most directly involved. If no mutually agreeable resolution can be arranged within a short period of time, or if it seems necessary to

consult additional witnesses, the matter will be formally referred to the Race Committee (as indicated below) which will be convened when the morning or afternoon schedule (whichever is appropriate) has been completed.

The formal referral to the Race Committee must be submitted to the regatta director by the head coach in writing within one (1) hour of landing citing the specific USRowing or ECAC rule(s) applicable and be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. Disposition of the protest will follow USRowing rules including return of the fee if the protest is upheld. Decisions of the Race Committee shall be final and binding, and not subject to appeal to any outside agency.

Race Committee

The Chief Referee, Ombudsman, Chief Starter or Chief Judge, ECAC Director of Rowing (or designee), and the QRA Regatta Director (or designee) shall serve as the Race Committee for the duration of this Regatta

Make sure that your crews know the rules and that your equipment is in good condition. If you have any questions, ask the referee before the start of the race.

Good luck and good racing.

Roxanne Everetts, Chief Referee
Gary Caldwell, ECAC Director of Rowing
Jason Steele, Regatta Director

ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships

1311 Craigville Beach Road, Centerville, MA 02632

April 18, 2011

To: Coaches, Coxswains and Officials - 2011 ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships

Subject: Weigh-In Procedure for Coxswains

1. Coxswains of **ALL MEN'S CREWS**, participating in the 2011 ECAC Championship are required to weigh a minimum of 120 pounds. Coxswains for **ALL WOMEN'S CREWS** are required to weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Those coxswains whose body weight, while wearing racing uniform, is less than the required standard, will be required to carry external weight in order to achieve the minimum standard during the course of their race.
2. Weigh-in for coxswains will take place beginning at 12:00 PM Saturday, May 7 at the Lake Quinsigamond State Park at an area designated by the ECAC. The weigh-in station will close at 3:00 PM Saturday afternoon, and will reopen at 6:30 AM on Sunday, closing at 9:30 AM
3. The ECAC will provide external weight, in the form of sand bags, for all coxswains whose body weight is less than the minimum standard. It is suggested and encouraged however, that all coxswains, who know that they will require external weight, provide their own form of weight. This applies especially to those who will require external weight in excess of 10 pounds. **ALL WEIGHTS**, whether provided by ECAC or not, must be marked for specific individuals at the time of the coxswains weigh-in.
4. Coxswains are responsible for their weights once they have been certified by the weigh-in officials.

ON RACE DAY it will be the coxswains' responsibility to carry his or her weights, which shall be carried at the coxswain's seat, as close to the torso of the coxswain as possible, during the course of the race. Coxswains are advised that they must display their weight to the Referee, if so requested.

Gary Caldwell
ECAC Director of Rowing

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EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships
1311 Craigville Beach Road, Centerville, MA 02631

April 18, 2011

To: ECAC Coaches and Coxswains
From: Gary R. Caldwell, ECAC Director of Rowing
Re: **IMPORTANT: SAFETY RULES - 2011 REGATTA**

This is to emphasize that the following SAFETY RULES are to be strictly adhered to at the 2011 ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships. These rules are spelled out in detail in the 2011 Special Instructions to Coaches and Coxswains. Please READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY prior to your participation in the ECAC Regatta.

The SAFETY RULES include the following:

- 1. BOW BALL:** Mandatory on all shells.
- 2. TRAFFIC PATTERNS - PRACTICE DAY: (Diagram attached)**
- 3. TRAFFIC PATTERNS - RACE DAY (Diagram attached)**
 - (1) ALONGSIDE THE COURSE: NO PRACTICE STARTS**
 - (2) ON the course:** Practice Start permitted **AFTER** the preceding race has cleared IN ASSIGNED RACING LANE ONLY.
USE EXTREME CAUTION.
- 4. NO COACHING LAUNCHES ON THE COURSE**

A WARNING MAY BE ASSESSED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THESE SAFETY RULES

LANE ASSIGNMENTS POLICY: 2011 ECAC REGATTA

The top-seeded crews in the ECAC Invitational are to be assigned to an “inside” lane (i.e. lane 1) for the morning heats, with the next best seed in the lane alongside the top-seed and so on. The objective is to ensure that the “top-seed” will always be given the “lee side” of the lake. This procedure will be applied to the heats of the ECAC Regatta. It will also be applied for any events that are “final only.”

Seeding and lane assignments for Varsity Eight Events

Heat #:	Lane 0:	Lane 1:	Lane 2:	Lane 3:	Lane 4:	Lane 5:	Lane 6:
Heat 1	1	6	7	12	13	18	19
Heat 2	2	5	8	11	14	17	20
Heat 3	3	4	9	10	15	16	21

Seeding and lane assignments for events with three heats: (18 Crews or fewer)

Heat #:	Lane 1:	Lane 2:	Lane 3:	Lane 4:	Lane 5:	Lane 6:
Heat 1	1	6	7	12	13	18
Heat 2	2	5	8	11	14	17
Heat 3	3	4	9	10	15	16

Seeding and lane assignments for events with two heats:

Heat #:	Lane 1:	Lane 2:	Lane 3:	Lane 4:	Lane 5:	Lane 6:
Heat 1	1	4	5	8	9	12
Heat 2	2	3	6	7	10	11

For events with two heats, the heat winners will be assigned to lanes 1 or 2 in the finals, 2nd place heat finishers to lanes 3 and 4, 3rd place finishers to lanes 5 and 6 randomly. Events with three heats that proceed directly to finals will place the heat winners in lanes 1, 2, and 3, by random draw.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS IN CASES OF UNFAIR WEATHER CONDITIONS

The ECAC Director of Rowing shall appoint a "Fairness Committee" to make changes to the program if the weather creates unfair or unrowable conditions.

The Fairness Committee shall consist of four persons selected and announced in advance of any racing: One representative of the Umpiring Commission, one representative of the ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championships Seeding/Selection Committee and the Regatta Director or designee. ECAC Director of Rowing or his designee will act as the ex officio chair (nonvoting).

It is the duty of the Fairness Committee to determine that the weather has created, or is about to create, unfair or unrowable conditions. It is then their responsibility to implement the appropriate alternative from those described below. In applying these alternatives the Fairness Committee will always consider (a) and (b) before considering (c) or (d).

- a) To delay the racing program to later in the day, if the weather forecast indicates that the conditions are likely to improve.
- b) To start racing earlier than previously announced, provided that the announcement of the new times is made at the regatta site on the previous day.
- c) To re-allocate the lanes for each individual race, using the placings from the previous round to put the crews with the better placings (or the seeded crews for the heats, or final where there are no heats) in the better lanes. Where two or more crews have the same placing in the immediately previous round, (e.g. each were Heat winners), then there shall be a draw to determine their lanes.
- d) To modify the race program, by eliminating third level finals, petite finals, or some events.

In the event that (c) above is to be put into effect, a change would be implemented as soon as possible, but no later than 45 minutes after notification to the Regatta Director. The new schedule would be followed for all subsequent races until conditions change sufficiently to dictate another change. In such case, the same procedure would be followed again, allowing for a maximum of 45 minutes to implement new lane assignments. In the event (c) above is implemented, lane assignments would be reversed with crews in lane 1 moving to lane 6, lane 2 to lane 5, lane 3 to lane 4, lane 4 to lane 3, lane 5 to lane 2, and lane 6 to lane 1.

In the event of weather conditions that would require an alteration to the race schedule (a, b, or d above), the following system will be employed:

Implementation of Foul Weather Procedure

If at any point racing gets delayed or interrupted on Sunday the following procedures may be employed:

- 1. Maximum of three 20 minute holds in the morning. Each hold triggers a loss of two breaks
- 2. Eliminate morning breaks
- 3. Eliminate lunch break (morning only)
- 4. Eliminate afternoon breaks.
- 5. Up to one hour additional delay.
- 6. After this point cancellations occur as stipulated in the onsite package. (See below)

Following a decision to further delay racing, the Regatta Director will announce a revised racing schedule.

Events that must be canceled will be designated in the following order:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. All 3 rd and 4th Level Finals | 7. M3V8 |
| 2. All Petite Finals | 8. WN8 |
| 3. WO4 | 9. MN8 |
| 4. MO4 | 10. W2V8 |
| 5. M2N8 | 11. M2V8 |
| 6. W3V8 | 12. Cancellation of Regatta |