



2023 DIVISION I
ROWING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2022-23 MANUAL

Division I Rowing

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Section 1 • General Administration

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Caitlin Lowe
Director of Women's Basketball Operations
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Marshall Steward
Senior Associate Athletics Director and Associate Provost
University of Tennessee

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Stanford University

Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
REGION 1		
Wesley Ng*	Pennsylvania	Ivy League
Eric Carcich	Massachusetts	Atlantic 10
Marci Robles	George Washington	Atlantic 10
Emerson Curry	Columbia	Ivy League
Steve Coppola	Cornell	Ivy League
REGION 2		
Caitlin Lowe*	MAAC	MAAC
Carissa Adams	Villanova	Colonial
Tom Sanford	Marist	MAAC
Megan Patrick	Loyola Maryland	Patriot

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
REGION 3		
Tim Wise*	Notre Dame	ACC
Marshall Steward*	Tennessee	SEC
Derek Copeland	Louisville	ACC
Luke McGee	Syracuse	ACC
Carrie Cook-Callen	Kansas	Big 12
Jimmy King	West Virginia	Big 12
REGION 4		
Justin Price*	Rutgers	Big Ten
Rebecca Grzybowski	Temple	American Athletic
Kim Cupini	Southern Methodist	American Athletic
Kim Chavers	Michigan State	Big Ten
Steve Peterson	Indiana	Big Ten
REGION 5		
Jamie Breslin*	Stanford	Pac-12
Thad Satre*	Loyola Marymount	West Coast
Andrew Derrick	Gonzaga	West Coast
Gulliver Scott	Portland	West Coast
Jane Lariviere	Washington State	Pac-12
Derek Byrnes	Stanford	Pac-12

Section 1.4 Important Dates

Tuesday, April 4	Regional advisory committee call and practice ranking (unpublished).
Wednesday, April 5	National committee ranking call and practice ranking (unpublished).
Tuesday, April 18	Regional advisory committee call and first ranking.
Wednesday, April 19	National committee call and first published ranking.
Tuesday, May 2	Regional advisory committee call and second ranking.
Wednesday, May 3	National committee call and second published ranking.
Tuesday, May 9	Regional advisory committee call and third ranking.
Wednesday, May 10	National committee call and third published ranking.
Monday, May 15	Deadline for conferences to submit automatic qualifier by 1 p.m. Eastern time. (Conference championships must be scheduled to be completed by midnight on Sunday but are permitted to submit their automatic qualifier on Monday at 9:45 a.m. ET in the case of inclement weather.) Regional advisory committee call and national ranking.
Tuesday, May 16	National selection final published ranking call and notification of participants by 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. Reference: Selection Information in this manual.
Wednesday, May 17	Call with participating teams at 1 p.m. Eastern time.
Thursday, May 18	5 p.m. Eastern time Deadline for submission of lineup forms and championship information. Reference: Entry Procedures in this manual.
Wednesday, May 24	Practice, boat certifications, coxswain Q&A sessions at national championships.
Thursday, May 25	Practice, boat certifications, coxswain Q&A sessions, administrative meeting (virtual) at national championships.

CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES

Friday-Sunday, May 26-28

Championships at Camden County Boathouse, Pennsauken, New Jersey; hosted by Temple University.

DATE FORMULA

Last Friday in May through last Sunday in May or first Sunday in June. Date accommodations will be made for institutions with a “No Sabbath Play” policy on file with the NCAA.

FUTURE DATES

Friday-Sunday, May 31–June 2, 2024

Championships at East Fork / Harsha Lake, Bethel, Ohio; hosted by Marietta College and Cincinnati USA Sports Commission.

Section 1•5 Equipment

Reference [Appendix B on page 22](#).

Section 1•6 Rules

USRowing rules will be followed, with the exceptions of:

1. NCAA rules regarding uniforms will be applied.
2. At least the last 500 meters of the race will be announced.
3. Participation by male coxswains is not permitted. Race results against boats using male coxswains will not count toward rankings or selections.
4. The use of aids such as an apparatus for wireless communication and water-soluble chemicals intended to reduce frictional resistance is prohibited. However, GPS systems and action/sports cameras (e.g., GoPro) will be allowed as long as there is no direct communication, or transmission of information, to land. Cameras on tripods are prohibited on boats.
5. Any boat weight violator would be relegated to last place in that race and a second weight violation would be an exclusion from the competition. The penalty for having raced an underweight boat in a finals Race shall be exclusion.
6. Minimum boat weights are listed in [Appendix B on page 22](#). The Fairness Committee will address any boat issues on a case-by-case basis.

Per Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization. (See USRowing rule book.)

Section 1•7 Jury

A jury comprising the rowing committee and selected referees will convene to settle any disputes that arise during the conduct of competition.

Once an objection is lodged, a Crew wishing to be heard before the Jury shall submit a concise written statement, describing the facts that underlie the objection and the relief that the Crew seeks, to the Chief Judge, or another Race Official designated by the Chief Referee whose identity is conspicuously posted, within one hour after it reaches land. The written statement shall comprise the protest statement. An objection in which such a protest statement is not filled shall not be heard. (a) The protest statement shall be signed by a member of the objecting Crew in his or her individual name. Such signature constitutes a representation to the Jury that the facts contained therein are true and correct to the best of the signer’s knowledge or belief. (b) The written protest statement may be amended after it is submitted, but the Jury may take such amendment into account in assessing the credibility

of the statement.

Section 1•8 Uniforms

All competitors in a crew shall wear identical clothing for all competitions, practices, interviews and awards sessions. Such clothing shall cover the torso of the body and may also include warm-up gear. The chief referee may grant exception to this rule on account of unusual weather conditions. Individual competitors in a crew may choose whether or not to wear a hat or other headgear, but it must be similar in color.

LOGOS

[Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.](#)

Note: These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the competition, which includes pre-race or post-race activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2.1 Championships Format

The NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Championships are comprised of 22 teams and provides for three events (I Eights, II Eights and Fours), each covering a 2,000-meter course. Each team is required to field two boats of eight rowers each and one boat of four rowers. Individual rowers are not permitted to double at the championships. Only boats that have been weighed in and are participating in the championships are allowed on the water. No pairs rowing.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

[Reference: Participant manual for championships schedule, meetings, and practice times.]

(Virtual) Administrative Meeting. A mandatory meeting for head coaches of the competing teams, chief referee and the Women's Rowing Committee will be conducted before the competition. The provisions of Bylaw 31, which prescribes conditions under which a student-athlete or representative of an institution may be disqualified from further participation in the championships for reasons of misconduct, as well as other pertinent information regarding the championships, will be presented.

Coaches not in attendance are subject to a fine of \$200 per school. Attendance at the meetings will be taken. Coaches will submit/confirm final lineups via email by the conclusion of this meeting.

Coxswain Meetings. All coxswains will be required to watch a (virtual) coxswains meeting webinar and participate in a virtual Q&A session (dates and times to be communicated) prior to traveling to the championships. The head official will be available for in-person (controlled attendance per session and social distanced) check in and Q&A on site. Times for onsite check-in are in the participant manual.

Postponement of Racing/Lane Assignment. The chief referee, in consultation with the committee and the regatta director, will make all decisions regarding the postponement of racing and/or lane reassignment.

Practice. The dates and times that the course will be available are published in the participant manual. Institutions are not permitted to practice on the race course before the first practice session. Boats will not be permitted to launch with fewer than 30 minutes remaining in a practice session.

Coaches are not permitted on the water. Crews must practice in gear that complies with Bylaw 12 and 31 in the NCAA Manual.

A course marshal will be on the water during all practice sessions to ensure that the traffic rules are observed properly during training.

Specific traffic rules will be posted at the competition site.

TRAVEL PARTY

[Reference: Squad Size in this manual and Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section.]

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org](https://www.ncaa.org), under Division I, Championships, Championships Travel Information.

TRANSPORTATION OF BOATS

In addition to reimbursing members of the official traveling party, expenses for transporting boats to and from the competition site will be reimbursed by the Association.

The reimbursement rate is 74 cents per mile for an institution's own boat. If an institution also transports another institution's boats, the rate is 18 cents per mile for each additional boat, not to exceed \$1.42 per mile.

The driver of the boat trailer shall not receive a per diem unless he/she is a part of the institution's official travel party of 31. Institutions requesting reimbursement for transporting boats must obtain prior approval from the committee for their method of transportation.

Section 2.2 Results

In order to be considered for selection to the 2023 rowing championships, all institutions must ensure that the electronic submission of results from all eligible competition opportunities in which their student-athletes compete is reported by the regatta host to the NCAA reporting results application.

Hosts are required to submit their regatta results to the NCAA reporting results application. Failure to submit the results in a timely manner may affect a team's regional ranking and selection to the championships. Late results submissions that are the basis for championship selection will result in a fine of \$200, with potential additional fines for repeated violations. See specific details as outlined in the document, Results Reporting, on the NCAA website, Division I Championships, Rowing, Results Reporting Instructions.

All institutions must publish boat lineups on the official institutional athletics website in the post-race recap. Failure to post lineups may result in a \$200 fine for failure to adhere to championship policies and procedures.

Section 2.3 Selection Information

CHAMPIONSHIPS FIELD

Twenty-two teams will comprise the Division I Rowing Championships with 11 teams qualifying from their conferences as automatic qualifiers.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Eleven conferences have been granted automatic qualification into the championships. The following conferences are eligible for automatic qualification to the 2023 championships:

- American Athletic Conference
- Atlantic 10 Conference
- Atlantic Coast Conference
- Big 12 Conference
- Big Ten Conference
- Colonial Athletic Association
- Ivy league
- Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
- Pac-12 Conference
- Patriot League
- West Coast Conference

Teams qualifying for the championships as an automatic qualifier or as an at-large will be required to field two boats of eight rowers each and one boat of four rowers. Individual rowers are not permitted to double at the championships.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

The remaining 11 teams for the championships will be chosen by the NCAA Division I Rowing Committee using the selection criteria as outlined in section 2.4.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Coaches are required to submit entries based on fastest/strongest boat at the time of the championships for the following events (noted in priority order): Varsity 8, Second Varsity 8 and Varsity 4.

Lineup Form. The lineup form must be submitted properly (Information in the selections memo) by 5 p.m. Eastern time on May 18. Coaches will have a chance to make all final changes at the pre-championships meeting at the NCAA Women's Rowing Championships.

Late Lineup Form. Forms received after the deadline will be considered late and subject to a fine of \$400 per team.

Substitutions. Final lineups for all three boats are due at the pre-championships coaches meeting conducted at the championships site. Once the lineup form has been submitted at the coaches meeting on-site at the championships, coaches can change the order/seats of student-athletes in a boat without approval but cannot change student-athletes between boats without following official

protocol. This process is initiated with the change of lineup approval form, found in the participant manual, and only granted for student-athletes who have been seen by the host physician and declared unable to race due to illness or injury. If an illness or injury occurs to a competitor and that competitor is later restored to health, the crew must revert back to that which was originally submitted prior to the start of competition. All proper medical forms must be completed for exemption from competition, as well as clearance to return to competition.

RANKING

Each regional ranking committee is charged with monitoring the performance of the teams within the region. Regional rankings are comprised of the top six teams in each region. There is a ranking for each boat classification (Varsity 8, Second Varsity 8, Varsity 4), plus an overall team ranking that is a tabulation of each team's points in the three boat classifications.

Points are awarded for each ranking based on the following point system:

VARSITY 8	SECOND VARSITY 8	VARSITY 4
1st place – 18 points	1st place – 12 points	1st place – 6 points
2nd place – 15 points	2nd place – 10 points	2nd place – 5 points
3rd place – 12 points	3rd place – 8 points	3rd place – 4 points
4th place – 9 points	4th place – 6 points	4th place – 3 points
5th place – 6 points	5th place – 4 points	5th place – 2 points
6th place – 3 points	6th place – 2 points	6th place – 1 point

The overall regional ranking (team ranking) is determined by adding the total number of points for each team from all three classifications. The team with the highest point total is ranked first in the region, continuing through the team with the lowest point total as the sixth-ranked team in the region. An example ranking is as follows:

VARSITY 8	SECOND VARSITY 8	VARSITY 4
1. Team A – 18 points	1. Team C – 12 points	1. Team A – 6 points
2. Team B – 15 points	2. Team E – 10 points	2. Team C – 5 points
3. Team C – 12 points	3. Team A – 8 points	3. Team D – 4 points
4. Team D – 9 points	4. Team B – 6 points	4. Team B – 3 points
5. Team E – 6 points	5. Team G – 4 points	5. Team G – 2 points
6. Team F – 3 points	6. Team D – 2 points	6. Team F – 1 point

From the point totals above, the final tally for each team is as follows:

Team A: 32 points (18+8+6)
Team B: 24 points (15+6+3)
Team C: 29 points (12+12+5)
Team D: 15 points (9+2+4)
Team E: 16 points (6+10+0)
Team F: 4 points (3+0+1)
Team G: 6 points (0+4+2)

The final regional ranking would be as follows:

1. Team A (32 points)
2. Team C (29 points)
3. Team B (24 points)
4. Team E (16 points)
5. Team D (15 points)
6. Team G (6 points)

Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

Race results against boats using male coxswains will not count toward rankings or selections. Participation by male coxswains is not permitted. In accordance with Bylaw 31, the following criteria will be used in selecting teams boats:

- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.
- End-of-season championship results.
- Late-season performance (defined as competition taking place within the five weekends prior to the selection date for the NCAA championships).
- Head-to-head results.
- Results versus teams already selected.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Results versus regionally-ranked teams in own region.
- Results versus regionally-ranked teams out of region.

Note: Due to uncontrollable circumstances that would not allow for a 2,000-meter race, more consideration will be given to races closest to that distance.

PROGRESSIONS

Format:	Four heats, and two semifinals A-B and two semifinals C-D.
Heats:	Top three crews advance to A-B semifinals, the remainder to C-D semifinal.
Advancement:	Top three crews from semifinals A-B advance to Grand Final, remainder to Petite Final. Top three crews from semifinals C-D advance to C final, remainder advance to D final.

See [Division I Rowing landing page](#) for progression options.

The draw for first-round heats will take place following the selection of teams and be announced during the NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Championships selection webcast on May 16. For the I Eights, II Eights and Fours, all 22 boats will be seeded into four heats. Subsequently, the timing software will do the progression, lane assignments and draws within one-half hour after the conclusion of the heats for an event using the methods outlined below.

SEEDING

All seeding will be determined by the national committee using the selection criteria. As determined by the committee, the 22 boats will all be seeded for the I Eights, II Eights and Fours. Each event will be seeded independently. The boats will be placed into heats and lanes based on an S-curve (1, 8, 9, 16, 17 in heat 1; 2, 7, 10, 15, 18 in heat 2; 3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22 in heat 3; 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21 in heat 4).

HEAT 1	HEAT 2	HEAT 3	HEAT 4
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	20
		22	21

LANE ASSIGNMENTS

Slant (Lanes 1-6 or 6-1)

In the heats, the principle is to place the crews with the highest seedings in lanes 1 and 2 of the course. Similarly, the crews with lowest

seedings will be placed in lanes 5 and 6 of the course. In the semifinals, the principle is to place the crews with the best previous results in lanes 1 and 2 of the course. Similarly, the crews with the worst previous results are placed in lanes 5 and 6 of the course. If crews have the same placing in the heats there will be a draw to determine the exact lane. The winners of the semifinals shall compete in the finals in lanes 1 and 2. The second crews shall compete in lanes 3 and 4. The third-place crews shall compete in lanes 5 and 6 (the lane for each pair to be drawn).

Under extenuating course conditions, the chief referee, in consultation with the committee, will make all decisions regarding lane assignments.

Chevron (or inside out)

In the heats, the principle is to place the crews with the highest seedings in the center lanes of the course. Similarly, the crews with lowest seedings will be placed in the outside lanes of the course. In the semifinals, the principle is to place the crews with the best previous results in the center lanes of the course. Similarly, the crews with the worst previous results are placed in the outside lanes of the course. If crews have the same placing in the heats there will be a draw to determine the exact lane. The winners of the semifinals shall compete in the finals in lanes 3 and 4. The second crews shall compete in lanes 2 and 5. The third-place crews shall compete in lanes 1 and 6 (the lane for each pair to be drawn).

Under extenuating course conditions, the chief referee, in consultation with the committee, will make all decisions regarding lane assignments.

Dead Heats. If there is a dead heat between two or more crews, the following procedure will operate:

- a. In a preliminary heat or a semifinal, if a dead heat occurs between crews and if it is critical for only one of the crews to progress into the next round, there must be a re-row between the crews involved. The re-row must take place on the same day as the dead heat and not less than two hours after the race in which the dead heat occurred. The committee reserves the right to advance both crews under certain conditions (e.g., when a heat occur on the same day and a seven-lane course is available). If the crews involved in the dead heat both are progressing into the same round, there will be no re-row and their relative positions in the draw for the next round will be decided by lot.
- b. In a final, if a dead heat occurs between crews, they will be given the same placing in the final order and the next placing(s) will be left vacant. If the tied placing is for a medal position, the organizing committee will provide additional medals. Points awarded for ties will be calculated by averaging the points for the place tied with the points awarded for the next place.

Points system. Team totals at the NCAA championships will be determined using the following points system.

PLACE	I EIGHTS	II EIGHTS	FOURS
1	66	44	22
2	63	42	21
3	60	40	20
4	57	38	19
5	54	36	18
6	51	34	17
7	48	32	16
8	45	30	15
9	42	28	14
10	39	26	13
11	36	24	12
12	33	22	11
13	30	20	10
14	27	18	9
15	24	16	8
16	21	14	7
17	18	12	6

Points system continued

PLACE	I EIGHTS	II EIGHTS	FOURS
18	15	10	5
19	12	8	4
20	9	6	3
21	6	4	2
22	3	2	1

Note: Ties for team awards will be broken by the place finish in the I Eights.

Section 2.5 Site Selection

Any institution or conference interested in hosting the NCAA Divisions I, II and III Rowing Championships must submit a proposed budget, facility evaluation form, key contacts form and video board questionnaire (if applicable) to be considered to host via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal. A separate proposed budget and key contacts form must be submitted for each round that an institution or conference is interested in hosting. A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event. Reference: Bylaw 31 in the NCAA Manual. If you have any questions regarding the next available bid cycle, please contact the NCAA Championships and Alliances staff at 317-917-6761 or championshipbid@ncaa.org.

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under "championships available for bid" and select "add bid."

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based upon a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA Championships, which can be found in the "Help/Other Resources" tab in the championship host portal. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program.

As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the [Best Practices document](#). This information should be submitted to JP Williams at the NCAA (jpwilliams@ncaa.org) as part of your bid to be considered for championship site selection.

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Appendix A • Regional Alignment

REGION 1

Atlantic 10 Conference (9)

University of Dayton
Duquesne University
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University

LaSalle University
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Rhode Island
Saint Joseph's University

AQ – Conference Championship

The Ivy League (8)

Brown University
Columbia University-Barnard College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College

Harvard University
University of Pennsylvania
Princeton University
Yale University

AQ - Conference Championship

Total Number of Schools in Region 1 - 17

Total Eligible Schools in Region 1 - 17

REGION 2

Colonial Athletic Association (6)

*University of California, San Diego (active 2024-25)
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
Drexel University

Eastern Michigan University
Northeastern University
Villanova University

AQ – Conference Championship

*Reclassifying to Division I

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (10)

Canisius College
Drake University
Fairfield University
Iona College
Jacksonville University

Manhattan College
Marist College
Robert Morris University
Sacred Heart University
Stetson University

AQ – Conference Championship

Patriot League (9)

Boston University
Bucknell University
Colgate University
Georgetown University
College of the Holy Cross

Lehigh University
Loyola University Maryland
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
U.S. Naval Academy

AQ – Conference Championship

Total Number of Schools in Region 2 - 26

Total Eligible Schools in Region 2 - 25

REGION 3

Atlantic Coast Conference (9)

Boston College
Clemson University
Duke University
University of Louisville
University of Miami (Florida)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
Syracuse University
University of Virginia

AQ – Conference Championship

Big 12 Conference (7)

University of Alabama
University of Kansas
Kansas State University
University of Oklahoma

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas at Austin
West Virginia University

AQ – Conference Championship

Total Number of Schools in Region 3 - 16

Total Eligible Schools in Region 3 - 16

REGION 4

American Athletic Conference (7)

California State University, Sacramento
University of Central Florida
Old Dominion University
San Diego State University

Southern Methodist University
Temple University
The University of Tulsa

AQ – Conference Championship

Big Ten Conference (8)

Indiana University, Bloomington
University of Iowa
University of Michigan
Michigan State University

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
The Ohio State University
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
University of Wisconsin-Madison

AQ – Conference Championship

Total Number of Schools in Region 4 - 15

Total Eligible Schools in Region 4 - 15

REGION 5

Pac-12 Conference (7)

University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
Oregon State University
University of Southern California

Stanford University
University of Washington
Washington State University

AQ – Conference Championship

West Coast Conference (7)

Creighton University
Gonzaga University
Loyola Marymount University
University of Portland

Saint Mary's College of California
University of San Diego
Santa Clara University

AQ – Conference Championship

Independent (1)

Seattle University

Total Number of Schools in Region 5 - 15

Total Eligible Schools in Region 5 - 15

Appendix B • Equipment

Construction and Design

Free Construction of Equipment. Except as specifically limited in these rules, there shall be no limitations on the design and construction of boats, oars and other equipment. All boats, oars and other equipment must conform to USRowing Rules 3-101 through 3-205, except for rules pertaining to uniforms, male coxswains and equipment, for which NCAA rules will apply. All boats are required to have the name of the institution in letters at least two inches high on each side of the boat. It is preferred that the name be placed near the coxswain on the boat. A boat will not be allowed on the water until the institutional name appears on both sides of the boat. Manufacturers' normal identification may appear on participants' uniforms, per the provisions of Bylaw 12.5.4. Manufacturers' normal identification may appear on equipment; all other identification is limited to the name of the institution.

General Requirements for Boats.

1. A boat in the sport of rowing shall have all its load-bearing parts, including axes of moving parts, firmly fixed to the body of the boat, but the seat of a rower may move along the axis of the boat.
2. The use of "sliding riggers," in which the fulcrum of the oar is not stationary with respect to the body of the boat, is strictly forbidden.

Categories of Boats.

Number of Rowers	Oar	Coxswain	(Abbr.)
4	Sweep	With	4+
8	Sweep	With	8+

Minimum Weight of Boats. All boats shall comply with the following minimum weights:

Category	Weight (pounds)	Weight (kilograms)
4+	112.44	51
8+	205.03	93

For purposes of this rule, the weight of a boat shall not include oars or detachable loudspeaker or electronic systems. Seats, rudders, skegs, fixed loudspeakers, wiring, fins and riggers shall be included in the boat's weight. Other items that are not permanently affixed to the boat shall not be included in the boat's weight.

Bowballs. Every boat shall have a supple or plastic ball, of a white or fluorescent color, mounted on its bow unless equivalent provision for visibility and protection against puncture injury is included in the boat's basic construction. The bowball shall be at least four centimeters in diameter.

Electronic Devices. A boat may be equipped with an internal loudspeaker system and electronic devices that provide statistical information about the progress of the race or performance of the crew (such as elapsed time or stroke rate). Use of prohibited aids such as an apparatus for wireless communication and water-soluble chemicals intended to reduce frictional resistance are prohibited. However, GPS systems and Action/Sports Cameras (e.g. GoPro) will be allowed as long as there is no direct communication, or transmission of information, to land. Antennas or other devices that permit GPS communication must be removed or turned to the off position. Cameras on tri-pods are prohibited on boats during competition.

Foreign Substances. No boat shall have on its hull any substance that is water soluble or partially soluble, or that alters the mechanical or chemical interaction between the hull and water, except that nonsoluble varnishes, paints or other similar surface finishes may be applied. The use of "bottom tape," including "3M Riblets™" on the outside of the hull is specifically prohibited.

Oars. The blade of an oar shall have the following minimum thickness: sweep oar, five millimeters (measured three millimeters from the tip of the blade). The following rules apply to each oar whether it is a sweep or sculling oar:

1. Oars must be uniform throughout the crew. The team colors may appear on oar blades. Unpainted oars also are permitted for all boats, whether composite or otherwise, if all rowers use such oars.

2. Any portion of the loom or shaft beyond the collar must be free of any advertisement or inscription.
3. Nothing else (excluding the name of the school or its emblem) may appear on the oar, except that marks to identify the owner of the oar are permitted. In addition, a designation on the oar of the captain is also permitted.

Footgear Release. 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 competitors' feet in case of emergency, without the use of hands. (Such design may consist of Velcro™ or pull strings at the heels.)

Boat Construction for Coxswains. 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:

1. The opening through which the coxswain enters and exits shall be at least 2.30 feet (70 centimeters) long when measured along the longitudinal axis of the boat. For a length of at least 1.64 feet (50 centimeters), the opening shall be as wide as the inner hull of the boat itself.
2. 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.

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Bow Numbers. Each boat shall be capable of having mounted on its bow a card indicating the number of its lane in a race, and each crew shall be responsible for supplying the bow number card. The local organizing committee may have a supply of bow number cards for use in a regatta, but crews shall not rely on the local organizing committee to provide such cards. The local organizing committee also may require that a member of a crew wear a number marker affixed to her uniform.

Boat Manufacturer. The manufacturer's name, address, trademark and name of the product may appear on the inside of the boat on a plaque or equivalent marker, provided that plaque has a maximum area of not more than 50 square centimeters. The manufacturer's advertisement also may appear on the outside of the boat once on each side (including the gunwale and washboard), provided the maximum area of that advertisement does not exceed 30 square inches.

Name of School. Each boat must carry once on each side of the shell the name of the institution that the crew represents. The letters used in any such name must be at least 2 inches high near the coxswain seat.

Electric Equipment. Any internal loudspeaker or electronic equipment permitted by the USRowing Association (see USRowing Rules of Rowing - "Electronic Equipment") may bear the name and trademark of the manufacturer of that equipment.

Footgear. Any footgear attached to the stretcher for use by a rower may bear the name and trademark of the manufacturer.