



Canadian Masters Championships Regatta Technical Package

This Technical Package outlines the competitor eligibility requirements, type of events, progression format and infrastructure for the **Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) Canadian Masters Championships Regatta**. This document is intended to establish a baseline of technical expectations for the Organizing Committee (OC) and will be supplemented by the RCA Hosting Agreement that will be made with the Organizing Committee.

The RCA Rules of Racing shall apply for the organization and operation of the event unless stated otherwise in the Regatta Package.

1. Masters Regatta Aim

1.1 - The RCA Canadian Masters Championships Regatta aims to show-case Canadian Masters rowing in an 'age category specific' format that encourages athlete participation through an exciting race program and encourages spectator and sponsor engagement. Entries for the Regatta are structured to promote inclusion of athletes from all regions.

2. General Schedule

2.1 - Athletes from Clubs will compete in the event. The general schedule shall be 2 – 2.5 days of racing. The Regatta Schedule shall be determined by the Organizing Committee and RCA - and notified to the rowing community approximately six months in advance of the event - in Bulletin 1 for the event.

3. Regatta Venue & Date

3.1 - The Canadian Masters Championships Regatta shall be held each year, generally mid-late July.

4. Right of Entry

4.1 - As per RCA Rules of Racing (2.1), an athlete entering the Canadian Masters Championship Regatta, are required to be registered with an RCA Member Club in good standing. Foreign competitors must be members of a club that is a member of its National Federation, recognized by World Rowing.

4.2 - As per RCA Rules of Racing (2.7), athletes shall be placed in the age category as outlined in the rules. Any Master shall have the ability to race in an age category 'lower' than their actual age category as defined in the Rules.

4.3 - In accordance with RCA Rules of Racing (2.8 to 2.10), the OC may conduct mixed races and weight restricted events - in any event.

4.4 - Athletes shall race in their respective Club colours. Neutral painted oars are acceptable by agreement of the Chief Umpire.

4.5 - The open and close of entries dates for the regatta, shall be determined by the OC in consultation with RCA and detailed in Bulletin 1. Late entries will be accepted after this date, for a fee and until a date - as determined by the OC and RCA.

4.6 - PRA and RCA Seat fees shall apply.

4.7 - The Registration fee shall be determined by RCA and the OC.

5. Events

5.1 - The RCA Canadian Masters Championship events may offer all events, in all age categories, and in all boat classes.

5.2 - Mixed events may be offered in all events.

5.3 - The OC shall indicate in the Regatta Sanction application, the 'Age Adjusted Time System' to be used in the event. Refer to RCA Rules (Appendix 9).

6. Coxswains

6.1 - Coxswains shall weigh-in in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the event Regatta Package.

7. Athlete Equipment

7.1 - All equipment shall accord with the RCA Rules of Racing

7.2 - Where possible, the OC shall provide adequate equipment for the staging of the regatta to enable visiting Clubs to minimize boat transport needs.

7.3 - The OC may impose a modest rental fee to assist with the cost of rental of each boat.

8. Canadian Club Point Trophies

8.1 - The following trophies will be awarded to clubs based upon the points earned by that club's athletes and crews throughout the event.

The Champion Club Trophy - is awarded to the club that earns the most points in men's, women's, and mixed events. The total points shall be the sum of points awarded in all events and age categories.

The Club Efficiency Trophy - is awarded to the club that earns the most aggregate points with the fewest number of registered competitors. The efficiency calculation is made by dividing the total points for each club by the number of registered competitors of the corresponding club.

8.2 - The Point score system will be outlined in the Regatta Package and published in Bulletin 1.

8.3 - Points will not be awarded for the following:

- Composite crews
- Exhibition crews
- Clubs of other nations.

9. Athlete, Coach & Coxswain Briefing

9.1 - The OC shall conduct an athlete, coach and coxswain briefing prior to the start of racing - at a time to be outlined in Bulletin 1 or 2.

10. Infrastructure Requirements

10.1 - The Regatta will be held on a 1,000m straight course and in accordance with applicable RCA rules (Part 4 or the RCA Rules of Racing)

10.2 - The course shall have a minimum of 6 racing lanes (plus adequate warm-up and cool-down areas (as agreed by the Chief Umpire and RCA Event Manager).

10.3 - Each lane shall be of equal width and according to RCA Rules. The lane width distance is 13.5 meters wide.

10.4 - The starter's tower will be located above and behind the start line (in the middle of the course). The Starter must be provided with an audio and flag start system.

10.5 - The Aligner shall align the crews in a fashion that ensures all crews shall race the same distance - and shall be detailed in the Regatta Package.

10.6 - Other Competition Requirements - to be approved by the Chief Umpire including - a timing system that provides accurate start and finish times for all crews, time margins between crews (including backup timing and video review), and regatta management software; sufficient umpire and safety motor boats; bow numbers to identify boats (12-15 sets of Lanes 1-8); weighing scales for athletes - together with a 'test weight' that can be used to calibrate the scales, PA system for the Starter, 1st Aid service for athletes, appropriate regatta office facilities (computers, printers etc as agreed with RCA, accommodation for regatta umpires (to be approved by RCA).

10.7 - The Organizing Committee shall also provide suitable venue facilities for all athletes. Including; athlete rest areas; warm up and/or cool down areas; weigh-in facilities; all appropriate for the time of year (warm, dry and free of wind); segregated changing rooms; and washrooms including gender neutral options; food concession; announcing/commentator facilities; adequate WiFi/Internet for attendees (that may include online broadcasting); boat racks for approximately 200-300 boats (30-50 pairs of racks); parking for Umpires and athletes, PA system for the Boat Park, note above re 1st Aid facilities, large Notice Board (2) for results and other notices to competitors.

Note: other more rowing specific requirements will be outlined by RCA in the Hosting Agreement and subsequent discussions with the RCA National Events Manager.