

RCA National Beach Sprint Selection Trials

July 19 & 20, 2025

Rissers Beach, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia



Welcome

Row Nova Scotia (RNS) is delighted to collaborate with Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) to host the 2025 RCA National Beach Sprint Selection Trial. In July, athletes from all over Canada will come together at Rissers Beach to compete for a place to represent Canada at the [World Rowing Beach Sprint Championships](#), held October 23-26 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Row Nova Scotia is confident that this event will serve as a showcase for the stunning Nova Scotia beaches and provide athletes with an authentic coastal racing experience.

Row Nova Scotia would like to extend its best wishes to all the athletes and coaches and encourage everyone to explore our wonderful province.

Events

Open	Men's Coastal Solo	CM1X
	Women's Coastal Solo	CW1X
	Mixed Coastal Double Scull	CMIX 2X
	Inclusion Mixed Coastal Double Scull	CIMIX 2X
Junior	Men's Coastal Solo	CJM1X
	Women's Coastal Solo	CJW1X
	Mixed Coastal Double Scull	CJ Mix 2X

Preliminary Race Schedule

Friday 18th of July	Saturday 19th of July	Sunday, 20th of July
	Coaches Meeting: 6 am or 2hr before the first race of the day	Coaches Meeting: 6am or 2hr before the first race of the day
	Morning Sessions of Racing 8am to 11:30am	Morning Sessions of Racing 8am to 11:30am
Training from 1pm to 5:00pm	Afternoon Session of Racing 12:30pm to 5:30pm	Afternoon Session of Racing 12:30pm to 5:30pm
Coaches and Athletes Meeting 6pm - Venue TBD		

Order of Events

Saturday	Sunday
Open Men's Coastal Solo	Junior Mixed Coastal Double
Open Women's Coastal Solo	Open Mixed Coastal Double
Junior Men's Coastal Solo	Junior Men's Double
Junior Women's Coastal Solo	Junior Women's Double
	Inclusive Mixed Double

The order of events is subject to change based on the number of entries received.

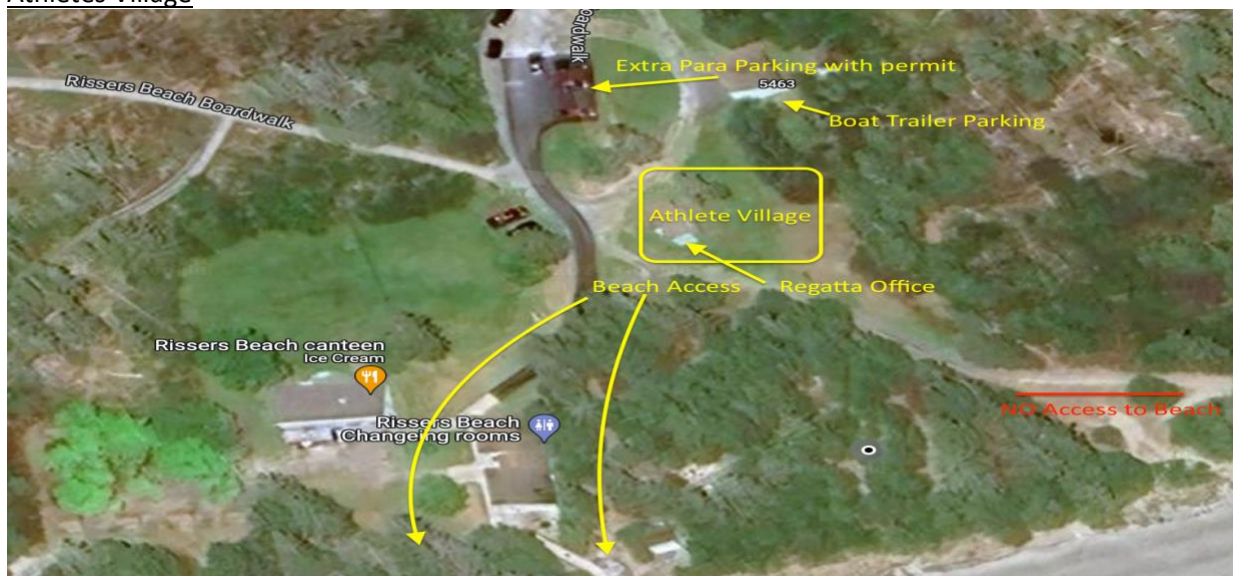
Venue

Rissers Beach, Nova Scotia
5366 Hwy 331, Lunenburg County, NS B4V 6P2

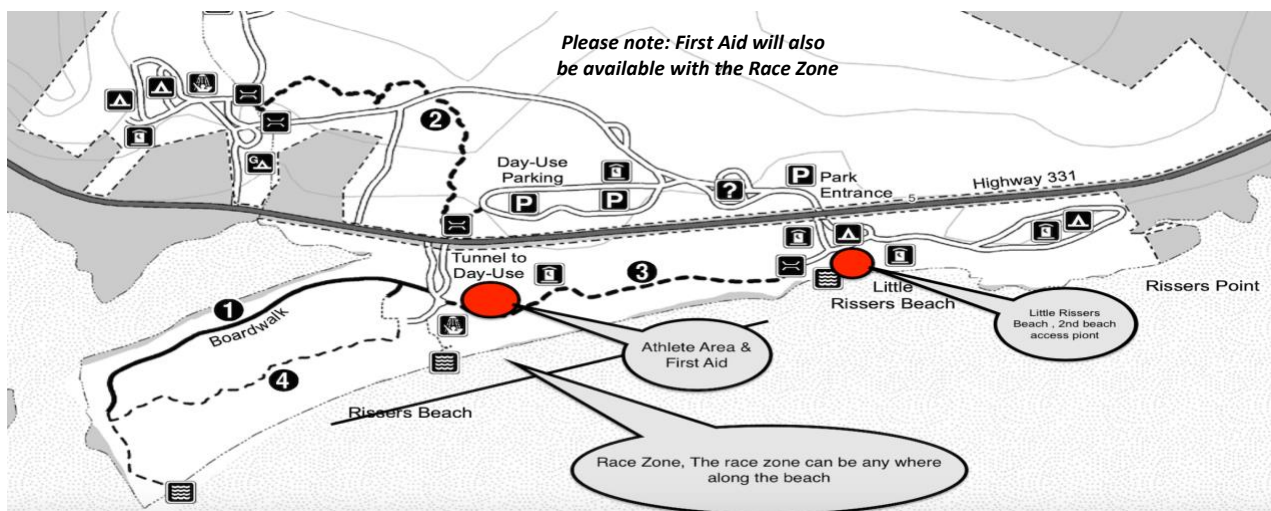
Rissers Beach is situated just 1 hour and 30 minutes south of Halifax on the stunning south shore. The venue provides complimentary parking, an on-site canteen, and washrooms with showers. Additionally, within the park, there are numerous camping options available.

The event will feature an athlete's village where you will discover the warm-up and cool-down area and the athletes' chill zone. The village is just a short walk to the race zone, parking, and canteen. Family and friends are encouraged to set up for the day anywhere within the park area.

Athletes Village



Venue overview



Rules of Racing

The 2025 RCA National Beach Sprint Selection Trial will be conducted under the RCA Rules of Racing.

The following exemptions are in place to accommodate the 2024 & 2025 World Rowing Rules of Racing By-Law changes: See [here](#)

1. Boat handlers: Once the runner has exited the water, boat handlers shall not guide or run with the crew member to the finish line.
2. Runners: For 2x events, excluding para events, the runners at the start and the finish must be two different runners.
3. Runners Time Trials: All runners must go around the running flag markers when heading to their boats and when returning to the start / finish line.
4. Not correctly rounding any buoy on the course. The athlete and/or crew to be awarded the status of DNF (Did Not Finish) and, therefore, eliminated from the event.
5. Events for Para athletes will be classified as Inclusion Events.
6. Boat handlers are not required to wear the same uniform as the athlete / crew they are supporting.
7. There may be less than two hours between rounds of an event.

Penalties

A crew not correctly following the laid out course shall be awarded the following penalties.

1. Not correctly rounding any buoy on the course. The athlete and/or crew are to be awarded the status of DNF (Did Not Finish) and, therefore, eliminated from the event.
2. A runner not passing on the correct side of the flag - 10 seconds.
3. Crews rowing in a dangerous manner or in a way which is considered out of control may be excluded or otherwise penalized by the umpire.
4. Any crew that interferes with another crew receives an Interference Penalty. The Interference Penalty will be at the discretion of the Umpire as per the RCA Rules of Racing.

Adverse Weather Conditions

1. All rowers entering Beach Rowing Sprint events and their clubs and member federations are expected to recognize the nature and the risks involved in beach sprint rowing, in particular the

need to be sufficiently experienced to race competently and safely in wave and surf conditions without risk to themselves and other crews.

2. Crews wishing to withdraw from an event on the grounds of safety may do so by notice in writing to the organising committee without penalty.
3. Where adverse weather or water conditions or the forecast of such conditions affect or will affect the safety of rowers or the schedule or programme of racing in any way, the necessary decisions shall be taken

Adverse Weather Conditions-Boat Handlers

1. The role of the boat handlers is to support the departure and arrival of the crews from and to the beach by handling the boat to reduce the risk of damage or injury.
2. There shall be two boat handlers per boat. In adverse or rough water conditions the Chief Umpire may allow or may require the number of boat handlers per boat to be increased.

Right of Entry

The Right of Entry outlines an athlete's requirements in order to compete in the trials.

- All athletes, coaches and support staff are to be in good standing with their PRA's and with RCA prior to the close of entries. Any athletes, coach or support staff not in good standing can be removed from the event.
- The RCA National Selection Trial shall be open to entries from PRAs and or RCA Member Clubs (Club). Competitors should have a valid Canadian passport, or a Canadian birth certificate, or hold permanent residents status.
- Composite crews are allowed in the doubles (2x) events. Each double (2x) may be made up of any combination of athletes representing any combination of PRA or Club.
- PRAs and Clubs shall pay their respective entry fees. In the event of composite entries in the doubles (2X) events, fees are payable at the time of entry.
- Athletes shall row in their respective PRA or Club colours, including when competing in composite boats. The PRA or Club will supply athletes with the appropriately coloured uniform for all races.
- There shall be no limit on the number of athletes per PRA or Club, nor the number of entries a PRA or Club can make in any one event.
- Any athlete that identifies as meeting the Para Rowing (PR) classification is allowed to submit an entry in the inclusion Mix Double.
- PR3 athletes will race in the appropriate able-bodied events and subsequent progression at the Trials. Any variations to crew composition outside of the defined Para categories are at the

discretion of the RCA High Performance Director and subject to approval by the Chief Umpire in consultation with the LOC.

Right of Entry- Exemption,

- The LOC reserves the right to include athletes or teams that are deemed to enhance the competitive environment of the event and or enhance the profile of Coastal Rowing with Canada
- Such athletes and or teams will be classed as Invited athletes and or Invited Teams and therefore not eligible for any titles that are associated to the event.
- All invited athletes will need to ensure they meet the requirements to be insured under the RCA insurance policies.

Equipment

- Row Nova Scotia is pleased to announce its partnership with Lite Boats to provide boats for this event.
- Boats will be of equal stand and quality.
- Oars will **not** be provided by the Organizing Committee in 2025.
- Athletes and teams should have access to spare oars on site in the event of damage to their racing equipment.

Boat Handlers

All clubs and athletes are to arrange their own boat handlers. RNS can assist where possible. Each boat is required to have two boat handlers per race.

Each crew is supported by two (2) boat handlers. They are an important part of a team and should be at training sessions and be trained and incorporated into all elements of the competition.

Boat handlers are there to support the boat, are responsible for checking and preparing the boat after lane selection, ensuring it is in control as the athlete enters and departs, and removing it from the water immediately.

While it is not an RCA requirement, boat handlers may also be tasked with steering the crew. No equipment or props held in the hand will be allowed to help steer a solo and or crew. Arm sleeves, coloured shirts, and regular-sized worn gloves are examples of items allowed.

Boat handlers should be familiar with beach features (like rips, dumping waves, local wildlife and how to call for help), know how to lift the boat safely and have done the swim test, as per their club requirements. If they are not confident swimmers, they should wear a PFD.

Registration

Registration will be completed online using Regatta Central. Registration will go live on June 20th, 2025.

- If you are new to Regatta Central you will need to create an account on Regatta Central (<https://www.regattacentral.com/signup>)
- Add your Club Affiliation and then contact support and ask to be an administrator for the club (support@regattacentral.com)
- Add athletes to your club (names, RCA #'s, birthdays).
- Search for the Regatta you wish to enter and add your boats to the races.
- Add your crew lineups to the boats.
- Fees must be paid in advance of the regatta through Regatta Central.

The 2025 fee structure is \$4.30 RCA seat fee and \$1.25 Row NS seat fee per race event. This is being charged in addition to paying the trial's registration.

All athletes participating in the trials are required to be registered with RCA and their PRA through an RCA Member Club. RCA membership numbers of all participants are required. Registration will be verified through RCA and participants who are not registered with RCA will not be allowed to participate. USRowing participants must include their registration number on the entry form as well. Any athlete wishing to participate who is not a current RCA Member may contact RowNS to make arrangements to race in the event.

There is a registration fee for each event at the trials. Registration includes the use of Liteboat / Hudson coastal rowing shells for racing.

Solo (1X)	\$75.00 + seat fees
Double 2X)	\$150.00 + seat fees

The registration deadline is midnight on Friday, July 4th, 2025. Late entries will not be accepted

The preliminary draw will be released Tuesday, July 15, 2025, and the final draw will be released Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Scratches received after the registration deadline on Friday, July 4th, 2025, at midnight will forfeit entry fees unless there is a suitable medical excuse.

Course

- The race course consists of two sections: a land section and a water section.
- The land section is an approximately 10 meters to 50 meters run on the beach to the water's edge from the start and finish line.
- The water section consists of two lanes, each lane being 250 meters long, with three buoys set at approximately 85 meter intervals.
- The race starts on the beach with a 10m to 50m run from the Start line to the boat by a designated runner. Crews will then race around the buoys in the water section and row straight back to the

beach. After reaching the beach, a designated runner will run approximately 50m through the Finish line and grab the flag in the sand to complete the race.

- See Appendix 1 for course Map

Medals

Medals will be awarded to the first place, second place and third place finishing athletes of each event. In the case that there are three or fewer crews in an event, medals will be awarded to all finishers. The LOC may also provide an item of appreciation to the first through third finishes.

Progression System and Race Format

The progression will follow the WR system as outlined in the 2025 rules of racing for coastal on page 46 - See [here](#)

Accommodation & transportation

Accommodation and Transportation is the responsibility of the athletes and their coaches. Row Nova Scotia may be able to provide assistance where necessary.

Local Accommodations providers:

[Best Western Bridgewater](#)

[Best Western Liverpool](#)

[Tuna Blue Inn Hubbards](#)

[Brigantine Inn & Suites in Lunenburg](#)

[Kitch'Inn in Mahone Bay](#)

[Quarterdeck Resort in Summerville Centre](#)

[White Point Beach Resort](#)

[Rissers Beach CampGround](#)

Airport

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Halifax Stanfield International Airport

For questions relating to registration, please contact Iain Carew at rowing@rowns.ca.

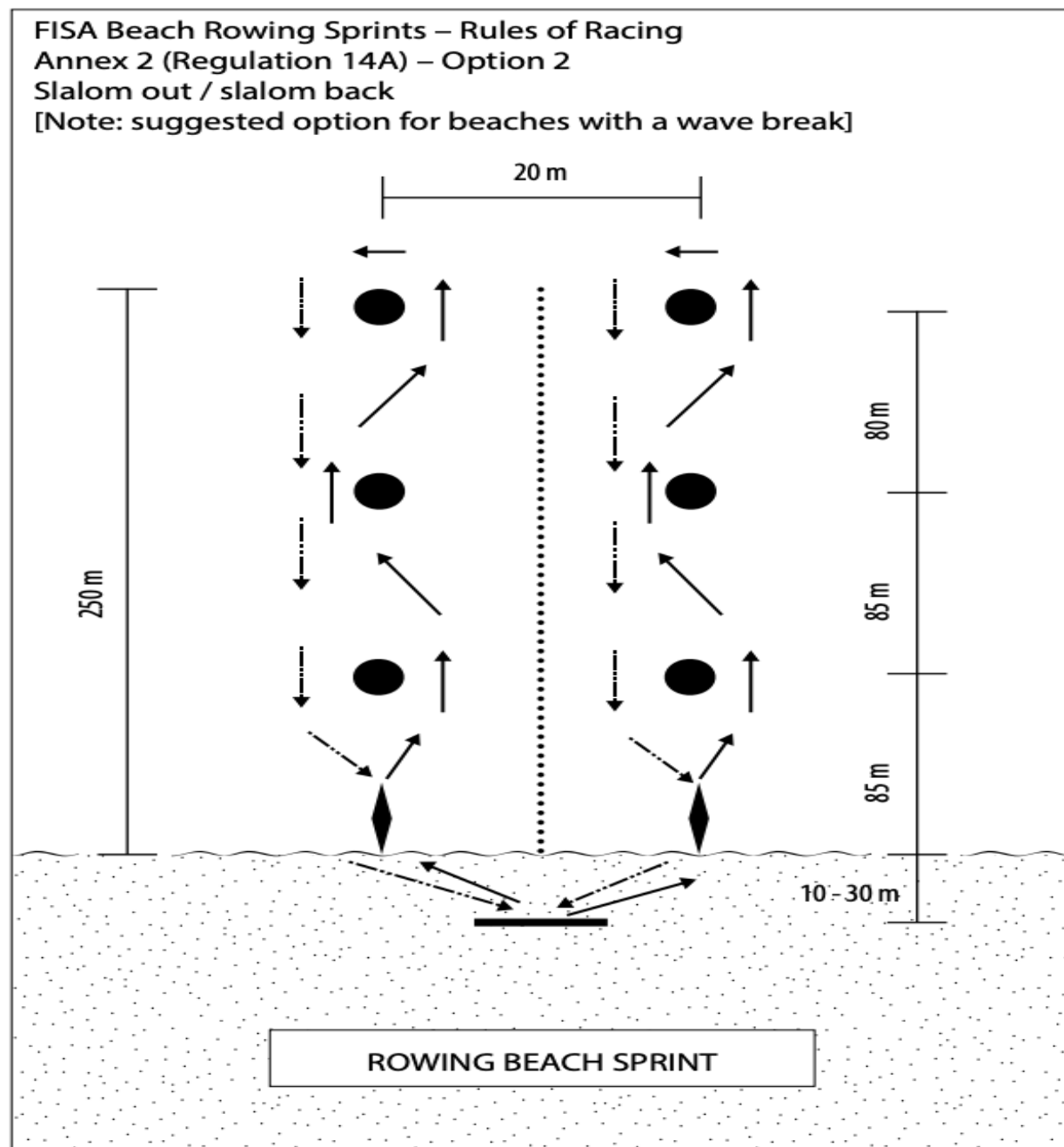
For questions related to event order, progression and entries please contact the Organizing Committee Chair Rob Richards at technicaldirector@rowns.ca.

Appendix 1:
Course Maps



APPENDIX 23 – Beach Rowing Sprints Regulations
Event Regulations and/or Departures from the FISA Rules of Racing

Annex 1 (Regulation 5) – Option 2



Processional Time Trial

