

Hebda Memorial Challenge Cup (HMCC)

Regatta Rules 2024

Regatta: Invitational Sprint competition in doubles, coxed fours, quads, and eights for high school aged women and men in novice, junior, lightweight and varsity categories. Held on the last Saturday of April each year on the Detroit River in Wyandotte Michigan. Sponsored by the Wyandotte Boat Club.

School Eligibility: The HMCC is an invitational scholastic rowing regatta, limited to schools that row out of the WBC and invited schools. No composite crews allowed in any event. All members of a crew must be registered students at the same school.

DEFINITIONS:

- NOVICE - an athlete who began rowing after the previous year's spring high school season.
- JUNIOR VARSITY - a junior is a competitor who is enrolled in grades 9, 10 or 11.
- VARSITY- a varsity is a competitor who is enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- COXSWAIN - may be of either gender, and of any skill or age classification (not withstanding the age maximum) It is recommended that schools use experienced coxswains in novice events. There is no weight minimum for coxswains.

Maximum race day age - 18 years old (student may not have reached their 19th birthday, unless retained in a grade prior to grade 9).

Gender-Boys shall not row in girl's events. Girls shall not row in boy's events. Coxswains are exempted from this limitation.

Number of events a rower may enter - A rower may be entered in no more than two events. No entry limit exists for coxswains. **athletes rowing in the Varsity Eight race are not counted towards the two event limit.

Race – Heats if necessary are 1000 meters in length (in 2023 may be extended to 1500 meters depending on number of heats), finals are 1500 meters, and all races are against the current. An event must contain at least two entries from two different schools to constitute a race.

WEIGHT CATEGORIES

- Boys Lightweight 150 lbs. individual maximum, no averaging
- Girls Lightweight: 138 lbs. individual maximum, no averaging

WEIGH-IN RULES:

- All lightweight competitors must "Weigh-In" during the time established by the regatta committee.
- All competitors will weigh in wearing racing uniform, no one will be weighed-in wearing more or less clothing.
- Crews must weigh-in together and be accompanied by a Coach or School Official.
- Crew members are to step on the scales in the order that they row in the boat (i.e. bow to stern).
- Clerk of the Scales will communicate with the Coach or Designate, only.
- Athletes will be allowed one reweigh if within two pounds of established weight category.
- No one will be allowed to "check their weight" on the official scale during the official weigh-in times.

ENTRIES: are due in the hands of the regatta committee on the date and time established for that year's event (Omitting any of the following items will disqualify your entries).

- Entry Form listing races the school wishes to enter submitted electronically by head coach.
- Eligibility/Team List certifying the students' attendance at a particular school, current grade level and date of birth. This form must be signed by the Athletic Director or Principal/Headmaster of the school.
- The Eligibility/Team List must be typed and may be on a form sanctioned by your state, or on your High School letterhead. Handwritten Eligibility Lists or lists on plain paper are not acceptable.
- Checks for Entry Fees must accompany all entries. (Credit cards accepted at regatta)
- Release Waivers for all competitors are required.
- Eligibility list, waivers, and check/credit card payment can be brought to regatta officials the morning before racing begins. Entry fees must be paid before school will be allowed to participate in the regatta.

ENTRIES PER SCHOOL: Each school is allowed two entries per race, except the Varsity Eight race, where one entry per school is allowed.

ENTRY FEES: Team Maximum of \$850.00

- Eights \$65.00
- Fours/Quads \$45.00
- Double \$30.00

LATE ENTRIES:

Any entry made after the deadline posted by the Regatta Committee, will be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Chair on a "lane available" basis and will be charged double the entry fee regardless of entry fee cap. A Late Entry will not be accepted if it creates a heat, (lane 7 is not considered an open lane for a late entry).

SCRATCH FEES:

Any team who scratches an entry after the date posted by the Host Regatta Committee will forfeit their entry fee. Those scratching after the start of the Regatta (including not showing-up to the start or crews that do not make weight) will forfeit their entry fee and be assessed a \$50.00 Scratch Fee, to be paid prior to competition by any other boat from that team, in subsequent races.

STUDENT I.D.: All students are required to have identification to prove school attendance if requested by a regatta official.

Equipment: Each school shall be responsible for provision of its equipment as well as conduct & physical fitness of all its competitors. All boats must be equipped with a protective white bow ball, bow number clip, quick release shoes and heel ties. Bow coxed boats shall have openings sized in accordance with the Rules of Rowing of the United States Rowing Association. Boats not so equipped shall be barred from launching.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Unsportsmanlike Conduct which includes but is not limited to foul, abusive or profane language WILL NOT be permitted at the Regatta Site before, during or after any racing by Competitors or Team Officials, and that such Conduct may result in immediate Disqualification from the Race or future Races at the Discretion of the Regatta Chairman.

ELIMINATION HEATS: Progression system:

Up to 7 entries final only (novice events 6 entries)

8 - 14 entries 2 heats, with the top 3 finishers from each heat advancing to the finals

15 - 21 entries 3 heats, with the top 2 finishers from each heat advancing to the finals

22 - 28 entries 4 heats, with the top 3 finishers in each heat advancing to 2 semifinals, with the top 3 finishers in each semifinal advancing to the finals

29 - 42 entries 6 heats, with the top 2 finishers in each heat advancing to 2 semifinals, with the top 3 finishers in each semifinal advancing to the finals.

Seeding based on two heats (or two semifinals) for one final:

H1-3 H2-2 H1-1 H2-1 H1-2 H2-3

Seeding based on three heats for one final:

H1-2 H2-1 H3-1 H1-1 H2-2 H3-2

Seeding based on four heats for two semifinals (22 to 28 entries):

H3-3 H2-2 H1-1 H3-1 H4-2 H1-3

H4-3 H1-2 H2-1 H4-1 H3-2 H2-3

Seeding based on six heats for two semifinals (29 to 42 entries)

H1-2 H2-1 H4-1 H6-1 H3-2 H5-2

H6-2 H1-1 H3-1 H5-1 H2-2 H4-2

The Regatta Committee reserves the right to redraw events if the number of scratches warrants such changes.

Points System:

- Eights: 1st Place 9pts 2nd Place 4pts 3rd Place 2pts
- Fours/Quads: 1st Place 5pts 2nd Place 2pts 3rd Place 1pt
- Doubles: 1st Place 2pts 2nd Place 1pt 3rd Place 0.5pt
- Points will be awarded for the first 3 places if there are more than 4 entries that started the race.
- Points will be awarded for the first 2 places if three entries started the race, and points will be awarded for first place if two entries start the race. A school may only be awarded points once in an event; in the event a school places in two point earning places the highest place will be awarded, and the other points earned will be disregarded for that event.

AWARDS:

- Medals awarded for FIRST place for all events.
- TEAM POINTS TROPHIES will be awarded for both boy's and girl's categories provided that 10 finals races are completed.

PROTESTS:

All protests must be made at the finish line by the stroke or coxswain by raising their hand. The referee will listen to the protesting crew and decide if the protest is valid. If, in the opinion of the referee the protest is valid, the referee will raise a red flag. The crew or its representative shall confirm their protest by submitting to the regatta chairman, not later than one (1) hour after the race, a written statement setting out the facts and reasons for their protest together with the sum of \$50.00. Only if the protest is upheld will \$50.00 be returned. The balance of the HMCC Regatta Rules shall be the Rules of Rowing of the United States Rowing Association as enforced by the Regatta Chairperson