

The University Championships of Ireland Regatta 2023

Dear University Captains and Secretaries,

The 2023 University Championships of Ireland will take place on Saturday 8th April, on the 8-lane, 2000m course at Lough Rynn, Mohill, Co Leitrim.

The Championships will be run under the RI Rules for Racing along with the Rules for University Rowing and the University Championships.

- All entries to be made via the Rowing Ireland Online Tracker System
- Closing date for entries: **Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 19.00hrs.**

No entries will be accepted after this time. There will be no exceptions.

- Entry fees to be paid by close of entry using the Rowing Ireland on-line payment system

Event Summary

	Senior (M & W)	Lightweight (M & W)	Intermediate (M & W)	Club 2 (M & W)	Novice (M & W)
8+	X		X	X	X
4+			X	X	
4-	X				
4X-	X				
4X+					X
2-	X				
2X			X		
1X	X	X	X		

- **Fees** - The following fees apply (€15 per seat)

8+	€135
4+/4x+	€75
4-/4x-	€60
2-/2x	€30
1x	€15

- **Payment of Entry fees**- All entry fees must be paid by the close of entries using the Rowing Ireland on-line payment system.
- **Refunds** - will be made if events do not go ahead due to lack of sufficient entries OR if the Event is cancelled for any reason entry fees will be reimbursed MINUS a proportionate deduction to offset any costs incurred in organizing the event which could not be avoided.
- **Draw** - Tracker will produce the draw online immediately after the close of entries.

Provisional Timetable



Time	Race	Event
09:00	1	Men's Lightweight 1x
09:10	2	Women's Lightweight 1x
09:20	3	Men's Club 8+
09:30	4	Women's Novice 4x+
09:40	5	Men's Senior 4-
09:50	6	Women's Inter 2x
10:00	7	Men's Senior 1x
10:20	8	Women's Inter 4+
10:30	9	Men's Inter 8+
10:40	10	Men's Inter 1x
10:50	11	Women's Club 8+
11:00	12	Men's Novice 8+
11:10	13	Women's Senior 4x-
11:20	14	Women's Senior 4-
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13:00	15	Men's Inter 4+
13:10	16	Women's Novice 8+
13:20	17	Men's Inter 2x
13:30	18	Women's Senior 1x
13:40	19	Men's Club 4+
13:50	20	Women's Inter 8+
14:00	21	Men's Senior 2-
14:10	22	Women's Senior 2-
14:30	23	Women's Inter 1x
14:40	24	Men's Senior 4x
14:50	25	Women's Club 4+
15:00	26	Men's Novice 4x+
15:10	27	Men's Senior 8+
15:20	28	Women's Senior 8+

- **Circulation Patterns** – Launching / exiting the water / warm up / training patterns will be issued prior to the Regatta – please be familiar with these instructions
- **Pre-Regatta training** – any University crews wishing to do pre-event training at Lough Rynn must make an application to Leitrim Co Council and comply with their requirement
- **Coxswain Ballast** - weighing will take place between 2 and 1 hours before the first heat for the coxswain, they will not need to be weighed again during the day. Ballast must be carried in the boat close to the cox at all times. Any crew not having its ballast available for inspection at the end of the race will be automatically disqualified. The maximum ballast permitted is 10kg. Coxswains must provide photo identification at weigh-in. Acceptable forms of identification include current Rowing Ireland registration card, passport, drivers license or College ID card.
 - Coxswains in a men's category must meet a minimum weight of 55kg
 - Coxswains in a women's category must meet a minimum weight of 50kg.
- **Lightweights** - weighing will take place between 2 and 1 hours before the first heat in each event, lightweight rowers shall be weighed wearing their racing uniform.
 - A single sculler (female) shall not weigh more than 59kg.
 - A single sculler (male) shall not weigh more than 72.5kg.



- ***Please see Appendix 1*** for notes regarding entries
- ***Please see Appendix 2*** for notes on eligibility
- ***Please see Appendix 3*** for Scoring System

This will be the third year the University Championships have been held at Lough Rynn – so we need help from all the participating Universities to allow the smooth running of the Regatta.

All participating Universities and Colleges must provide help – slip stewards, launch drivers, admin personnel, stake boat personnel, Umpires, marshals etc. if you would like to get involved, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/HDFVfuztEG5kyw8e8>

All queries should be directed to universities@rowingireland.ie

Thank you

Rowing Ireland

University Championship Regatta Committee 2023

Chair: David Breen

Regatta Secretary: Shauna Fitzsimons

Chief Umpire: Kayla McCann

Course Manager: Robbie White

Treasurer: Clara O'Brien

RC Safety Officer: Pat Kiely, Castleconnell BC

Communications: Eva Breheny-Clarke

APPENDIX 1 - Notes for entries

- The regatta will be held under the rules of Rowing Ireland.
- The regatta is a non-status event.
- Composite crews are not permitted.
- No individual may represent more than one University / College, including coxes.
- All competitors must be registered with Rowing Ireland.
- Universities / Colleges not currently affiliated as a club with Rowing Ireland may apply for temporary affiliation by application to Rowing Ireland along with the relevant fee. Details available on RI website.
- Coxswains must be of a minimum weight as follows and will be weighed in on the day:
 - Men's Championships 55 kg.
 - Women's Championships 50 kg.
- Lightweights must be of a maximum weight as follows and will be weighed in on the day:
 - Men's Lightweight 72.5kg.
 - Women's Lightweight 59kg.
- All boats to be fitted with an Empacher slot as lane numbers will be used.
- All boats and equipment must comply with current Rowing Ireland safety requirements.

Checks will be made by Rowing Ireland officials prior to launching. Boats failing to comply will not be allowed to launch.
- The organising committee reserves the right to cancel an event; or withdraw crews from the Regatta who may endanger the safety of themselves or of other



crews, or disrupt the Regatta.

- Student Cards and athlete status may be checked on race day. Any crew member or sculler that is unable to provide a valid student card or proof of studentship for inspection will not be allowed to slip and will be disqualified from racing.

APPENDIX 2 - Eligibility

(As per Student Sport Ireland & Rowing Ireland Rules)

1 Student Status

For an individual to be eligible to participate:

- 1.1 A student must be registered, enrolled and hold a student card for his/her respective institution, and
- 1.2 A student must be a member of the respective institution's club and/or have the permission of their institution to compete under its name, and
- 1.3 The Institution must hold membership of Student Sport Ireland.

Furthermore

- 1.4 A student who has their studies suspended or who has taken a leave of absence must wait until they recommence their studies to be eligible to compete again.

2 Course Requirements

- 2.1 In the Republic of Ireland: All students must be registered, at a minimum, on a level 6 programme and studying in an academic year at least 30 Credits of a programme leading to a major award. (Q.Q.I. National Framework of Qualifications)
- 2.2 In Northern Ireland: All students must be registered, at a minimum, on a Level 4 programme and studying in an academic year at least 60 credits of a programme leading to a major award. (OFQUAL's Northern Ireland Qualification Framework)
- 2.3 A visiting student doing a Study Abroad Course (e.g. Erasmus) at an SSI member institution is eligible during this time provided that he/she and his/her study programme meet the requirements of Guidelines 1 and 2 above.

3 Academic Progression

- 3.1 Students will only be eligible to compete in Student Sport Ireland Competitions where Academic progression in a programme is shown;

An exemption to 3.1 is where a student is taking a year to repeat modules (up to 30 credits) or a full academic year; in this instance the student is only eligible to compete on the first repeat attempt.

4 Age Restrictions

A student must be 18 years or older to compete in Student Sport Ireland national third level sports competitions on the island of Ireland.

5 Institution Requirements

A student may only compete for one institution in all sports in any one academic year.

6 Year of Grace

There is no year of grace/ year down in Student Sport Ireland Competitions.

7 Permission to Compete

Suspension by a National Governing Body will apply to the relevant Student Sport Ireland competition.

8 Academic Year

For the purpose of Student Sport Ireland competitions, the academic year is defined as September to August. Students in any institution with an academic calendar not running concurrently with this will be eligible for the academic year during which they enter and any subsequent academic year's subject to meeting criteria in Guideline 1.

9 Anti-Doping

A student who is serving a suspension for any anti-doping rule violation will not be eligible to participate in any Student Sport Ireland Competitions.

10 Transgender Student

The participation of transgender students in Student Sport Ireland competitions will be guided in the first instance by the policy of the National Governing Body of that sport. Where the National Governing Body has no policy, Student Sport Ireland will be guided by the International Governing Body of that sport.

At all times the safety of all participants is paramount for Student Sport Ireland. The participation of any transgender student will be considered on that basis.

11 Sabbatical Officer of a Student Union

A Sabbatical Officer of a Student Union who is intermitting during an undergraduate or postgraduate course of study will be eligible to compete in Student Sport Ireland competitions for



one sabbatical year only.



APPENDIX 3 - Scoring System

Boat Classes Offered

The Classes offered will be chosen by the University Rowing Committee annually but will be limited to 12 for each male & female event and, where possible, will reflect the Rowing Ireland National Championship boat classes.

The Scoring system for the Overall Irish University Championship shall be as follows: -

Overall Winner

Based on cumulative results across status and boat disciplines

Based on cumulative university results (i.e., DUBC & DULBC would combine points for overall university score when compared to NUIG & UCD etc.)

Male & female points will be combined to achieve overall university totals and once all points are collated the winning University will be announced with each Participant University or College receiving an overall ranking. (All scores will be published)

Points

	1st	2nd	3rd
1X	3 points	2 points	1 point
2X	4 points	3 points	2 points
4 +/-	5 points	4 points	3 points
8+	6 points	5 points	4 points

In the event of an equality

The University or College amongst those still tying with the most wins will take the Championship.

- In the event of a further equality: The University or College amongst those tying with the most wins at senior level will win the Championship

- If there is still an equality: The Championship will go to the University / College which has been most successful in the largest Senior boat i.e., 8 or failing that, in the next largest boat in the following order of precedence 4+, 2-, 2x, 1x. Intermediate crews, and then Novice crews follow in the same order of precedence, if a result has still not been obtained.

The Wylie Challenge Cup

The Scoring system for the Wylie Challenge Cup shall be as follows: -

The winning University or College in each case of the Men's Senior, Intermediate, Club and Novice eights shall score a point. In the event of a row over a point shall still be awarded. The University or College scoring the highest number of points wins the Wylie Challenge Cup. In the event of an equality of points the University or College which has been successful in the Senior eight will win the cup.

The Bank of Ireland Cup

The Scoring system for the Bank of Ireland Cup shall be as follows: -

The winning University or College in each case of the Women's Senior, Intermediate, Club and Novice eights shall score a point. In the event of a row over a point shall be awarded. The University or College scoring the highest number of points wins the Bank of Ireland Cup. In the event of an equality of points the University or College which has been successful in the Senior eight will win the cup.