

JEFFERSON DAD VAIL REGATTA

Regatta Instruction Bulletin – 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

This will not be a typical Dad Vail Regatta. Due to COVID-19 and the associated requirements from the City of Philadelphia, there are quite a few changes for 2021. This initial section does not contain all the details. Please refer to sections later in this, or other posted documents for the specifics. Be especially mindful of all Regatta Health Plan compliance matters. Please stop here and read the Dad Vail Health Plan, found on dadvail.org. In order to understand a number of instructions in this Regatta Bulletin, it is all important to first read the Dad Vail Health Plan.

NO SPECTATORS – This is very important and cannot be over-stated. Our approval and authorization to stage our regatta this year was granted by the City of Philadelphia contingent upon forgoing all spectators. Subsequent regattas in our venue are relying on us to uphold this rule or their events will be cancelled. This is a public park and will be open to the citizens of Philadelphia who walk through it every day. If a spectator for your team is identified, your team will be disqualified from the regatta. Bear in mind that we will have seasoned people patrolling for spectators. Those people will easily be able to spot someone who cares about the race coming down the course vs a member of the general public that could not care less. You need to make this very clear to your athletes, their families, and alumni. This includes the West side of the venue. Every race will be live streamed and that will have to suffice for 2021. The live stream link will be readily available on DadVail.org and the Dad Vail app.

The deadline for registration is now April 26th. You will still be able to adjust line-ups as needed until 5.6.21.

Eligibility rules have been modified to essentially exclude the academic year of 2019-20. Details are later in this document.

No Time Trials this year. The racing will all be head to head.

Later starting time. Due to the current number of entries and teams possibly traveling both ways the same day, we are pushing the starting time later. As of now, that appears to be about 9AM. This might be adjusted.

We are not supplying bow numbers this year. NEW this year! Crews will need to supply lane-based bow numbers based on the proper lane for whatever event you are in.

No Athletes Village – The entire area below the finish line at the “Playing Angels” is not being used this year. There will be no docks installed. All the trailers will be parked in the vicinity of St. Joe’s and Temple. The Traffic Bulletin document describes all the details. This includes how to launch from the City dock and return on the Temple dock.

Medals will not be awarded at the finish line. Each crew will send one designated person to the registration tent at the end of your winning event to pick all the medals for that winning boat.

Weigh-ins will be different this year and we are still working out details which will be announced later.

No Drones. Pursuant to the long standing Drone Rule, drones are prohibited.

Doubling up rules are the same as the last regatta and detailed later in this document.

Regatta Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 8: Semi-Finals begin at 9:00 A.M. Finals will be run in the afternoon. **Please note: These times are approximate and may change.** Refer to the schedule posted on the website for event number, event times, number of heats, and number of qualifiers to advance.

Team Responsibilities

- Coaches are expected to:
 - Send all entries and payments through Regatta Central
 - Designate a Health Officer
 - Remember that The Dad Vail name and logo are the property of the DVROC and may not be used on any commercial or promotional material without the expressed written permission of the DVROC. (This includes T-shirts or other souvenirs for sale).

2. Volunteers- The Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta asks each team to provide the names of **2 volunteers** to help with Stake Boats and other Regatta positions – this is a four-hour commitment during the Regatta, and a commitment which enables the Dad Vail to continue operate as a premier Regatta. Please email the students' names, cell phone numbers and email addresses to Tricia Winton, Director of Volunteers at: tricia@rightsizeem.com
3. Shirts or Singlets must be uniform in each boat.

Traffic Information

- Friday, Kelly Drive will be open for morning traffic until the closure at 10 AM.
- Trailer or shell access to the new Launch Site will begin at 12 Noon on Friday. **Be prepared to comply with Health Plan Attestation requirements to gain admission.** There will be absolutely no access by land or water to this area, including the Docks, prior to that time.
- Martin Luther King Drive, while open on Friday, is closed to all traffic on Saturday.
- All vehicles entering the Regatta site must enter from the North under the Strawberry Mansion Bridge. Only authorized vehicles with an appropriate permit will be allowed past Police barricades.
- During the Regatta all traffic will be diverted at Strawberry Mansion Bridge and Grant's Statue. Again, only vehicles with an appropriate permit will be permitted past Strawberry Mansion Bridge traffic barriers.
- All traffic will be prohibited on Kelly Drive between bridges. .
- All traffic to the Launch Site must enter from the North. No left turn will be permitted to enter the Launch Site from the South (Boat House Row). Please see posted Traffic Bulletin.

Publicity

If you wish, pre-regatta publicity releases accompanied by professional grade photographs should be forwarded to: Perry Hamilton, General Manager. Email Perry Hamilton at hami45@aol.com

REGISTRATION & FEES

Please note that the registration process is quite different for 2021.

- Each team will need a representative to report to the registration tent. The team representative will receive wrist bands which must be worn by all Athletes.
- The team representative must confirm the names for the 2 volunteers that each team will provide to Tricia Winton, Director of Volunteers at: tricia@rightsizeem.com
- The weigh in process normally happens at registration but that who process is under advisement. See DadVail.org
- All athletes **must** complete US Rowing waivers on Regatta Central by **April 27th**.

Entry Fees – Affiliates/non-Affiliates

Affiliate Schools must have paid a \$1625 fee. The Affiliate fee covers up to the first 5 entries. Entry fees for Affiliate Schools are \$325 per boat for boats #6 and beyond.

- **Deadline for entries, and all fees is April 26th.**
- **All entry fees must be paid in advance. You will not be permitted to race if your entry fees are not current.**
- Non-Affiliate Entry Fees are \$450 per boat. Doubles and quads are regular boats this year.
- Singles Entry Fees are \$200.
- Para entries are \$100 per boat
- Schools not entering on time or not having their fees in on time will only be accepted on a space available basis. For this year's Regatta:
 1. Affiliate Schools have been guaranteed ONE ENTRY in EACH EVENT with proper registration.
 2. Non-Affiliate Entries will be accepted on a SPACE AVAILABLE basis in each event and on a first come basis.

Scratches

The Regatta Committee will accept scratches up to May 1, without penalty. The Committee may penalize (with fines) scratches not submitted by the above date. Fine will be equal to entry fee.

Event Cancellation

Events canceled due to weather are not eligible for a refund.

LIGHTWEIGHT RACES & WEIGH-IN FOR ALL LIGHTWEIGHTS & COXSWAINS

We are still fine tuning how we will handle weigh-ins

- Lightweight entries need not have a Varsity Heavyweight Eight entered to compete in the Lightweight race.
- The posted Entry Form specifies the weight requirements for entrants in the event.
 - Men's events coxswains – 120 lb. minimum.
 - Men's Lightweight – 160 lb. maximum. NO AVERAGE.
 - Women's events coxswains – 110 lb. minimum.
 - Women's Lightweight – 130 lb. maximum.

FORCING LIQUIDS TO RAISE COX'S WEIGHT IS FORBIDDEN.

EQUIPMENT

- Each crew is expected to bring its own shell, oars and boat slings. Races will not be delayed for equipment sharing.
- All shells must have protective bow balls.
- This year, crews must provide their own bow markers for lanes 1 to 6.
- Crews **will not** be permitted to race without bow markers. Races will not be delayed because a crew does not have a bow marker, or if a crew states, "their marker fell off". NEW this year- Crews are responsible for providing their OWN bow marker for their respective assigned racing lanes.

ELIGIBILITY

ARTICLE V - ELIGIBILITY (All crews must ensure that the Athletic Director and/or Director of Club Sports reads these requirements) Eligibility of rowers to participate in the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta shall be dependent upon the Dad Vail rules and NCAA rules as they pertain to the participating schools. Participants from foreign schools shall adhere to Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta rules and to NCAA Division I rules.

A. All participants in the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta must be full time undergraduate students at the institution they represent. To be considered full time undergraduate students, they must currently be taking courses totaling at least 12 credit hours and must be making normal progress toward their first degree. A student-athlete may compete while enrolled in less than minimum full-time (12 hours) program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the program. The institution must certify that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements. Also, a student-athlete who has received a Baccalaureate or equivalent degree and who is enrolled in the graduate or professional school of the institution attended as an undergraduate, or who is enrolled and seeking a second Baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics provided the student-athlete has athletics eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the period set forth in Bylaw 2, Article B below.

B. A Dad Vail competitor shall not engage in more than four (4) years of intercollegiate competition. Competing for a college in any one event within the academic year is enough to constitute one year of eligibility, excluding the 2019-2020 academic year.

(1) Division I Schools - The student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution. A student-athlete initially registers, for the purpose of starting the count of time, in a regular term of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies and attends the student's first day of classes for that term.

(2) Division II and III Schools - The student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation during the first ten (10) Semesters or fifteen (15) quarters in which the student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the regulations of that institution, and attends the first day of classes for that term.

A race designated for a specific division can only be entered by NCAA teams in that respective division. Programs that do not meet this requirement may only row in the open race for the same category.

C. Freshman/Novice Event

1. To row as a freshman, a competitor must be in his or her first year of attendance at the collegiate level and be considered an academic freshman by his or her institution, excluding the 2019-2020 academic year.
2. To row as a novice, a competitor must not have participated in the sport of rowing prior to the present academic year, excluding the 2019-2020 academic year. A student/athlete may compete as a novice for only one year, excluding the 2019-2020 academic year. If the student/athlete competes after the novice year, it must be in a non-novice event. A novice need not be a freshman.

D. A transfer student who has participated in a collegiate rowing program in the academic year current to or preceding his or her attendance at the new institution may not row in a Varsity Eight event (Heavy-Light-Women) in his or her first year at their new institution unless a waiver is granted as follows:

1. If the student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution and the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The student has not transferred previously from a four-year college.
 - (b) The student is in good academic standing and meets the satisfactory progress requirements.
 - (c) The student's previous institution certifies in writing it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement.
2. If the student transfers to the certifying institution from a Division III member institution and meets the above condition, he or she may be eligible to compete but shall not have received athletically related financial aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution.
3. Eligibility for transfers from Junior Colleges is covered under NCAA Rules.

E. As mentioned earlier, a rower may enter more than one event, but not more than two. No specific limitations pertain to freshman. A coach will be responsible for determining the viability of being able to arrive at the starting line in time for each event based on the schedule. The race schedule is subject to change at the last minute for any number of reasons.

F. Appeals for exceptions to these rules must be submitted in writing with the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta Eligibility Committee at any time prior to the deadline for entries, which is April 27th. Appeals must contain all validating evidence that might be helpful in arriving at a fair decision.

G. Violations of regulations may be cause for crew and/or team-wide disqualifications. Unusually serious violations may be considered grounds for more severe sanctions. Lack of compliance with Health Plan requirements, examples of which include failing to wear a mask at all times and social distancing may be cause for immediate crew and/or team-wide disqualification.

ARTICLE VI - PARTICIPATION

1. No crew may enter a Junior Varsity event unless entered and participating in a Varsity event.
2. Substitutes may be listed on the Entry Form, but once the crew participates, it must row intact unless the Regatta Committee is petitioned for a change in the boating.
3. Canadian crews desiring to participate in the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta shall require written authorization from the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association. **No carded athletes may participate.** Although Canadian school years are different from U.S. undergraduate years, all must comply with U. S. standards.
4. Any school which has competed in the EARC in the previous two years will not be eligible to compete in the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta, except that the Regatta Committee can examine the individual situation in accepting other entries at variance with this rule. (EARC Sprint Rule: 1973). Note: This rule is being waived for 2021 due to COVID.
5. If a coach enters one or more events and then at the last minute, after seedings have been completed, cancels any of these events to enter and compete in another regatta, the penalty will be a one-year suspension from the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta for that college or university.

PROTEST PROCEDURE See instructions on dadvail.org

TIME TRIALS No Time Trials in 2021.

DOUBLING UP

A measured amount of doubling up will be permitted to facilitate full participation by all rowers at our Regatta. Rules preclude crews overdoing this for the sake of crews entering extra races. The goal is to support a situation where a crew is one person short for an event. This exemption will permit more athletes on the team to be in the Regatta as opposed to sitting out. An athlete (cox or rower) can participate in 2 events maximum. If both crews advance and there is a conflict with timing of progression competition, it will be incumbent on the coach to scratch one of the entries. Substituting will not be permitted as a remedy for a time conflict originating from an athlete entering more than one event. The rule that limits substituting originates from the policy of a maximum of 50% of athletes that can be doubled up in any one boat. For example, the stern pair from one boat cannot be entered in the pairs event since that pair would be comprised of 100% doubled up athletes.

The only races that allow more than a single entry per team are the single, 3V8, F/N8, and the JV4. Schools must enter a V4 or V8 to enter a JV4. Schools must enter a V8 and JV8 to enter a 3V8. In order to enter a JV8 you must enter a V8. A lightweight entry does not count towards being able to enter a JV event. A lower-level crew is permitted to race if a school's varsity is racing elsewhere. Written proof is required by way of submitting the lineups of both crews to John Leonard at scullerjohn@aol.com.

Men's events may only have male rowers and women's events may only have female rowers. Coxswains may be of either sex.

SHELL STORAGE AND PARKING

- No shells are to be stored or launched from Boat House Row unless your school has permission to do so from a particular Boat Club.
- All shells are to be stored at the new launch area near the St. Joe's Boathouse and the East Park Canoe Club on the East Bank of the River, mid-way down the 2000 meter National Race Course.
- All vehicles must follow directions of Jefferson Dad Vail officials at the parking area who will direct all off-site parking of cars, buses, trucks and vans.
- After a trailer has been parked, the tow vehicle will be permitted to return to the launch site only once when it is time to hook up for departure. See the posted Traffic Bulletin.

AWARDS

Medals

Medals will be awarded to the first 3 places. **IF FOUR BOATS OR LESS** enter an event, medals and points will be awarded as follows:

- 4 Boat Race - Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals
- 3 Boat Race - Gold & Silver Medals
- 2 Boat Race - Gold Medal
- 1 Boat Race - NO RACE

The above pertains to a final event only and the medals will be awarded to the number of boats racing - not number of boats entered.

We cannot stage our Awards Dock this year. Medals will be distributed at the registration tent. A crew winning a medal should send on designated person to the registration tent after their race to receive the medals for the whole boat.

Trophies

Trophies will not be awarded this year. If you have a Trophy from the previous year's Regatta, please bring it back in a properly cleaned condition. We will announce where to hand it over soon.

Point Trophies

No point trophies will be awarded in 2021

SEEDING & LANE ASSIGNMENTS

Certain races are seeded, which will be established this year by again polling the coaches.

Lanes

Lane assignments for Semi-Finals and Finals will be printed in the Heat Sheets and on-line. Winners will be assigned Lanes 3 and 4, then Lanes 2, 5, 1 and 6 in that order. If conditions change it is possible for the favored lanes to be changed by Special Committee on site during the Regatta.

Respectfully,

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