

## **FLORIDA INTERCOLLEGIATE ROWING ASSOCIATION**

### **2009 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

April 10, 11 - TBD Meters - ~~Tampa Bypass Canal~~ Cooper Creek Sarasota

**IMPORTANT NOTE: NEW VENUE!!!** The Cooper Creek Park in Sarasota is a new venue for the FIRA Championships. County ordinances mandate that there be ***NO ALCOHOL ON THE PREMISES***. Also, there are ***NO PETS ALLOWED*** other than personal guide assistant dogs. Please instruct your crews and alumni booster associations accordingly.

**HEATS:** Heats will be **FRIDAY afternoon, April 10** starting at approximately 3:00 P.M. with 15 minute centers finishing no later than 4:00 P.M. NOTE: A seven lane final may be run when possible to avoid heats. "B" entries cannot cause heats. FINAL HEATS SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEB. ABOVE TIMES ARE PRELIMINARY.

**COACHES AND COXSWAINS MEETINGS:** Note: This is a new racing venue and all coaches and coxswains must attend the C&C meeting. **Friday:** There will be a coach and coxswain meeting before the Friday heats starting approx 45 minutes before the first heat. Final time for C&C meeting will be posted once the heats schedule is resolved. Final traffic pattern and course map will be distributed via the FIRA list server. All blind boats are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the coach and coxswain meeting to get familiar with the traffic pattern at this new venue.

**REGATTA TIME** will be displayed at the headquarters tent.

**LIGHTWEIGHT WEIGH-INS:** Friday at 3:00pm. Saturday from 7:00am – 9:00am. Athletes will weigh-in with racing attire with a one-pound allowance.

**ELIGIBILITY:** It is necessary to have your athletes or legal guardian sign the waiver. Waivers can be sent to the FIRA Regatta Registrar (see below) or turned in at the headquarters tent on Friday. The FIRA eligibility roster listing athletes and their racing status on race day must also be submitted prior to gaining access to the course. A school administrator outside the rowing organization must sign off submitted team rosters.

Outstanding membership dues, additional entry fees, boating forms, waivers and scratch fees should be submitted to the headquarters on Friday afternoon, before the heats begin. An on site secretary will be responsible for receiving forms and proper assessment and collection of scratch fees and penalty fees prior to the offending institution(s) launching its first entered event. See additional FIRA eligibility information below and on the FIRA website.

**ENTRY PROCEDURES:** Information will be posted on the FIRA website at: <http://www.firarowing.org>.

Registrar:

John Corelli  
Home: 321-752-5328  
Mobile: 321-917-0149  
1604 PGA Blvd.  
Melbourne, FL 32935  
e-mail: [jcorelli@earthlink.net](mailto:jcorelli@earthlink.net) (home)  
[johnc@aeronix.com](mailto:johnc@aeronix.com) (work)

All entries, scratches and inquiries are to be sent to the above email addresses. No Fax or phone entries will be accepted. Entries and scratches will only be accepted from the HEAD COACH or COACHING STAFF from each particular institution. No entries will be accepted from club presidents, board members or other non-coaching individuals.

The following is the timetable to be used for processing and posting entries, scratches, seedings and lane assignments.

**FIRA Regatta Entry/Posting Timetable (BASED ON April 10,11 REGATTA DATE)**

|  |                            |  |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| Entries Due  | March 27, Friday – 5:00pm  | To: John Corelli (see above for contact information) |
| Initial Entries Posted   | March 30, Monday – 9:00am  | By: John Corelli                                     |
| Scratch Deadline   | April 4, Saturday – 5:00pm | To: John Corelli                                     |
| Penalties may be imposed after the 5:00pm scratch deadline.  |                            |  |
| Final Entries Posted   | April 4, Saturday – 9:00pm | By: John Corelli                                     |
| Seeding forms Due  | April 6, Monday – 12:00pm  | To: Shannon Ridgeway                                 |
| Seeding shall be done for Varsity Eights and Varsity Fours events. See the seeding information on the form itself. NOTE: EVERYONE needs to participate in the seeding requests in a timely manner. Men's coaches only rank men's events; women's coaches only rank women's events. |                            |  |
| Lane Assignments posted  | April 7, Tuesday – 9:00pm  | By: John Corelli                                     |

**ENTRY FEES:**

**For FIRA member programs:** FIRA members receive 4 entries to the annual regatta upon payment of their \$200 annual dues. All entries beyond the allotted four shall be assessed \$35 per boat, with a fee cap of \$210 for the sum of the additional entries.

**For non-FIRA schools:**

Eights - \$100 Fours - \$40 Pairs \$35 Make checks payable to FIRA.

**SCRATCHES:** Scratches after the Saturday deadline will incur a penalty of \$50 per boat. Penalties must be paid before any boat can race. Scratches accepted before race day only in writing by e-mail or standard mail. There is no fax available. You must receive a confirmation for your scratch to be accepted.

A member institution can request an addition if it does not cause heats.

Guest institutions *can* cause heats.

Acceptance is at the Executive board's discretion.

If accepted, the add will be assigned to the first lane available after all correct entries are assigned lanes, (even if the add is 5 minutes after the entry deadline, and lanes have not even been assigned).

Acceptance can be conditional, that is, the requesting institution can be put on hold pending any scratches.

If scratches open up lanes, and do not eliminate heats, the addition can be allowed. Conditional add would be resolved at scratch deadline either way.

**E-MAIL ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES TO:** John Corelli (see above contact information)

**SEEDING INFORMATION:** Shannon Ridgeway  
(see regatta director contact information below)

**REGATTA DIRECTOR:** Shannon Ridgeway  
(hm) 352-331-5287  
(e-mail) [scer@ufl.edu](mailto:scer@ufl.edu) (home)  
[scr@cimar.me.ufl.edu](mailto:scr@cimar.me.ufl.edu) (work)

**REGATTA INFORMATION:** Martyn Dennis, Course Director  
(wk) 407-628-6460  
(hm) 407-645-1404  
(cell) 407-694-5214  
(e-mail) [RowFL@aol.com](mailto:RowFL@aol.com)

**VOLUNTEERS:** Since this is an association event, there is still a real need for volunteers on race day. Specifically, each FIRA School will be expected to provide two volunteers, such as a launch driver ready to organize a motorboat and ready to go 30 minutes before the first race. These drivers will drive for the first 1-2 hours after which we will solicit replacements when necessary. Also, there will be a need for people to assist at the finish line and man the six stake boats. Please encourage your alumni to attend and lend their assistance as well. FIRA schools will be contacted for your specific responsibilities.

**DIRECTIONS:** The Cooper Creek venue can be viewed from the following tinyurl link:  
<http://tinyurl.com/b7mrs3>. You can use the available on-line tools to generate a complete list of directions to the race course from your home town.

**PARKING:** Parking information and details are still being finalized and will be distributed via the FIRA list server a week prior to the race.

**LAUNCHING & TRAFFIC PATTERN: TBD.** Launching and traffic patterns are still being finalized and will be distributed a week prior to the race via the FIRA list server.

**PRACTICE:** The racecourse will be open for practice by 1:00pm on Friday. If heats are necessary, any crews not racing may practice in the designated area away from the course following the specified traffic pattern. All crews must be off the water by 6:45pm. Any practice on Saturday must be completed 30 minutes prior to the first race. Any crew violating practice procedures will be assessed a \$100 fine. The practice and lane closure schedule will be posted at the launching docks (dock master will also have practice and lane closure schedule available).

**AWARDS:** Medals to first, second and third place crews, per the following table:

| Number of boats in event | Medals Awarded       |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 6 or more                | Gold, Silver, Bronze |
| 4 or 5                   | Gold, Silver         |
| 3 or less                | Gold only            |

Crews that actually race, not including scratches, determines numbers of crews racing. Awards will begin to be presented 30 minutes following the last event. Points and trophies pertain only to F.I.R.A. schools. **Schools that won trophies last year should polish them and bring them to the regatta headquarters early in the day.**

**POINTS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Points    # Boats in Event    Percentage of 1<sup>st</sup>

|                    |    |   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
|--------------------|----|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Varsity 8          | 30 | 2 | 20%             |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Varsity Lt 8, JV 8 | 25 | 3 | 40%             | 20%             |                 |                 |                 |
| All Frosh/Nov 8's  | 20 | 4 | 60%             | 30%             | 5%              |                 |                 |
| All 4's            | 15 | 5 | 80%             | 40%             | 10%             | 5%              |                 |
| Pairs              | 10 | 6 | 80%             | 40%             | 20%             | 10%             | 5%              |

Note: It takes two boats to make a race. No rowovers. In the case of multiple entries from a single institution (i.e. A, B and C boats), the crew finishing the highest will receive the points for that event.

**BETTING/TRADING SHIRTS:** As of FIRA 2006 fall meeting, shirt betting is required by all programs. All teams are **strongly** encouraged to exchange shirts in-person on race day. All shirt betting applies to FIRA and non-FIRA institutions. Future regatta invitations will be extended to those who participate. Non-FIRA colleges are eligible to win shirts.

**FIRA ELIGIBILITY RULES:** As a reminder, here are some important eligibility rules to follow.

- Varsity Sport: NCAA rules governing eligibility
- Club Sports and Non-NCAA Varsity Programs: Dad Vail governing eligibility
- Participants may row in more than one event.
- Any Varsity participant cannot row in any Junior Varsity event, regardless of the size of the boat.
- **\* Only one Varsity entry per institution will be accepted in each event**
- Lightweights: Dad Vail weights for men and women are employed for FIRA Championships.
- Only FIRA member institutions can receive permanent trophies established for an event.
- The collegiate winner of an event, regardless of FIRA affiliation, is declared state champion and receives medals for that event.
- The top placing boats in an event earns the points for the place it finishes, regardless of "A" or "B" designation, making any subsequent institutional entries ineligible for points in that event.
- An experienced rower or coxswain cannot come back the following year or any year thereafter and participate as a novice coxswain.
- A coxswain shall be permitted to become a novice rower.

### WV8 EXHIB EVENT

Note that event #3 on Saturday is the W 1<sup>st</sup> 8 for non-athletically scholarship schools only. Event #4 WV8 is open to all schools. Schools can only enter one event or the other. This event will be run as an exhibition. Note that entry to the W1<sup>st</sup> 8 is contingent on university verification with regards to scholarship status. The winner of the WV8 Exhib event will be required to race up in the championship event the following year.

**RULES OF CONDUCT:** Instruct your crews on proper sportsmanlike conduct at all times. USRA certified judge-referees will enforce all rules of conduct and sportsmanship and any breach thereof including, but not limited to, event exclusion. Coaches are expected to educate their teams on appropriate on-water behavior.

### ACCOMODATIONS (partial list):

Best Western, 1425 South Tamiami, 941-955-9841, I-75 exit 207, \$79

[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

AmericInn, 5931 Fruitville Rd, 941-342-8778, I-75 exit 210, \$85

[www.americinnsarasotahotel.com](http://www.americinnsarasotahotel.com)

Country Inn and Suites, 5730 Gantt Road, 925-0631, I-75 exit 205, \$85,

[www.countryinn.com](http://www.countryinn.com)

Days Inn/Comfort Inn, 5774 Clark Rd, 941-921-7812, I-75 exit 205, \$100,

[www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

Hampton Inn, 5995 Cattleridge Road, 941-371-1900, I-75 exit 207, \$109,

[www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com)

Best Western Natchicotes, 5135 University Pkwy, I-75 exit 213,

[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

The worksheet below is for your reference only. Please use the electronic entry form that was sent with the race packet.

**2009 FIRA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Friday Racing)**

- 1. Heats (if needed) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Heats (if needed) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Men’s Frosh/Novice 4 “B” (Finals) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Women’s Frosh/Novice 4 “B” (Finals) \_\_\_\_\_

**2009 FIRA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Saturday Racing)**

- 1. 8:25 Men’s 1x. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. 8:45 Men’s Varsity 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. 9:00 Women’s First 8 (EXHIB – Non-Scholarship Only) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. 9:15 Women’s Varsity 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. 9:30 Women’s 2x \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. 9:45 Men’s Junior Varsity 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. 10:00 Women’s Junior Varsity 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. 10:15 Men’s Frosh/Novice Lightweight 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. 10:30 Women’s Frosh/Novice Lightweight 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. 10:40 Men’s Lightweight Varsity 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. 10:50 Women’s Lightweight Varsity 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. 11:00 Men’s Pair Without Coxswain \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. 11:15 Women’s Pair Without Coxswain \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. 11:30 Men’s Frosh/Novice 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. 11:45 Women’s Frosh/Novice 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. 12:00 Women’s 1x \_\_\_\_\_
- LUNCH
- 17. 12:45 Men’s Junior Varsity 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. 12:55 Women’s Junior Varsity 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. 1:05 Men’s Frosh/ Novice Lightweight 8 / Men’s Novice 8 “B” \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. 1:15 Women’s Frosh/Novice Lightweight 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. 1:25 Men’s Lightweight Varsity 4 \_\_\_\_\_

- 22. 1:35 Women's Lightweight Varsity 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. 1:45 Men's 2x \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. 1:55 Women's Frosh/Novice 8 "B" \* \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. 2:05 Men's Frosh/Novice 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. 2:15 Women's Frosh/Novice 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. 2:30 Men's Varsity 4 "B" \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. 2:45 Women's Varsity 4 "B" \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. 3:00 Men's Varsity 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. 3:15 Women's Varsity 4 \_\_\_\_\_

\* Exhibition event. Medals awarded, no points or trophy. TOTAL ENTRY FEE DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION/CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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**COLLEGIATE ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY ROSTER**

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use separate forms for men's and women's crews)      MEN/WOMEN \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the following individuals are enrolled as students in good standing and meet this institution's academic and athletic eligibility guidelines.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR/POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFO: (work phone) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY (Coach): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide completed roster to the regatta director at the headquarters tent prior to launching your crews.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>FIRA Classification (V, LtV, JV, Fr/Nov)</u> |
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