

Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta

Fairness and Safety Rules

The Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta is a USRowing Registered Regatta and will enforce the following rules from the latest edition of the *USRowing Rules of Racing*.

2-404 Interference or Foul (*)

- (a) If a Crew has left, or is about to leave, its own water and is in danger of Interference with another Crew that is rowing in its own water, the Referee shall instruct the offending Crew to alter its course as described in Rule 2-407(a) (“Referee’s Instructions to Crews”). A Crew leaves its water when any part of its boat or Equipment leaves the Crew’s assigned lane.
- (b) It shall not be Interference if a Crew is Washed or obstructed while rowing outside its own water. If two Crews both rowing outside their own water are in danger of collision, the Referee shall instruct them to keep apart as described in Rule 2-407(a)(1) (“Referee’s Instructions to Crews”), but neither Crew shall be entitled to claim Interference as a result of any such collision.
- (c) A Crew, improperly rowing outside of its water, shall yield to another Crew attempting to return to its own water.
- (d) If a Crew fails to respond to instructions, or if it is about to cause a serious collision, the Referee may order the Crew to stop rowing as described in Rule 2-407(b) (“Referee’s Instructions to Crews”).

2-408 Instruction to Avoid Unsafe or Unfair Conditions (*)

- (a) If a Crew is rowing outside its assigned lane and is thereby in a position to gain an unfair advantage, either by shortening its course or by receiving the benefit of more favorable environmental conditions such as wind or current, the Referee shall instruct the Crew to return to its lane as described in Rule 2-407(a) (“Referee’s Instructions to Crews”). If the Crew does not comply with such instruction, the Referee may impose any one of the penalties described in Rule 2-602 (“Types of Penalties”).
- (b) If a Crew is steering towards a previously unknown or unidentified obstacle or installation obstructing its assigned lane, and is in reasonable danger of collision, the Referee shall alert the Crew by raising a white flag vertically, calling out the name of the Crew, and then calling out “Obstacle!,” and instruct the Crew to alter its course as described in Rule 2-407(a) (“Referee’s Instructions to Crews”). If collision is imminent, the Referee shall order the Crew to stop as described in Rule 2-407(b) (“Referee’s Instructions to Crews”), after which it may correct its course and continue with the Race. If the opportunity of a Crew to win, place, or advance is

affected by such occurrence, the Referee may take appropriate action to restore that opportunity pursuant to Rule 2-603 (“Restoring Opportunity of Winning; Altering Results”).

- (c) If a Crew is rowing outside its assigned lane and is thereby in a position to gain an unfair advantage, either by shortening its course or by receiving the benefit of more favorable environmental conditions such as wind or current, the Referee shall instruct the Crew to return to its lane as described in Rule 2-407(a) (“Referee’s Instructions to Crews”). If the Crew does not comply with such instruction, the Referee may impose any one of the penalties described in Rule 2-602 (“Types of Penalties”).

3-105 Bowballs (*)

Every boat shall have a supple or plastic ball, of a white or fluorescent color, firmly attached and mounted on its bow, unless equivalent provision for visibility and protection against puncture injury is included in the boat’s basic construction. The bowball shall be at least 4 centimeters in diameter.

3-108 Footgear Release (*)

- (a) In all boats, the foot stretchers, shoes or other devices holding the feet of the Rowers shall be a type which allows the Rowers to get clear of the boat with no delay.
- (b) Where shoes or other devices holding the feet will remain in the boat, each shoe or device shall be independently restrained such that the heel will not lift more than three inches (7.5 cm) above the foot board to which it is anchored.

3-109 Boat Construction for Coxswains (*)

A boat in which the body of the Coxswain is enclosed, or partially enclosed, within the hull of the boat shall conform to the following requirements:

- (a) The opening through which the Coxswain enters and exits shall be at least 2.30 feet (70 cm.) long when measured along the longitudinal axis of the boat. For a length of at least 1.64 feet (50 cm.), the opening shall be as wide as the inner hull of the boat itself.
- (b) The inner surface within which the Coxswain’s body rests shall be smooth and free of any obstacles, devices, or other structures that would hinder quick exit.