

# JEFFERSON DAD VAIL REGATTA

## Regatta Instruction Bulletin – 2026

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### *Regatta Schedule*

FRIDAY, MAY 8: Time trials begin at 7:00 A.M and run until late morning. Heats start early afternoon and finish at 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 9: Semi-Final Heats begin at 7:00 A.M. and finish late morning. Finals run from 12:00PM to 5:00 P.M.

**Please note: These times are approximate and may change.** Refer to the schedule posted on DadVail.org for event number, event times, number of heats, and number of qualifiers to advance.

For ALL Men's and Women's Varsity Eights there will be first round heats followed by repechage heats (depending on the number of entries), followed by semi-finals and finals.

#### *New or back for 2026*

The National Collegiate Sculling Championship was a great success last year and is back for 2026.

The simplified entry fee model we initiated last year remains in place. You need to join as a member organization for \$200 before making your entries. The cost for each class of boat is now proportional to the size

Doubling up in sweep events is no longer permitted.

#### *Rules to be aware of*

- The only races that allow more than a single entry per team are the Single, Pair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Varsity Eight, Frosh/Novice Eight, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Four.
- You must enter a Varsity Four or Varsity Eight to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Four.
- You must enter a Varsity Eight and 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Eight to enter a 3<sup>rd</sup> Varsity Eight.
- A lightweight entry does not count towards qualifying to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity event.
- We will allow a lower-level crew to race if your varsity is racing elsewhere. You must provide proof by submitting the lineups of both crews to John Leonard at [scullerjohn@aol.com](mailto:scullerjohn@aol.com).

### ELIGIBILITY

The Director of Athletics or his/her designee must ensure and sign off that all participants are eligible to compete per NCAA regulations. Please see the new Eligibility document posted in the Coaches & Coxswains main menu item in DadVail.org.

### DOUBLING UP

In order to promote sculling, we are not restricting doubling up for any sculling events. Doubling up is not permitted for sweep events. An athlete may double up in 1 sculling event and 1 sweep event. The details are in the new eligibility document mentioned just above.

### WEBSITE

Additional information can be found on the official Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta ([www.dadvail.org](http://www.dadvail.org)) and Regatta Central ([www.regattacentral.com/regatta](http://www.regattacentral.com/regatta)) websites:

### TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Entries and Payments: Coaches are expected to make all entries and payments through Regatta Central.
2. Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta name and logo: Remember that the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta 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).
3. Student Volunteers: The Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta asks that each team contribute **two volunteers** to help with Stake Boats and other positions – this is one four-hour commitment during the Regatta. It enables the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta to continue operate as a premier collegiate Regatta.

Please provide the following information to Tricia Winton (Director of Volunteers) at [tricia@rightsizemm.com](mailto:tricia@rightsizemm.com)

- Coach: name, email address, and cell number
  - Student Volunteers' names, email addresses, and cell numbers
4. Competitor Attire: Shirts or Singlets must be uniform in each boat.

### TRAFFIC INFORMATION -Racecourse

Check on dadvail.org for more details on racecourse traffic.

### PUBLICITY

If you wish, pre-regatta publicity releases accompanied by professional grade photographs should be forwarded to: Ed Levin at: [levins51@verizon.net](mailto:levins51@verizon.net). Publication shall be at the discretion of DVROC and surrender of all reserved rights is operative by submission.

### REGISTRATION & FEES

- 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 two volunteers that each team will provide to Tricia Winton, Director of Volunteers at [tricia@rightsizemm.com](mailto:tricia@rightsizemm.com).
- Lightweight rowers and coxswains must weigh in, but other rowers **do not** need to go through the registration process. **Additional information will be posted on our website.**

Regatta Central serves as the Internet Agent for the 2023 Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta registration and all entries. Teams must register at Regatta Central and **remit all payments to them**. All athletes **must** enter US Rowing waivers on Regatta Central by **May 6, 2026**.

#### *Entry Fees – Same as they were in 2025*

**Every team must pay a \$200 membership fee before entering any boats. This fee does not apply to entry fees on boats. There is no long any affiliate fee. Every team pays the same for all entries. Fees are now based on the size of the boat.**

- **Deadline for entries, and all fees is Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at midnight.**
  - Singles \$175
  - Doubles/Pair \$250
  - Quads/Fours \$350
  - Eights \$400.

#### *Scratches*

The Regatta Committee will accept scratches up to 11:59PM, Friday, May 1, without penalty.

- FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE!
- The Regatta Committee may penalize (with fines) scratches not submitted by the above date.
- Fines will be equal to the boat entry fee.

#### *Event Cancellation*

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

### REGATTA WEIGH-IN REQUIREMENTS AND WINDOW

- Weigh-in is REQUIRED for all competitors in Lightweight Events.
- Weigh-in is REQUIRED for all coxswains.
- Lightweight rowers and coxswains will only have to weigh in once for the Regatta.
  - Primary Weigh-in Window: Thursday afternoon, May 8, from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
  - Secondary Weigh-in Window: Friday morning, May 9, from 6AM to 10AM for those arriving after the Primary Weigh-in Window is closed.
- Lightweight entries need not have a Varsity Heavyweight entered to compete in the Lightweight race.
  1. The posted Entry Form specifies the weight requirements for entrants in events.
  2. Coxswains in Men's events – 120 lb. minimum.

3. Coxswains in Women's events – 110 lb. minimum.
4. Men's Lightweight events – 160 lb. maximum. No Average, Rower > 161 lbs. excluded, Rower ≤ 161 lbs. has one additional weigh-in within 1 hour.
5. Women's Lightweight events – 130 lb. maximum. No Average, Rower > 131 lbs. excluded, Rower ≤ 131 lbs. has one additional weigh-in within 1 hour.

**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 balls affixed to their bow points.
- Teams must supply their own lane number/bow markers. You will not be permitted to race without a bow marker. Races will not be delayed because a crew does not have a bow marker, or if a crew states, "their marker fell off". Coaches Please Note: Bow Marker Rule is strictly enforced by the Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta.

## PARTICIPATION

- No crew may enter a Junior Varsity event unless entered and participating in a Varsity event.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta reserves the right to accept or decline entries based on a program's competitive alignment with the regatta.
- 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](http://dadvail.org)

## TIME TRIALS

Refer to separate posted document on the rules for time trials for this year's Regatta.

## SHELL STORAGE AND PARKING -

- No shells are to be stored or launched from the Camden County Boat House. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Do not park in the LaScalla Restaurant lot.
- All shells are to be stored at the LAUNCH SITES at Cuthbert Ave (lot below the finish line) or the lot close to the 1400 meters near the LaScalla Restaurant. You will be directed upon arrival, check [dadvail.org](http://dadvail.org) for updates.
- All vehicles must follow directions of Regatta 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 three places. IF FOUR BOATS OR LESS enter an event, the medals and points will be awarded as follows:

- 4 Boat Race - Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals & points 4, 3, 2, 1
- 3 Boat Race - Gold & Silver Medals & points 3, 2, 1

- 2 Boat Race - Gold Medal & points 2, 1
- 1 Boat Race - NO RACE

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

### ***Trophies***

Trophies will be awarded along with the medals in the finish line area. Additional information will be disseminated regarding distribution of awards.

### ***Point Trophies***

See separate document on our new points system and trophies that are available as several new categories have been added.

Points are not awarded for exhibition/demonstration events. Collegiate only Para events will earn points.
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## **SEEDING & LANE ASSIGNMENTS**

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

### ***Lanes***

Lane assignments for Semi-Finals and Finals will be printed in the Heat Sheets. 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 a special Lane Committee on site during the regatta.

## **CONTACT:**

- John F. Leonard, Regatta Secretary, Dad Vail Regatta Organizing Committee (DVROC)  
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