



2010

# Grand League Regatta Series



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## 1.0 Regattas.

The Grand League Regatta Series will take place at the following regattas -

1. **Skibbereen** at the National Rowing Centre,(NRC), Inniscarra, Cork Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
(6-8 lanes)
2. **Queens** at Castlewellan, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April (6 lanes)
3. **Cork** at the NRC, Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May (6-8 lanes)
4. **Metro** at Blessington, Saturday/Sunday 12/13<sup>th</sup> June (6 lanes)
5. **Athlone** at Coosan Point, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June (5 lanes)
6. **Limerick** at O'Brien's Bridge, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August (4 lanes)
7. **Monkstown** at the NRC, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August (6-8 lanes)

## 2.0 Race Scheduling and Status Categories

Consistent race scheduling will exist from regatta to regatta. The scheduling is determined to allow as much boat usage as possible given the complex nature of the boats, grades, genders and categories of the sport of rowing.

The scheduling and the status categories will be as follows:

The morning series of timed races (heats) and finals (note all J15 and J14 races are final series) --

The sequence will remain the same and the exact timing of each race series will depend on the entry and the nature of each course.

### AM Heats

4 X	Women	WS 4X	WU23 4X	WI 4X	WJ18 4X	
4 +	Women	WS 4+	WI 4+			
1 X	Men	MN 1X	MJ18B 1X	MJ16 1X		
2 -	Men	MS 2-	MU23 2-	MI2-	MJ18 2-	
4 X +	Women	WN 4X+	WJ16 4X+			
8 +	Men	MN 8+	MJ18B8+	MJ16 8+		
2 X	Women	WS2X	WU232X	WI 2X	WJ182X	
4 +	Women	WN 4+	WJ18 B 4+	WJ16 4+		
1 X	Men	MS 1X	MU23 1X	MI 1X	MLW 1X	MJ18 1X
2 X	Women	WN 2X	WJ18B 2X	WJ16 2X		
4 +	Men	MS 4+	MI 4+	MJ18A 4+		
8 +	Women	WS 8+	WU23 8+	WI 8+	WJ18 8+	

### AM

### Finals

4 X	Women	WS 4X	WU23 4X	WI 4X	WJ18 4X	
4 +	Women	WS 4+	WI 4+			
1 X	Men	MN 1X	MJ18B 1X	MJ16 1X		
2 -	Men	MS 2-	MU23 2-	MI 2-	MJ18 2-	
4 X +	Women	WN 4X+	WJ16 4X+			
8 +	Men	MN 8+	MJ18B8+	MJ16 8+		
2 X	Women	WS2X	WU232X	WI 2X	WJ18 2X	
4 +	Women	WN 4+	WJ16 4+			
1 X	Men	MS 1X	MU23 1X	MI 1X	MLW 1X	MJ18 1X
4 X +	Men	MJ15 4X+				
2 X	Women	WN 2X	WJ18B2X	WJ16 2X		
4 +	Men	MS 4+	MI 4+	MJ18A 4+		
8 +	Women	WS 8+	WU23 8+	WI 8+	WJ18 8+	

The afternoon series of timed races and finals:-

PM  
Heats/Finals

1 X	Men	MJ14 1X				
1 X	Women	WJ15 1X				
4 X +	Women	WJ14 4X+				
2 X	Men	MS 2X	MU23 2X	MI 2X	MJ18 2X	
4 -	Men	MS 4-	MU23 4-			
4 X +	Men	MN 4X+	MJ16 4X+			
1 X	Women	WN 1X	WJ18B 1X	WJ16 1X		
2 -	Women	WS 2-	WU23 2-	WI 2-	WJ18 2-	
8 +	Women	WN 8+	WJ18B8+	WJ16 8+		
4+	Men	MN 4+	MJ18B 4+	MJ16 4+		
1 X	Women	WS 1X	WU23 1X	WI 1X	WLW 1X	WJ18 1X
4 X	Men	MS 4X	MU23 4X	MI 4X	MJ18 4X	
2 X	Men	MN 2X	MJ18B2X	MJ16 2X		
4 -	Women	WS 4 -	WU23 4 -	WJ18 4 -		
8 +	Men	MS 8+	MU23 8+	MI 8+	MJ18 8+	

PM  
Finals

1 X	Men	MJ15 1X				
1 X	Women	WJ14 1X				
4 X +	Men	MJ14 4X +				
2 X	Men	MS 2X	MU23 2X	MI 2X	MJ18 2X	
4 -	Men	MS 4-	MU23 4-			
4 X +	Men	MN 4X+	MJ16 4X+			
1 X	Women	WN 1X	WJ18B 1X	WJ16 1X		
2 -	Women	WS 2-	WU23 2-	WI 2-	WJ18 2-	
4 X +	Women	WJ15 4X+				
8 +	Women	WN 8+	WJ18B8+	WJ16 8+		
4+	Men	MN4+	MJ18B 4+	MJ16 4+		
1 X	Women	WS 1X	WU23 1X	WI 1X	WLW 1X	WJ18 1X
4 X	Men	MS 4X	MU23 4X	MI 4X	MJ18 4X	
2 X	Men	MN 2X	MJ18B2X	MJ16 2X		
4 -	Women	WS 4 -	WU23 4 -	WJ18 4 -		
8 +	Men	MS 8+	MU23 8+	MI 8+	MJ18 8+	

## 2.1 Timing Team

A dedicated timing team will operate consistently over the series of regattas.

## 2.2 Results

Results will be posted as soon as practicable after each GL Regatta at [www.rowingireland.ie](http://www.rowingireland.ie)

## 3.0     *New Racing Format*

### *3.1 Divisions of Boats*

Each boat category will be divided into 2 major divisions plus the Junior 15 and 14 races.

The “Experienced” division will comprise Senior (open, U23, Lwt), Intermediate and Junior 18A grades (note – not all grades are raced in all boats),

The “Beginners” division will comprise Novice, Junior 18 B, and Junior 16 grades.

Further to these two divisions are the Junior 15 and Junior 14 series which will be run as separate races.

### *3.2 Race Format.*

Races will be in two parts.

#### **Timed Races**

Part 1 will comprise a series of timed races.

All lanes filled as per a blind draw starting with the Senior grades and working down the grades.

There will be no restarts for timed races (heats). Crews that break the start will receive a time penalty (15 seconds).

It will be the responsibility of all crews to be in the start zone on time, on the start and ready on time – per RI rules.

#### **Finals**

Part 2 will comprise a series of finals based on the results of the timed races. Fastest crews will fill “A” finals, next fastest the “B” final, and so on.

Fastest “A” final will be last race in each series.

#### **Lane Selection.**

Fastest crews will fill centre lane and alternate outward.

### *3.3 Declarations*

Crews will be required to declare before the timed races and again before the finals. As a result of crews deciding not to declare, positions will ripple up to fill the gap.

### *3.4 Senior Under 23 Category*

Under 23 is a Senior category restricted to the following definition:

A rower may compete in an Under 23 event until 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 22.

### *3.5 Race Distance*

Junior 15 and 14 – not more than 1500m.

Senior – Junior 16 – not more than 2000m.

### *3.6 Empacher Number Slots*

All boats must have empacher number slots for bow numbers.

### *3.7 Price*

A price of €10 per person per event entered has been determined as fair to both competitor and organiser. The competitor gets two full course competitive races per event. The organiser must cover costs in running the regatta which are significant. All regattas are committed to improving their events and a small profit will enable some of the needed improvements to take place. Even at €10 there is no guarantee the regatta will break even. Hence the desire to develop a spectacle that in the future will be worthy of attracting sponsors.

Junior 15 and Junior 14 the fee is €5 per person per event.

## 4.0 Embedded League: Grand League Categories

Embedded within the Regatta will be a League.

The categories are listed in the table below.

Men						Junior 18			Junior 15		Junior 14	
Senior	U23	Lwt	Inter	Junior 18	Junior	Men	Novice	Junior 18B	Junior 16	Junior 15	Junior 14	
8+	GRAND	GRAND		GRAND	GRAND		8+	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND		
4x	GRAND	GRAND		GRAND	GRAND		4x					
4-	GRAND	GRAND					4-					
4+	GRAND			GRAND	GRAND		4+	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND		
4x+							4x+	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	4x+	
2x	GRAND	GRAND		GRAND	GRAND		2x	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND		
2-	GRAND	GRAND		GRAND	GRAND		2-					
1x	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND		1x	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	1x	

  

Women						Junior 18			Junior 15		Junior 14	
Senior	U23	Lwt	Inter	Junior 18	Junior	Women	Novice	Junior 18B	Junior 16	Junior 15	Junior 14	
8+	GRAND	GRAND		GRAND	GRAND		8+	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND		
4x	GRAND	GRAND		GRAND	GRAND		4x					
4-	GRAND	GRAND			GRAND		4-					
4+	GRAND			GRAND			4+	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND		
4x+							4x+	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	4x+	
2x	GRAND	GRAND		GRAND	GRAND		2x	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND		
2-	GRAND	GRAND		GRAND	GRAND		2-					
1x	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND		1x	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	1x	

## 5.0 Points for the League

Points for the Grand League will be allocated as follows for each category in the league:

1 <sup>st</sup>	10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	4 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	3 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	2 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	1 point

Points are only awarded to the grade that the crew actually enters – so, eg if an Intermediate status crew wishes to pick up points in U23 they must enter that grade, they will then be ineligible for the Inter status win but will be eligible for the Senior status win.

Clubs can win several sets of points if they enter multiple crews.

As Open and U23 are Senior grades, composites are allowed. In the event of a composite winning a portion of the points will be allocated to each club pro rata.

A bonus point will be award to each Junior and Intermediate crew that finishes ahead of a Senior crew. One point for each Senior crew in their particular final that they finish ahead of.

## 6.0 Status points

As per the rules of racing, where two or more crews (not from the same club) have entered and taken part to constitute a race, status points will be awarded accordingly.

## 7.0 Prizes

There will be Five Prizes as well as individual boat category pennants to be raced for -

Overall Club	€750
Open Men	€300
Open Women	€300
Junior Men	€300
Junior Women	€300

The Grand League Category winners will be presented with pennants.

The 5 awards will go to the clubs achieving the greatest number of points over the Regatta series.

All 7 Grand League Regattas count for points.

Awards will be presented at the AGM.

More detailed information is available in the Information Document on the Grand League Regatta Series.