



BUFFALO REGATTA 2024 – REGATTA NOTICE

1.0 Regatta Format

- 1.1 The regatta consists of six lane sprint racing over 1000 and 2000 meters.
- 1.2 The provisional schedule for the regatta is as follows :-

8 th February	06h00 to 18h30	Junior Heats for Buffalo Regatta and Finals – as per the Order of Events
10 th February	06h00 to 18h30	Senior/Junior Heats and All Finals – as per the Order of Events <u>Finals will start 20 min after the last heat has been raced</u>

2.0 Local Rules

- 2.1 Except as detailed below the RowSA Rules of Racing apply.
- 2.2 No junior, apart from coxes, may be entered in a Senior event.
- 2.3 **No composite crews are permitted, including coxes, except for Masters Events.**
- 2.4 **ALL crews are to race in their recognized club colours. ie. The colours of the club with which they are officially registered and affiliated to. ROWSA rule 5.2.1.**
An athlete may not compete for, or represent two (2) different clubs during the event.
- 2.5 Progression to the Finals will be in accordance with Rule A2 Rules of Progression for an Eight Lane Course, contained in the Rules of Racing issued by Rowing South Africa, effective from 10 August 2017, curtailed to Six lanes.
- 2.6 In view of the length of the program:
 - The Organising Committee reserves the right to combine races of similar boat classes, where the number of entries allows. In the event of combined races (except Snr C – See Addendum C), each class of boat will compete for medals in its own class if there are a minimum of 2 entries for the event.
 - Crews and boats not at the start of their event 2 minutes **BEFORE** the scheduled published start-time of the event may be excluded from the race.
 - In the event of time lost due to bad weather, events might regrettably be removed from the program or race distances shortened to ensure the safety of athletes and in an attempt to still achieve some competitive racing – this will be the sole decision of the President of Jury for the event.
- 2.7 In order to run on time, inexperienced crews causing significant delays during alignment will be removed from the racing lanes and disqualified.

- 2.8 In the event of 2 heats converting to a straight final due to scratching, the combined heat must race at the time of the heat as a time trial (then decide if they will still row the final)
- 2.9 All heats should be raced for time (**should finals not be raced due to possible thunderstorms, or heavy winds – which have occurred in previous years’, times taken from the Heats will be used for final results**)
- 2.10 **In an effort to bring supporter and crowd interest back into the major senior events: Snr M A 1x, 2-, 2x, 4- and Snr W A 1x, 2-, 2x, 4-, the regatta organisers will schedule these events to take place as close as possible to the times indicated below. The men’s and women’s events will also be rowed directly after each other**
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| A 2- at 12:30 | A 1x at 12:00 |
| A 4- at 15:00 | A 2x at 15:30 |
- 2.11 **A traditional random lane draw will be conducted for the Grand Challenge, Silver Sculls, Woman’s A 4- and 1x’s Finals. This will be a Public draw which will take place at Regatta Control, 30 minutes after the last Heat for these events has been rowed on the Saturday morning.** The draw will be conducted as follows:

The athletes who qualify to race in the Finals of the Grand Challenge, Silver Sculls, Woman’s A 4- and 1x events, following the progression rules to the final, will have their name physically drawn against a lane number to determine their lane allocations. This will be a public draw and coaches and athletes may be present at the time of the draw.

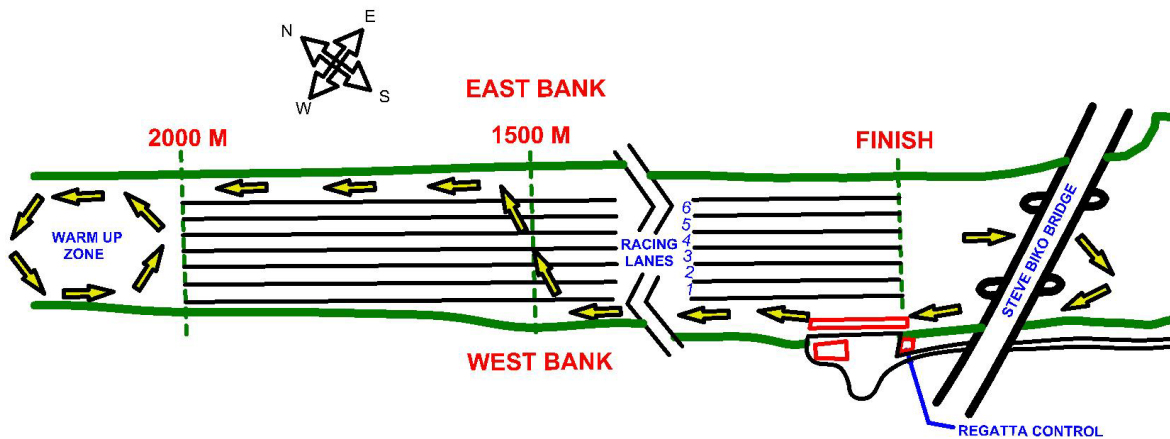
2.12 Finals

In the events of heats, the draw for the finals will be undertaken 3 hours after the completion of the last heat for each event. Progression from the heats will be in terms of the Rules of Racing for 8 lanes curtailed for a 6 lane course. The draw will be to determine the lane allocations.

3.0 Navigation Rules during Racing

- 3.1 Boats may only be launched from the jetties.
- 3.2 Boats must be launched on the West bank with their bows pointing up-river.
- 3.3 **All boats must proceed to the start against the West Bank (Clubhouse Bank) and must remain on this side until they reach the 1500m mark. At the 1500m mark, crews must move across the course to the East Bank and proceed to the 2000m start. CREWS MAY ONLY CROSS AT THE COURSE AT THE 1500M AND ONLY WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO. It is strictly forbidden for any crew to move up-river against the West Bank between the 1500 and 2000 meter marks.**
- 3.4 Crews waiting at the 2000m mark must remain out of the umpire zone and only proceed onto the 2000m start line when requested to do so by the Umpire. The marshaling zone will be between the 2075m and the 2150m mark. The designated warm-up area is beyond the 2150m mark. During warm-up in the warm-up zone, crews are to circulate moving up-river against the East Bank (City Side) and down-river against the West Bank (Clubhouse Side) i.e. Anti-clockwise circulation.

- 3.5 Any crew required to return to the jetties during the regatta and which is not part of a race may only do so under the permission and instruction of a regatta umpire. The returning crew must utilize racing lane 6 in between races to move safely to the finish line.
- 3.6 Crews reaching the finish line and intending to return to the jetties must proceed through the Steve Biko Bridge between the pylons before turning towards the West Bank. **IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN FOR ANY BOAT TO TURN IN FRONT OF THE BRIDGE.** Crews moving up-river towards the jetties must pass under the Steve Biko Bridge between the West Bank and the bridge pylon.



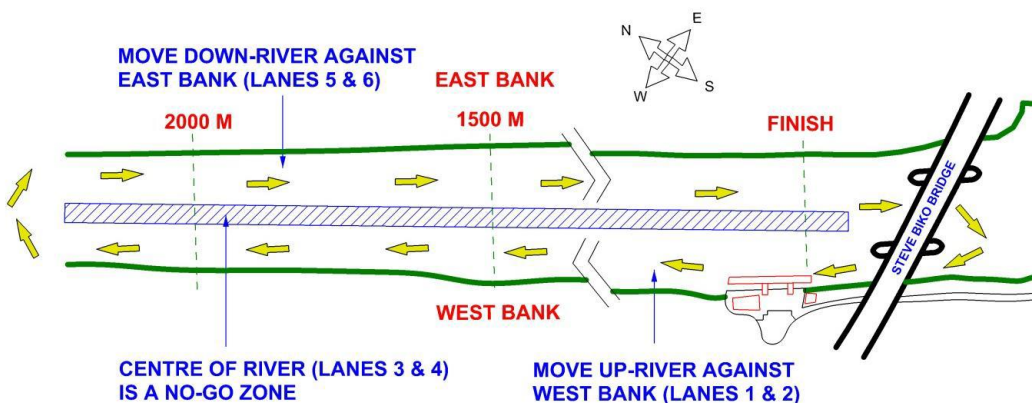
For umpire and marshaling zones see Rule 3.4 above

4 Navigation Rules during Training

4.1 During training, crews moving from the start to the finish line may only row down the course in lanes 5 and 6. Lanes 3 and 4 must be considered as forbidden territory and lanes 1 and 2 for moving up-river. No training crews will be permitted to boat during regatta time from 30 minutes before the first race of the day to 30 minutes after the last race of the day.

NAVIGATION RULES DURING TRAINING

BUFFALO RIVER EAST LONDON



5 Entries

5.1 Junior Clubs/Schools may enter a maximum of three (3) crews per event except as allowed in Rule 6.1. **The first choice crew must be entered first in the regatta entry system. This will indicate the 'A' crew.**

5.2 Junior Clubs entering crews into 'age-group' events: as per ROWSA rules 2.3.1

1) Composite crews are not permitted and junior athletes must all be representing the same club and may not represent 2 clubs at the same event

2) Clubs entering juniors in age-group events who attend schools which are 'rowing schools', will have the relevant crew disqualified from the event as the junior athletes are to be racing for their school unless approval is received from ROWSA.

5.3 Events offered at Buffalo Regatta 2023 are detailed in **Appendix A**. The proposed race schedule is detailed in **Appendix B**.

5.4 Appendix C - Notice of Change of Events (2023 & 2024)

Senior Mens and Womens 1x (2000m)

- Senior Mens A, B, C and u23 1x will be combined into one event: Mens 1x. Athletes will be ceded through the various heats. The winner of each heat will receive automatics progression into Mens 1x A Final (Silver Sculls). All athletes must race for times which will be used for progression into A Final, B Final, C Final etc.
- Senior Womens A, B, C and u23 1x will be combined into one event: Womens 1x. Athletes will be ceded through the various heats. The winner of each heat will receive automatics progression into Womens 1x A Final. All athletes must race for times which will be used for progression into A Final, B Final, C Final etc.

Masters Events:

- Separate Events for Men and Women have been created as well as Masters Mixed 2x/2- and 4x/4-. This to encourage greater Masters participation and competition.

5.5 Entries must be submitted using the online Regatta Entry System at www.regatta.co.za. Contact Gaynor at row@rowsa.co.za if you need assistance. **NO OTHER ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

5.6 The **Closing Date** for **ENTRIES AND PAYMENT** is:

Monday 22nd JANUARY 2024 at 17h00 (5.00 PM)

5.7 Entry fees (per competitor per event **excluding** coxes) are as follows:

- Senior Men and Women Entries: R 80-00/seat
- Junior Men and Women Entries: R 65-00/seat

5.8 Payment is to be made by direct deposit into the following bank account:

EAST LONDON BOATING ASSOCIATION
Standard Bank, Vincent, East London.
Account No.: 241 454 956
Branch Code : 053721
Reference : Club/School Name

5.9 Proof of payment is to be e-mailed to finance@elba.org.za

A strict policy of 'No Pay – No Race', rule will be implemented.

5.10 The draft draw will be available on **Monday 29th January 2024**

5.11 Final draw will be published on **Friday 2nd February 2024**

5.12 If an event is over-subscribed (entries exceed maximum limit) all 'A' boats will be included. 'B' boats will be included on a first-come-first-served basis with respect to receipt of entries, provided payment has also been received.

5.13 If any entries are not accepted due to over-subscription of the event, the fees will be reimbursed by the East London Boating Association by the 29th March 2024.

5.14 Entry fees **WILL NOT** be reimbursed for entries being scratched after the closing date of **22nd January 2024**.

6 Late Entries

6.1 Late entries will be accepted if there is space available according to the draw published on 2nd February 2024.

6.2 Late entries for Juniors will be accepted on a cash-only basis on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at Regatta Control from 15:00 to 16:00.

6.3 Late entries for Seniors will be accepted on a cash-only basis on Friday, 9th February 2024 at Regatta Control from 17:00 to 18:00.

6.4 No late entries will be accepted at any other stage during the course of the regatta.

6.5 Late entry fees (**per competitor per event excluding coxes**) are as follows:

- Snr A Men and Women Events R 95-00
- Senior Events R 75-00
- Junior Events R 60-00

7 Prize Giving

7.1 Medals for all non-trophy events for the Buffalo Regatta will be presented from Regatta Control once the results of the event have been published.

7.2 All trophies for Seniors and Juniors, including points trophies, will be presented at the Clubhouse approximately 1 hour after the final race on Saturday.

7.3 Points are allocated as follows 1st Place = 30 points. 2nd place = 20 points, 3rd place =10 points.

7.4 Points Trophies will be presented to the Senior and Junior Clubs

8 Safety Briefing

8.1 **The entering of your club and athletes in this event serves as an acceptance of indemnity for this regatta, namely that you declare that you understand and accept the rules of entry and that you shall participate at your own risk and indemnify the Regatta Organisers, Sponsors and Officials of the event.**

8.2 An officials' safety briefing will take place 30 minutes prior to the start of racing on each day, highlighting the control from race officials as well as Safety Rules and Guidelines for the event.

8.3 A copy of the "Event Safety Rules and Guidelines" (**Annexure D**) will be available from Regatta Control should a club wish to access a printed copy.

8.4 **It is the responsibility of each Club Representative to communicate, inform and explain these "Event Safety Rules and Guidelines" (Annexure D) to their respective teams and athletes.**

9 General

9.1 Access to the regatta venue is via Nuffield Road from Settlers Way or from the Old Bridge. A site parking plan is attached.

10 Indemnity

10.1 The entering of your school or members serves as an acceptance of Indemnity in this regatta, namely that you declare that you accept your own risk and indemnify the Regatta Organisers, Sponsors and Officials of this rowing regatta against any claim of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising, which may result from your schools, clubs and/or your rowers' participation.

10.2 The entering of your school or members further serves that the athlete placed onto the water has passed the required water safety testing and that the responsibility of such competency has been passed by the school, club and coached concerned.

All entries must comprise competent swimmers who must have successfully completed the Sculling Test in terms of Rule 2.1.2 of the Rules of Racing, 28 July 2018 Edition.



Graeme Mountfort
ELBA President
ELBA Regatta Convener
East London Boating Association

APPENDIX A - Buffalo Regatta Events

Division	1x	2x	2-	4x	4+	4-	8x	8+
Senior Men								
A (2000m)	√	√	√			√		√
B (2000m)		√	√			√		√
C (1000m)		√		√				
Senior Women								
A (2000m)	√	√	√			√		√
B (2000m)		√	√			√		√
C (1000m)		√		√				
U23								
Men (2000m)	Mens 1x	√	√			√		
Women (2000m)	Women 1x	√	√			√		
Junior Men								
1st (2000m)	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
2nd (2000m)	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
U16 (2000m)	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
U15 (1000m)	√	√		√			√	
Junior Women								
1st (2000m)	√	√	√	√	√			√
2nd (2000m)	√	√		√				
U16 (2000m)	√	√	√	√	√			
U15 (1000m)	√	√		√			√	
Masters (1000m)	√	√		√				√

APPENDIX B – Order of Events

Finals will start 20 minutes after the last heat is rowed on each day

Thursday Finals: 8th February 2024

FINAL	TIME	DISCRIPTION OF EVENT	DISTANCE	DIVISION	TROPHY
1	15:22	Jnr Women u15 1x	1000	JNRWU15	
2	15:29	Jnr Men u15 1x	1000	JNRWU15	
3	15:36	Jnr Women 2 nd 2x	2000	JNRW2ND	
4	15:43	Jnr Men 2 nd 2x	2000	JNRM2ND	
5	15:50	Jnr Men 2 nd 2-	2000	JNRM2ND	
6	15:57	Jnr Women u16 1x	2000	JNRWU16	
7	16:04	Jnr Men u16 1x	2000	JNRWU16	
8	16:11	Jnr Women u16 2-	2000	JNRMU16	
9	16:18	Jnr Men u16 2-	2000	JNRMU16	
10	16:25	Jnr Women u15 8x	2000	JNRM2ND	
11	16:32	Jnr Men u15 8x	1000	JNRWU15	
12	16:39	Jnr Women 1 st 1x	2000	JNRW1ST	ERA Trophy
13	16:46	Jnr Men 1 st 1x	2000	JNRW1ST	
14	16:53	Jnr Women 1 st 2-	2000	JNRM1ST	Dimi Davidow Trophy
15	17:00	Jnr Men 1 st 2-	2000	JNRM1ST	

****Above times and Finals are subject to change depending on the number of Heats rowed and entries received**

Saturday Finals: 10th February 2024

FINAL	TIME	DISCRIPTION OF EVENT	DISTANC E	DIVISION	TROPHY
16	11:30	Masters Mix 2x	1000	MAST	
17	11:35	Snr Men 1x: E Final	2000	SNRM1X	
18	11:40	Snr Women 1x: D Final	2000	SNRW1X	
19	11:45	Snr Men 1x: D Final	2000	SNRM1X	
20	11:50	Snr Women 1x: C Final	2000	SNRW1X	
21	11:55	Snr Men 1x: C Final	2000	SNRM1X	
22	12:00	Jnr Women 2 nd 1x	2000	JNRW2ND	
23	12:05	Jnr Men 2 nd 1x	2000	JNRM2ND	
24	12:10	Jnr Men 2 nd 4+	2000	JNRM2ND	
25	12:15	Jnr Men 2 nd 4-	2000	JNRM2ND	Gordon Mackie Memorial
26	12:20	Masters Men 1x	1000	MAST	
27	12:25	Masters Women 4x/4-	1000	MAST	
28	12:30	Snr Women A 2-	2000	SNRWA	Drake Trophy
29	12:35	Snr Men A 2-	2000	SNRMA	Presidents Cup
30	12:40	Jnr Women 1 st 2x	2000	JNRW1ST	
31	12:45	Jnr Men 1 st 2x	2000	JNRM1ST	
32	12:50	U23 Women 2-	2000	SNRWU23	
33	12:55	U23 Men 2-	2000	SNRMU23	
34	13:00	Snr Women 1x: B Final	2000	SNRW1X	
35	13:05	Snr Men 1x: B Final	2000	SNRM1X	
36	13:10	Snr Women 1x: A Final	2000	SNRW1X	Godlyn Rentals Trophy
37	13:15	Snr Men 1x: A Final	2000	SNRM1X	Silver Sculls
38	13:20	Jnr Men u16 8+	2000	JNRMU16	

39	13:25	Masters Mix 4X/4-	1000	MAST	
40	13:30	Snr Women C 4x/4+/4-	1000	SNRWC	
41	13:35	Snr Men C 4x/4+/4-	1000	SNRMC	
42	13:40	Snr Women B 2-	2000	SNRWB	
43	13:45	Snr Men B 2-	2000	SNRMB	
44	13:50	Jnr Women u15 4x	1000	JNRWU15	
45	13:55	Jnr Men u15 4x	1000	JNRMU15	
46	14:00	Jnr Men 1 st 4+	2000	JNRM1ST	Ronald Chilton Memorial
46	14:05	Jnr Men 1 st 4-	2000	JNRM1ST	
48	14:10	U23 Women 2x	2000	SNRWU23	
49	14:15	U23 Men 2x	2000	SNRMU23	
50	14:20	Masters 8+, and Mix 8+	1000	MAST	
51	14:25	Jnr Women u16 4x	2000	JNRWU16	
52	14:30	Jnr Men u16 4x	2000	JNRMU16	
53	14:35	Snr Women B 4-	2000	SNRWB	
54	14:40	Snr Men B 4-	2000	SNRMB	Pimms Trophy*
55	14:45	Jnr Men 2 nd Eights	2000	JNRM2ND	
56	14:50	Jnr Women 1 st 4+	2000	JNRW1ST	Coaches Trophy
57	14:55	Jnr Men 1 st 4x	2000	JNRM1ST	
58	15:00	Snr Women C 2x/2-	1000	SNRWA	
59	15:05	Snr Men C 2x/2-	1000	SNRMA	
60	15:10	Snr Women A 4-	2000	SNRWA	ERA Trophy
61	15:15	Snr Men A 4-	2000	SNRMA	Grand Challenge
62	15:20	U23 Women 4-	2000	SNRU23	ELBA Cup*
63	15:25	U23 Men 4-	2000	SNRMU23	Panmure Plate*
64	15:30	Mast Men 2x/2-	1000	MAST	

65	15:35	Mast Women 1x	1000	MAST	
66	15:40	Jnr Women u16 2x	2000	JNRWU16	
67	15:45	Jnr Men u16 2x	2000	JNRMU16	
68	15:50	Snr Women B 2x	2000	SNRWB	
69	15:55	Snr Men B 2x	2000	SNRMB	Gordon Mackie Memorial
70	16:00	Jnr Women 2 nd 4x	2000	JNRW2ND	
71	16:05	Jnr Men 2 nd 4x	2000	JNRM2ND	
72	16:10	Snr Women A 2x	2000	SNRWA	Princes Trophy
73	16:15	Snr Men A 2x	2000	SNRMA	Bob Henderson Plate
74	16:20	Jnr Women 1 st 4x: B Final	2000	JNRW1ST	
75	16:25	Jnr Men 1 st 8+: B Final	2000	JNRM1ST	
76	16:30	Jnr Woman u15 2x	1000	JNRWU15	
77	16:35	Jnr Men u15 2x	1000	JNRMU15	
78	16:40	Masters Men 4x/4+/4-	1000	MAST	
79	16:45	Masters Women 2x/2-	1000	MAST	
80	16:50	Snr Men B/u23 Eights	2000	SNRWB	
81	16:55	Snr Men B/u23 Eights	2000	SNRMB	
82	17:00	Jnr Women u16 4+	2000	JNRWU16	
83	17:05	Jnr Men u16 4+	2000	JNRMU16	
84	17:10	Jnr Men u16 4-	2000	JNRMU16	
85	17:15	Snr Woman A Eights	2000	SNRWA	
86	17:20	Jnr Woman 1 st 4x: A Final	2000	JNRW1ST	John Ferreira Memorial
87	17:25	Snr Men A Eights	2000	SNRMA	Centenary Senior Eights Trophy
88	17:30	Jnr Men 1 st Eights: A Final	2000	JNRM1ST	Axel Ohlsson Memorial

****Above race times are subject to change depending on the number of Heats rowed and entries received.**

APPENDIX C – Notice of Change of Events

Change of Events: Buffalo Regatta – 2024:

Senior/u23: Mens and Womens 1x (2000m)

- **Mens A, B, C and u23 1x** will be combined into one event: Mens 1x. Athletes will be ceded through the various heats. The winner of each heat will receive automatic progression into Mens 1x A Final (Silver Sculls). All athletes must race for times which will be used for progression into the respective: A (Silver Sculls), B, C, D Finals etc. **The winner of each Final will receive a medal.**
- **Womens A, B, C and u23 1x** will be combined into one event: Womens 1x. Athletes will be ceded through the various heats. The winner of each heat will receive automatic progression into Womens 1x A Final. All athletes must race for times which will be used for progression into the respective: A, B, C, D Finals etc. **The Winner of each Final will receive a medal.**

Masters Events:

- Separate Events for Men and Women have been created as well as Masters Mixed 2x/2- and 4x/4-. This to encourage greater Masters participation and competition.

Change of Events: Buffalo Regatta – 2023: (U23; Senior A; Senior B; Senior C)

u23 Division: Men and Women over 2000m (1x, 2x, 2- and 4-)

- This to promote and encourage more competitive racing in age-group categories for Clubs and Universities.
- An u23 athlete who is competing in any Snr A event may **NOT** also be entered into the u23 category.
- An u23 athlete who has represented South Africa at the u18 level is permitted to race in this event.
- U23 athletes who has been selected to race at an u23 or Open International events in the past 24 months prior to the Buffalo Regatta may **NOT** enter in the u23 events as this division is designed to grow and develop u23 university and club, age group racing.
- No composite crews are allowed and crews must race in their recognised club/university colours.
- University students who are older than 23 years of age must enter either Senior A, B or C events depending on their racing ability.
- Should a university or club wish to include an over-age athlete in the u23 men and women 4- event only (excl. 2-, 2x and 1x), a written request must be made to the organising committee no later than 10 days before the closing date for entries, for consideration of the request.

Senior A: (2000m Events)

***Senior M A 4+: has been removed from the programme**

- All crews must race in their club/university colours with which they are officially affiliated/registered with, National representation colours are not permitted – even in the single scull (1x) event.
- Composite crews are not permitted

Senior B Division: (2000m Events)

Men and Women 4-; 2-; 2x; 1x:

- These events are strictly for senior club entries only.
- u23 crews or athletes are encouraged to enter in u23 events. Senior B events are to encourage senior club participation, as u23 events have been created for u23 athletes.

- Should a club wish to enter an u23 athlete into a Senior B event (excl. B1x), possibly due to the fact that the athlete does not have another u23 athlete to race with, a written request must be made to the organising committee no later than 10 days before the closing date for entries, for consideration of the request.

***Men and Women Snr B/u23 8+: (2000m)**

- Clubs may combine their u23 and senior athletes to compete in this event.
- U23 and Senior B athletes and crews will be combined in this 8's event until such time as it becomes necessary to separate the B senior and u23 8's events.
- University 8's which are either a university B or C 8+, but not an A 8+ can be entered into this division.
- An athlete who has been selected to race at an u23 or Open International event in the past 24 months prior to the Buffalo Regatta may **NOT** enter in Snr B/u23 8+.
- Athletes who are u23 and have represented South Africa at only the u18 level are permitted to be entered into this event.

Senior C Division: (1000m Events)

- This division provides athletes with the opportunity to race, who have been rowing for no more than 3 years.
- C Division 8's are allowed to race however, must be entered into the B division 8's event (2000m) and will race together with the u23 and Senior B 8+. There will **NOT** be a separate medal for 'C' 8+'s

The ~~three (3)~~ two (2) C Division events for men and women which will be available on the programme will be as follows:

Men C4-/4+/4x:	Combined events as one race/no separate medals
Men C2-/2x:	Combined events as one race/no separate medals (unless entries require for separate events to be scheduled)
Men C1x	Mens 1x is one event (2000m)
Women C4-/4+/4x:	Combined events as one race/no separate medals
Women C2-/2x:	Combined events as one race/no separate medals (unless entries require for separate events to be scheduled)
Women C1x	Womens 1x is one event (2000m)