

# OARS INVITATIONAL REGATTA



Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake, Orlando

OARS is pleased to present the 2021 OARS Invitational Regatta on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us for an exciting weekend of racing. Please read through this registration packet and review entry information & regatta requirements. The OARS Invitational is not a USRowing registered regatta. The LOC will follow the rules & guidelines of FSRA & USRowing as they pertain to this regatta. If any questions arise regarding these rules, coaches will need to inquire with the LOC.

## **Important Dates:**

<b>Registration opens:</b>	<b>Sunday, February 7th</b>
<b>Entries &amp; Waivers due:</b>	<b>Saturday, March 6th</b>
<b>Payment Deadline &amp; Scratches due:</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 10th</b>
<b>Racing:</b>	<b>Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup></b>

**Venue Information:** Bill Frederick Park is located at 3401 Hiwassee Road, Orlando, Florida 32835; 407-246-4486.

There will be a \$4 per person entrance fee charged by the park. We will be requesting this fee up front so that vehicles will drive through the park with passes in their windows and won't need to stop at the gate to pay.

Parking for buses at the east end of the park. Parking for boat trailers will be on the southeast side of the spectator parking area. Boat trailer parking will be available in the designated areas beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. The gated entrance to the park is locked at 6:00 p.m. It is recommended that the trailers arrive at the site on Friday afternoon to avoid traffic and congestion on Saturday morning. All trailers should be in place by 6:45 am on Saturday.

The area that is normally parking will be designated for boat trailers and support staff only. Additional parking for support staff will be at the end of the park near the playground and finish line.

## **Directions:**

*From Tampa:* I-4 East toward Orlando. Exit Sand Lake Rd. & turn left at the ramp. Go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> light which is Turkey Lake Rd., turn right on Turkey Lake Rd. and follow 3-4 miles until it intersects with Conroy-Windermere Rd. Turn left on Conroy-Windermere. Go approximately ½ mile to the intersections of Hiwassee Rd. Turn right on Hiwassee. Go approximately ¾ mile on Hiwassee. Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake is on your right.

*From Miami:* I-95 north to the Beeline Expressway/Rt. 528 West (tollway). Follow the signs to I-4 East towards Orlando. The first exit after merging on to I-4 is Sand Lake Road. Exit Sand Lake Rd. & turn left at the ramp. Go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> light which is Turkey Lake Rd., turn right on Turkey Lake Rd. and follow 3-4 miles until it intersects with Conroy-Windermere Rd. Turn left on Conroy-Windermere. Go approximately ½ mile to the intersections of Hiwassee Rd. Turn right on Hiwassee. Go approximately ¾ mile on Hiwassee. Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake is on your right.

*From Orlando & North:* I-4 West. Exit on Conroy-Windermere Rd. Go straight on Conroy-Windermere through 4 traffic lights, the 5<sup>th</sup> light is Hiwassee. Turn right on Hiwassee. Go approximately ¾ mile on Hiwassee. Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake is on your right.

**Concessions:** Concessions will not be available. Each team should plan on bringing in their own food to serve their rowers.

**Friday Practice:** The course will be open on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00– 5:30 p.m. All teams must exit by 6:00 p.m..

**Entries:** Your registration must be submitted on [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com) by **Saturday, March 6th**. No late entries will be allowed.

Your registration must include the following. Any team not including all of these items, will not be entered into any races:

- On-line entry form
- Waivers (use the online NOARA waiver available on the FSRA website)
- Entry Fees

**Entry fees:** Eights - \$110.00; Fours/Quads - \$90.00; Doubles/Pairs - \$60; Singles - \$40.00

**Scratch fees:** Each entry scratched after **Wed. March 10<sup>th</sup>** will be charged a \$25.00 scratch fee per boat. Any team who does not pay the scratch fee will not be allowed on the water.

**Registration:** Race day registration will open at 6:30 a.m. at the pavilion near the launching docks. Please check in at registration before the coaches & coxswain meeting. **ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE ON RACE DAY** – except for scratches with a fee of \$25.00 for each boat scratched.

**Coaches & Coxswains Meeting:** The coaches & coxswains meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m. on race day at the registration area. Representatives from each team must attend.

**Levels of Competition:** Teams must enter their fastest crews on the 1<sup>st</sup> level, 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest crews on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level and 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest crew on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level. This applies to the same sized boats (a 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth 8 requires a 1<sup>st</sup> 8 entry just as a 1<sup>st</sup> 4 requires a 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 entry). If a lower class boat records a faster time than its higher level boat, the LOC may investigate & choose to eliminate boats from the event. A team may enter lightweight & freshmen events without entries in the other levels.

**Multiple entries:** A & B entries will be allowed in all sculling events. A entries will be allowed in all sweep events. Those teams wishing to add additional boats in any category should request to do so on the waitlist. If there is space available, we will allow B entries.

**Number of Flights:** With the number of teams participating, and being allowed to double, the number of flights in each event will be limited to ensure racing is completed before 6 p.m. We will fill events based on a first come – first serve basis.. If you are one of the later crews to enter and are not put in a flight, we will put your boat on a waiting list.

**Lightweight events:** A lightweight boy is defined as a rower with a maximum weight of **150 pounds**. A lightweight girl is defined as a rower with a maximum weight of **130 pounds**. Rowers must weigh in wearing race attire. No weight allowance shall be given for clothing. All rowers in a boat must weigh in as a boat. Only one opportunity to weigh in will be allowed.

**Middle school events:** Middle school mixed 8's will race a 1000 m course . 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place boats will receive medals.

**Freshmen Events:** All freshmen are defined as rowers who are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade in high school and may include rowers in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Coxswains of freshmen should be freshmen. \* If you need a non-freshmen coxswain to get your rowers on the water, please let us know.

**Cancellation of events:** Events with only one entry at the registration deadline will be eliminated and the team will be notified in advance of race day.

**Flights:** If there are more than 6 entries for an event, multiple flights shall be held. Flights will be seeded based on results from races up to this point.

**Race Course Information:** 1,500 meter, six-lane course.

**Bowballs, Bowmarkers & Shoes:** No boat will be allowed on the water without a bowball & quick release shoes. Heel ties must be in place & secure. Please bring your own bow markers & place them on your boat before you launch.

**Cancellation due to Inclement Weather:** If weather prohibits racing on Saturday, priority will be given to the level of crews that are most experienced and that conditions allow for racing. For example, a Youth 8+ event will take place over a sculling event.

**Awards:** Medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each overall event according to time. An All Points Trophy will be awarded to the team accumulating the most points. Points will be awarded for finishing positions based upon the below table.

Place	Y 8+	Y4+	Y 2nd 8+ Light 8+	2Y 4+ Fresh 4+	3rd 8+ Fresh 8+ U17 8+ Open 8+ 4x	1x 2x
1st	100	50	75	38	50	13
2nd	86	43	65	32	43	11
3rd	74	37	56	28	37	9
4th	64	32	48	24	32	8
5th	56	28	42	21	28	7
6th	50	25	38	19	25	6
7th	46	23				
8th	42	21				
9th	38	19				
10th	34	17				
11th	30	15				

## 2021 OARS Invitational Order of Events

Note: We will try to adhere to this order of events. Updated schedules will be available after we receive all entries. Times will vary based on number of entries received.

Order of events:

Event #	
1	W1x
2	M 1x
3	W Youth 8+
4	M Youth 8+
5	W F4+
6	M F4+
7	W Youth 2nd 8+
8	M Youth 2nd 8+
9	W Youth 2x
10	W Youth 3rd 8+
11	M Youth 3rd 8+
12	M Youth 2x
13	W Open 8+
14	M Open 8+
15	W Ltwt 8+
16	M Ltwt 8+
17	W Youth 4x
18	W F 8+
19	M F 8+
20	M Youth 4x
21	W Youth 2nd 4+
22	M Youth 2nd 4+
23	W U17 8+
24	M U17 8+
25	W Youth 4+
26	M Youth 4+
27	Boys MS 8+
28	Girls MS 8+
29	Mixed MS 8+

