2019 Iowa Games
Overview

The Iowa Games for Rowing has been growing rapidly. Participation in the Games went from 30 participants in 2013 to 120 participants in 2017. In 2018, we attempted a joint Games with the State of Nebraska where we had 160+ athletes. After many discussions, we decided to bring the focus of the games back to the State of Iowa.

Our goal is to embrace and support the growth of rowing in Iowa.

The event is funded by the Iowa Sports Foundation.

Each rowing program in the state takes a turn as a Host Site.

UI Recreational Services Rowing program has taken over all administrative and day of running of the event since 2014.

The event is also an USRowing Sanctioned event, using third party insurance (Iowa Sports Foundation). The registration fee covers USRowing referees and allows them to officiate the event when the host organization is a member of USRowing.

Iowa Sports Foundation
University of Iowa Recreational Services – Danelle Stipes, danelle-stipes@uiowa.edu, Cell: 865-385-9965
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Iowa City Parks & Recreation

Estimated Crowd Size: 300

120-130 Athletes
7 USRowing Race Officials
20 Volunteers
100+ Spectators

Emergency Weather Plan:

UI Recreational Services Assistant Director for Rowing (Danelle Stipes) and Head USRowing Official (Bob Hart) will make all decisions regarding weather.

Spectators – We will need a solution in the case of severe – tornado. Most will use cars if raining/storming.
Athletes and Officials – Beckwith Boathouse is shelter.
Iowa Games 2019—Race Course #1

This is the planned race course for the Games! Providing the following instances or combination of instances, racing will take place here:

River Levels are 4,000 cfs or below.
Wind Conditions are below 15 mph.

Race Course:

Warm Up Lane: Port Shore heading downstream.

Racing Lanes: 1-4 Center to Port Shore heading upstream. Racing Lanes will be marked with Orange Buoys at the Start, Middle, and Finish Line. White Buoys will help identify lanes between Orange Buoys. Land markers will be on the Park Rd Bridge and will help align crews at the start and act as Points.

Following racing, all crews will immediately Hold Water, and move to Port. Row past the dock staying to Port and then turn past the buoy placed upstream of the dock.

Spectator Area:

All Spectator Parking will be at Hancher.

Viewing of Race Courses can be found along the banks of the Iowa River on the West Shoreline between the Art Building and Hancher Auditorium. Spectators can also view the entire race from the half way point on the Hancher Foot Bridge.
In the Event of unfavorable river and wind conditions, the following race course will be used. 2k Head Race.

Warm Up Lane = Black
Race Lane = Orange
Start Line is at Crandic Park
Finish Line is near the Beckwith Boathouse
Head Race Style Racing—10 second spacing between racing boats.
SPECTATOR AREA will move to City Park and will not longer be on campus property.