

WHAT DETERMINES WHICH ROWERS COMPETE AT NATIONAL REGATTAS

What does “Qualifying Crews” mean?

The Midwest Scholastic Championship Regatta, which is also called “Midwests” or “MSRA” is the qualifying regatta in which specific New Trier boats can qualify for one or two national championship regattas based on how they finish.

Those two regattas are:

1) Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Regatta

aka “SRAAs”, “Nationals” or “Scholastic Nationals”. This regatta is exclusively school-based teams and is always held Memorial Day weekend. The location is frequently in New Jersey but has also been held in NY, TN and OH. SRAAs sees approximately 180 school teams with 560 entries competing in 32 events from 1x’s to 8+s.

2) US Rowing Youth National Championships,

aka “Youths” or “Youth Nationals”. This regatta is usually in mid-June at different locations each year. Youth National Championships sees more than 350 crews, representing some 150 teams, both club and scholastic, from across the country – all vying for national titles in 18 boat classes.

Who qualifies for SRAA Nationals?

Each region of the country holds qualifying events to send crews to SRAAs.

Only specific events at Midwests qualify for SRAAs and only 1 New Trier boat will be entered in each of those events. It is the coach’s decision whether or not to enter a New Trier boat in these events. For the Novice rowers, only the “Freshman 8+” category is eligible. All rowers must be academic Freshman in that boat. The “Novice” category includes rowers in their first year of rowing regardless of academic class. Listed below are the specific events and finish required to qualify:

Freshmen 8+ - Boys & Girls	Top 3
Junior 8+ - Boys & Girls	Top 3
Lightweight 8+ - Boys & Girls	Top 3
2V 8+ - Boys & Girls	Top 2*
1V 8+ - Boys & Girls	Top 4
1V 4+ - Boys & Girls	Top 4
Junior 4+ - Boys & Girls	Top 3
Lightweight 4+ - Boys & Girls	Top 3

*The 2V category finishers must have a qualifying 1V from their school in order to qualify.

New Trier supports SRAA’s and annually sends all of their qualifying crews to SRAAs.

The school and parent board coordinate travel, hotels, tents & food as they do for regular season regattas.

Cost: If your rower qualifies for SRAAs you will receive information about the details, including a PayPal link with the cost. **This regatta was not included in the spring season regatta fees.**

My child was named a “spare” for a qualifying regatta. What is that?

In addition to the rowers and coxswains who were in boats qualifying for SRAAs the team also takes a limited number of spares for the boys and girls teams depending on needs. Coaches will determine how many and which additional athletes will attend in case of injury/sickness to those rowers. These additional athletes are referred to as “spares”. Spares pay a reduced fee for these regattas. The spares continue training with the team and will attend the regatta with the team. At the regatta, they assist with rigging, launching, recovery and will row if the coach determines that one of the other athletes is unable to compete.

Who qualifies for Youth Nationals?

Only Varsity events at Midwests qualify for USRowing Youth Nationals and only 1 New Trier boat will be entered in each of those events. It is the coach’s decision whether or not to enter a New Trier boat in these events.

Listed below are the specific events and finish required to qualify:

1V 8+ - Boys & Girls	1 st place
Lightweight 8+ - Boys & Girls	1 st place
1V 4+ - Boys & Girls	1 st place
Lightweight 4+ - Boys & Girls	1 st place

New Trier is typically represented by all crews who qualify for Youths, but that decision will be made by the coach and the qualifying rowers/coxswain. This regatta usually takes place AFTER the end of the school year. As a result of the timing of this regatta some rowers in boats who qualify may not be able to attend. A maximum of half the boat, not including the coxswain, can be different rowers than those who rowed in the qualifying event.

Each rower/coxswain is required to be a current, “Championship” member of USRowing, so many rowers will need to UPGRADE their US rowing membership to be eligible to participate. Each participant must also have a signed waiver on file for 2016.

The Parent Board does not support this regatta. The parents of the rowers who do plan to attend Youths manage coordination of air transportation, ground transportation, meals,

and regatta site support. Hotels are reserved for the rowers/coxswains, but not parents attending the regatta.

Cost: If your rower/coxswain qualifies for Youths you will receive a travel letter with important information. In that letter the regatta fee will be listed. This fee typically includes: “per boat” entry fees, “per rower” venue fees, cost of transporting the boat trailer, hotel costs for 3 nights, food tent and dinner expenses, and coaching fees for post-season training and race days. Spares will be selected and their fee will be approximately half. Fees will be paid by check to Rose Marchuk.

The fee does NOT include travel. Families are responsible for making and paying for their own travel arrangements, including air and ground independently. Rowers/coxswains will be told when they need to be at the venue the first day and must plan travel accordingly. A parent is typically asked to facilitate carpools with other parents to get rowers to and from the regatta site, hotels and dinners.

My rower qualified for Youths! What should I do now?

Congratulations, qualifying is a great accomplishment you should be proud.

- - 1) Your rower will receive an email from the Coaches asking them to RSVP. Within that email is a note parents will need to sign giving the rower/coxswain permission to participate.
 - 2) Rest assured you will receive information on travel, fees and logistics.
 - 3) Connect with the parents of the other rowers in your child’s boat and select one parent as the point person for your boat.
 - 4) Each rower/coxswain is required to be a current, “Championship” member of USRowing, so many rowers will need to UPGRADE their US rowing membership to be eligible to participate. Memberships are upgraded at the USRowing.com Each participant must also have a signed waiver on file for 2016.

More Youths planning details to com