

# **BALTIC CUP REGULATIONS** § 1 Organisation

Baltic Cup is organised by the Baltic Cup Board members from the participating countries.

## § 2 Participating countries

Participating countries are:

Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, Russia and Poland.

Countries not listed may also apply by addressing the Board. The Baltic Cup Board may grant countries' application to take part in the Baltic Cup Regatta on a guest basis i.e. without team standing scores, competing as an individuals.

The host country may have up to two teams: "A" and "B". The results of the team "B" would not be taken into official scoring however "B" crews would still be awarded medals in case of taking the first, second, or third place in the final race.

## § 3 Language

The official language of the Baltic Cup Regatta is English.

### § 4 Purpose and competitors

The purpose of The Baltic Cup Regatta is to organise a rowing competition for junior boys and girls 15 - 17 years old. Identity and age check of the participants will be done before the event. An ID should be presented at the team manager meeting on Friday, after the draw.

## § 5 Date of the Baltic Cup

Normally regatta is held every year the last weekend of September (in case of exceptional cases the date could be shifted max. by two weeks). The host country is rotating every year. The Baltic Cup Board is responsible of setting an agreement with one of the participating countries for the up-coming year's Baltic Cup Regatta.

#### § 6 Entries and payment

Entries must be presented on the FISA Entry form. The typewritten entries and payment for participation must be delivered to the host country which is organizing the event at the latest Thursday, 4 weeks before the Baltic Cup Regatta. The organising country may inquire for some preliminary information concerning participation.

## § 7 Opening and closing ceremony

All participants are expected to take part in the opening and closing ceremonies. The opening ceremony will be held on Saturday morning, just before the preliminary heats . The closing ceremony will be held after the last race at the venue.

## § 8 Transport

Each participating country is responsible for their transportation to the Baltic Cup Regatta and local logistics from/to accommodation place and the regatta course, social events etc.

## § 9 Regatta events

Saturday (2000 meters)	Sunday (500 meters)	
	Morning session – Preliminary Heats	
JW4-	JW4-	
JM4-	JM4-	
JW2-	JW2-	
JM2-	JM2-	
JW1x	JW1x	
JM1x	JM1x	
JW2x	JW2x	
JM2x	JM2x	
JW4x-	JW4x-	
JM4x-	JM4x-	

Afternoon session - Finals B and A

## § 10 National colours

The athletes should wear national team uniform and crew' blades should be painted in official national colours.

## § 11 Time schedule and progression system

The races should start Saturday and finish Sunday around noon in order to guarantee smooth and save participants transportation back home.

On Saturday (2000 m) the preliminary heats should start around 10.00 A.M. and go every 7 min. On Saturday the finals should start around 02.00 P.M.

On Sunday (500 m) the preliminary heats should start around 09.00 A.M. and go every 5 min. On Sunday the finals should start around 11.00 A.M. and go every 5 min.

Baltic Cup Regatta has the simplified progression system: preliminary heats, which take place when number of boats in one event is 7, or higher than 7.

In case of 7 boats in the event, 4 boats will row in the first preliminary heat, and 3 in the second. The last crew of each preliminary heat goes to final B. The final A would consist of 5 boats.

When there are more than 7 boats in the event there will be 2 preliminary heats organized by draw. In this case the first 3 crews from each heat are qualifying for the final A; the remaining goes into final B.

When the number of boats in the event are 6 or less, in the morning session the races "for lanes" will be organized. This will allow to have more starts of the athletes in the regatta.

The number of the races for every boat class is limited, two per a day.

All crews are determined by draw into heats.

Since Baltic Cup is regatta for juniors, the time gap between the races for one boat class should be not less than two hours.

In any final, if a crew withdraws before the start of the race, or if a crew stops rowing during the race and does not finish the race, then the results of the race will show the crew as DNS (did not start) or DNF (did not finish). The crew that withdraws or stop during the race will be placed last in the final, and will get the respective points.

## § 12 Composition of the team

Team consists of 13 rowers girls and 13 rowers boys.

Number of coaches is maximum 1 per crew.

Other participants: 1 team manager and drivers (assume that transportation will be organized in the cheapest way – by bus).

Each team is recommended to have an International Umpire for assisting to Organizing country.

## § 13 Cost of accommodation

Accommodation costs included full board per person per day should not exceed 60 EUR.

## § 14 Boats

Each country should use own boats, oars and sculls.

### § 15 Medals

The prize-winners of each final A will be awarded with gold, silver and bronze medals immediately after the race on the victory pontoon.

## § 16 Teams standing points

A crew is obtaining points for participation in every event final B and A race.

A winning crew gets 11 points for national team.

Place in the event	POINTS
1	11
2	10
3	9
4	8
5	7
6	6
7	5
8	4
9	3
10	2
11	1
GUESTS	NO POINTS

## Note! There is no matter how many crews competing in the event, the scoring starts from 11 points for the winner!

The Challenge Cup and a photo of the same Cup as a remembrance are delegated to the country that will collect most points after two days events. Three first Federations in overall scoring will be awarded by the Cups.

In case of equal points, the winner will be determined by the number of victories and possibly the number of second or third places etc.

#### § 17 Social event

An entertainment party such as a disco is recommended to organize for all young athletes on Saturday evening.

## § 18 Team Managers Meeting and Draw

The Team managers meeting should be organized on Friday evening before the Baltic Cup Regatta. All teams are requested to delegate a team manager to this meeting. Draw, regatta information and discussions on the possible problems and regatta improvements for the up-coming years could be discussed and decided in the meeting. It is also advised to organize a meeting during the FISA World Junior Championships with the representatives of all countries taking part in Baltic Cup regatta in order to discuss the most important issues related to the event.

Some extra meetings during regatta days could be organized on place if needed.