

Welcome to the 2024 Greater Victoria High School Rowing League!

This league is facilitated through the Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society (GVYRS), a volunteer-run not-for-profit that intends to make rowing accessible to all youth in Greater Victoria. The high school league provides an opportunity for high school students to train for and race in two rowing regattas each fall.

Quick Start

- Watch the [GVYRS Registration Tutorial Video!](#)
- Check out this [Simplified Registration Infographic](#) for at-a-glance instructions!
- Reach out to registrar@gvyrs.ca at any time for assistance!

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General League Information

Please note the registration deadline is September 19th, 2024.

Participant Fees:

Schools will invoice participants directly through their independent accounting systems. Questions about how you will be submitting payment should be directed to the school representative overseeing your school team.

Program	2024 Fee
GVYRS High School Rowing League	\$305.00 <i>(incl. GST)</i>
GVYRS Middle School Rowing League	\$175.00 <i>(incl. GST)</i>

Refund Policy:

- Refunds are handled on a case-by-case basis. Refunds are typically only accepted after the start of the program for medical reasons. Refunds cannot be accepted after September 20th, 2024. Refund requests can be sent to registrar@gvyrs.ca
- Please ensure that your Teacher Sponsor has been informed of your withdrawal decision.

Practice Schedules:

- Practice schedules for each training site can be found on the GYRS Training Schedule page: <https://www.gvys.ca/training-schedule>
- Connect with your school representative to learn when your first session of the season will be scheduled.

Swim Competency:

Athletes are required to participate in the annual swim test at Elk Lake on September 7th between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Connect with your school representative to learn when you should be on site for your team's swim test slot.

Regattas:

High school league rowers will have the opportunity to participate in two regattas throughout the season:

Regatta	Dates
October Sprints Regatta	October 5th/6th 2024
LVISSAA Championships	October 19th/20th 2024

How To Register?

To participate in the rowing league, you must follow *two (2) distinct steps to complete the registration process*. ALL registration questions can be sent to registrar@gvys.ca for support from our team of volunteers. The steps are provided below, with more detailed instructions for each stage.

Step 1: Registration Through Rowing Canada's Web Reg System!

1.1 Login or create an RCA account

All athletes must complete the RCA WebReg process. Registration through the RCA WebReg site **provides on-water insurance**. If you have previously signed up through RCA WebReg, simply use your login name/password to get started. If not, create a new account with your name (**STUDENT NAME**, not parent name).

[Login/Create an RCA Account Here](#)

1.2 Join a GYRS program on RCA's Web Registration System

Once you've created an account for your athlete, you need to add them to your school's program under GYRS:

[Join a Program Here](#)

From the 'My Account' page, click 'Join a Program':

1. Province/State - select "British Columbia"
2. Organization - select "Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society (GVYRS)"
3. Locate your school in the list of programs and click 'Join'

Step 2: Register as a Volunteer

2.1 Complete Volunteer Bond!

To run our regattas, we rely on parent/guardian volunteers; our events cannot run without this support. There are various options and shifts at each of our regatta events. For each household, we require at least 1 shift to be completed. **NOTE:** International Students - While we encourage homestay parents to be involved, we do not require international hosts to volunteer or provide a volunteer bond.

Volunteer bonds are completed digitally by placing a payment card on file. The card is only charged the \$100 bond if a shift is not completed by the end of the season. You WILL NOT BE CHARGED when signing up for the bond. If you meet your volunteer requirement, we will cancel the bond. If you don't meet the volunteer requirement by season end, you will be charged ONCE AND ONLY ONCE. **Ignore the text that says "\$100 per year."**

[Complete Volunteer Bond Here](#)

2.2 Choose A Volunteer Slot!

We are frequently short of safety boat and umpire boat drivers at our regattas; the regattas cannot happen without them. If you have your boater license, please help us fill boat driving shifts. GVYRS is happy to help anyone with their PCOC who needs driving experience. Contact Sierra Inglis via coachdevelopment@gvyrs.ca if you would like to practice.

****One volunteer shift per household is required to waive the volunteer bond.***

1. Go to the iVolunteer website at: <https://gvyrs.ivolunteer.com/#1>
2. Click on the desired regatta to see the available shift options (open shifts are highlighted in Green)
3. Select a shift and complete the volunteer details, including which school/student the shift is supporting.
4. Once complete, ***you will receive an email*** confirming your chosen shift and a link to verify your email address. ***Click on the verification link to complete the booking process.***