



## **8th Inter State Challenger National Rowing Championships.**

**Upper lake, Bhopal**

**Madhya Pradesh**

**14 – 18 November 2025**

**Organized and hosted by**

**Madhya Pradesh Rowing Association  
(MPR)**

**On behalf of the**

**THE ROWING FEDERATION OF INDIA**

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- 1.1 Date & Place : 14-18 Nov 2025. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**
- 1.2 Nearest Railway station : Bhopal Jn & Rani kamalpati (Habib Ganj)**
- 1.3 Nearest Airport : Bhopal International Airport.**
- 1.4 No of Lanes : 04**
- 1.5 Distance : 2000 mtrs**
- 1.6 Events : As below**

**8<sup>th</sup> Inter State Challenger National Rowing Championship** will consist of the following events:

DISTANCE 2000 MT		
INTER STATE	Women	Men
Single Scull	Yes	Yes
Double Scull	Yes	Yes
Pair	Yes	Yes
Four	Yes	Yes



**The races will be conducted over a 2000 Meters, 4 lane marked rowing course.**

**2. Eligibility (Inter State Challenger Nationals)**

- 2.1 Eligibility is limited to Rowers, Coaches and Managers, who are Bonafide Citizens of India holding a valid Indian Passport or eligible to obtain one.
- 2.2 They must be registered with RFI affiliated Associations & adhere to the RFI Rules of Racing and fulfill the age criteria.
- 2.3 PIO'S & OCI'S are Not eligible to participate.
- 2.4 Random Age verification, through medical examination, will be carried out. The findings will be conclusive proof of age, even if the documents submitted show otherwise.
- 2.5 A Rower ceases to be a Challenger when he achieves any one of the following:
  - ❖ A medal in any Senior National Rowing Championships (Senior/Open/Sprint / Challengers) in any Class i.e. whether in Sweep or Sculling events
  - ❖ Gets selected to represent India in International Championships.
  - ❖ However for a Junior, participation in any International Junior Championships is excluded from this definition
- 2.6 A rower is eligible to participate even if he/she has Participated/ won Medal in the World University Games.
- 2.6 NO DOUBLING between Juniors and Inter State events will be allowed.
- 2.7 Rowers who are born on after 1-1-2010 could not participate in the **8<sup>th</sup> Inter State Challenger National Rowing Championship.**

**Entries**

**PRELIMINARY ENTRIES BY NUMBER SHOULD REACH BY 25th September 2025**

Final Entry is due by **25th October 2025**

The completed Final Entry must include all necessary information, including name **with date of birth** of each participant and RFI ID card number.

- 2.1 Changes of names of rowers will be accepted up to 1500 hrs on **15<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**
- 2.2 Official Final Entry Forms and travel form will be sent to the state secretary. These



should be completed and forwarded to the Hon Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Rowing Association a copy to the RFI Secretariat, by the stipulated date.

**2.3 A late fee of Rs. 5,000 shall be applicable for any entry forms submitted after the prescribed due date.**

*All entries must be submitted in the official forms only with State Secretaries' signature & Association stamp. If there are corrections and over writings, the same must be attested with signature & stamp of the Secretary concerned.*

**3. Schedule**

4.1	Friday	14 November 2025	Arrivals & Course Opens for Practice from: 09:00 am - 04:30 pm
4.2	Saturday	15 November 2025	Practice: 9:00 am – 04:30 pm Age Verification, Team Managers Meeting & Draws, Jury Meeting & Opening Ceremony.
4.3	Sunday	16 November 2025	Heats
4.4	Monday	17 November 2025	Repechages, Semi Finals & Reserve races
4.5	Tuesday	18 November 2025	Finals ( Departure after 6 pm)

(Note: Tentative schedule, if changed it will be notified to all Associations)

**4. Association Flag**

4.1 Teams are advised to bring the flags of their respective Association with them.

**5. Rules and Regulations**

5.1 The competition will be conducted in accordance with the RFI 'Rules of Racing.

5.2 All races will be conducted on a 2000 M, 4 lane marked course. If four crews are entered in one event, it will be held as a direct final. If more than five crews entered, preliminary heats will be held.

5.3 An event with less than three entries may be cancelled.

5.4 Random age checks will be carried out, including medical tests in case of disputes/protests.

5.5 All Managers are required to produce ORIGINAL proof of birth certificate, and



Aadhar card along with a photocopy for verification, RFI registration is must for those participating as rowers/coach/manager. It is Mandatory for the Team Members to carry the **original ID Card**.

- 5.6 For first time rowers new ID Cards will be issued at site. Cost Rs. 200.00 each to be paid at time of collection of ID card. The registration portal will be open from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 for registering new rowers, coaches and managers.
- 5.7 All rowers/coaches/managers have to produce their original RFI registration card at the venue for getting eligible to compete in the races. If anyone do not have their original ID card they should apply for a duplicate card by mail at [eventsrowingindia@gmail.com](mailto:eventsrowingindia@gmail.com) with the prescribed fee. If in the case a rower/coach/manager fails to bring their original ID Card then on spot a duplicate will be issued for that particular championship only with a fee of Rs 500.
- 5.8 Preliminary Cost of Damage to rowing equipment, during practice or racing must be paid for by the Rower / Association concerned in full before the start of the racing or departure of rower / team from Pune, as the case may be. Decision of the Board of Jury / Organizing Committee is final on the preliminary assessment of damage and cost of the damage to the boats.
- 5.8 Supplementary demand for the damages will be raised and billed on the concerned rower/association on final assessment after the championships are over, which is final and binding on the rower/ association concerned. It is the duty of the rower/association to settle these dues in full before the next championships. The rower/association stands suspended from participating in any RFI Championships till the damages are settled in full.

## 6. **Boats and Equipment**

- 6.1 Matched boats with standard rigging will be provided. Teams must bring their oars and sculls. Boats will be fixed to the lanes. Adjustments to the riggers will NOT be permitted.
- 6.2 The blades of all oars/sculls must be painted on both sides in the colors of the respective Associations.

## 7. **Entry Fee, Accommodation and Meals**

- 7.1 All participants (rower/coach/manager) in the **8<sup>th</sup> Inter State Challenger National Rowing Championship 2025** are required to pay the **8<sup>th</sup> Inter State Challenger National Registration Fee of Rs. 2,000**.
- 7.2 Hospitality will be from 09:00 Hrs on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 10:00 hrs on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Teams arriving in advance will need to advise the OC well in advance should they want necessary arrangements to be made, and cost will be borne by



respective teams.

- 7.3 Accommodation will only be provided to the participants who will book their accommodation 20 days prior to the start of the competition with an advance amount of 25% which is not refundable .**
- 7.4 Venue Facilitation Charge: ₹500** per participant per day (for 5 days), is payable towards venue facilitation.
- 7.5 Boarding & Lodging** will be provided at a nominal cost of Rs. **500/-\***per head/per day to participants and two officials per team, against coupons. If more than the specified numbers of Reserves /Officials are brought, their accommodation and food charges will have to be paid for by the Manager of the team at market rates on arrival and not later than start of the first race.

## **8. Transportation**

- 8.1** Free shuttle bus service will be provided From Railway station to Hotel & back for pickup and drop teams, and between the place of stay and the competition venue from 14 November to the 18th November 2025. **No Transport will be provided from Airport and Back.**

## **9. Umpires**

- 9.1** The Jury for the National Junior Rowing Championships has been appointed by the RFI.

## **10. Doping Control**

- 10.1** Testing will be carried out in accordance with the Rules for Doping Control, in force.

## **11. Appeals**

- 11.1** All appeals shall be dealt with in accordance with the 'RFI Rules of Racing'.

## **12. Uniform**

- 12.1** During the competition, rowers must wear the official competition uniform of their State Associations.

## **13. Arrival and Departure**

- 13.1** Details of arrival and departure must be informed to the Organizing Committee, **in advance**, for necessary arrangements.

**Teams arriving without prior intimation are likely to suffer avoidable delays in transportation and allotment of accommodation.**



#### 14. Weather & Miscellaneous

- 14.1 Weather conditions in BHOPAL during November will be mild cold and breeze.  
Advised to carry necessary warm clothing accordingly.

#### Medals & Certificates

- 14.2 Medals and Certificates will be presented to the first, second and third placed competitors in each event. Rolling trophies will be presented to the winners of all events, wherever available. Participation certificates will be issued as per the qualifying provisions laid down by the General Body of RFI.
- 14.3 The participants/coaches/managers must have a Digi locker account as certificates will be forwarded through the Digi locker account of the concerned person.



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#### **THE FORMS WILL BE SEND TO THE SECRETARY'S MAIL ID.**

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| <b>1. Preliminary Entry Form</b>   | <b>Due by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025.</b> |
| <b>2. Final Entry form by Name</b> | <b>Due by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025.</b> |
| <b>3. Accommodation Form</b>       | <b>Due by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025.</b> |
| <b>4. Travel form</b>              | <b>Due by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</b> |