

VASRA has been receiving questions about why teams are in which land and heat during our regattas. The following is an explanation on how ranking and seeding is done.

Rankings are established by a sub-committee of the Coaches Association. VASRA is not responsible for nor is it a party to this process. Rankings are submitted to the VASRA scheduler by 4:30 A.M. Thursday morning (Wednesday morning for the Charlie Butt) preceding the regatta. Dissemination of the rankings is handled by the coaches. If there are questions concerning a team's ranking the inquiry should first go to the Coaches Association, sub-committee chair responsible for that gender/group. If an agreement cannot be reached with the Coaches Association, a final adjudication can be requested from the Regatta Director.

Note: The Coaches have been asked to provide additional details for this section.

When the schedule is prepared, events that are ranked by the coaches are seeded by the scheduler in the following order (the numbers represent a team's ranking from the coaches).

Seedings for Final without Heats

Heat/Lane Final Only	1	2	3	4	5	6
Final	5th	3rd	1st	2nd	4th	6th

Seedings for a 2 Heat Event

(Please See Exception on Page 2 for Some 7 Boat Heats)

Heat/Lane 3 Advance	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	9th	5th	1st	4th	8th	12th
2	10th	6th	2nd	3rd	7th	11th

Seedings for a 3 Heat Event

Heat/Lane 2 Advance	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	13th	7th	1st	6th	12th	18th
2	14th	8th	2nd	5th	11th	17th
3	15th	9th	3rd	4th	10th	16th

In the case that a team is not ranked, the following rule (S5-209.2 of the [2017 Rules of Rowing Crew Council / VASRA Supplement to the USRowing Rules of Rowing](#)) applies:

“...In the absence of current ranking information, the previous week ranking will be used. If no ranking for the prior week is available, random draw will be used for lane assignment.”

The random draw is truly random. No differentiation is made between VASRA or non-VASRA teams when unranked boats are seeded.

**Exception for 7 boat events
(ONLY applies if at least 5 boats are ranked)**

Heat/Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 2 Advance		6th or Unranked	1st	4th		
2 3 Advance		5th	2nd	3rd	7th or Unranked	

This exception was implemented because **only two boats advance from the 1st heat**. If “normal” seeding were followed, then the 6th or unranked boat (normally in Heat 2) would have a greater chance of advancing than the 5th ranked boat (normally in Heat 1).

In order for the 5th ranked boat to have a greater chance of advancing than the 6th or unranked boat, it is moved to Heat 2, Lane 2 and the 6th or unranked boat is seeded in Heat 1, Lane 2.

As a reminder, **VASRA does not conduct 7 boat races**. We do not have a fair way of aligning a 7th position on our 6 lane start platform.

Standard Progression (Lane Assignment) From Heats to Finals

Top Boats From Heats To Inner Lanes

No Boat Races Adjacent to a Boat That Was in Their Previous Heat

2 Heats to Final (3 advance)

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6
Final	3rd from Heat 1	2nd from Heat 2	1st from Heat 1	1st from Heat 2	2nd from Heat 1	3rd from Heat 2

3 Heats to Final (2 advance)

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6
Final	2nd from Heat 3	2nd from Heat 1	1st from Heat 2	1st from Heat 1	1st from Heat 3	2nd from Heat 2

**Seedings, Heats, Semi-Finals and Finals for 18-24 entries
(VASRA Has Never Had a Race with More Than 24 Entries)**

Race	#	# Advance	To Race
Heats	4	3 Advance	12 to Semi-Final
Semi-Final	2	Top 3 Advance	6 to Final
Semi-Final		Next 3 Advance	6 to Petite-Final*

** Petite Final only applicable during VSRC Regatta*

Seedings for a 4 Heat Event

Heat/Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	17th	9th	1st	8th	16th	24th
2	18th	10th	2nd	7th	15th	23rd
3	19th	11th	3rd	6th	14th	22nd
4	20th	12th	4th	5th	13th	21st

Heats to Semi-Finals (3 Advance)

Heat/Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6
Semi-Final 1	3rd from Heat 1	2nd from Heat 4	1st from Heat 1	1st from Heat 4	2nd from Heat 1	3rd from Heat 4
Semi-Final 2	3rd from Heat 2	2nd from Heat 3	1st from Heat 2	1st from Heat 3	2nd from Heat 2	3rd from Heat 3

Semi-Finals to Final (Top 3 Advance)

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6
Final	3rd from Semi-Final 1	2nd from Semi-Final 2	1st from Semi-Final 1	1st from Semi-Final 2	2nd from Semi-Final 1	3rd from Semi-Final 2

Semi-Finals to Petite Final* (Next 3 Advance)

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6
Final	6th from Semi-Final 1	5th from Semi-Final 2	4th from Semi-Final 1	4th from Semi-Final 2	5th from Semi-Final 1	6th from Semi-Final 2