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My child is a youth rower. This rule, without an exemption for rowing, would put Oregon youth rowers at a big disadvantage on the regional and national stage. My rower would compete under 15 age group this year. This is the only sport my child enjoys and wearing PFDs would impact mastery of efficient sculling technique. Kids from other states would not be similarly burdened. And it would put my rower in disadvantage in the regional and national competitions.

Regattas and training camps in Oregon could also place rowing youth from other states at a safety risk, as these kids are not used to rowing with PFDs, and could get caught up.

Thank you for listening.