

EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S ROWING COLLEGES

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OPERATING CODE

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Championship Regatta is organized in a Sprints format. That is, teams are placed in heats based on racing performance with the top finishers advancing to the finals. This format limits membership to 18 colleges since 3 heats produce 6 finalists. Petite and 3rd level finals will be raced to provide races for crews finishing with similar placements.

ARTICLE II - REGATTA

Section 1. The EAWRC priority events are listed as follows:

First Varsity Eight
Second Varsity Eight
Varsity Four
First Novice Eight

Second Novice Eight
Varsity Four B
Novice Four

- A. Lightweight events are currently open events that accept non-member college crews. Entries are based on available lanes. Non-members entry fee will be set by the Executive Board.
- B. Colleges must make a first boat entry to be able to enter additional crews in the varsity or novice events. Second boats are expected to compete rather than entering a fours event unless there are not enough available oarswomen to compete in the eight events during the season.
- C. Entry Fee: - The ECAC will create a budget that will be submitted to the Athletic Directors and costs will be divided between the league members. Guest entries will be informed of the cost for a team entry by the regatta director. Guest Lightweight crews will be charged per event

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Eligibility - The rules for the regatta require conformance with the NCAA Rules as well as the Regatta Rules published annually on the Entry Form. The current requirements are listed in Attachment A and are available from the Commissioner.

ARTICLE III - SCHEDULING

Section 1. All schedules will be submitted to the Commissioner prior to January 1. The Commissioner will issue a comprehensive schedule to all member coaches and the Regatta Director before February 1st.

Section 2. Requirement: 50% of racing opponents should be EAWRC members in order to establish the validity of the seeding. League members are encouraged to race outside teams.

Section 3. The members of the League will have the authority to set date and location of the Championship Regatta.

ARTICLE IV - POLLING

Section 1. Seeded Events

A. Seedings will be determined by a weekly vote of the coaches for events their crew's have entered for the following events:

Varsity 8 2nd Varsity 8 Varsity 4 Novice 8

B. Coaches entered in the four oar events will poll those entries in the final two polls.

Varsity 4 B Novice 4 The Lightweight events will be seeded if
necessary

Section 2. Schedule

A. The poll schedule will be set to allow a minimum of four polls prior to the Regatta, the last poll will be used to establish lane assignments for the heats.

Section 3. Ranking

A. The total score of the ranked results will be divided by the number of the colleges participating in the poll to determine the cumulative ranking. The highest and lowest scores will be subtracted from the total score for each

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college before dividing the total by the number of colleges. The results of this formula will determine the seeding for each event. This system creates a penalty for colleges that do not participate in poll.

Section 4. Distribution

- A. The actual poll votes of each coach and the results will be circulated to all coaches after the poll is completed following the weekend racing.

ARTICLE V - AWARDS

The League shall determine any awards to be given. The types of awards for each League-Sponsored sport are listed below.

Section 1. Coaches of the Year

To recognize the efforts of the coaches in the association, a coaches award will be given annually to a varsity coach and a novice coach. The award will be selected by a vote of the coaches at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Regatta Trophies

- A. The Charles G. Willing, Jr. team point trophy shall be presented to the college earning the most points in those events that have entries from more than half the membership. The point distribution is outlined as follows:

Varsity Race	Second Varsity
1st - # of entries plus 2 points	1st - The # of entries
2nd - # of entries	2nd - # of entries minus 1
3rd - # of entries minus 1	3rd - # of entries minus 2
4th - to last - minus one more	4th - to last minus one more

Novice	Second Novice
1st - The # of entries	1st - The # of entries minus 1
2nd - # of entries minus 1	2nd - # of entries minus 2
3rd - # of entries minus 2	3rd - # of entries minus 3
4th - to last minus one more	4th - to last minus one more

Additional Events - Fours or Lightweight
1st - number entries minus two
2nd - number entries minus three
3rd to last - minus one more

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B. Event Trophies

Varsity Eight	The Nathaniel Case Trophy
Second Varsity	
First Novice	
Second Novice	Gift from Radcliffe Crew
Varsity Four	Gift of Anderson Bowers III
Novice Four	

C. The Sally P. Shoemaker Trophy will be presented to the Ivy League College with the best finish in the Varsity Eight Race.

D. Konrad Ulbrich Lightweight Team Trophy. This points allocation will be approved by the Lightweight Coaches.

Section 3. Scholar-Athlete Award

Each year the most outstanding scholar-athlete shall be awarded the EAWRC Scholar-Athlete Award. Each institution may nominate one candidate who has achieved a minimum of 3.2 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and who is a starter or prominent reserve that has been a member of his/her team through the full season. Freshmen are not eligible and transfer students are eligible after completing one full year of the academic work.

The credentials of all nominees are examined by a special committee. Committee members vote individually and the nominee who receives the highest vote total in each sport is honored as the EAWRC Scholar-Athlete. The winner(s) will receive a specially engraved trophy.

ARTICLE VI - CHAMPIONSHIP

Section 1. Publicity

A. The Commissioner will organize with the Regatta Director the efforts of the host sports information director and Regatta Director to publicize the Sprints and report the results after the event. Programs will be the responsibility of the conference office.

B. On an alphabetical rotating basis, each institution will provide sports information support staff to handle appropriate duties at the championship event. Boston University will be the host sports information person for the first Championship managed under this Operating Code.

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- C. The League office will be responsible for pre-event publicity. All Sports Information Officers must include championship dates in weekly releases related to the sport to inform media of the event.
- D. If there is significant media interest, a press conference may be arranged before the championship through the Commissioners' Office.
- E. The host sports information staff person will be the media contact for the championship.
- F. An appropriate size work area with telephone lines, table, chairs, copier, fax, etc. should be set aside for all media attending the championship. If there is significant media interest, an interview area should be available.
- G. Following the championship, the results will be distributed to on site media and will also be faxed by the host sports information staff to member institution's SID office and to interested media sources.

Section 2. Operating Code Changes

Interested parties are invited to recommend changes in the operating code in writing to the Commissioner in writing.

Section 3 Championship Officials

Rowing officials shall be in good standing with US Rowing and will be selected by the Regatta Director. Rowing officials will include:

- Chief Referee of the Regatta
- Finish Line Judge
- Starter, Referee
- Chief Referee On Water
- Assistant Referees