

CHAPTER 9—MEN’S AND WOMEN’S ROWING REGULATIONS

1. Playing Season Policies.

a. Championship Determination.

The Conference shall determine a men’s rowing champion and a women’s rowing champion. The champions shall be the institution with the most points as determined by the order of finish of the Conference crews at the finals of the Conference Rowing Championships in the following eight events: Men’s Varsity 8, Men’s Second Varsity 8, Men’s Freshman/Novice 8, Men’s Varsity 4, Women’s Varsity 8, Women’s Second Varsity 8, Women’s Novice 8, and Women’s Varsity 4. The Conference’s automatic qualifier for the NCAA Division I Women’s Rowing Championship shall be the team with the highest point total in the Varsity 8, Second Varsity 8, and Varsity 4 events. (10/02, 10/05, 10/08, 10/09)

Place	Varsity 8		SV 8		Frosh/novice 8		Varsity 4	
	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W
1	32	21	16	14	16	3.5	8	7
2	28	18	14	12	14	3	7	6
3	24	15	12	10	12	2.5	6	5
4	20	12	10	8	10	2	5	4
5	16	9	8	6	8	1.5	4	3
6	12	6	6	4	6	1	3	2
7	8	3	4	2	4	0.5	2	1
8	4	—	2	—	2	—	1	—
9	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—

In case of a tie in the total number of points in the team standings, the institution with the better-finishing boat in the varsity 8 race shall be awarded the higher place-finish. (6/87, 6/92, 6/94, 12/94, 6/96, 2/99, 1/00, 10/09)

b. Conference Schedule.

Each team shall meet every other Conference opponent annually. At Conference women’s rowing dual races Varsity 8, Second Varsity 8, and Varsity 4 events shall be conducted, and a U.S. Rowing official or a mutually agreed-upon neutral party shall be on site. (6/92, 10/04, 6/10, 10/12)

(1) Rescheduling Policies.

If an event is cancelled prior to a team’s departure from campus, it may be rescheduled for a subsequent weekend when all participants are available for competition. (7/92)

If an event is cancelled after participants have arrived at the competition site, it may be rescheduled for the following day (if the following day is a Sunday) or at an alternate site on the same day. If the following day is not a Sunday, the event may be held at an alternate venue, or its format may be altered. If the event still cannot be completed, it may be rescheduled for a subsequent weekend when all participants are available for competition. The event shall not be rescheduled unless mutually agreed upon by the participants. (7/92, 6/99)

2. Conference Championships.

a. Date and Site.

The Conference Men’s and Women’s Rowing Championships shall be held on the Sunday two weekends prior to the NCAA Women’s Rowing Championships. (12/91, 6/92, 6/94, 5/97, 2/99, 6/07, 11/07, 10/09, 10/12)

b. Eligible Crews.

All Conference intercollegiate crews shall receive automatic entry in the Conference Championships. Men's club teams from Conference institutions shall declare the intent to participate in the championships by providing a non-refundable entry fee by February 1. (6/94, 5/97, 6/07, 10/11, 12/13)

(1) Men's Freshman/Novice Eight.

Any Conference institution may enter the Men's Freshman/Novice Eight event with student-athletes who meet the criteria of (a) eligible freshmen, as certified by that institution's faculty athletics representative or (b) "novice" rowers, except that a student-athlete who is age 21 or older on the day of the Championships may not compete in that event unless he has not previously been involved in any rowing competition prior to enrolling in his institution. (12/94, 5/97, 6/00, 6/07, 10/09)

(2) Varsity Four/Varsity Eight Entries.**(a) Men.**

All institutions with an entry in the men's varsity four race also must have an entry in the men's varsity eight race. Institutions that are unable to field a men's varsity eight boat may petition the Regatta Management Committee for entry into the men's varsity four race only. A petition must be submitted by the institution to the Regatta Management Committee prior to the entry due date. (6/98, 2/99, 6/00)

(b) Women.

All institutions with an entry in the women's varsity four race also must have an entry in the women's varsity eight and the women's second varsity eight races. Petitions will not be accepted for entry into the women's varsity four. (6/98, 2/99, 6/00, 10/02)

(3) Conference Men's Club Teams.

Conference member institutions that enter men's club teams in the Conference Championships shall provide certification to the Conference office that all student-athletes participating in the Championships are enrolled as full-time students and have not competed for more than four seasons within five calendar years of the date of their initial full-time collegiate enrollment. (See NCAA 14.2, NCAA 14.2.1, NCAA 14.1.7.2) (6/06, 4/08, 6/08, 10/11)

(4) Novice Rower.

A novice rower is defined as a student-athlete in his or her first year of collegiate rowing. A second-year collegiate rower may retain novice status only by meeting any of the following requirements:

(a) The student-athlete received a hardship waiver for the first year of collegiate rowing. (6/96, 6/00)

(b) The FARC determines that the student-athlete could have been granted a hardship waiver for the first year of participation, but for the fact that the student-athlete did not compete. Institutions may then use this determination to assign novice rower status to the student-athlete. (10/02)

(c) The student-athlete practiced in the fall and/or spring, but did not compete in the first year of collegiate rowing. (6/96, 6/00, 10/04, 12/13)

c. Expense Sharing.

Travel expenses (airfare and ground transportation) for each institution's intercollegiate program(s), and any event expenses not defrayed by entry fees, shall be shared equally by those institutions with an inter-

collegiate team(s) participating in the Championships. Travel expenses may be paid for up to ten rowers per eight-seat boat (i.e., one eight—10 rowers, two eights—20 rowers) and up to five rowers per four-seat boat to a maximum of 35 rowers per men's or women's squad. The Washington State and Colorado men's club teams shall be provided an annual travel subsidy of \$2200. (6/94, 6/97, 6/99, 4/01, 4/08, 10/11)

d. Regatta Management.

Race day management shall be directed by the Regatta Management Committee, which shall be comprised of two voting members (a Conference men's rowing coach, and a Conference women's rowing coach) and additional limited-voting members (the regatta coordinator, the site coordinator, and the Conference coordinator, who shall be charged with breaking a tie vote between the coaches). Coaches of the top two seeded boats in the varsity eight races may change the lane assignments no later than 10 minutes before the start of the race because of weather conditions. (Women) The only lane change option is to flip the entire field with the top-seeded boat moving from lane one to lane seven, the No. 2 boat moving from lane two to lane six, etc (2/99, 6/00, 12/13)

e. Schedule.

The Championships schedule shall be approved by the coaches during the annual September meeting. The final women's race shall begin no later than 11:00 a.m., and the final men's race shall begin no later than 2:00 p.m. (10/09, 10/11, 10/12)

f. Seedings.

Each coach shall ensure that lineups for each regular-season competition are included with results on its website no later than 14 days before the Conference Championships. Each coach shall cast a ballot ranking the boats, except his or her own, entered in each race. The ballots will be tallied to determine race seedings, and will be provided to the coaches by 10:00 a.m. the Monday prior to the Championships. Seeding appeals must be submitted in writing to the Conference office no later than 10 a.m., the Tuesday before the Championships. If an appeal(s) is submitted, all coaches shall join a predetermined conference call. The coach filing the appeal and the coach(es) of the team(s) involved in the appeal shall join the call to provide information to the group and then will be asked to leave the call. The remaining coaches will vote on the appeal(s) related to the Championships in which his or her team will compete. Each appeal will be evaluated and voted on separately using the aforementioned process. (5/97, 10/03, 6/08, 10/10, 10/11, 10/12)

3. Awards.

The Conference men's and women's rowing coaches shall select recipients for all rowing awards. All competitors who participate in the Conference Rowing Championships shall be eligible for all-Conference honors, provided the individual (as opposed to the team) is certified as eligible by the faculty athletics representative. Coaches shall designate their all-Conference rowers and may vote for themselves for the Coach of the Year award. Balloting for all team and individual awards shall be conducted by the Conference office the week after the Championships. (12/91, 6/92, 6/94, 10/08)

a. All-Conference Team.

An all-Conference team shall be selected for both men's and women's rowing and each member shall be provided with an award from the Conference. Members of the all-Conference rowing teams shall be based upon each institution's finish in the varsity 8 championship race at the Conference Championships. The Conference champion shall provide four members of the all-Conference team, the second-place crew shall provide three members, and the third-place finisher shall provide two. All other participating Conference crews shall provide one rower each. (12/89, 6/92)

b. Individual Awards.

An individual award from the Conference office shall be provided to the men's rowing Coach of the Year; the women's rowing Coach of the Year; the men's rowing Athlete of the Year; the women's rowing Athlete of the Year; the men's rowing Newcomer of the Year; the women's rowing Newcomer of the Year; and the members of the first-, second-, and third-place boats in the men's varsity 8, men's second varsity 8, men's frosh/novice 8, men's 4, women's varsity 8, women's second varsity 8, women's novice 8, and women's 4 races at the Conference Championships. Balloting conducted for individual awards shall use a weighted voting method. The Athlete of the Year and Newcomer of the Year awards shall be given to the top vote-getters based upon coaches' nominations. Nominations for the Athlete of the Year must have competed in the Varsity 8 race at the Conference Championships. (12/89, 6/92, 5/97, 2/99, 1/00, 4/01, 10/02, 6/05, 6/07, 4/08, 6/10, 6/11)

4. Meetings of Coaches.

There shall be an annual meeting of the rowing coaches. Major changes in the format the Conference uses to conduct its rowing championships, such as changes in the rules of racing or adding or deleting events, must be considered by the coaches during the annual fall meeting and approved by the Council. Men's club programs from Conference institutions participating in the championships shall have the right to vote only on rules pertaining to Conference awards and regatta management (other than expense sharing). The attendance of each varsity head coach is mandatory. (6/92, 6/95, 5/97, 2/99, 10/11, 10/12)

5. Additional Rules Applicable to Men's Rowing.**a. NCAA Rules.**

All NCAA rules that apply to women's rowing shall apply to intercollegiate (as opposed to club) men's rowing programs, with the following exceptions: (10/05, 6/06)

- (1) Student-athletes are not required to complete an NCAA drug-testing consent form. (6/09)
- (2) Students whose first full-time collegiate enrollment occurred before the Fall 2006 term shall be required to meet the NCAA satisfactory progress rule in effect for the 2002-03 academic year (e.g., fall-to-fall or averaging option). NCAA rules pertaining to the "specific degree program", percent of degree (25-50-75), minimum grade-point average (90-95), regular academic year (75-25), progress toward degree (40-60-80), term-by-term grade-point average checks, six units per term check, and limits on remedial units shall not apply. (6/86, 12/88, 12/92, 6/00, 6/03, 6/06)
- (3) There shall be a limit of 14.5 on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters. (10/05, 10/10)
- (4) Participation in the Henley Royal Regatta may occur annually. If an institution participates only in the Henley Royal Regatta during an overseas trip, that trip shall not count as the institution's once-in-four-years foreign tour opportunity. (6/06, 6/08)
- (5) Beginning with the 2006-07 academic year, it is permissible for institutions to start a new four-year cycle for foreign tours. (6/06)
- (6) Institutions may provide benefits to student-athletes consistent with the parameters of the NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund but may not spend Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund monies to do so. (9/10)

b. Eligibility Reinstatement.

In the event of a violation of an NCAA rule that adversely affects a student-athlete's eligibility in the sport of men's rowing, the institution shall declare the student-athlete ineligible, and promptly notify the Confer-

ence office. Reinstatement of eligibility may be sought pursuant to the procedures established in CER 2-24.
(6/00, 10/05)