

2017 American Collegiate Rowing Association Awards

The goal of these awards is to give recognition in the sport, schools and community to the many club coaches, and rowers who work hard, often out of sight of even their peers. Please take a few minutes to read over the following document and nominate coaches and rowers that you feel meet the requirements listed. We are relying on the Head Coaches to recommend people for these awards. In the week leading up to ACRA's we will release the Regional Coaches of the Year, Regional All-American boats, and Academic All-Americans. Following ACRA's, the board will announce the ACRA Coach of the Year, All-Freshman boat, and All-American teams. All Regional and National recognition winners will be documented on the ACRA website. In the following document you will find an explanation of the requirements for each award, a timeline and what information you need to include in your submission and who you need to send it to.

CHANGES/UPDATES FOR 2017:

Nominee Selection Approach:

In an effort to help coaches pick nominees with the best chances of being selected, the ACRA board wants to clarify what we look for. We approach these selections with the goal of recognizing the *BEST* collegiate club athletes in the U.S. this year. These are not meant to be generic achievement awards for things like community service and extracurricular activities. Emphasis is placed mostly on performance-indicating factors, and this will be reflected in some slight alterations to information asked about each nominee this year.

Assistant Coach Nominations:

Each year, a National Men's and Women's Assistant Coach of the Year is selected. This year, during the regional coach nomination process, we will also be asking for assistant coach nominations to broaden the list of candidates we have to look at and help make sure we are making a great choice.

Athlete Identification:

The speed and athleticism of the teams, crews, and individuals at this Championship regatta are tremendous. It is the belief of the ACRA board that many teams have athletes with the potential to row at the elite level in the U.S. This year, perhaps in response to Rio, National Team coaches have been reaching out to prominent club teams around the nation presumably in an effort to identify more talented athletes and increase the pool of rowers with a shot at competing nationally.

In an effort to do our part to help the U.S. be successful internationally and promote our own athletes, we will be sharing nominee information with, *and only with*, U.S. National Team coaches. However, **we do not want it to affect our awards candidate pool in any way, so all coaches submitting nominations will be given the chance to 'opt out' of having their nominee information shared.** This option will be displayed prominently on the first page of the nomination form.

Coaches of the Year:

Regional Coaches

- Each region has a regional Men's and Women's Coach of the year.

- Include in your submission a summary of results, improvements, hardships or other factors to consider why this coach should be Regional Coach of the Year. The information that is submitted will be compiled and shared with the rest of the coaches in that region for voting purposes. Keep this in mind when you are evaluating how private the information you are submitting is.
- Names can be submitted by the Coach themselves or any other coach for regional consideration. Coaches submitted for consideration do not need to bring a team to the National Championship regatta to be eligible.
- Programs must have paid the ACRA membership dues to be eligible.
- Send your submissions to your REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE by Friday **May 19th, 2017**.
- The regional reps will compile the submissions and send them out to their region for voting on **May 21st, 2017**.
- The Head Coach from each school in the region is eligible to vote for one Men's and one Women's coach of the year. Please send your vote to your REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE no later than **May 23rd, 2017**.
- The board will compile the results and have a news release in the week leading up to the ACRA National Championship.
- Regional Coaches of the Year that attend the ACRA will be recognized at the awards ceremony following racing.

National Coach of the Year

- All Regional Coaches of the Year will automatically be nominated for National Coach of the Year.
- Additional nominations for National Coach of the Year can be made by any member of ACRA until 12:00AM Saturday **June 3rd 2017**.
- National Coach of the year is voted on following the ACRA National Championship by the ACRA board.
- Following the National Championship regatta a press release will announce the ACRA Men's and Women's Coach of The Year.
- A certificate will be presented to each regional and the national coach of the year.

ACRA All-Americans:

REGIONAL ALL-AMERICANS

- Each region has a regional Men's and Women's All-American Eight (with coxswain).
- The Head Coach from each school needs to submit names for consideration of this recognition by **May 19th, 2017**. Please submit names on the Google Form provided.
- Submissions should include Erg Scores, Seat in Boat, Results, and any other information that would be deemed important such as notable race results, non-2k test performances, team records held/broken, Under-23 camp invites, other performance indicators, etc.
- Coaches should submit their submissions in ranked order. **FOR EXAMPLE:**

If you are nominating 4 athletes for your Men's Regional Team please select which one is the highest ranked out of your group and rank them 1, the 2nd most deserving 2 and so on. If you are ranking a significantly slower athlete over a faster one, please add a comment or two about why this might be the case.

- Freshman are eligible for All-American awards, but keep in mind that their overall body of work may compare unfavorably to an upperclassman's as final selections are made reps. They also need to have been in their school's priority boats.
- To be eligible All-American candidates must be eligible to row under ACRA rules. Candidates must also have been in their schools top priority boats. Candidates do not need to attend the ACRA National Championship regatta to be eligible for consideration.
- Programs nominating members must have paid the ACRA membership dues for the nominated athletes to be eligible.
- Up to four All-American rowers can be submitted from each school for each men's and women's boat plus one coxswain each from the women's and men's team.
- The composition of the Regional All-American boats is nominated by the regional reps.
- Each regional representative will forward their Regional Men's and Women's All-American boat to Nathan Lantz (wnlantz@gmail.com). Nominations will be provided to the Executive Board for approval. Upon discussion and/or debate, the Regional Teams will be approved.
- ACRA Regional All-Americans of the year are announced by the ACRA the week leading up to the ACRA National Championship Regatta.
- Regional All-Americans that attend the ACRA will be recognized at the regatta award ceremony. A photo at the awards ceremony of each regional All-American boat will be taken with the rowers in uniform with a team oar and added to the ACRA website.
- A certificate will be presented to each Regional All-American.

NATIONAL ALL-AMERICANS

- All rowers composing regional All-American boats will be considered for ACRA All-American honors.
- Additional nominations will be accepted via email to Nathan Lantz (wnlantz@gmail.com) until 12:00AM Saturday **June 3rd, 2017**.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd team All-Americans boats will be decided after the ACRA National Championship by the ACRA Board on a conference call.
- The ACRA 1st, 2nd, and 3rd team All-Americans will be announced following the ACRA National Regatta.
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ACRA Academic All-American:

- Names are to be submitted by the coach for consideration no later than **May 23rd, 2017**. This will allow most submissions to include the current academic semester or quarter.

- Send your submissions via the link provided.
- Candidates must meet all the following requirements to be ACRA Academic All-Americans:
 - Candidates must be eligible to row under ACRA rules.
 - Candidates must have completed their second year of school and be a scholastic **Junior** or **Senior**.
 - Candidates must have at minimum a **3.5** cumulative GPA from their current institution to make the 2nd Team Academic All-American.
 - Candidates must have at minimum a **3.85** cumulative GPA from their current institution to make the 1st Team Academic All-American
- Candidates do not need to attend the ACRA regatta to be eligible.
- Programs must have paid the ACRA membership dues to be eligible.
- The coach's submission should include the School, Academic Year, Major, Cumulative GPA and any other academic awards, clubs or positions of honor associated with the rower.
- Academic All-Americans will be announced leading up to the ACRA regatta.
- Academic All-Americans that attend the ACRA regatta will be recognized at the regatta award ceremony.
- A certificate will be presented to each Academic All-American.
- A rower/coxswain can be an All-American and Academic All-American.

ACRA All-Freshman Boat:

- Only one boat of freshman/novice (with coxswain) per gender will be selected for this award.
- Nominations will be accepted via the Google Form provided by 12:00AM on **June 3rd**.
- Submissions should include Erg Scores, Seat in Boat, Results, and any other information that would be deemed pertinent to their athletic abilities such as boat performance, Under-23 camp invites, etc.
- Coaches should submit their submissions in ranked order.
- To be eligible All-Freshman candidates must be eligible to row under ACRA rules. Candidates do not need to attend the ACRA National Championship regatta to be eligible for consideration.
- Programs nominating members must have paid the ACRA membership dues for the nominated athletes to be eligible.
- Up to three All-Freshman rowers can be submitted from each school for each men's and women's boat plus one coxswain each from the women's and men's team.
- The ACRA All-Freshman Boats will be announced following the ACRA National Regatta.