

ACRA 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 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.

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 May 11th, 2009 plus a copy to Alex Berlin at alexander.berlin@colorado.edu.
- The regional reps will compile the submissions and send them out to their region for voting on May 13th, 2009.
- 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 and Alex Berlin at alexander.berlin@colorado.edu no later than May 15th, 2009.
- 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 Wednesday following the National Championship.
- 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 11th, 2009. Please submit names to your regional representative.
- Submissions should include Erg Scores, Seat in Boat, Results, and any other information that would be deemed important such as Team Captain, President, Under-23 camp invites, etc.
- Coaches should submit their submissions in ranked order.
- To be eligible All-American candidates must be eligible to row under ACRA rules. Candidates must also have been in their schools top priority boat. 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 five 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 Alex Berlin. Berlin will share the nominations with 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 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 Alex Berlin until 12:00AM the Wednesday following.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd team All-Americans boats will be decided after the ACRA National Championship by the ACRA Board on a conference call held on the Wednesday following.
- The ACRA 1st, 2nd, and 3rd team All-Americans will be announced following the ACRA National Regatta.

ACRA Academic All-American:

- Names are to be submitted by the coach for consideration no later than May 15th, 2009. This will allow most submissions to include the current academic semester or quarter.
- Send your submissions to Will Oliver at williamholiver@gmail.com and your Regional Representative.
- Candidates must meet all the following requirements to be ACRA Academic All-Americans:
 - o Candidates must be eligible to row under ACRA rules.
 - o Candidates must have completed their second year of school and be a scholastic Junior or Senior.
 - o Candidates must have at minimum a 3.5 cumulative GPA.
- 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.