

## **USRowing Announcement Regarding Youth Nationals Rule 5.c. (AE)**

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*Affiliation with only one program, which he/she is registered with as of the first competition (registered/non-registered, not including indoor events) for the duration of the spring season, defined between January 1 and June 15 of that current calendar year, to participate in the USRowing Youth National Championship Regatta.*

### **Announcement**

USRowing has received several questions concerning, and requests for clarification of, Rule 5.c. of the USRowing Youth National Championships Entry Packet, as it pertains to the eligibility of athletes who wish to row the single scull event under their school name while they are members of a junior rowing club. The committee and staff are undergoing a review of this rule and its impact on athletes who row for a junior rowing club existing as a composite of athletes from high schools with no stand-alone high school rowing programs.

As we review the language and work to clarify its intent, USRowing has decided to suspend enforcement of Rule 5.c. during 2009 specific to athletes who row for a junior club and who wish to row as a single in a regatta under the name of their high school where they are not permitted to enter as "unaffiliated." For the purposes of qualifying in an individual event for the USRowing Youth National Championships, the athlete must still represent the club (entered under the club's name) with which they began the season.

This determination does not include team events. If athletes wish to compete in a team event under the name of their school rather than as their club, they should form a USRowing organizational membership for that purpose and row the entire season as that entity.