

WIRA Regatta Club Program Eligibility Form

The intent of the Eligibility rule is to ensure that all student-athletes who compete at the WIRA championships are full time, degree-seeking students who are in good standing at their institution. The standard we use to determine eligibility is the student-athletes' ability to participate in varsity athletics, or to meet the same approximate standard if a member of a club team.

Instructions: Attach to this form a roster of all student athletes who may compete at the WIRA Regatta. A student athlete not listed on this form will not be allowed to race. PLEASE: only one form per club (combined men's and women's clubs should use two forms, one for each gender). Please review the roster of student athletes and ensure that each meets the following four standards:

1. The athlete must be enrolled as a full-time student in a degree-seeking program at the certifying institution. (12 units or the institutional equivalent.) The only exception are students in their final term who may take less than a full-time load if it is sufficient to complete their degree during that term.
2. The athlete must be in good academic standing as defined by that institution. If the athlete is on some form of standing or probation that would prohibit their ability to participate in varsity athletics, they may not participate in WIRA.
3. The athlete may only compete for a maximum of four seasons. Participation in any competition, including fall races and scrimmages and joint practices at any time of year, constitutes the use of a season of competition. Although fall competition does not constitute the use of novice eligibility, it does count as a season of competition.
4. The athlete must conform to the five-year rule. All seasons of competition must be completed within five years from the time the athlete first started classes as a full-time student at any two year or four year collegiate institution. The five-year time period begins whether or not the student participates in any sport. Division II and III men's and women's crews may utilize the ten semester rule.

The Club's Head Coach as well as the appropriate institutional officer (i.e., registrar) should sign both **this form** as well as **directly on the roster of athletes** indicating the following:

- We, by signing below and on the attached roster, indicate to the best of our knowledge and from the records available to us that the attached roster of student-athletes meets the criteria listed above and are thus eligible for competition in the WIRA Regatta.

Head Coach

Institutional Officer

Print Name

Print Name/Title

Date

Date