



**AYC II**

**March 21, 2015**

The **American Youth Cup (AYC)** is an annual series of three not-for-profit regattas that act as a lead-up to the **USRowing Youth National Championships (YNC)** and the **Saratoga Jr B/C National Championships (SNC)**. AYC I and AYC II are currently held as one (1) day events. AYC III is held over two (2) days. All three (3) events have a racing progression system from heats through to finals.

Racing at the American Youth Cup includes the eighteen (18) YNC boat classes, ten (10) SNC boat classes and a selection of supporting development boat classes. Each YNC and SNC boat class earns points based on the finishing order. The highest placing boat from a team is awarded the following points:

1st = 8 points, 2nd = 6 points, 3rd = 5 points, 4th = 4 points, 5th = 3 points, 6th = 2 points, 7th = 1 point

If a team has more than one crew in a boat class points will be awarded only to the first crew. The crew with the most points in each boat class is declared the American Youth Cup leader. After the third American Youth Cup regatta, the crew with the most points in each boat class is declared the American Youth Cup winner and receives the American Youth Cup for that boat class.

At the end of each American Youth Cup the country with the most points will be declared winner of that American Youth Cup regatta and will receive the leading team cup. After the third American Youth Cup regatta the country with the most points overall from all boat classes is declared overall winner of the American Youth Cup.

**Venue Information:**

Venue – Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, Fla.

Location:

Nathan Benderson Park

5851 Nathan Benderson Circle

Sarasota, FL 34235

Driving directions are available online: [Driving Directions](#)

More venue information [here](#).

Course: The course is a 2,000 meter, 10-lane, fully-buoyed course with a starting platform. Crews must be able to back into a stakeboat/starting platform.

**Waiver:**

All athletes should make sure to sign their USRowing waiver prior to the registration deadline. Online waivers for athletes aged thirteen (13) and older must complete the waiver process online. Those athletes younger than thirteen (13) shall provide the waiver in hard copy format.

**Rules:**

USRowing's Rules of Rowing will govern this event.

Each competing organization is required to be a current organizational member of USRowing.

An online version is available at <http://www.usrowing.org/About/RulesofRowing.aspx>

The following rules will be waived for this event:

Rule 3-104 Minimum Weight of Boats

**Classifications:**

**Youth:** A Junior is a competitor who in the current calendar year does not attain the age of 19, or who is and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full-time student seeking a diploma. A competitor thus ceases to be a Junior after December 31 of the year of his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, or of the year in which he or she completes the 12<sup>th</sup> grade of secondary school, having been a full-time student, whichever is later.

**U17-** This classification is made up of those Juniors who in the current calendar year do not attain the age of 17.

**U15-** This classification is made up of those Juniors who in the current calendar year do not attain the age of 15.

**Post Graduates:** Per Rule 4-104 (a), a student must be working towards their first secondary school diploma, therefore, post graduate students who attain the age of 19 in the current calendar year are ineligible to compete.

**Equipment:**

All equipment used in competition must meet the USRowing Rules of Rowing requirements for equipment, with the exception of the waived rule listed above. Each organization is responsible for ensuring that their equipment meets these standards.

**Crews must provide their own bow numbers.**

Any equipment not meeting these standards, or judged to be unsafe by a USRowing/regatta official, will not be allowed onto the water.

**Weigh-Ins:**

The weigh-in procedure is determined by and will follow the guidelines provided by USRowing.

**Lightweight Men:**

Max: 150 lbs. (no average)

**Coxswain for Men's Event:**

Minimum: 120 lbs.

**Lightweight Women:**

Max: 130 lbs. (no average)

**Coxswain for Women's Event:**

Minimum: 110 lbs.

**Entry Information:**

No paper entries will be accepted for this event. All entries must be made online at [https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/index.jsp?job\\_id=3825&org\\_id=0](https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/index.jsp?job_id=3825&org_id=0). Initial registration will be available beginning January 15, 2015 and ending March 20, 2015. No refunds will be given once the initial registration period has ended.

All entry fees must be paid in full by Friday, March 20, 2015. After this date, unpaid entries will be considered late entries and subject to the conditions of such designation.

Boat Class	Entry Fee (\$)	Late Fee (additional per entry)	Scratch Fee (per scratch)
8+	\$120	\$20	\$50
4+/4x	\$100	\$15	\$50
2x/2-	\$65	\$10	\$50
1x	\$45	\$10	\$50

### **Progression**

Entries	Heats	Advancing in each Heat	Semifinals	Advancing in each Semifinal	Finals
1-10	1	10	-	-	Grand Final
11-20	2	5	-	-	Grand Final
21-30	3	3	-	-	Grand Final
31-40	4	2	-	-	Grand Final

### **Medals:**

Medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place finishers in each Grand Final.

### **Subsidies:**

The American Youth Cup will provide subsidies to attend the YNC or the SNC. This will be offered to the winners of each qualifying boat class. For the club to receive travel subsidies the boat must be declared the American Youth Cup winner and have qualified the boat class for the YNC or the SNC.

### **Coaches and Coxswains Meeting:**

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be delivered via video link on Regatta Central.

All competitors and coaches are responsible for any information given at this meeting.