



**AYC II**

**March 25, 2017**

**Nathan Benderson Park**

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, AYC II and AYC III are currently held as one (1) day events. 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 Award for that boat class.

At the end of each American Youth Cup the team 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 team with the most points overall from all boat classes is declared overall winner of the American Youth Cup.

\*Heats will be run when the number of entries exceeds 10 crews. Any event with 10 or fewer boats entered will be run as a final only.

**Venue Information:**

Venue – Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL

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 participating athletes must complete the online waiver before participating in any activity associated with the AYC regatta. The waiver can be found [here](#).

**Rules:**

Racing will be governed by the USRowing “Rules of Racing” and FSRA Rules.

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 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: 154 lbs. (no average)

**Coxswain for Men's Event:**

Minimum: 120 lbs.

**Lightweight Women:**

Max: 134 lbs. (no average)

**Coxswain for Women's Event:**

Minimum: 110 lbs.

All weigh ins will be conducted via the honor system; it is each team's responsibility and expectation to make sure participating athletes meet the weight standards listed above.

**Entry Information:**

No paper entries will be accepted for this event. All entries must be made online via Regatta Central. Initial registration will be available beginning January 7, 2017 and ending Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Late registration ends on March 22, 2017, a late fee will apply. No refunds will be given once the initial registration period has ended.

Lineups must be submitted by Friday, March 24, 2017.

All entry fees must be paid in full by Friday, March 24, 2017. 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)
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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 (run as final)	-	-	-	Final only
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:**

There will be a mandatory coaches and coxswains meeting the morning of the regatta in front of the grandstands located near the finish line.

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