



AYC I

February 18th, 2017

Nathan Benderson Park - Sarasota, FL

American Youth Cup Series general information:

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 offer 2,000 meter racing from stakeboats, and a racing progression from heats 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.

American Youth Cup I information:

Venue Information:

Venue – Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL
Location:

Nathan Benderson Park
5851 Nathan Benderson Circle
Sarasota, FL 34235

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.

Team tent and space policy at Nathan Benderson Park

SANCA is mandates that any tent larger than two combined 10x10 EZ set up tents must meet specific safety standards regarding fire and wind load. In order to ensure that these requirements are met, larger tents are required to be rented through SANCA and installed by the SANCA approved tent contractor. This policy is to better enhance the safety of our NBP customers. Please provide your request 10 days prior to the event to ensure availability. If your team is larger than 75 athletes and you require a larger space special exceptions can be made in writing to accommodate such request.

Tent rental [link](#)

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:

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 18th birthday, or of the year in which he or she completes the 12th 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, however for this particular regatta, the honor system will apply to lightweight events and there will **not** be a weigh in before racing. It is each team's responsibility and expectation to make sure participating athletes meet the weight standards listed below.

Lightweight Men:

Max: 155 lbs. (no average)

Coxswain for Men's Event:

Minimum: 120 lbs.

Lightweight Women:

Max: 135 lbs. (no average)

Coxswain for Women's Event:

Minimum: 110 lbs.

The Regatta Director and associated organizing committee reserve the right to verify the weight of any athlete participating in a lightweight event. Any spot checks would be done no later than 1 hour prior to that athlete's scheduled race time.

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 7th, 2017 and ending Tuesday, February 14th, 2017. Late registration ends on February 15, 2017, a late fee will apply. No refunds will be given once the initial registration period has ended.

Lineups must be submitted by Friday, February 17, 2017.

All entry fees must be paid in full by Friday, February 17, 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)
8+	\$120	\$20	\$50
4+/4x	\$100	\$15	\$50
2x/2-	\$65	\$10	\$50
1x	\$45	\$10	\$50

Progression

All events with entries 1-10 will run as finals only.

Events exceeding 10 entries will utilize the progression system listed in the table below. Finals for these events will be completed at the end of the day following the completion of all events' heats.

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 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: 1) be declared the overall American Youth Cup winner following the 3 cup series *and* 2) qualify in that 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.