

ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ROWING ASSOCIATION

This form must be signed by the coach of each rowing program intending to compete in the SIRA Championship Regatta, and by the appropriate university official (Athletics, Student Affairs, Campus Recreation, etc.) and returned to SIRA prior to participation.

Note: Varsity programs that have already certified their athletes for the spring racing season of this year have already fulfilled this requirement without use of this form.

Every competitor must meet all eligibility requirements as outlined in the regatta packet (see www.regattacentral.com). In brief, these are some of the highlights, but *please review the full document*.

- Each participant must be a full time undergraduate student, and must be making normal progress toward his/her degree.
- A student athlete who has received a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, and who is enrolled in the graduate or professional school of the same institution attended as an undergraduate, or who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, may participate in SIRA, provided the student has athletic eligibility remaining.
- A SIRA competitor has four years of eligibility, which must be completed during 10 semester or 15 quarters (“five years to row 4”). Competing in any one event in an academic year is enough to constitute one year of eligibility.
- To row as a freshman, a competitor must be in his/her first year of attendance at the collegiate level and must be considered an academic freshman by his/her institution. To row as a novice, a competitor must not have participated in the sport of rowing prior to the current academic year. A novice need not be a freshman.
- Transfer students: please refer to the section on transfers in the packet
- Appeals for exceptions to these rules must be referred to the SIRA Eligibility Committee prior to the entry deadline. Documentation may be required.
- Violations of regulations may be cause for crew or team disqualification. Unusually serious violations may be grounds for even more sanctions.

College/University _____

Coach Sign _____

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University official Sign _____

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Title _____

Department _____ Phone _____

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