

Albany Rowing Center Regatta/Erg Race Representation and Attendance Policy

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The Albany Rowing Center (ARC) is committed to providing recreational and competitive rowing opportunities for both youth and adults. To this end, the ARC Board meets annually with the Head Coach to review and evaluate the regattas that the club has attended in the previous year, and to plan which regattas the club will attend in the upcoming year. Participation in team practices is key to successful team racing. Therefore, the organization is committed first to the racing status of members that join and participate consistently with the team for the full season. ARC will avoid actions that negatively impact regular participants due to individuals who register late in the season.

All individuals participating under the ARC Team name must be registered for a seasonal program at the time of the regatta or erg race. Determination of who is considered registered remains at the discretion of ARC.

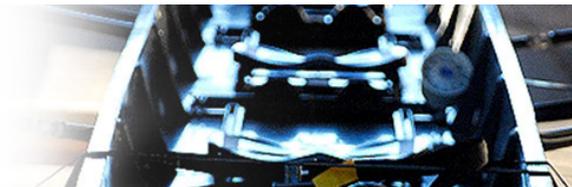
Representation Policy for Regattas/Erg Races on the ARC Calendar.

The Head Coach is responsible for managing entries for regattas and erg races that are on ARC's calendar of events. The Head Coach will only boat current registered ARC rowers. The Head Coach may delegate registration duties to assistant coaches to boat their rowers and may request assistance with registration from Board Officers if needed (e.g. to make payments).

As soon as it becomes aware of issues, ARC will contact the regatta director of any regatta on the team calendar that has entries submitted by others under ARC's team name and request those entries to be scratched. ARC will not reimburse outside individuals using ARC's team name for any resultant lost registration or scratch fees.

Representation Policy for Regattas/Erg Races not on the ARC Calendar.

When making decisions about regattas and erg races, the Board and Head Coach strive to select events that will provide a high-quality racing experience to the majority of ARC team members, both youth and adults. However, there can be cases where the chosen regattas or erg races do not align with the goals or schedules of individual athletes. In such cases, individual athletes or groups of athletes may wish to compete at other regattas or competition opportunities. Athletes may do so, but must first obtain the Head Coach's direct written approval if they wish to represent the Albany Rowing Center at such events. Members must also be registered for an ARC seasonal program at the time when the regatta occurs.



Entrants participating outside of the team regatta/erg race schedules are fully responsible to register themselves, pay applicable fees, and ensure that they are compliant with race rules.

ARC equipment shall not be used and ARC staff and coaches will not modify the team training plan for regattas and erg races that are not on the team schedule.

Entries submitted under ARC's team name without written authorization of the coach, or in cases where the rower does not have current seasonal program membership, may be scratched by ARC without compensation to the entrant.

"Try-It" and Late Season Registrants

Each seasonal registration period is open for sign-up before the season begins. At the discretion of the coaches and Board, ARC may keep seasonal registration for members and new "Try-It" athletes open for a period of time beyond the start date of a seasonal program. If registration remains open, ARC will allow athletes that sign up prior to the first seasonal regatta to participate in upcoming seasonal regattas. Otherwise, late registrants and "Try-It" athletes that join the program may be allowed to register but will be limited to participation in team practice only and may not be boated in subsequent regattas that season. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Board.

No season registration date restrictions apply for indoor erg races, with two exceptions: returning ARC Late Registrants and new "Try-It" individuals that join the team must register for the ongoing seasonal program before participating under the ARC team name at an indoor erg race.