

Proposal:

Allow JV 8+ athletes to race in the Varsity 4+ event.

Background and Motivation:

- The current structure allows JV athletes to race in the Varsity 2-, so let's keep the structure consistent.
- Move to aligning with other USRowing Youth National qualifying regattas
- Ensure higher quality racing opportunities for JV level athletes.
- Improve athlete development by allowing more athletes from a team to race in a varsity event and with the possibility of qualifying for Youth Nationals.
- Ensure the Northwest is sending the fastest boats possible to represent the region at Youth Nationals.

Below shows the current rules as taken from the [USRowing 2016 Youth Championship Entry Packet](#) (Event Class Separation found on page 5, and Definitions found on page 6), and my proposed amendment to these rules.

Current Rules:

Event Class Separation: Eights, fours, quads, doubles and singles are all considered separate event classes. An athlete may only compete in one boat for each event class with varsity level designations.

Examples:

- For clubs rowing both the Varsity 8+ and Varsity 4+, the athletes in the 4+ must come from the 8+.
- For clubs rowing both the Varsity 8+ and 2V 4+, the athletes in the 4+ must come from the 8+.
- An athlete may not row both the Varsity 8+ and the 2V 8+.
- An athlete may not row in the 2V 8+ and the Varsity 4+ or the 2V 4+.
- For clubs rowing both the 2V 8+ and 3V 4+, the athletes in the 4+ must come from the 8+.
- For clubs rowing both the 2V 8+ and 4V 4+, the athletes in the 4+ must come from the 8+.
- An athlete may row the Varsity 4x and the 2V 2x as long as they already have an entry in the Varsity 2x
- An athlete may not row in the 2V 2x unless the V 2x has been entered. The same is for the 3V 2x, where there must already be a Varsity and a 2V entry

DEFINITIONS

- Junior Varsity: (2V) The second boat for organizations competing in the varsity race of the same event. 2V Four crews will only comprise athletes from the V Eight, after a V Four has been entered.
- Third Varsity: (3V) The third boat for teams competing in the varsity race of the same event. 3V Four crews will only comprise athletes from the 2V Eights.
- Fourth Varsity: (4V) The fourth boat for teams competing in the varsity race of the same event. 4V Four crews will only comprise athletes from the 2V Eight, after a 3V Four has been entered.
- Fifth Varsity: (5V) The fifth boat for teams competing in the varsity race of the same event. 5V Four crews will only comprise athletes from the 3V Eight and beyond after a 4V Four has been entered.

Proposed New Rules (to be enacted for the 2017 Regatta):

Event Class Separation: Eights, fours, quads, doubles and singles are all considered separate event classes. An athlete may only compete in one boat for each event class with varsity level designations. Examples:

- An athlete may not row both the Varsity 8+ and the 2V 8+.
- An athlete may not row both the Varsity 8+ and the 3V 4+ or 4V 4+.
- An athlete may not row both the Varsity 8+ or 2V8+ and the 5V 4+.
- Clubs entering a 2V 4+ must also enter a Varsity 4+. The Varsity 4+ must be the faster of the two boats.
- An athlete may row the Varsity 4x and the 2V 2x as long as they already have an entry in the Varsity 2x
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