

Tab 3 - VASRA Trophy and Awards Policy

Approved by the VASRA Board of Directors at its meeting on April 5, 2005. Updated by the Executive Board on February 27, 2007 to include the Ted Phoenix Regatta. Updated by the Executive Board on September 30, 2008 to delete the National Capital Championship as a VASRA supported regatta. Updated by the Executive Board on September 28, 2010 to formalize awarding a medal to the coach of 1st place crews.

AWARD REGATTAS

The provisions below shall apply to trophies, plaques, medals and ribbons awarded to competitors at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship (VSRC), and the Ted Phoenix Regatta.

TROPHY POLICY

- A. One trophy will be given for each championship event, one for each designated team category, and one for each event in the Ted Phoenix Regatta. Trophies will be revolving, held by the winning school for display until the VASRA Board of Directors meeting the following year designated for trophy return. A plaque for permanent possession, referring to the trophy, will be given to each winning crew and to team category winners. Championship events are specified in the VASRA Supplement to the USRowing Rules of Rowing, Article S5-209.1.
 - (1) Award of a trophy or plaque will be made only if there are a minimum of three entries in an event from three separate schools (VASRA Supplement, Article S5-301.1, paragraph 4.A.). If there are less than 3 entries, the trophy plinth engraving will indicate "No Award" for that year, or if the event is not held, "No Race."
 - (2) An exception to the one-trophy award policy is the VSRC Men's and Women's Governor's Team Trophies that duplicate the VSRC Men's and Women's Division I Point Trophies.
- B. Only trophies or awards accepted by the VASRA Board of Directors (BoD) may be presented at VASRA regattas. All awards donated to VASRA shall become the property of VASRA upon acceptance by the VASRA BoD . Trophy donors may not name the trophy, however, a trophy use (i.e., award event) and name may be proposed by the donor for consideration for approval by the BoD.
- C. No trophy use may be changed or discontinued without VASRA BoD approval.
- D. Individuals or organizations that are honored by having a trophy named for them should have significantly contributed in some way to local scholastic crew. No award will be named for any commercial enterprise or product.
- E. A small plaque or label affixed to the trophy base or plinth may commemorate the donor, but such label cannot conflict with the trophy identification engraving or plinth plate.
- F. Plinth plates will have the complete event winner history and, in some cases, the event history may predate the trophy (normally due to the trophy use having been changed).
- G. Medals will be awarded to individual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in championship events, and in the Ted Phoenix Regatta. For any medal award, two crews must be defeated, e.g., award of a third place medal requires at least five entries. A medal will also be awarded to the coach of 1st place crews.

- H. For non-championship events, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in their races will be awarded ribbons. Ribbon awards for second and third place are also subject to the minimum competitor rule cited in paragraph 1.G. above (e.g., for a second place ribbon award there must be at least four entries).

REGULAR SEASON REGATTAS

Ribbons will be awarded to individual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in all events, subject to the minimum competitor rule cited in Paragraph G. above.

TROPHY RETURN

- A. The school crew booster organization is responsible for the return of trophies in March or April in preparation for the next championship regattas. Trophies are to be turned over to the VASRA Trophy Coordinator, or his/her representative, who will receipt for each trophy in writing. Trophies are expected to be cleaned, polished where necessary, and free of damage, when turned over to the Trophy Coordinator.
- B. If by the VASRA BoD meeting designated for trophy return (either March or April) a school fails to return a trophy, that school shall be excluded from VASRA championship and Ted Phoenix regattas. Upon eventual return of the trophy or compensation to VASRA if the trophy is lost or damaged, the school must then petition the VASRA President, in writing, to request participation in any championship regatta, citing any mitigating circumstances relative to the failure to return the trophy within the required time.

RECORD OF MOTION to APPROVE POLICY

Date: April 5, 2005

Maker of Motion: Norm Brand

Motion Second: Dave Sommers

Approved: Yes, Unanimous Voice Vote

Approved as Amended: _____ N/A

Defeated: _____ N/A