

2018 ICSA Winter Coach's Symposium and Semi-Annual Meeting

Attendees:

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Here are the significant notes from the ICSA Midwinter Meeting.

1. ICSA Governance and Administration
 - a. Discussion of plan to use consulting firm to analyze the ICSA, with specific focus on governance and enforcement. Firm specializes in college sports.
 - b. Increase in fee for Showcase events to \$50 per team.
 - c. Likely tiered increase in dues sometime soon.
2. Likely a penalty for not participating in the second round of the showcases (ie a deterrent from participating in the first round but the not participating in the second round). We discussed just mirroring the interconference no-show penalties, or maybe ineligible for the showcases in the following year.
3. All-America Committee to research the ability to award a Crew of the Year award.
4. Competition committee:
 - a. Significant discussion of competitive imbalance at team race nationals, championship committee is examining options to improve quality.
 - b. Fowle Trophy point allocation will weight Women's and Coed evenly.
5. Significant discussion about Spectator Area at nationals:
 - a. Spectator area will have alcohol – who is allowed in there and how do we manage it?
6. National Championship Exclusion Zone:
 - a. Norfolk Team Race will still happen, will happen north of ODU out of Hampton YC, and will be in waters not to be used during the National Championship, in boats that are owned by the local YC/HS.
7. Eligibility
 - a. Creation of hardship waiver to accommodate extenuating circumstances. Waiver is very restrictive, requires that you must withdraw from school or become a part-time student.
8. PR Change to allow grad students: after significant discussion, this was defeated.
9. By Law Change to specify College Sailing as an undergraduate sport passed.
10. Eight year term limit was discussed but not voted on. Consulting firm will consider while they are evaluating ICSA.

11. Discussion of Sailing World rankings and the best path forward. Likely to adopt a plan led by a small committee of coaches managing a rankings panel.
12. Reporting system for the ICSA; there is general support for this but concerns about liability, ICSA President will work with legal, compliance, and title IX officers to research.