Promotional ICSA Regional and Fundamental Team Championship

Proposal

To hold a Promotional ICSA Regional and Fundamental Coed (and Women's?) Championship in the spring of 2022. Further to explore in 2022-3 a semi-finals structure, leading to the top 18 ICSA Regional and Fundamental teams selected for the championship.

Rationale

To create an exciting culminating event for ICSA Regional and Fundamental teams. Enhancing Regional and Fundamental teams serves to strengthen ICSA. In turn, it would support the development of Regional and Fundamental teams' growth and provide fundraising opportunities, especially for student-led teams for whom their governing schools do not wholly offer financial support.

Eligibility/Selection

The initial slate would be 18 teams divided among the conferences using a similar proportional structure as the former berth allocation system. Eligible teams would come only from ICSA Regional and Fundamental teams who are otherwise not selected for Coed's or Women's College Nationals, nor are they within the top CSR 36 after Weekend #10. -

Conference selections to this championship will be made by the conference commissioner, one coach, undergraduate president, vice president, and two additional undergraduates from student-led teams (one being a reserve member in case of recusal needs) after Weekend #10, allowing all conferences to select from fall and spring results and the spring conference regattas that showcase Regional and Fundamental teams. By Wednesday after Weekend #10, the selected teams shall be notified. Notification to selected teams will be made via the scheduling coordinator. Teams would have a turnaround time of two days to accept or decline berth.

Should a team decline the berth, the empty berth would be offered to the next team eligible in that conference, following the ICSA scheduling guidelines.

Hosting

A hosting conference rotation would be developed in collaboration with conference commissioners and undergraduate student leaders to not overlap with the College Nationals hosting conference. Teams would submit bids in that conference following the same criteria and timeline as other interconference bids.

Budget Considerations

Regatta fee structure

- Judges (2-3 for each event unless all are at the same venue)
- Awards/t-shirt etc.
- Optional items such as dinner Saturday evening at the host site, barbecue etc.
- Photographer/Social media

Structure/Implementation

The top three Regional & Fundamental teams based on CSR ranking at the end of the fall season would select a venue, organize the event and strive to include other Regional and Fundamental teams in the development and implementation of the championship. Hosting would serve to develop buy-in from conference Regional & Fundamental schools and provide students with opportunities to develop and implement a championship.