



RIVANNA ROWING CLUB

Guest Rowers Policy 2016

RRC's guest rowing policy applies to any nonmember using club or privately owned equipment at any time.

Please read and sign (page 2) BEFORE guest rower gets on the water.

Rivanna Rowing Club welcomes qualified guest rowers. In order to ensure the safety of all rowers, the safe handling of all equipment (club-owned or privately owned), and the smooth integration of guests into ongoing club and collegiate rowing programs, please follow the rules and procedures listed below.

The privilege of guest rowing is reserved primarily for visitors to the area who wish to row under the constant guidance of an RRC member for a limited period of time. It is not a "drop-in" membership for area rowers who simply wish to row occasionally (in club or private boats) without the benefits of a full club membership.

- Guests seeking to row club equipment, to row a member's boat (with or without the member), or to use their own boats at RRC facilities (including the boathouse and dock) must be sponsored by an RRC member in good standing.
- Guest sponsorship and use of facilities are privileges that will be considered on an individual basis; many factors may cause a request to be denied at any time.
- A guest must secure a member's sponsorship well in advance of the desired date(s) for rowing, as the sponsor must in turn secure advance approval from a designated RRC board member.

FEES

- Guest fees for use of club equipment are \$20 per row, with a maximum of 5 rows permitted per year.
- Guests using privately owned boats are not required to pay a fee but may choose to make a donation to the club. Guests using privately owned boats are also limited to 5 rows per year.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPONSORING CLUB MEMBER

The club member who sponsors a guest rower will be fully responsible for him/her at all times.

BEFORE ANY GUEST GETS ON THE WATER, it is the responsibility of the sponsoring club member to ensure that the guest:

- 1) is a fully competent rower;
- 2) understands and follows the rules at all times—signing out in logs and on the white board, launching procedures, rules of the river, right of way with UVA crews, running lights, etc.;
- 3) signs a US Rowing waiver;
- 4) pays applicable guest fees; and
- 5) returns club equipment completely wiped down, clean and undamaged.

Sponsors of guests using club equipment must reserve that equipment for their guest(s) in the Equipment Reservation log.

In any case of damage to club property, the incident must be reported immediately to a board member, and the sponsor is liable for the cost of repairs.

Guests must be escorted by their sponsor (afloat and ashore) when using club equipment.

Date(s) of row(s); name of boat(s) used each row

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

We agree to the terms outlined on page 1:

1) Sponsor (sign and date)

2) Guest (sign and date)

3) Name of approving board member (sign and date)

FILL OUT THIS FORM AND US ROWING LIABILITY WAIVER IN ADVANCE AND LEAVE THEM (WITH ANY PAYMENT BY CHECK TO RIVANNA ROWING CLUB AS APPROPRIATE) IN THE BLACK MAILBOX TO THE LEFT OF THE SWEEP BAY DOOR.



USRowing Release of Liability

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any USRowing activity, including scheduled, supervised club activities, and registered regattas, during the policy term 12/31/15 – 12/31/16, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin.

1. I ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.

2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.) ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death (“Risks”); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Release named below; (c.) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

3. I AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of USRowing and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.

4. I HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, the Regatta, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasee or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE OR ALTER THE WORDING ON THIS WAIVER WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM USROWING.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Printed Name of Participant:

USRowing # _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

Participant’s Signature:

Organization:

PARENTAL CONSENT

(If participant is under the age of 18)

AND I, the minor’s parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of rowing activities and the minor’s experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor’s account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor’s behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasee, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (only if participant is under the age of 18):

This is THE USRowing Release of Liability, which should be copied for your use.