



Louisville Rowing Club

Pulling Together on the River

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH (for competition classification) _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ Telephone: _____

Email _____ Relationship: _____

EXPLAIN ANY HEALTH/MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF WHICH WE SHOULD BE AWARE: _____

PREVIOUS ROWING EXPERIENCE: _____

AREA(S) OF INTEREST: Lessons _____ Sculling _____ Coxing _____
Recreation _____ Sweep rowing (crew) _____ Competition _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT LOUISVILLE ROWING CLUB? _____

DUES: Bills for dues and boat storage will be mailed in early February, with full payment due by April 1. All fees are annual, except as noted. No one will be allowed to row or use club equipment until all dues and fees have been paid (or arrangements made and approved). For members in the Individual Rowing and Family Rowing categories, a \$25 dues discount may be earned if full dues & equipment storage fees are paid by March 1 (\$50 cap on Family). See reverse for additional explanation of membership categories.

___ **Individual Rowing**

- **INDIVIDUAL** Rowing \$360.00
- OR Individual **LIFE** membership \$3,000.00
- OR Individual **STARTER/TRIAL** (one-time option for three months) \$100.00

___ **FAMILY Rowing** (unlimited number of *immediate* family members) \$500.00

___ **Individual SOCIAL** (Non-rowing, non-voting, invited to social and fundraising events) \$100.00

___ **INSTRUCTIONAL/VOLUNTEER Member** (Volunteers working within program parameters; No Dues
guest rowers; class participants; participants in special limited events—restrictions apply)

___ **JUNIOR Membership** Fee established by Juniors Program

___ **ADAPTIVE Program** Fee established by Adaptive Program

Any exceptions to the dues guidelines are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. **Make checks payable to "Louisville Rowing Club"**. Any person may apply for help with dues or arrange to pay in installments, subject to review by the Board of Directors.

BOAT STORAGE: Boats privately owned by members may be stored in club boathouses, **space permitting**, for a fee. Please contact the Boathouse Manager or a member of the Board to make arrangements for boat storage.

COMMENTS: _____

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MEMBERSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

INDIVIDUAL Rowing

\$360.00 per year [April 1 - March 31]

As a person applying for or holding Individual Membership in the Louisville Rowing Club, you are entitled to full use of club equipment [all equipment you are certified to use] at any time of the day. You must understand and agree to follow the rules set forth by the club.

Individual LIFE Membership

\$3,000.00

Existing Life Memberships will be grandfathered in. New Life Members will have all of the benefits of an Individual Membership for Life (or for the life of the club). Arrangements can be made to pay in no more than three monthly installments.

Individual Starter/TRIAL Membership

\$100.00

Trial Membership is for persons 18 and over joining for the first time. If the individual wants to continue membership in the club after three months, this amount will apply toward a full Individual Membership, with a balance of \$260.00 due. Returning members may join in this category if they have not been a member for at least three years.

FAMILY Rowing

\$500.00/year

This category is for an unlimited number of family members but immediate family members only. Members in this category are entitled to 1 vote per family membership.

INSTRUCTIONAL/VOLUNTEER Member

No Fee

This classification is for volunteers operating within program parameters or providing a special service to the club (Adaptive, Juniors, Fundraising). This category also includes guest rowers; class participants; and participants in special limited events.

JUNIORS Membership

Fees and schedule set by Juniors Program

Designed for fulltime high school students. Fees and program parameters will be set by the Juniors Program. Juniors members are expected to follow all club rules. *A portion of the fees from this program will be applied to overhead and the costs of shared facilities and equipment.*

ADAPTIVE Membership

Fees and schedule set by Adaptive Program

[Normal on-water season runs April to November]

Adaptive Membership in the Louisville Rowing Club is offered to persons with disabilities. The rower must agree to comply with all club rules, except where the Program Director has sought, and the Board of Directors has approved, exceptions. In addition, the participant must follow all rules pertaining specifically to the Adaptive Program. Adaptive Membership is limited to special times and equipment usage. Any person serving as an Adaptive Volunteer shall be provided with the proper instruction in rowing and an orientation to club operations. An Adaptive Volunteer is considered an Instructional/Volunteer Member. Anyone rowing beyond the times scheduled for the Adaptive Program will be considered an Individual Member and will be billed for dues in that category.

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Any exceptions to the dues categories must be approved by the Board of Directors

*The Louisville Rowing Club is a volunteer organization and relies on the time and talents of our members to continue operations. Please consider your dues as just a part of your membership. **Members will be asked to contribute personal time throughout the year to assist in the operation of the Club, by helping with activities, working on the grounds and equipment, and those important overhead activities such as the Website, mailings, and membership. Everyone has some sort of talent to offer, so invest in your club by contributing your time and effort when needed.***

The Greater Louisville Rowing Foundation (GLRF) is a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status that serves as the umbrella organization for rowing interests in the Greater Louisville community. Generous donations made to the Greater Louisville Rowing Foundation make all of our rowing programs and the operation of our two facilities possible. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Greater Louisville Rowing Foundation.

Yes, I want to make a contribution to GLRF. My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please note: For donations to the Greater Louisville Rowing Foundation, checks should be written separately from your dues payment and made payable to "GLRF".

**RULES FOR
LOUISVILLE ROWING CLUB AND
GREATER LOUISVILLE ROWING FOUNDATION
2014**

**Please check response if you have read and understood each rule.
If not, please ask for an explanation of the rule.**

Requirements for Rowing Club Membership:

1. I know how to swim. Yes
2. I have signed and returned to the Club all the required forms including applications, rules, and waivers. Yes
3. I have paid my dues (and any late fees), or the Board of Directors has waived my dues. [Or will pay my dues by the posted deadline] Yes
4. If I store equipment in the boathouse, I have paid my storage fees. Yes
5. I am fourteen years of age or older. Yes
6. I understand that I may be called upon from time to time to contribute my time and talent as a volunteer to assist in the operation of the club and its sponsored events. Yes

General Safety and Security:

7. I understand that there is a natural progression of skills in the sport of rowing and I will not use a piece of equipment (including, but not limited to, ergometers) without a signed waiver and until I, or my crew, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board (through its representatives) that I, or my crew, have the skills required to use it. Yes
8. I understand that I am responsible for rowing my boat in a safe manner even when I am being coached or supervised by another, and that I may refuse any request made by a coach or supervisor that makes me feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Yes
9. If I become aware of damaged equipment or an unsafe situation – such as a dangerous snag – I will report it to the boathouse manager, or a member of the Board, as soon as possible. Yes
10. I will use lights when rowing in low light situations, and I will not row when darkness or fog impede visibility. Yes
11. I will not go out on the water if the air temperature is below 32° F. I will not
12. I will monitor the weather before each outing, and I will not row when lightning is visible on the river. I will not row in white caps, unless I am an elite rower accompanied by other elite rowers. Yes
13. I will not row if the docks are “closed” due to high water. I will not
14. I will not take out a four or eight without a coxswain. I will not
15. I understand that rowing vessels can become swamped, or if they are significantly damaged, they can sink. While the US Coast Guard may not require life vests in rowing shells, I understand the LRC provides flotation vests for our use and that the Board recommends that I wear or carry a flotation vest. (Oars with adjustable handles are not flotation devices). Yes

16. I will not row if I am under the influence of drugs or alcohol. I will not

17. When using a club four or eight, I understand that there must be an experienced coxswain or half of the crew must be experienced rowers. I do

Ohio River Safety:

18. I understand that I should not scull on the Ohio River, other than the Towhead Island Channel, (or I will remain on Harrods Creek) until I have demonstrated to a member of the Board or its representative appropriate skills. I also understand that buddy rowing is encouraged. I do

19. If I row on the river, I will make every effort not to interfere with commercial traffic. I will stay clear of all barge traffic and I will not cross the bow of a moving barge with less than ½ mile of clearance (which is about the distance from the 2nd Street Bridge to the Kennedy Bridge on the Kentucky shore) Yes

20. I will not row downstream of the Second Street Bridge (Clark Memorial), and I know the location of shipping lanes and I will avoid loitering in them. I will stay in Harrods Creek, or in the Towhead Island Channel, unless someone who knows the “off limits areas” and location of the shipping lanes agrees to supervise my outing. Yes

Use of Equipment:

21. Before taking out a club boat, I will check the white sign-up board to make sure it has not been reserved for another crew. If reserving crew does not arrive within fifteen minutes of the reservation time, I understand that their reservation is cancelled. Yes

22. I will “sign out” and “sign in” for each outing in the boathouse logbook, or I will see that a member of my crew or the coxswain does it for me. Yes

23. I will close the boathouse door when I am on the water and no one is around to monitor. Yes

24. I will not leave a boat unattended on the dock. I will not

25. If others are waiting to launch or to land, I will endeavor to get on or off the dock in less than two minutes. (Sweep crews may adjust and tie shoes after pushing off.) Yes

26. I will see that the boat(s) are wiped down after each row. Yes

27. I will rack the boats properly and see that oars, life vests, cox boxes, radios, towels, and other items are returned to their proper places. Yes

28. I will close and lock the door if I am the last person to leave the boathouse. Yes

29. I understand I must wear socks when I row in club boats (for health reasons). Yes

Minors:

30. I will not allow anyone under the age of fourteen to row out of a GLRF facility, without the approval of a Board member or the Boathouse Manager. I will not

31. I understand that minor rowers must wear flotation vests and be closely supervised at all times. Yes

32. If I exercise responsibility for a minor I will comply with the rules established for Junior Rowers: a parent or guardian must sign their waiver forms, Junior Members must be accompanied by a coach’s launch or an experienced rower must be on the water and in close proximity to them at all times. Yes

33. I understand that any minor for whom I am responsible is not to be left unsupervised on any property managed by LRC and/or GLRF. Yes

Visitors and Guests:

34. I understand that visitors and guests are welcome to visit the boathouse and attend other club functions at any time. Yes
35. As an experienced rower, I understand that if I exercise responsibility for a guest rower, I will ensure that an Instructional application/waiver is completed. Yes

Races and Regattas:

36. I understand that I may take to a regatta any club equipment that I am qualified to row, but that I will be responsible for any transportation costs, regatta fees, penalties, and insurance costs (if applicable). Yes
37. I understand that I must arrange for the safe transport of the boat, either with the person who is driving the trailer, or if I am transporting the boat, I will see the boathouse manager for advice on how to properly secure the boat for safe transport. Yes
38. I understand that some regattas disqualify crews from racing when affiliated crews (another Louisville Rowing Club crew) do not pay their fees. If I am responsible, I will forfeit all privileges of membership until I have reimbursed the affected crews for all their expenses. Yes
39. I will see that the boat is re-rigged within two days of returning it to the boathouse. Yes

Acknowledgement of Responsibilities:

I acknowledge that the sport of rowing carries with it inherent dangers: including, but not limited to, injury or drowning that may result from swamping, capsizing, weather, collisions with floating or submerged objects, and collisions with other vessels. I recognize that while these rules are designed to minimize these dangers they cannot foresee every hazard, and that I am the person most responsible for my safety. I acknowledge that the Louisville Rowing Club is a volunteer organization, and as a member of this organization, I share responsibility for keeping others safe on the water and, therefore, I will report any safety related violation of these rules to a member of the LRC/GLRF Board of Directors.

I _____ (print name) have read and understand the rules listed above and I will abide by them.

Signature (of parent or guardian if rower under 18)

Date

**Rowing Release and Waiver of Liability,
Assumption of Risk,
and Indemnity Agreement (“Agreement”)**

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any Louisville Rowing Club/Greater Louisville Rowing Foundation (“Club”) activities (“Activity”) until the end of this calendar year, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. 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. 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 Releasees 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. AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of the Club 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. HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, others 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 Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescuer 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.

This waiver is being completed in order to row as:

Member (annual waiver required) _____

Participant in special program/event (please specify):

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:

Address: _____
Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Participant’s Signature (only if aged 18 or over):

Parental Consent

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 in 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 Releasees, 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.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:

Address: _____
Street

Louisville

State

Zip

Phone: _____

Date: _____

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