

**Westerville Rowing Club**

**Release, Waiver, and Acceptance of Responsibilities ("Release")**

The sport of Crew exposes the participant to certain hazards and requires substantial physical exertion. It is designed to challenge the individual rower and to foster a true understanding of team spirit and coordinated effort. Please carefully read each of the following assumptions of responsibility and certifications which each rower and his or her legal representative makes upon signing this Release.

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ ("Rower") being permitted to participate as a member of the Westerville Rowing Club ("Crew") in both organized regattas, practice sessions, fund raising events, social events organized for the Crew and travel related to any of such activities (collectively individually called "Crew Activities" in this Release), the undersigned parent and/or guardian of Rower ("Legal Guardian") and Rower hereby assume all responsibility for all risks of injury or death to Rower and/or damage to the property of Rower or the Legal Guardian resulting from Crew Activities whether such injury, death, or damage is the result of intentional or negligent action of any person or entity involved in Crew Activities. Legal Guardian and Rower acknowledge that Crew Activities involve risks of serious bodily injury including permanent disability, paralysis, drowning, and death including without limitation, as a result of upsetting while rowing in cold water, colliding with the other boats or objects while rowing, or vehicular accidents while traveling.

Legal Guardian and the Rower further release and discharge United States Rowing Association, Westerville Rowing Club, and any entity sponsoring and/or organizing a regatta, the owner or lessee of any premises where Crew Activities are held, the Crew and officers, directors, employees, volunteers, members, shareholders and other participants of each such entity or individual (collectively and individually called the "Released Party" in this Release) from any liability, demand, cause of action, or claim, present or future, whether no known or unknown, arising from or related to any Crew Activity held or to be held in the current school calendar year. Legal Guardian further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Released Party from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, or cost incurred by each Released Party in the event Rower or anyone on behalf of Rower makes a claim against a Released Party.

Legal Guardian and Rower understand the nature of the sport of rowing including the substantial physical exertion required of the rower and believe Rower is physically qualified to participate in such physical activities. Legal Guardian further certifies that Rower has been examined by a physician within the preceding year who has given appropriate assurance that Rower is qualified in activities such as the Crew Activities. Legal Guardian and Rower further certify that in the event of accidental underwater submersion that Rower has the necessary skills to prevent drowning by treading water and/or swimming.

Legal Guardian and Rower certify that each has read the Westerville Rowing Club's General Information, Rules and Regulations and agree that the intent of such rules is to protect the safety and health of student athletes, and further acknowledge the receipt of introductory information concerning Crew Activities and agree that the intent of such information is to promote team spirit and responsibility. Therefore, Rower agrees to abide by all Westerville Rowing Club Rules and particularly agrees not to use, purchase, or possess any mind-altering drugs, alcohol, build altering chemicals, or tobacco during the current school calendar year. In addition, Rower agrees to abide by the Crew Activity rules, as distributed from time to time during Crew Activities, including, without limitation, the expectation that Rower's conduct will be mature and orderly and will be supportive of the team effort, including the responsibility to attend and remain with the team throughout scheduled Crew Activities.

We have read this Release, fully understand its terms, understand that we have assumed substantial responsibilities, understand that we have given up substantial rights and understand that Crew and it's officers, trustee, member, and employees are relying on our representations contained in the Release. By signing below, we agree to be bound by this full Release.

Rower _____	Legal Guardian _____
(Signature)	(Signature)
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(Please Print)	(Please Print)
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Date	Date

Phone# where parent can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_