



2023 Corvallis Rowing Club, USRowing, and Oregon State University Release of Liability and Hold Harmless of Communicable Diseases including COVID-19

Section II. Hold Harmless for Communicable Diseases including COVID-19

The novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”), has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. While rules, guidance, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. **The Corvallis Rowing Club (“CRC”), Oregon State University (“OSU”) and USRowing cannot completely mitigate the transfer of communicable diseases like COVID-19 especially when involved in rowing-related activities. Participation in rowing-related activities includes possible exposure to and illness, injury, or death from infectious diseases including COVID-19.**

In consideration for providing CRC members the opportunity to participate in rowing-related activities, I voluntarily agree to waive and discharge any and all claims against the CRC, OSU, and USRowing and release them from liability for any exposure to or illness or injury from an infectious disease including COVID-19, including claims for any negligent actions of the CRC, OSU, and USRowing or their agents, to the fullest extent allowed by law, for myself, my estates, my heirs, my administrators, my executors, my assignees, and my successors.

I also agree to release, exonerate, discharge and hold harmless the CRC, OSU, and USRowing, their Board of Directors, the individual members thereof, and all officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and representatives from all liability, claims, causes of action, or demands, including attorney fees, fines, fees, or other costs (e.g. medical costs) arising out of any exposure to or illness or injury from an infectious disease including COVID-19, which may result from or in connection with my participation in CRC rowing-related activities and use of OSU facilities.

I further certify and represent that I have the legal authority to waive, discharge, release, and hold harmless the released parties on behalf of myself.

I also certify that I have read the CRC COVID-19 Guidelines that are available on the CRC website under “Club Files” <https://www.corvallisrowingclub.org/club-files>, should it be necessary to reinstate these, based on state and county guidances.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing, and have signed 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: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Section I of this form follows the same language as the official USRowing Release of Liability.

Corvallis Rowing Club COVID-19 Guidelines

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Assumption of the Risk Relating to COVID-19

COVID-19 is extremely contagious. As a result, federal, state, and local governments, and federal and state health agencies, recommend physical distancing and have prohibited the congregation of groups of people. The Corvallis Rowing Club ("CRC") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, CRC cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19.

During the COVID pandemic, and until further notice, CRC members:

- are NOT allowed to enter the boathouse, erg barn, tank, bathrooms, and locker rooms until OSU permits;
- are allowed launch, row, and land singles and familial doubles and pairs from the OSU Rowing facilities;
- are allowed to use the parking lot, ramp, and dock, and to access personal equipment in the tent and under the erg barn; and,
- must follow all other policies of the CRC as outlined in the [CRC Rules, Policies and Procedures](#) (2019) and any amendments, including not bringing non-CRC members to use the OSU Rowing facilities that are available.

Rower Responsibilities

Safety is everyone's responsibility. By showing up to the OSU Rowing facilities during the COVID pandemic, CRC members are agreeing to:

- NOT come to the boathouse if you or someone you live with exhibit ANY of the COVID-19 symptoms;
- NOT come to the boathouse for the number of days according to OSU, county, or state guidelines, if you have contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19;
- NOT invite or bring non-CRC members to row from the OSU Rowing facilities;
- Follow all OSU and CRC policies, guidelines, and procedures;
- Abide by physical distancing of at least 6 feet, especially on the ramp and dock;
- Bring and have readily available, at all times, a face covering when at the OSU Rowing facilities;
- Wear a face covering when not on the water AND another person is present (face masks can be removed once you have launched your boat); OR, refer to and abide by the latest OSU, county or state guidelines;
- Have available and use a personal supply of hand sanitizer;
- Wash/Sanitize hands before touching locks, and boats and oars (if asked to assist a non-familial other in carrying these items);
- Have available and use a personal supply of disinfectant and clean towels, or disposable disinfectant wipes, on equipment and locks before and after use;
- Refrain from touching equipment and items that are not yours; and,
- Be patient.