

**NEW WHATCOM ROWING RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (“AGREEMENT”)**

**IN CONSIDERATION** of being given the opportunity to participate in any way in any activities under the auspices of New Whatcom Rowing (the “Rowing Club”), 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, including, without limitation, the activities of the Rowing Club, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in the Rowing Club.

**2. FULLY UNDERSTAND** that: (a) ROWING ACTIVITIES ON LAND AND ON WATER INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis, and death (“Risks and Dangers”); (b) these Risks and Dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Rowing Club, the condition in which Rowing Club activities take 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 DANGERS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Rowing Club.

**3. AGREE AND WARRANT** that I will examine and inspect each activity of the Rowing Club in which I take part 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 Rowing Club activity and will refuse to take part in the Rowing Club activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.

**4. HEREBY RELEASE**, discharge, and covenant not to sue host organization, The Masters Rowing Association, the Rowing Club, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, Rowing Club organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Rowing Club activities take 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 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 the result of such claim to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**5. HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE** and by my signature below, or that of my parent or guardian, attest that I have received, read, fully understand and will abide by the Rowing Club Safety Rules for Participants. 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 APPLICANT/PARTICIPANT

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BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY’S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT/PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE (only if age 18 or older)

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**6. 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 the Rowing Club and to understand and abide by the Safety Rules for Applicants/Participants. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY 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 which any Releasee may incur as the result of any such claim to the fullest extent permitted by law.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY’S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (only if participant is under the age of 18)

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**A WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH APPLICANT TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW WHATCOM ROWING CLUB ACTIVITIES.**