



GRAND RAPIDS ROWING ASSOCIATION

P.O.Box 3189 Grand Rapids, MI 49501

2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ email: _____

Swimming proficiency: _____ Are you in good health? _____

Rowing/Athletic background: _____

Optional Information for forming crews. Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

IMPORTANT: WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMES A RESPONSIBILITY TO ALLOCATE SOME OF YOUR TIME TO SHARE IN THE OPERATIONS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION AND TO WORK AT THE GRAND REGATTA. Circle the areas in which you could be most helpful:

REGATTA TASKS:

July 12

Set-up

Boat Driver

Timer

Clean up

Where needed

ASSOCIATION DUTIES:

Fund Raising – New Boathouse

Social/Communications

Equipment Maintenance

Supervision

Other: _____

Service opportunities of interest to you and/or special skill you have that may be useful: _____

-ASSOCIATION RULES ARE POSTED AT THE BOATHOUSE. PLEASE FOLLOW THEM.

-MEMBERS MUST BE CERTIFIED (by a GRRA coach) TO ROW RACING SHELLS.

-NON-MEMBERS MAY ROW OCCASIONALLY AS A GUEST.

-ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS MUST READ AND SIGN A WAIVER BEFORE ROWING.

-YOU MUST SIGN THE LOG BOOK WHEN USING ASSOCIATION OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT.

-MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT AND/OR LOST SEATS & PARTS.

-BEGINNERS MUST PARTICIPATE IN FORMAL GRRA TRAINING.

Membership: _____ Social \$30
_____ Student, born 1986 or later \$55
_____ Individual \$150 (includes \$50 capital campaign gift)
_____ Family \$180 for two (inc. \$50 capital campaign gift) +\$25 each additional rowing family member
List family members: _____

Your completed application, signed waiver, and dues check should be mailed to the association's post office box or given to an association officer. Questions may be directed to Mike Stemo @ 676-4149 or any other association officer. Because the association must have a new signed waiver on file, a new application has to be filled out each year. The waiver is on the reverse side of this application.

We depend on fund raising to buy new equipment and keep association dues low. Donations are tax deductible since the club has 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

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

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in the Grand Rapids Rowing Association (“Association”) activities 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 the water and land based and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Association activities.

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 may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions of others participating in Association activities, the condition in which the Association 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 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 Association.

3. AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Association activity 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 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 City of Grand Rapids, Greenleaf Landscaping, the Association, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, and other participants, association officers, members, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the activities take (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 may incur as a the result of such a claim.

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 induction 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.

Printed name of Participant:

Street: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: _____

Participant’s Signature (only if participant is over the age of 18):

_____ **Date:** _____

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 that may incur as the result of any such claim.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian:

Street: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: _____

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

_____ **Date:** _____