

# Community Rowing, Inc. Youth Program

## Parent Code of Conduct – Fair Play & Respect Program

It is the intention of this compact to promote Fair Play and Respect for all participants within CRI. It is expected that all parents of CRI participants read and understand the Parent Code of Conduct and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year.

1. I will not force my child to row. I will try to make rowing FUN!
2. I will encourage my child to abide by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to gossip, hostility or violence.
3. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the sport. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
4. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a race.
5. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good efforts by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of or embarrass any rower including opposition teams.
6. I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are usually volunteers who are trying their best to be fair and honest.
7. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to rowing for my child.
8. I will never yell, taunt, or threaten any rower, coach, official or spectator at any youth rowing activity. I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any time at CRI or any youth rowing function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth rowing events.
9. I will leave the coaching and coaching decisions to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to row in a manner and in a position consistent with the team's strategy or plans.
10. I will emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child.
11. I will attempt to learn about rowing (USRowing rules, equipment, levels, skills, etc.) so that I may best support my child's development in the sport.
12. I will first communicate all and any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior to the parent coordinator(s) of my child's program. If I require further discussion, I will communicate with the coach. I may seek other vehicles for resolution, such as communication with the Program Director or the Executive Director of CRI or a member of the Board of CRI.
13. I will insist that my child rows in a safe and healthy environment. I will support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs or tobacco and I will refrain from their use at all CRI youth sponsored events.
14. I understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitment, the discipline and the social skills learned and acquired.
15. I will remember that my child rows for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
16. I will make every effort to show respect and courtesy to others when communicating via electronic means such as e-mail or a listserve. If I have a problem to resolve, I will resolve it in person or on the phone and NOT through the use of a public listserve or e-mails sent to multiple recipients.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by its guidelines at all team and rowing activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave a CRI activity or rowing event (such as a race or practice). In an extreme or repeated situation, I may be asked to withdraw my child from rowing at CRI.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_