

THAMES RIVER PADDLING CLUB
PARTICIPANT INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT
(Participants Under 18 Years of Age)
2026

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!
BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU ASSUME CERTAIN RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

This is a binding legal agreement. Clarify any questions or concerns before signing. As a participant in the activities and the spectating, orientation, instruction, competitions, programs, and services of the Thames River Paddling Club (collectively the "Activities"), the undersigned, being the Participant and the Participant's Parent/Guardian (collectively the "Parties"), acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this document.

The Thames River Paddling Club and their respective Directors, Officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, sponsors, owners/operators of the facilities in which the Activities take place, and representatives (collectively the "Organization").

Description & Acknowledgement of Risks

- 1) The Parties understand and acknowledge that:
 - a) The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards, and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury.
 - b) The Organization may offer or promote online programming (such as webinars, remote conferences, workshops, and online training) which have different foreseeable and unforeseeable risks than in-person programming.
 - c) The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of the Participant's fitness or abilities, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

- 2) The Participant is participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of that participation, the Parties hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers and hazards and may be exposed to such risks, dangers, and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Privacy breaches, hacking, technology malfunction or damage.
 - b) Executing strenuous and demanding physical movements & exerting & stretching various muscle groups.
 - c) Vigorous physical exertion, strenuous cardiovascular workouts, and rapid movements.
 - d) Failure to properly use any equipment, from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment or inadequate safety equipment.
 - e) Failure to act safely or within the Participant's ability or to stay within designated areas or to follow the instructions or rules.
 - f) Serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the Participant's body or to the Participant's general health and well-being.
 - g) Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations.
 - h) Concussion or other head injuries, including but not limited to, closed head injury or blunt head trauma.
 - i) Physical contact, falling or colliding with other boats, paddles, docks or with other participants, spectators, equipment, and hazards. Including falls due to wetness, uneven or irregular surfaces.
 - j) Entering and exiting the boat or capsizing a boat.
 - k) Extreme weather conditions which may result in dehydration, hypothermia, heatstroke or sunstroke.
 - l) Extended times in water or under the water.
 - m) Failure to act safely or within the Participant's ability or to stay within designated areas.
 - n) Negligence of other persons, including other spectators, participants, or employees.
 - o) Travel to and from competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of the Activities.
 - p) Contracting COVID-19 or any other contagious disease.

We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2. Guardian Initials: _____

Terms

- 3) In consideration of the Organization allowing the Participant to participate in the Activities, the Parties agree:

