

# SUSQUEHANNA ROWING ASSOCIATION

## **Club Rules**

The rules govern the conduct of all members and their guests. Failure of any member or guest to comply with the rules shall result in disciplinary action by the directors.

These rules shall be provided to every member and posted where available to all. Payment of dues constitutes an agreement on the part of each member to abide by the Rules.

The Directors in making these Rules assume no responsibility, express or implied, for the personal safety or welfare of any person. The rules are provided to remind members and their guests to be responsible for their own safety and that of other rowers. The rules are intended to help rather than hinder members in pursuing the sport of rowing.

Applicable rules and laws of the state and DCNR shall be a part of these rules.

### **A. General Rules**

1. Each member is responsible for the observance and enforcement of the rules, and it is his/her duty to report any violation to the Directors.
2. The directors shall have complete authority over supervised rowing sessions, club racing, all club equipment and facilities.
3. Members may not use privately owned equipment without the expressed permission of the owner.
4. Only members who are current on their dues and fees may use club equipment and facilities
5. **Guest Privileges.**
  - a. Members may invite guests to participate in SRA activities. They shall assume responsibility for insuring that guests can row safely, shall accompany their guests at all times, and shall be held accountable for their guests conduct. Frequency as a guest shall not exceed three.
  - b. Courtesy privileges may be extended to members of other recognized registered clubs. These guests may use equipment and facilities consistent with their skills as determined by the Captain, coach or directors.
  - c. All guests shall have a current signed copy of 'Release of Liability' form on file, in the log book.

## **B. Rowing Procedures.**

1. All rowers must log their activities in the log book, upon completion.
2. All equipment problems shall be recorded and the Coxswain so notified. Equipment not fit for use shall be clearly marked as such.
3. After use, boats shall be cleaned and returned to its proper place.
4. The cost of equipment damage due to negligence is the responsibility of the person(s) using the equipment at that time. Negligence is defined as any damage incurred between removal from and return to storage on the appropriate rack.
5. Boats may be reserved only through the Captain, who shall make final determination. Recognized appropriate activities include supervised club activities and regattas.

## **C. Safety.**

1. All persons under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.
2. The Captain shall be responsible for persons under the age of 18, to include usable boats and permission to row unescorted.
3. All rowers must attest to their ability to swim. Persons under 18 shall have a Red Cross certificate of swimming ability.
4. All boats shall have a bow ball, heel straps and lights for periods of darkness.
5. In the event of swamping or flipping, rowers shall remain with the equipment, which shall be used as a flotation device.
6. During thunderstorms, rowing shall not be permitted.
7. All members shall become familiar with and obey the US Rowing Association's (USRA) water safety procedures. Said procedures are included here by reference and available at [www.usra.org](http://www.usra.org).
8. The Captain is empowered to designate other rules due to temporary conditions, such as temperature etal.

## **D. Other**

1. When other rowers are on the lake, boats shall generally move in a clock-wise direction around the lake.
2. Blind boats shall have the right-of-way over coxswained boats.
3. When departing the site a visual inspection shall be made to insure all equipment is duly locked and the area is 'policed'.
4. 'Keys' to the equipment shall be provided by the Coxswain - only, based upon skill qualifications as determined by the Captain.

5. Members racing in regattas shall enter as Susquehanna Rowing Association (SRA), wear club colors and SRA identified oars.
6. Members are expected to promote the name of SRA and encourage club membership.
7. All members are expected to contribute at least six hours of volunteer service in support of club functions. Participation to be monitored.
8. Only members shall be permitted to store equipment in/on club facilities.
9. The coxswain shall assign storage facilities for private use only after all club needs are satisfied and use an appropriate priority scheme.

THESE RULES MAY BE MODIFIED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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