

# Fort Collins Rowing Association

## Rules and Guidelines

### I. Boat Usage

1. Active club membership is required to have independent access to club equipment.
2. All individuals using club equipment must sign a statement that they can swim. This statement must be on file with the Membership Director for a person to use club equipment
3. All individuals must be certified to use each level of boat (i.e., beginning, intermediate and advanced) prior to using this equipment. A member must be certified to row a given type of boat by meeting the criteria set by the Board for certification for each level of boat. Certification may be done by a Board member, a coach, or another club member designated by the Board. At least one person rowing in any multi-person boat must be certified to row advanced boats, OR the boat must be accompanied by a coach recognized by the Board in a launch.
4. Members taking out boats must sign in and out on the log in the boathouse.
5. Members may sign out boats in advance online at [www.fcrowing.com](http://www.fcrowing.com). The reservation must include the time the boat will be taken out.

### II. Juniors

1. Juniors are defined as any rower less than 18 years of age.
2. Juniors may not row without supervision or approval by a coach or board member.

### III. Boat Storage – All Boat Storage Decisions will be made by the board

1. Because boat storage space is at a premium, priority for boat storage shall be as follows:
  - a) first priority shall be given to active members placing boats in active storage.
  - b) second priority shall be given to active members placing boats in passive storage.
  - c) if space remains available, members in other classes may be eligible to place boats in passive storage.
2. Active storage is defined as any boat which is stored rigged, and easily available for rowing.
3. Passive storage is defined as any boat that is stored unrigged, and without the intent of being easily available for rowing. The location of storage is determined by the Board member in charge of boats, but may be in a location in the boathouse not easily accessible on a daily basis. Boats that are stored only during the winter time, when the water is not accessible, are considered to be in passive storage, regardless of whether they are rigged or not. The Board member in charge of boats may require that they be de-rigged, if needed for storage.
4. Fees for active and passive storage shall be set each year by the Board of Directors.

### IV. Dues and Financial Status

1. The capital and operating budgets for a given fiscal year will be set by the Board prior to any determination of the dues for the fiscal year, and the dues shall be set by the Board as needed to ensure meeting the annual budget.

### V. Family Memberships

For membership purposes, a family consists of up to 2 adult members living at the same address, and any children who are less than 21 years of age, AND live at home or are enrolled in college.

### VI. Damage to Equipment

1. Any damage to equipment must be reported to the Board member in charge of boats.
2. Repair to damaged equipment should NOT be attempted without the supervision of the Board member in charge of boats.
3. If there is a financial cost for repair of damage, the responsible individual(s) are liable for half the incurred cost. Since most damage is covered by boat insurance, in most cases this means the individuals are liable for half the cost of the deductible.

## VII. Safety

1. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) are not required in a rowing boat according to the Coast Guard. However, we recommend having some type of floatation device especially for beginners. The water at the reservoir is often very cold. Proper caution needs to be observed.
2. For safety, it is also recommended that each boat have a whistle to signal for help.

## VIII. Guests

1. Members may allow guests to row with them.
2. A guest may not row more than one week (7 days) in a calendar year without joining the club.
3. To row, guests must complete a liability waiver and a statement of their ability to swim.

## IX. Prioritization of Boats for Daily Use

If a formal coaching program is taking place, first priority for boat usage is given to any boats required by that program while it is on the water. If a reservation is made by other members for a boat required by the coaching program, that reservation is considered void.

## X. Use of Club Motorboats

1. Club motorboats may only be used by club members who have been certified by the Board.
2. Club motorboats will be available only for use during learn to row or coaching functions, or for certain club maintenance operations. They are not available for private recreational use. Boats being coached should include at least one active club member.