



2012 Membership Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Your Vehicle Information (required by Craftsmen Park): Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

If all your information is the same from last year's application just write "SAME" here: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____ Birthdate: _____

Gender: Male / Female Can You Swim: Yes / No Rowing Experience: Yes / No

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Reasons you want to row: _____

Do you have any medical conditions that would interfere with rowing: Yes / No

If yes, please describe: _____

If you were referred by a PLRA member, what is their name: _____

If another member of your family is a PLRA member, what is their name: _____

Where did you learn about PLRA (e.g. newspaper, internet, calendar): _____

Do you give permission to be in to our member's only directory: Yes / No T-Shirt Size: S / M / L / XL

For Sweep Members, which program are you participating in: Competitive / Masters

Please check the membership program(s) you will participate in:

Amount

- Spring Sweep Program \$250 _____
- Fall Sweep Program \$250 / \$200 if paid for Spring _____
- Spring Session Extension \$50, only allowed if competing in SRL _____
- Intro to Sculling Program \$180 / \$120 for qualifying members _____
- Coxswain Program Free, must meet requirements to be a qualifying member _____

Please check the work crew you want to participate in:

- Membership (includes LTR) _____
- Events (regattas, fundraising) _____
- Communications _____
- Practice Management _____
- Unable to meet volunteer commitment \$100 _____

Credits:

- Full-time Student Discount 40% discount for Spring or Fall Program _____
- Family Membership Discount 20% discount for 2nd family member _____
- Refer a Friend Credit \$25 per referral _____

Total _____

Work Crew

As a club of volunteers, all members are encouraged to contribute time and talents by joining a work crew which will benefit the PLRA community. If you would, please select a work crew from the list below. These work parties are held as needed to make the program run and only last for a few hours. Specific work parties will be announced via the club newsletter and sign-ups will be posted in the boathouse.

If you are unable donate the time mentioned above in volunteer hours to the club, **we ask that you please submit an additional \$100 annual donation** to the club operating budget. This donation may be tax-deductible. This requirement applies to all membership classes listed on this application, including the free coxswain program.

Similar to coxing and launch responsibilities, all members are encouraged to assist with equipment responsibilities (i.e. moving and rigging boats) regardless of which work crew they may join.

Work crew descriptions:

- **Membership Crew** – collect applications, waivers and dues, maintain roster with USRowing, maintain emergency contact list, pursue activities to attract new members and organize LTR classes
- **Events Crew** – assist in planning for the regattas, fundraising events, moonlight rowing
- **Communications Crew** – manage all e-mail communications, collect announcements for newsletter, maintain website, write press releases
- **Practice Management Crew** – coordinate and train coxswains, and safety boat drivers for practices, maintain procedures for efficient and safe launching procedures

Please mail this application and the Release of Liability / Affirmation of Swimming Ability form to PLRA at 1351 S Cleveland Massillon Rd Unit 1, Copley, OH 44321 along with your check payable to PLRA.

Spring session participants are encouraged to send payment by **April 1** and payments for the Fall session should be provided by **July 15**. We must have an application, release form and check from you before you can participate in any PLRA activities, so if you are unable to mail the application at least one week prior to your first event, please bring it with you to the boathouse.

All members must attend a safety class before rowing. All rowers must have the ability to swim 100 yards and thereafter to tread water for 4 minutes; otherwise they must wear a PFD at all times while on the water.

PLRA will not share your confidential personal information with anyone (except with US Rowing and their insurance company) unless you indicate “yes” on the above question about sharing with other members. By filling out this application you agree to be put on our mailing list and e-mail list.

Agreement

I understand that this application is not complete until I have signed the Release of Liability / Affirmation of Swimming Ability form and I will not be able to participate in any PLRA activities until that is signed.

Having read all of the above, I do hereby agree to review and adhere to PLRA policies and procedures set forth herein and elsewhere including the PLRA safety rules.

Signature: (only if age 18 or older) _____ Date: _____

THIS SECTION FOR PLRA USE

Dues: _____ Check #: _____ Received by: _____ Received on: _____

Release of Liability / Affirmation of Swimming Ability

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any Portage Lakes Rowing Association (“PLRA”) activities (“Activity”), including PLRA practices, workouts, regattas and other PLRA activities, during the term 1/1/11 – 12/31/11, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. I ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.

2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.) ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death (“Risks”); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Releasee named below; (c.) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily 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 Activity.

3. I AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of PLRA 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. I HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, PLRA, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (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 Releasee 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 any may incur as a result of such claim, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I also affirm that I have the ability to swim 100 yards and thereafter to tread water for 4 minutes.

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 inducement 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 and effect.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: (only if age 18 or older) _____ Date: _____