



Athlete & Parent Contract 2025-2026

Welcome to Jackson-Reed Crew! To ensure success and cover the nearly \$250,000 of operating costs, each athlete (rowers and coxswains) is required to pay dues and to participate in fundraising activities. Please read this document carefully and then sign at bottom to indicate your acknowledgment of your team obligations.

Program Dues

The program dues for the 2025-2026 program are \$2100. Dues will be invoiced in three installments of \$700 each in September, December, and February and are due within two weeks of invoicing. If dues are not paid within two weeks of invoicing (and no alternative arrangements have been agreed with the co-treasurers), the athlete will be unable to participate in team activities and competition.

Program dues cover the costs of coaches' salaries, Thompson Boat Center dues, uniforms, fees for local regattas, insurance, equipment and other costs that are shared across the program.

JRCrew recognizes that rowing is an expensive sport and can be a burden on a family's budget. The Accounts Receivable Treasurer can discuss alternative payment plans if this makes it easier for families to meet their obligations.

Travel Fees

Some crew activities incur travel fees for additional costs for lodging, meals, and transportation. There are typically 2 travel regattas in the fall, and 3-5 travel regattas in spring. Not all athletes travel to all of these regattas; only participating athletes will incur these expenses. The cost for each away regatta typically ranges between \$200-600 depending on location and length of event. In addition, the mandatory spring break training trip averages \$800 to \$1000. Therefore the total travel fees for the program can be \$2500, depending on participation.

USRowing Membership

Each athlete is required to have a valid USRowing basic level membership for the duration of their participation in crew. The estimated basic USRowing membership fee is **\$25 for new members or \$20 for renewals**, annually. More details are posted at www.jacksonreedcrew.org/usrowing

Financial Assistance and Scholarship

JRCrew is committed to making participation in the rowing program available to all athletes who are interested and willing to commit to the program. JRCrew can provide scholarship assistance (within budgetary restraints) to ensure that financial barriers do not prevent participation by any committed athlete. Please contact our co-Treasurer at jacksonreedcrew.artreasurer@gmail.com for more information on scholarships or read the **Jackson-Reed Crew Financial Assistance and Scholarship Policy**

Fundraising Obligation

In addition to paying dues, all members of JRCrew are required to meet an annual fundraising obligation of \$700. This applies to athletes receiving scholarships as well. JRCrew offers multiple fundraising activities as a way to reduce the direct financial impact on rower families with 50 percent of the total sales made by the athlete credited to their fundraising goal.

- **Winter Sales** – November-December: The team sells a collection of wreaths, poinsettias, and a Jewish holiday bundle. JRCrew hosts a Christmas Tree sale at Broad Branch Market.
- **Spring Flower & Herb Sale** – March-May: The team sells a collection of flowers, greenery, hanging baskets, and herbs, which are delivered in May.
- **TBD** – we are working to expand our fundraiser offerings – ideas and help welcome!

If an athlete does not meet their fundraising goal or chooses not to participate in any of the fundraising activities, they and their family will be invoiced for the balance due of the athlete's total fundraising obligation.

Forms

All athletes must submit the required forms for the current season, in addition to this contract. Forms are available on our website at www.jacksonreedcrew.org/forms. JRCrew reserves the right to prohibit athletes from practicing until all forms have been submitted and they have passed a swim test.

Parent/Guardian Volunteerism

Our community depends upon the efforts of our volunteers. There are numerous ways for parents/guardians to become involved in JRCrew. During registration, all parents will be asked to choose a volunteer team area of interest in which to participate. In addition, all parents or guardian volunteers will be asked to help at the team tent at least once during each racing season. Detailed descriptions of the volunteer roles are available on our website under "Parent Resources."

There are five parent teams for the 2025-2026 program. Learn more at www.jacksonreedcrew.org/volunteer

- **Accounting & Membership** – These roles are great for schedule-constrained parents who need the flexibility of doing behind-the-scenes work from the comfort of their laptops. Some roles are seasonal. We particularly need individuals with accounting experience.
- **Boathouse & Equipment** – This team handles work related to our existing equipment and meets new requests from the coaches. Accordingly, work varies by year and as needs arise: past projects included building an erg rack and a boathouse cubby, installing trailer shelving, and mounting solar-powered pumps for launches.
- **Engagement** – This team drives engagement across our community; generates positive publicity with alumni and the business community; and identifies the next generation of parent volunteers. They oversee all email communication with athletes and parents and are responsible for our website and social media channels.
- **Regatta & Travel** – This team is critical to the success of our athletes in competition. All parents are technically part of this team because of our requirement that parents “work” at least one local regatta, meaning taking shifts in the JRCrew tent and engaging other parents to build community. In order to get to that point, however, a small group of parent leaders is needed to organize transportation, lodging and meals.
- **Student-Led Fundraising** – Student-led fundraisers are a significant portion of the JRCrew Operational Budget, which is \$275,000 per year. We expect to raise \$75,000 from these fundraisers after cost-of-sales. The team traditionally hosts two major fundraisers where athletes sell items and receive credit for their total sales. We are looking to expand our fundraisers and need ideas and help to do so!
- **Corporate and Charitable Sponsorships -**

Acknowledgement

I, _____(athlete) and I, _____ (parent or guardian) understand our obligations as outlined above.

Athlete Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date