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Minimum expectations of Family Members of Central Ohio Rowing include, but are not limited to:

- Be positive and supportive to all participants. Add your voice to the cheering section during regattas for all Central Ohio Rowing boats.
- Be respectful and supportive of our coaches' decisions. They have been hired because of their rowing expertise. Communicate concerns with a Board Member only after the athlete has discussed their concern with their Coach. There is a time and place for parents to ask questions about coaching decisions and strategies. Direct program related questions to the Director of Rowing first. Daily practice related questions can be directed to their rower's coach. The best time is a scheduled meeting via email, or after a practice if available.

Be considerate of boundaries. Regattas, scrimmages, and practices are the time to support your child by watching them enjoy their experiences. On regatta days parents/guardians will remain in the designated areas for spectators and not go into the boatyard or rigging area unless instructed or requested by the coach. Please direct program questions to COR Board Members on regatta days, not coaches.

- Be an example of good sportsmanship. Your children learn this from you, the most significant individual in their lives.
- Be safety conscious. Safety is a constant concern with any sport. If you see a situation that you believe is a safety hazard, please step in and help eliminate the immediate issue then follow up with the Safety Committee.
- Be a volunteer. As the oldest rowing team in Central Ohio, Central Ohio Rowing has enjoyed success for over 25 years thanks to dedicated coaches, athletes and parents. We could not do it without all three doing their part throughout the season. For families, it is as easy as 1-2-3:
  1. Donating at least TWO food items per regatta to the food tent.
  2. Volunteering THREE times throughout a season:
    - Boatyard clean-up AND/OR Tent set-up at regattas
    - Kitchen, grill, or towing boat or food trailers and/or filling water bottles or taking dirty dishes to wash
    - Serving on one committee during the season (regattas, spirit events, technology, rowers, etc.)
  3. Participating in at least TWO fundraising activities over a six-month period. This includes activities such as the Spring and Fall Flower sales, Irish Festival parking, Erg-a-thon, etc.  
If you cannot participate in fundraising activities, then we ask that you donate \$100 to the Central Ohio Rowing for each season your child participates.

Any parent displaying unsportsmanlike behavior during an event may be asked to leave the area. If the unsportsmanlike behavior continues, their child may be removed from scheduled lineups and asked to leave the area. If the situation continues or escalates further, local law enforcement may be called in. COR reserves the right to remove parents from the team communication platform at any time.