The PURDUE CREW CLUB
MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

I. Background
To ensure and enhance the financial stability of the Purdue Crew Club, the Club Officers deem it prudent to institute a member’s “Membership Agreement”, which (1) will distribute a member's financial obligations over an entire academic year, (2) will facilitate a positive monthly cash flow, (3) will sustain good annual financial health and (4) protect the name, image, and reputation of our team with rules governing the distribution and possession of team-related clothing. This “Membership Agreement” will provide equitable treatment of all members while making the rowing program fiscally responsible and sound.

II. Terms.
The terms for Purdue Crew participation will include the financial responsibilities and the event participation obligations (listed below) that apply equally to all members. Dues, fees and assessments are collected as well as requiring each member’s participation in work projects and fund-raising events to offset annual operating costs of the program. This agreement covers a one year period, generally from the beginning of classes in the fall semester through the last scheduled race of the following spring.

The payment of “Membership Dues”, “Maintenance/Operations Fee”, and “Monthly Assessments” along with fulfillment of “Equal Participation” obligations gives each member an equal opportunity to be selected to represent Purdue Crew at budgeted regattas, events and functions; but does not guarantee (1) selection for those regattas, events and functions or (2) selection for total and unlimited participation.

All dues, fees and monthly assessments are established and based with regard to the current and applicable fiscal year budget. It should be noted, the annual budget may not be all-inclusive and may exclude items such as uniform, optional clothing costs and special trip costs, some of which are delineated below in Section II.C.

A. Financial Responsibilities
   a. Membership Dues:
      1. All members shall pay “Membership Dues” at the beginning of the fall semester to be eligible for annual participation. “Membership Dues” will be $100 for Varsity Members and $35 for Novice Members.
      2. “Membership Dues” are due at the “All-Team Meeting” at the beginning of the fall semester with the exception that Novice Members are granted at least a 2-week Indoctrination Period to decide to participate or not. Novice Member’s “Membership Dues” are due at the end of the Indoctrination Period.
      3. Members will not be allowed to participate in practice or regattas until membership dues have been paid according to the schedule delineated above.
      4. Membership Dues are payable to “Purdue Crew Club” and are collected by the club’s Treasurer for deposit into the club’s student organization account.
   b. Maintenance/Operations Fee:
      1. All members shall pay a “Maintenance/Operations Fee” at the beginning of the spring semester to sustain eligibility for participation. The “Maintenance/Operations Fee” will be $115 for both Varsity and Novice Members.
      2. The “Maintenance/Operations Fee” is due at the beginning of the spring semester for all members who qualify for the January Monthly Assessment.
      3. Maintenance/Operations Fees are billed and paid as outlined in procedures for the university’s online billing system.
   c. Monthly Assessments:
      1. All members are responsible for paying Monthly Assessments for the months inclusive from September through May. The amount of each monthly assessment will be as follows:
      a. Novice Rowers; $25 for September, $58 per month for October through May, totaling $489.
      b. Varsity Members; $58 per month from September through May, totaling $522.
      2. All members participating in the last fall team regatta will be assessed through November.
      3. All members qualifying for the March billing will assessed through May.
      4. Monthly Assessments are billed and paid as outlined in procedures for the university’s online billing system.
B. Participation Obligations
      1. All members who qualify for the November Monthly Assessment will be required to participate in three workdays.
      2. Members who do not qualify for the November Monthly Assessment are required to participate in the Rent-A-Rower workdays as outlined below:
         i. All members who qualify for the September Monthly Assessment will be required to participate in one workday.
         ii. All members who qualify for the October Monthly Assessment will be required to participate in two workdays.
      3. Members who do not fulfill this participation requirement will be billed an “Equal Participation” fee of $65 per unfulfilled workday through the university’s online billing system.
      4. All officers will be required to attend three workdays. The Officers will hold a meeting during this time and will not be required to fulfill work project jobs unless there is a shortage of members. Officers attending fewer than three workdays will be billed an “Equal Participation” fee of $65 per unattended workday through the university’s online billing system.
      5. No credits can be earned by participation in more than the required participations outlined above.
   b. All members are encouraged to support the following Club events and activities as well as any other activities for that year: Hunger Hike, Parent’s Day, Feast of the Hunter’s Moon, Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, and Row-A-Thon.

C. Special Trips
   a. All members selected to participate in these Special Trips are responsible for payment of costs associated with each special trip. Special trips may include, but are not limited to: Spring Break Training, San Diego Crew Classic, ACRA Regatta, the Royal Henley Regatta or other regattas that the club adds.
   b. The “Special Trip” fee assessed will be determined and approved as specified by rate request procedure. A “rate requested” fee will be assessed to each selected participant as the means to recoup the costs associated with each of these individual Special Trips.
   c. Special Trip fees will be billed via the university’s online billing system.

D. Payment Rules
   a. Monthly Assessments and the “Maintenance/Operations Fee” will be billed and payments made in accordance with the university’s online billing system.
   b. All other payments are to be made as prescribed in II.A through II.F.

E. Clothing
   In an attempt to protect the name and image of our team as well as the proud reputation of its members, the following rules governing the clothing will be enforced. Wearing the Purdue Crew name is a privilege, not a right. This privilege must be earned before it is given.
   a. Novice Clothing (fall)
      1. The privilege to wear the Purdue Crew Novice Race Uniform is earned by being selected to participate in the fall novice regattas, typically the final fall team regatta.
      2. The Novice Uniform will be issued prior to fall racing, typically the last fall team regatta.
      3. The novice member will sign for receiving the racing uniform and will sign again when the racing uniform is returned. The Club’s Secretary will maintain a “Novice Racing Uniform” Issue and Return Log. A member who does not return the novice uniform items issued will be billed for the cost of the uniform item(s) as calculated by the Secretary.
      4. The novice racing uniform will be given to the novice members for the spring racing season just prior to spring break training and will not be recollected.
      5. The Novice Uniform includes the following items:
         - Racing Tank
         - Rowing Trou (spandex shorts)
         - Black Long Sleeve Racing Shirt
         - Grey Novice Short Sleeve Shirt
   b. Novice Clothing (spring)
1. A Novice member who has participated through spring break training and is in good standing with the club may purchase and wear/use ONLY the following:
   - Novice Racing Uniform
   - Gortex Team Jacket
   - Gortex Pants
   - White Novice long sleeve t-shirt
   - Crew Duffel Bag

2. If a Novice member receives any of the above clothing and subsequently quits or is removed from membership before the completion of the spring season that person will be required to return those items of clothing without refund.
   c. Varsity Clothing
      Just like the novice, there are certain clothing privileges that a Varsity member must earn:
      - Varsity Racing Unisuit
      - Gortex Team Jacket
      - Gortex pants
      - Hooded or Crew Neck Sweatshirt
      - Sweatpants
      - White Varsity long sleeve t-shirt
      - Baseball hat
      - Henley shirt
      - Turtleshell Vest
      - Polo
      - Crew Duffel Bag
      - Other new items offered by the Secretary

1. If a Varsity member receives any of the above clothing and is subsequently removed from membership before the completion of the spring season, that person will be required to return those items of Varsity Only clothing without refund.
2. These articles of clothing shall not be lent out or worn by anyone other than a Purdue rower! Everyone has worked hard for the ability to wear our name; use common sense!

d. The hooded sweatshirt, crew neck sweatshirt, baseball hat, and polo are the only items that may be purchased for immediate family members to wear. No other items may be worn by anyone other than a Purdue Crew rower/coxswain.

F. Refunds
   a. Refunds of Membership Dues, Maintenance/Operations Fees, Monthly Assessments, Special Trip Fees, or any other expense will not be given except as outlined in b. below. Refunds for clothing will be done in accordance with section II.E.
   b. Refunds will only be considered if a member's medical condition prohibits the member’s further participation in Purdue Crew. The Executive Board may request confirmation of the condition from the member's physician before the refund is approved. A refund may only be given by approval of the Executive Board.

G. Termination Policy
   a. Any member, at any time, may terminate their membership with Purdue Crew in accordance with the following requirements.
   i. Complete and sign the “Membership Agreement Termination Form”. A “Membership Agreement Termination Form” is on the final page of this document. A copy can be obtained at the Club Sports Office in the RSC or the Purdue Crew Website
   ii. Turn in the completed Membership Agreement Termination Form to the Club Sports’ Office at the RSC where it will be date stamped by Club Sports’ Administrative Assistant.
   b. Completed “Membership Agreement Termination Forms” will be placed in the Purdue Crew mailbox for review by the Club’s President and Treasurer and their signature to finalize the member’s termination.
   c. A member’s financial commitment to Purdue Crew will terminate when II.G.a is completed.
   d. A Membership Agreement Termination Form must be “date stamped” by the RSC Club’s Sports Office before the 15th day of the month to be released from that month’s assessment fee and/or Maintenance/Operations Fee.
e. It is the sole responsibility of the member requesting termination to complete the requirements outlined above.

f. A member is subject to pay all accrued financial commitments until the requirements of this section are completed.

III. CO-OP Work Program

Students participating in the CO-OP work program at Purdue University may elect one of the options outlined below and assume the applicable financial commitment.

A. Non-member for that academic year. No financial commitment incurred.

B. Assume full eligibility status (practice + competition + travel) for the semester on campus. Financial commitment is outlined below:

   Fall only: Payment of all “Membership Dues” and monthly assessments (Sept through Dec) is required as well as fulfilling any fundraising or work project obligations during that semester.

   Spring only: Payment of all “Membership Dues”, “Maintenance/Operations Fee” and monthly assessments (January through May) is required plus fulfilling any fundraising or work project obligations in the fall (Rent-A-Rower specifically) and during the spring less a pro-rated amount for fall competitions/regattas not participated in.

IV. Red Shirt Situation

If a member, in good standing with the club, is unable to fully participate in the team’s competitive season due to injury, CO-OP, or other reason deemed appropriate by the officers and coaches, the member is eligible for a practice only status. Financial commitment is outlined below:

A. If the athlete elects this option and the officers and coaches concur, then the financial commitment shall include Membership Dues and Maintenance/Operations Fees as specified above along with reduced Monthly Assessments ($15/month). The member is also required to fulfill any fundraising or work project obligations that the crew undertakes.

B. A Red Shirt athlete is not eligible to travel with the team, including regattas, training trips, etc., unless deemed appropriate by the officers and coaches.

V. Late Activation Payment Policy

Members who join after the initial membership enrollment period at the beginning of the fall semester are subject to this Late Activation Payment Policy outlined below.

A. Each member of the Purdue Crew team assumes the following financial commitments regardless of the date of his/her activation.

   d. Payment of Membership Dues.

   e. Payment of Maintenance/Operations Fee.

   f. Payment of all monthly assessments (September thru May). Members joining after September may choose to pro-rate the total of prior monthly assessments over the remainder of the year, or they may opt to pay prior assessments in a lump sum. The head coach/treasurer will calculate all pro-rated monthly assessments.

B. Members joining late must also assume responsibility for fundraising and work project obligations that Purdue Crew completed or assumes. These responsibilities are outlined below.

   a. Members joining Purdue Crew late are responsible for all Participation Obligations outlined in section II.B including the Rent-A-Rower program.

   b. Payment of missed Rent-A-Rower Participation Obligations will be in accordance of Section II.B.a.
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COMMITMENT FORM

For All Student-Athletes:

I, _______________________________, have read and understand the above membership agreement and, with my signature, agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.

(Printed First Name) (Printed Last Name)

Signature: ______________________  Student ID # __________________  Date: _______

Co-Op Work Program Student-Athletes ONLY:

Please check only one:

___ I will be claiming my eligibility to row competitively in the fall of 2014.

___ I will be claiming my eligibility to row competitively in the spring of 2015.

___ I will not be competing in 2014-2015 academic year, but I would like to train with the crew

  ___ Fall Semester only

  ___ Spring Semester only

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TERMINATION FORM

I, _______________________________, request termination of my financial commitment to Purdue Crew.

(Printed First Name) (Printed Last Name)

I understand that, as stated in Section II, Part G of the Purdue Crew Membership Agreement, I will be responsible for any and all dues, fees and assessments due Purdue Crew based on the date the Membership Agreement Termination Form is completed. Also, I understand the requirements of Section II, Part E and will return all clothing as stated by this document to the team Secretary upon completion of this termination.

Signature: ______________________  Student ID # __________________  Date: _______

Approval:

President: ______________________  Date: ______________

Treasurer: ______________________  Date: ______________