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## **CREW LEADER APPLICATION – SCULLING/BLIND BOATS**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Team affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DUTIES OF A CREW LEADER:**

The Crew Leader is responsible for the safety of the crew. Toward that end, the Crew Leader must consult and comply with the parameters of the Safety Matrix, including being aware of current river flow, temperature and expected weather conditions during the outing. The Crew Leader shall be familiar with local traffic patterns and river hazards, including bridges and buoys. For all blind boats, the crew leader shall be the bow rower, responsible for steering the boat. For 4x's, these rules apply in daylight hours only except as specified below. Crew leaders are required to independently evaluate the skill level of the rowers for whom they are responsible and are encouraged to require that they have passed the blind boat (sculling) certification.

### **Sculling/blind boat crew leader:**

Any group of members wishing to take out a multiple-person club blind boat (4x, 2x, 2- with the exception of the ocean shells) outside of a coached practice, or unaccompanied by a TRRA-certified coach in a launch, must have a crew leader as part of the crew for each such boat. For 4x, these rules apply in daylight only, between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Crew leaders wishing to take out a 4x in the dark must be accompanied by a launch with a driver approved by TRRA who has been granted permission by TRRA staff to use a TRRA launch for that outing.

For a 4x, the crew leader is responsible to ensure that he or she has verified in advance with the TRRA office staff that the shell is available. For a 2x/2-, the crew leader is responsible for signing the boat out according to the current sign-out procedure for small boats. Scheduled TRRA programs, including but not limited to juniors, masters and corporate programs have priority during their respective scheduled times for the use of TRRA equipment.

**Coach's/E.D.'s certification of qualifications to be a Crew Leader:**

Coach's/E.D's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Team affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am personally familiar with the above-named applicant and that he or she meets the following qualifications to be a **Sculling/Blind Boat Crew Leader** (check all that apply and explain any exceptions below):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is a TRRA boat and facilities member in good standing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is at least 18 years of age.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Has passed the TRRA sculling/blind boat certification
- \_\_\_\_\_ Has rowed in a blind boat a minimum of a year (Spring through Fall) at TRRA. If the applicant has not done so at TRRA within the preceding one-year period, state when and how long the applicant did row at TRRA: From \_\_\_\_\_ (year) to \_\_\_\_\_ (year).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates a knowledge of TRRA safety rules, river traffic patterns and river hazards.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates knowledge of safe equipment handling practices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is qualified to be a 2x/2- crew leader.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is qualified to be a 4x crew leader.

If the applicant lacks any of the above qualifications, but is being recommended as a Crew Leader, please explain:

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Coach's/E.D's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's verification:**

I certify that I have read and will comply the above duties if my application to become a Crew Leader is accepted. I further certify that I have (check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Viewed the USRowing Safety Video this year and will do so on a yearly basis.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attended/viewed TRRA bi-annual Safety Meeting/videos for the current period and will do so each Spring and Fall.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION ACCEPTED** BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION DENIED** BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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