

TEMPE TOWN LAKE ROWING CODE OF CONDUCT

Tempe Town Lake, the boat storage areas, and their surroundings are all part of a public park; all actions of the rowing community while within the park must be maintained to a high standard since these actions are scrutinized by the general public.

The rowing community on Town Lake is very diverse with many different clubs, organizations, and individuals rowing, paddling and sailing with many different goals. It is important that all groups and individuals remember that everyone is a representative of the Town Lake Rowing, Paddling and Sailing Community. The expectation is that each user and user group will conduct themselves with behavior and actions that are consistent with friendly rivalries, including adherence to the general rules of good sportsmanship, respect for each other, respect for all programs on the lake and respect for each others' equipment.

- When individual rowers or rowing groups are observed not following this code of conduct, lake users are encouraged to politely notify them of the violation in a timely manner. If it is believed the outcome of the notification would not lead to a productive resolution then contact the Town Lake Small Craft Coordinator instead.
- Offensive language is not permitted.
- All users must be respectful to other park users, rowers, coaches, Town Lake Operations staff members, Park Rangers and any authority figures on the lake.
- All users are responsible for maintaining the lake, boat storage area, and surrounding areas free of trash and debris, even if the trash was not discarded by yourself or the group you represent. Do not leave towels, personal items, clothing, water bottles, or trash lying around the storage area.
- Any athlete who is a participant in a junior program on the Lake is not allowed to switch to another junior program in mid semester. If an athlete wants to change programs they can, but they must sit out that semester and/or join the new program at the start of the next semester.
- When using the boat beach, washing equipment, using the restrooms, or involved in any situation where others are waiting, it is expected that the users shall view the task as a priority and expedite the process.
- No changing is allowed in the parking lot, boat storage area, or the lobby of the Operation Center.
- All users shall wear appropriate athletic clothing. Inappropriate coverage and 'undergarments only' are not allowed.
- No one is encouraged to leave their cars overnight in the boat storage parking area. The City assumes no responsibility for cars parked in this area.
- When handling equipment within the boat storage areas, extreme care shall be used. All actions within the boat storage areas will be conducted in a manner that does not risk damage to stored equipment. All equipment stored within the boat storage shall be returned to its assigned location including boats, ergs, tools, oars, dollies, lifts, slings, etc.
- Nothing shall be left in a location that blocks access to or movement of stored equipment. This includes boats in slings, stairs, lifts, ergs, group meetings, oars, or other items.

- No bicycles, weight training equipment of any kind or personal equipment shall be allowed in the boat storage area without prior permission from the Town Lake Operations Staff. A Coach's permission does not satisfy this requirement.
- All Boat Storage Facility gates must be closed unless a person is present and actively utilizing the storage area.
- The water hose shall be stored and the cage kept closed when not in active use. The water hose shall not be used for any non-rowing related personal use, for example washing personal vehicles.
- Use of equipment that you have not been specifically permitted to use is prohibited.
- Erg and land warm-up activities should be conducted away from the boat storage and boat washing areas. The Marquee Theatre parking lot shall not to be used for erging, land warm-up, team meetings or other activities that will interfere with Marquee events.
- All boats must be tied down when stored on racks. Use cautions when strapping/unstrapping boats, and insure that strap buckles and/or other objects do not touch other stored equipment.
- Passing boats have the right of way. Boats being passed shall give way and allow the passing boat ample space to pass on the side of the passing boats choosing.
- All rowers shall work together to expedite the launching and landing of rowing shells, especially when other boats are waiting. No boat shall take more than 3 minutes to clear the dock or beach when launching or landing while other boats are waiting.
- All boats operating between dusk and dawn shall have at a minimum a white stern light that can be removed for signaling in case of an emergency and a red bow light that are readily visible to other boats on the water. Note: lights mounted on individuals within the boat frequently cannot be seen by other boats because they become dislodged, point skyward, or become obscured by clothing or hair while the individual rows.
- Driving in and around the boat storage areas is to be done at a slow and safe speed, with no one playing games behind the wheel of any vehicle.

My signature below indicates my agreement to abide by the above listed rules and procedures.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent
or Guardian for Junior
Participants _____

Club Affiliation _____