



**Charlotte Youth Rowing, Inc.**  
**Youth Program Parent Standards and Code of Conduct –**  
**Fair Play & Respect of the Program**

It is the intention of these standards to promote Fair Play and Respect for all participants within CYR. It is expected that all parents of CYR participants read and understand the Parent Standards and Code of Conduct. Parents should continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year.

1. I will not force my child to row. I will try to make rowing FUN! I will remember that my child rows for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
2. I will encourage my child to abide by the standards and values of CYR. I will encourage them to resolve conflict without resorting to gossip, hostility or violence.
3. I will give my child the opportunity and responsibility to first talk with the Coach if there is any issue or wanting to know more about their development and boat selection.
4. I will teach my child that effort and doing one's best is more important than a medal. I will understand that CYR is a process oriented program and not results driven. Athletes who execute to the best of their ability rather than go through the motions will always be proud of their accomplishments and go further. I will always support my child in their growth as an athlete and the life lessons rowing is teaching them.
5. I will treat all other parents and coaches with the respect we teach our athletes to show one another.
6. I understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitment, the discipline and the social skills learned and acquired.
7. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good efforts by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of or embarrass any rower including opposition teams.
8. I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are usually volunteers who are trying their best to be fair and honest.
9. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to rowing for my child.
10. I will never yell, taunt, or threaten any rower, coach, official or spectator at any youth rowing activity. I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any time at CYR or any youth rowing function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth rowing events.



11. I will leave the coaching and coaching decisions to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to row in a manner and in a position consistent with the team's standards and vision.
12. I will emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child. I will emphasize that the process and journey is more important than the destination.
13. I will attempt to learn about rowing (USRowing rules, equipment, levels, skills, etc.) so that I may best support my child's development in the sport.
14. I will first communicate all and any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior of another athlete to their parents. If I require further discussion, I will communicate with the coach. I may seek other vehicles for resolution, such as communication with a member of the CYR Board.
15. I will insist that my child rows in a safe and healthy environment. I will support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs or tobacco and I will refrain from their use at all CYR youth sponsored events.
16. I will make every effort to show respect and courtesy to others when communicating via electronic means such as e-mail. If I have a problem to resolve, I will resolve it in person or on the phone and NOT through the use of a public listserve or e-mails sent to multiple recipients.
17. For my safety and to abide by CYC rules I will stay outside the CYC fence during practice time.

Parent Signature:

Parent #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you,

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