



LCKC ASPIRE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

- *All four pages of this agreement must be signed and returned to be accepted for membership.*
- Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club will offer community members young and old a chance to start a new skill and develop paddling skills to any level from beginners to World Class athletes. LCKC is committed to supporting our youth throughout their adolescence and young adulthood.
- We have fantastic facilities: the best in the United States!
- We have more and better equipment than any club, to ensure we are the best prepared athletes in the country.
- Our club believes in hiring the best coaching staff possible! We have professional coaches who have experience beyond any in this country.
- We are the only athletes that have had the benefits of paid and volunteer staff that organize and coordinate all our entries, boat transport, boat repairs, team transport, team accommodation, ensuring that we have all athletes racing with the best chance to make National Teams and perform our best.
- Being a member of this club, you will reap invaluable, lifelong benefits from national and international travel opportunities to a life long habit of fitness and health.
- We are the largest club to have the opportunity to socialize and develop with other dedicated, goal setting individuals which will again set us up for great life long learning experiences.

My commitment to myself, team, coaches, board of directors and volunteers as a member of the Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club:

ATTITUDE:

I will always be on time to all team scheduled events and practices.

I will respect my coaches and team helpers by doing what I'm asked, when I'm asked (or discuss an appropriate alternative in a positive fashion).

I will find the positive in all situations, be positive towards all teammates and anyone I meet. I will not participate in undermining backchat or try to develop any negative feeling or responses.

I will enjoy being a representative of myself, my family, my community and a great club.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

I will behave on and off the water like the champion I am by: encouraging others, always doing my best in every race, controlling my emotions if things don't go my way, being very understanding of all volunteers and officials, knowing where and when I must be at all times.

Cheering and enjoying the achievements of myself and others.

PERSEVERENCE:

I will keep my attitude and my relationships with others positive. If I'm unhappy or struggling in anyway I will ask for help, to ensure my personal enjoyment and that of those around me.

INDIVIDUALS:

I will be understanding of the individual needs and ways of others around me.

I will try to enhance the enjoyment of the sport for all by being aware of other individuals.

RESPECT:

I will respect the guidelines set down for the club to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.

I will respect all decisions made by the race officials (with a smile.)

I will respect others preparation needs.

I will respect the coach's requests.

ENJOYMENT AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

I will find ways to make this a great club for all concerned and be understanding of the different levels of emotional development amongst our group.

I will do my best and make the most of the experience offered to me!

The Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club offers great opportunity to our membership. We have the best facilities, programs, events, equipment and coaching staff in the United States. This document describes the code of conduct for membership at the Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club. It must be signed by parents and athletes and returned to LCKC as a condition of membership. Your participation in the club can be revoked at any time for serious disciplinary infractions or for non payment of your financial obligations. (Please initial each bullet point and initial and date each page)

- You are a member at your own risk. You are expected to attend parent meetings, board meeting and speak up if you have any concerns. As you sign this, you are agreeing to the terms, policies, fee structure, facilities usage, and supervision expectations of the Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club.
- We encourage parents to assist with the organization and chaperoning of all LCKC activities. Volunteers are the backbone of our programs and events. Background checks are required of all adults who work with our youth.
- There is no medical insurance coverage for our programs. You will be responsible for any medical expenses that may occur.
- If you are storing a personal boat in the boathouse, or taking a personal boat on a trip please make sure you have it insured as a rider on your homeowners or auto insurance. LCKC does not have insurance for personal boats on the road or at home. LCKC members can only use personal equipment, equipment they have been given written permission by the owner to use or club equipment by permission of the head coach. Parts should never be removed from another person's boat without permission.
- All trip, membership and entry fees must be *paid in full* for access to the facility, events, trips or training sessions. All racing team members must also maintain current USACK membership.**
- LCKC members are expected to exhibit the highest-level of sportsmanship and conduct themselves as an ambassador for our community and our country. Please be sure to express your appreciation to our hosts when on tour and leave each location and our training facility in as good or better condition than when you arrived.
- Parents and athletes alike are expected to support LCKC at home and in the community. Any issues should be addressed through proper channels: staff, then to the board without demeaning any individual or the club as a whole.
- Our Head Coaches will make all competition related decisions as well as decisions as to the appropriate training group for each athlete. Coaches, Staff, Trip Chaperones, and Board members can make on site disciplinary decisions including up to one week suspension. Further disciplinary measures will be determined by the Judiciary Committee. Please see the club handbook for policies and bylaws.
- LCKC Racing equipment is expensive and fragile. Club racing boats are only used with permission of the coaches. Boats should never be placed hull side down on a surface. This scratches the racing surface and slows the boat. Boat numbers must be returned to the club boat number box when finished with races or time trials. Boat numbers cost \$3 to \$5 each. We would rather use funds for things other than replacing missing numbers! Boats should NEVER be dropped, bumped or scraped against anything. Inexperienced paddlers must learn in our older boats. They cannot progress to the tippier, faster boats until they are stable and are competent in the boat. Flipping, standing on the bottom or seats, and getting into a boat other than from a dock will damages our boats.
- NO illegal or mind-altering substances are allowed on the premises or on any tour - period.
- Athletes under the age of 21 can only be at the facility during scheduled training sessions and supervised events.
- Athletes are required to travel and stay with the team when on a trip. We encourage new friendships, but no individual invitations to go away from the group may be accepted. Visits between friends will be enjoyed in visiting areas- not individual rooms. There will be no tolerance of opposite sex visiting in rooms.
- Public Display of Affection is inappropriate. You are expected to conduct yourself as if you are in a professional environment. Co-ed teams and travel require that no one should be able to tell that you have romantic interests in another individual while you are participating in any club activity.
- Any serious violation of LCKC rules will result in disciplinary action. Immediate suspension leading to expulsion is possible and the Athlete **COULD BE SENT HOME Immediately** at PARENT EXPENSE for infractions that occur when the team is traveling.
- LCKC has a Yahoo group that is the official communication tool of the club. Members should contact the office if they are having trouble receiving the Yahoo messages.
- Training Plans and club training activities are for the use of Paid LCKC Club members only.
- If I have keys to the facility, unlock the front door, or have been trusted with the boathouse combination, I will personally assure that the lights are turned out and the facility is locked when I leave.
- Each member will sign in and out where appropriate each time they visit the facility.
- Each member will park only in the appropriate spots. **Do not park on the GRASS. COUNTY PARK RULE!**
- Each member should get a Passport! Passports are now required for travel into Canada.

Membership Fee Structure and Agreement

There is a \$35.00 non-refundable registration fee for all new members.

Adult Recreational Membership

LEVEL I \$45 Per year With this membership members may not use LCKC equipment. No boat storage is provided.

LEVEL II Single Membership \$100 per year. This membership allows access to boathouse during open hours and LCKC activities and the use of LCKC recreational boats. No boat storage is provided.

LEVEL III Family Membership \$125 per year. This membership allows family access to the boathouse during open hours and LCKC activities and the use of recreational boats. No boat storage is provided. Anyone under the age of 21 must be accompanied by a parent.

Recreational Boat Storage \$10 per month. Storage of Recreational members boat.

Recreational Members are not eligible to use sprint equipment or race with the team. Recreational members receive day camp discounts. (USACK Membership not included, encouraged but not required) **Memberships must be paid annually. No monthly or quarterly payments accepted.**

Non-member training fee \$35.00 per week or \$140. per month with the LCKC training groups.

Private lessons are available at \$35.00 per hour. Group lessons are \$15 per person /hour with a minimum of 2 and maximum of 6 people.

(Non-members do not race with the club or receive training plans.

Facility use fee: \$3.50 per day to use the facility, train from the docks, uses the weight room, showers and boat storage when available. *This fee does not include equipment use, coaching or training with the team.* Must be 21 to use the facility without adult supervision.

Sprint Racing Team – any of these options can race with the team!

You must maintain a year round membership to be a voting member of the club.

Members who train with the team must race for LCKC at the National Championships.

GOLD / SILVER \$1300 per year \$330 per quarter \$110 month \$700 summer only

BRONZE \$1000 per year \$250 per quarter \$90 month \$600 summer only

\$300. Part-time summer only – 3 sessions per week.

The Bronze squad has a maximum of 3 sessions per week and Saturday race practice. The Head Coaches select the squads based on ASPIRE. **Part time is May-October.**

PART TIME COMPETITIVE \$620 per year \$155 quarter \$55 month

Maximum of 3 practices per week.

Youth Recreation \$250 for 10 weeks Two sessions / week plus Saturday race practice.

MASTERS \$420 per year \$105. quarter \$35 month

ADVANCED MASTERS \$620 per year \$155 quarter \$55 month

Advanced Masters practice with the sprint team

MASTERS SUMMER ONLY \$210. (May-October)

Must be 25 as of January 1 of current year Maximum of 2-coached sessions per week and the Saturday race practice.

Travel costs are additional and are the responsibility of the athletes. There are no club funds available for travel.

BOAT STORAGE FEE per boat \$120 per year \$10 per month _____ Number of boats

You must be a current member to store a boat in the boathouse. Private boats must be insured by the owner of the boat. The cost of the first boat is included in your membership fee.

NON RESIDENT member \$300 annual (includes 3 weeks) \$35. per week when training or racing with team

(USACK Membership not included – USACK membership is required of sprint team members)

You may join or renew membership at www.usack.org

No refunds will be given if membership terminated by either party prior to the end of paid membership term.

You must provide ONE-MONTH WRITTEN NOTICE to stop your membership with the club. Members choosing monthly and quarterly fees are committing to a year of payments. LATE FEE - \$15 Fees are late 15 days after the due date. Return Check Fee \$25. Athletes are not allowed to come to practice and will be sent home if fees are late. Please communicate with the office if you have extenuating circumstances.

Quarters start: June 1 – September 1 – December 1 – March 1

Note: All participants must be able to swim 100 yards, and tread water.

**ANY ATHLETE WHO IS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES AND / OR FEE STRUCTURE CAN NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE LANIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB
I AGREE TO THE ABOVE**

Athlete's Signature

Parent of Athlete's Signature

Parent of Athlete's Signature

APPLICATION & WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in USA Canoe Kayak or Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club athletics/sports programs, and related events and activities, the undersigned, for himself/herself, his/her personal representatives, heirs, next of kin:

- 1. If Minor: Agrees that the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor participant that prior to participating he/she should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant believes anything is unsafe, he/she should immediately advise his/her coach or supervisor of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.**
- 2. If Adult: Agree that prior to participating, he/she will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if she/he believes anything is unsafe, he/she will immediately advise his/her coach or supervisor of such conditions(s) and refuse to participate.**
- 3. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses to person or property which might result not only from his/her own actions, inactions or negligence, but also the actions, inactions or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.**
- 4. Assumes all the foregoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for any and all loss, liability, damages or costs following such injury, permanent disability or death.**
- 5. Releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue USA Canoe Kayak or Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees or agents of the organization, other participants, chaperones, volunteers, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees," from any and all claims, liability, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.**
- 6. Agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned in any way competing, officiating, observing, or working for, or for any purpose participating in the event.**
- 7. All participants must be able to swim 100 yards and tread water for 10 minutes.**
- 8. Any legal action or dispute brought under this agreement or against Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club, Inc shall be in the Superior Court of Hall County Georgia or in the US District court for the Northern District of Georgia – Gainesville Division.**

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THAT HE/SHE HAS GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGNS IT VOLUNTARILY.

Signature of Participant (if 18 or over): _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian for Minors: _____ Date: _____