



## PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in Miami International RowHouse/GulliverPrep activities by following this Parents' Code of Conduct.**

I will encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all rowers, coaches, volunteers, and officials at every practice, regatta or other event.

I will never ridicule, embarrass my child or any other participant at practice or for making a mistake or losing a race.

I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, official, rower, parent, or spectator.

I will root for the team from the parents' tent area and will not go to the trailer area. I realize that the coaches and team members need to be together as a team during the regatta without outside interference. Team members will handle their own equipment.

I will follow the FSRA rules regarding not recruiting other rowers to our team. I understand that this rule also applies to MIRH/GulliverPrep parents and rowers being forbidden to encourage or entice current MIRH/GulliverPrep members to leave the MIRH/GulliverPrep team. These actions may cause disciplinary action or immediate dismissal from the team for the parent and/or the rower.

*FSRA (Article XV Conduct of Association Members Section 4 )*

*c. Recruitment or attempted recruitment of Student Athletes participating for another Association Member for athletic purposes is an act of unsportsmanlike conduct and is expressly forbidden. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the period beginning June 16 and ending December 31, a Student Athlete may leave his or her existing Association Member program for another Association Member, so long as the Student Athlete does so under his or her own volition and so long as no person recruited or attempted to recruit the Student Athlete to change programs.*

I will not send emails or texts or communicate by phone any message using inflammatory language that is considered outside the club's spirit. Contentious, unnecessarily confrontational, or blatantly disrespectful parents or athletes who fail to act in a civil, mature manner will be disciplined or asked to leave the club.

I will not interfere with or question race lineups or who makes which boat. Nor will I question why some rowers may be selected to row more times than another. Race line-ups are not negotiable. The coach's decision here is final.

I will not use any foul language against any coaches, other parents or team members at any time.

I will not threaten any coaches, other parents or team members or the board in person, by phone, email or texts.

I will treat other parents, rowers and coaches, as I would like to be treated.

I will not try to divide the team or encourage my child to act poorly towards any other team member, parent or coach.

I agree that I have read the team and parent procedures and will conform to those principles.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child and other rowers ahead of my personal desire to win.

I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

I will support coaches working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will insist that my child treat other rowers, coaches, volunteers, officials, parents, and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

I will help my child enjoy the sport of rowing by doing whatever I can to support Miami RowHouse such as being a respectful fan, assisting with regattas, providing transportation and not asking my child to leave the trailer earlier than required or to come later than required.

Donations, volunteer work, or any other assistance given to RowHouse are very much appreciated, and vital to the continued success of the program. However, donations or volunteer work in no way will secure a position or place on a boat for your child.

Failure to adhere to the code of conduct could result in penalties including disciplinary action, suspension or total dismissal from the team for the parent and/or child.

If I have a concern about the program or the conduct of another person(s) associated with MRH, I will first discuss the matter with the Head Coach and he, if necessary, will review with the MRH Board of Directors.

Parent Signatures \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(Both parents' signatures are required)

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Rower's Name: \_\_\_\_\_