

## WATERCRAFT ACTIVITIES RELEASE OF LIABILITY

## Please read carefully, this is a Release of Liability & Waiver of Legal Rights

I acknowledge and agree that my participation in watercraft activities involves inherent risks, including the risk of personal injury and drowning. In order to induce Three Rivers Park District to participate in this program and use this equipment, I have provided this release and waiver. I hereby assume complete responsibility for such risks and for the injuries that may occur as a result of those risks even if injuries occur in a manner that is not foreseeable at the time I sign this Agreement. I realize that by voluntarily assuming the risks involved, I will be solely responsible for any loss or damage that I sustain, including personal injuries to me, death, or damage to my property.

I understand that watercraft activities are available to individuals who acknowledge the ability to perform the following essential eligibility criteria (EEC):

- 1. Breathe independently (i.e., not require medical devices to sustain breathing)
- 2. Independently maintain sealed airway passages while under water
- 3. Independently hold head upright without neck / head support
- 4. Manage personal care independently or with assistance of a companion
- 5. Manage personal mobility independently or with a reasonable amount of assistance
- 6. Follow instructions and effectively communicate independently or with assistance of a companion
- 7. Independently turn from face-down to face-up and remain floating face up while wearing a properly fitted life jacket\*
- 8. Get in/out or on/off of a watercraft independently or with a reasonable amount of assistance\*
- 9. Independently get out and from under a capsized watercraft\*
- 10. Reenter or remount the watercraft following deep water capsize independently or with a reasonable amount of assistance\*
- 11. Maintain a safe body position while attempting skills, activities and rescues listed in the appropriate Course Outline, and have the ability to recognize and identify to others when such efforts would be unsafe given your personal situation\*

\* To participate in adaptive programs, participants must acknowledge only the first six EEC listed above. Entry-level adaptive programs will involve teaching and practicing EEC #7-11.

In consideration for participation in these activities, I hereby release Three Rivers Park District, its officials, employees, and agents, from any and all liability for personal injury, death, or property damage arising from the inherent risks of these activities, conditions on or about the premises and facilities, my participation, or the participation of a minor for whom I am responsible, or negligence of Three Rivers Park District, its officials, employees, or agents.

Three Rivers Park District is committed to operating in the safest manner possible and is following the recommended guidelines to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, the Park District has adjusted operations and put preventative measures and practices in place. All participants are expected to adhere to the new guidelines and procedures. However, the Park District cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed to COVID-19. By participating, you acknowledge that there are certain risks during a pandemic and voluntarily assume these risks and recognize that the Park District disclaims any liability for damages of any kind related to COVID-19.

<u>Indemnification</u>. In further consideration for my participation in these activities, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the persons released and discharged by me from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities that they may incur arising out of my, or a minor on whose behalf I signed this Agreement, participation in these activities.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. THIS DOCUMENT IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT WHICH SUPERSEDES ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS BY OR BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND WHICH IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RELEASE OF LIABILITY. IF ANY OR PART OF THIS IS DETERMINED TO BE UNENFORCEABLE, ALL OTHER PARTS SHALL BE GIVEN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

For Minor Print Participant Name(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE FOR MINORS (UNDER 18 YEARS OLD)														
As a parent or guar	dian of a	a participant of a	Three	Rivers	Park	District	event,	I agree	to the	e terms	and	conditions	contained	in this
Agreement, and assume responsibility for the actions of the participant.														

Print Name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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