



What will rowing cost for Fall 2017 Rowing Season?

To: Parents/Guardians of Prospective Rowers
From: Pioneer Rowing Club (PRC) Board of Directors
Dated: August 21, 2017

On behalf of Coach Rich and the PRC board of Directors, welcome to the Fall 2017 Rowing Season! Money to pay operating expenses for the Fall 2017 season comes from two sources:

- **General Assessment fees:** A General Assessment fee (GA) for each rower is calculated prior to the beginning of each Rowing season, based on the PRC Board's best estimate of the projected expenses and number of rowers.

***The Fall 2016 General Assessment is \$570.00
and is due Friday, September 8, 2017.***

- **Travel Assessment fees:** A Travel Assessment fee (TA) is paid in addition to the General Assessment fee and covers expenses for feeding rowers during regattas and hotel costs and transportation fees for overnight and travel regattas.

A Travel Assessment fee of approximately \$181 will be due September 20, 2017 just before the scheduled Frogtown regatta in Toledo. Please note TA fees are variable based on our final number of Student Athletes. Details will be announced via email as soon as the team numbers are finalized.

Payments:

Checks may be placed in the locked, wooden box located just inside and to the right of the boathouse entrance. Make checks payable to: **Pioneer Rowing Club**, (not PRC.) Please also include your rower's name on the check.

Or

Checks may be given to Joe McKeown, PRC Treasurer, or Sarah Williams, co-treasurer, at the mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 7:30 pm in the Pioneer High School cafeteria annex.

Or

Pay online with a credit card using PayPal. If you would like to pay online, please go to www.pioneercrew.org and select "How to pay for crew online" under the "How to join" menu. Note: PayPal charges an administrative fee to process credit cards so the online payment is slightly more than paying by check.

You are responsible to pay the General Assessment if:

- The parent agrees with their child's decision to row.
- The costs of rowing are understood and accepted by you as the parent.
- The Head Coach has not notified you that your child will not be rowing this fall (Note: the PRC Board is not involved in coaching decisions.)

In fairness to all rowing families, the treasurers, and the team, every family is expected to turn in the full payment, and/or waiver form, by the deadline.

What to do if you need to consider financial assistance?

The PRC Board of Directors wants any rower that is interested in being a Student Athlete be able to participate. As such, families unable to afford the full cost of the GA and TA, may be eligible for a partial General Assessment Hardship Fee Waiver.

Economic Hardship Fee Waiver:

We want to make rowing possible for everyone. Rowing families may apply to receive a partial waiver of the General Assessment fee.

To apply, obtain an athletic fee waiver from the Pioneer High School Athletic Department. For information on how to obtain the waiver please contact the Athletic Department.

After contacting the Athletic office, email Joe McKeown at pirowdough@gmail.com and supply a check for 50% of General Assessment balance (\$285.00) prior to the payment deadline (Sept. 8, 2017.) There is a limit to the funds available for hardship scholarships PRC can grant therefore the money available is on a first come first serve basis.

For families unable to meet the hardship criteria from the Pioneer High School Athletic Depart, payment plans may be worked out at the discretion of the PRC Board Treasurers and President. Please contact Joe McKeown at pirowdough@gmail.com to open discussions on potential payment plans.

The Travel Assessment fee is unfortunately not included in hardship scholarships and must be paid in full to be eligible to participate in regattas.

Families receiving assistance are expected to participate in additional fundraising activities and regatta support to help reimburse the program the difference to offset the cost to the program.

Conversations involving hardship requests or other money matters are treated as confidential between family members and PRC officers. Coaches are not involved in any rower financial issues.