

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

Read Carefully - By signing, you give up all rights to litigation

TO: The Calgary Canoe Club
AND TO: The City of Calgary, and the Province of Alberta

DEFINITIONS: **Canoeing and Kayaking** includes Olympic Sprint, Voyageur, Dragon Boat, Marathon racing and training, lake water practice, river practice and travel, white water maneuvering and rapid running, and volunteer, member and client activities associated with trips, courses, events, training sessions and facility maintenance and the travel and training involved.

In consideration of the Calgary Canoe Club accepting my/our individual/family membership, **I AGREE TO THIS RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY** in respect to Calgary Canoe Club, its officers, employees, guides, agents, volunteers, members or representatives.

I **understand** that canoeing of lakes, reservoirs and rivers and rivers involves certain dangers, not all of which can be listed here. Among the more obvious and frequent are:

1. Exposure to variable extremes in weather that may cause injury due to heat or cold, and which may prevent of force route and itinerary changes.
2. Contact with and possible immersion in cold water for undetermined periods, leading to hypothermia and possible suffocation.
3. Exposure to capsize, trees, rocks, bridge abutments, log jams, rope entanglement, current patterns and other possible sources of "in water" injury and entrapment.
4. Unfamiliar terrain and routes where canoeists could become separated from the party.
5. Travel in remote locations with poor communications and inability to get rescue or medical assistance easily or quickly.

I **am not** relying on any oral or written statements made by the Calgary Canoe Club or its agents, whether in brochures, advertisements or in individual conversations to lead me to become involved in this program on any basis other than our assumption of the risks involved.

I **accept** all of the risks and the possibility of death, personal injury, property damage and loss resulting from my involvement with the course, activity and/or trip I am taking with the Calgary Canoe Club.

I **release** the Calgary Canoe Club, its officers, employees, guides, agents, volunteers, and representatives from any and all liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or loss I may suffer as a result of my participation in any of their trips or courses, for any cause whatsoever including negligence on the part of the Calgary Canoe Club, its officers, employees, guides, agents, volunteers, or representatives whether such claim arises by contract, by tort, in equity or by reason of breach of a legal or statutory duty.

I **certify** that I am physically capable and fit to participate in this activity and have no medical conditions or needs other than those listed above.

I **confirm** that I am 18 years of age or older and if not I will have a parent or guardian sign this waiver and release of claims.

I **agree** that by signing as a parent or legal guardian for a participant who is under 18 years of age I will pay for all casts incurred by the Calgary Canoe Club, its officers, employees, guides, agents, volunteers, or representatives should a suit be launched on my child's or charge's behalf.

I **confirm** that I have read over this agreement before signing, that I understand it, and that it will be binding, not only to me, but also my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns.

I **acknowledge** that Calgary Canoe Club staff have been available to fully explain the various hazards and risks associated with activities of the Calgary Canoe Club and those risks specifically associated with the program in which I, my child or charge or organization are involved.

I **agree** that, even though I may not live in Alberta the laws of the Province of Alberta and City of Calgary by-laws govern this waiver and release of claims and will be enforceable in any court of law.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 200_____ at the City of _____, in the Province of _____

Applicant

Print Name

Witness

Print Name