



## Limitations for Jackson-Reed Crew for Athletes Not Enrolled at Jackson-Reed High School 2025-2026

Jackson-Reed Crew (JRCrew) is designated as a scholastic rowing program and is proud of its nearly 40 year history of affiliation with Jackson-Reed High School (formerly Wilson High School). JRCrew is the oldest high school rowing program in the District of Columbia and remains the only public school rowing program in DC. As a club sport, crew is not funded through DCPS or Jackson-Reed High School like most of the major sports teams at the school. JRCrew is operated by a 501c3 non-profit booster organization supporting the club team at Jackson-Reed High School.

The District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletics Association (DCIAA) allows for athletic participation of students from different high schools if their home school does not offer a sport. DCPS and JRCrew may at their discretion allow for participation from students enrolled at other high schools; unfortunately, this allowance is not recognized by the regatta rules at many of the program's scholastic competitions. For example, the rules for the Philadelphia Flick Racing Series, Stotesbury Cup Regatta, and SRAA National Championship require that all students be enrolled at the same high school to compete in these scholastic races.

The board and coaches of JRCrew recognize that when non-JRHS athletes are ineligible to participate in these major events, it is a disappointment to those who have dedicated time and effort to the program.

As of the fall 2023 season, JRCrew requires that its athletes be concurrently enrolled in Jackson-Reed High School. An exception was made to allow for returning high school athletes from non-JRHS DCPS high schools through their graduation (up to Class of 2026). Additionally, any athlete who enrolled in the JRCrew Learn-to-Row program for middle school students during the 2022-2023 school year is also allowed to participate in JRCrew, regardless of their home school within DCPS through their graduation (Class of 2027).

To maintain eligibility, non-JRHS athletes in crew must maintain active registration and participation for consecutive seasons (fall, winter, spring) for each year until graduation, or unless arranged upon with the Director of Rowing.

Non-JRHS athletes and their parents/guardians must acknowledge that there are limitations to their participation in JRCrew, including:

- Non-JRHS students are ineligible to compete at the Philadelphia Flick Racing Series, Stotesbury Cup Regatta, and SRAA National Championship.

- The expected final race of the season for non-JRHS students will be the WMIRA Championships (DC-area championship regatta) in early May.
- There may be other regattas that modify their rules for scholastic teams so that non-JRHS students would become ineligible for those races as well.
- Race scheduling is at the discretion of the Director of Rowing and will be based on the priorities of our scholastic program.

## Acknowledgement of non-JRHS Participation

I, the athlete, have read, understand, and agree to the above *Limitations for JRCrew for Athletes Not Enrolled at Jackson-Reed High School*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I, the parent/guardian, have read, understand, and agree to the above *Limitations for JRCrew for Athletes Not Enrolled at Jackson-Reed High School*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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