



# MOHAWK CANOE CLUB

## 2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check one: Membership Renewal  New Membership

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

Family Membership Additions: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (H) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you **DO NOT** want your contact information shared with other Mohawk Canoe Club members:

### Please complete the following questions:

1. Do you own: canoe  kayak  whitewater canoe  other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Flat water ability: Beginner  Intermediate  Expert
3. Whitewater ability: Beginner  Intermediate  Expert
4. Have you had any river training? Yes  No  If yes, highest class of difficulty (circle) class 1 2 3 4 5
5. What is your swimming ability? None  Fair  Good  Excellent

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:** For calendar year (January 1 thru December 31)  
*New membership applications (for first time applicants) received after September 1 will extend through the next calendar year.*

**Select One:** Individual Membership \$22  Family Membership \$30

**Make checks payable to Mohawk Canoe Club**  
**Mail Application and attached Liability Waiver to:**  
 Donna Hall, 87 Chelsea Circle, Flemington, NJ 08822

### CLUB STATEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

**DESIRING TO JOIN MY FELLOW PADDLERS IN THE MOHAWK CANOE CLUB (MCC), DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FACTS OF LIFE ON THE RIVER:**

- I. Canoeing, kayaking or rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, exposes participants to various safety hazards.
- II. No one but me is responsible for my safety when I choose to challenge my capabilities by running a particular river, or a particular rapid, or any other potential hazardous situation.
- III. I expect to assist my fellow paddlers to the best of my own personal skill and ability if they appear to need such assistance, but only so long as I can do so, in my own judgment, without significant danger to my self. I further understand that this does not imply any LEGAL duty for me to do so, nor for anyone else to render such assistance to me.
- IV. I also understand that the intention and purpose of the attached waiver is applicable to all MCC activities;
- V. I agree with and will follow the Mohawk Canoe Club Activity Rules as issued on reverse side or as issued with the Annual Schedule.

**THE ATTACHED LIABILITY WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED AND MAILED WITH THIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM IN ORDER FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO BECOME ACTIVE**

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

Spouse/Partner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent if any applicant is under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_



## MOHAWK CANOE CLUB ACTIVITY RULES

The Mohawk Canoe Club is pleased to have you (and your Family) join us as a Member. In order to promote boating safety, enhance the paddling experience, and to expedite logistics, the Club requires that you follow our procedures, which include, but are not limited to the following listed below.

1. We welcome all club members and their guests; however, after two trips with MCC, we require that guests join the club if they wish to continue paddling with the club.
2. All of our trips can accommodate kayaks (closed boats) as well as canoes; however, some trips will be better suited for recreational, or touring kayaks and other trips for whitewater kayaks.
3. Trip leaders choose rivers or sections of rivers, decide on adequacy of water levels, may move trips to a more suitable river or stream, decide who goes on trips, select rest stops and lunch locations, insist on participant cooperation, make decisions regarding the safety and integrity of trips, set time to meet, run shuttles, begin trips, etc.
4. The MCC expects that certain trip procedures be adhered to at all times, such as:
  - A. Wear your PFD at all times on the water. This is an MCC requirement and reduces your risk if you need assistance and also reduces the risk of others who may need to help you.
  - B. Call trip leaders several days in advance of the activity. This is essential for the leader to complete plans and arrangements and ensures that you receive trip details so you can participate. Many leaders will cancel trips if no one calls in advance -- other leaders may not be possible to reach at the last moment.
  - C. Trips are group adventures. Your help and assistance with shuttles, rescues, and other trip details is vital. Please show respect and courtesy for others.
  - D. Please inquire in detail about the trip. Make certain the trip is within your skill level and that your equipment is adequate.
  - E. Conversely, please answer patiently questions from trip leaders. Besides getting to know you better, the leaders wish to insure the trip is appropriate for you.
  - F. Most trip leaders meet at a certain time at the put-in, the takeout or another designated location. Be early to help with boat shuttles. Trip leaders set the time to best facilitate the trip. Most like early starts to avoid the afternoon headwinds. Most leaders are willing to wait a short period of time for late arrivals, but the group cannot be delayed for an overly delinquent arrival. **Be early!**
  - G. Consider buying (or improvising) canoe racks that can carry two canoes. Shuttles are much easier when boats can be doubled up on cars.
  - H. Stay together within the group and in sight of the canoes in front of you, and behind you. **Do not pass the lead canoe and stay ahead of the sweep canoe.** We keep the group together for many reasons; safety, sociability, communications, etc. Repeated violations of important safety rules may result in members or guests being unwelcome on future trips of the club. Certainly, we welcome everyone with proper equipment and skill levels. Conversely, we are reluctant to deny any participation on club trips.
  - I. Be self-sufficient; have all the equipment and gear and personal items with you that you will need. Again, ask about the nature of the trip so you'll be prepared.

The Mohawk Canoe Club motto since 1903 has been "Good Fellowship". We strive to practice this motto and all that it implies. Let us all enjoy one another's company, the beauty and wonder of the outdoors and let us leave our rivers and streams cleaner than we find them.



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## AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

### READ BEFORE SIGNING.

**Name of Club: Mohawk Canoe Club** **COVERAGE TERM: 02/12/2017 – 2/11/2018**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in this sports activity, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that: The risk of injury from the activities involved in this sport is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death; and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others and assume full responsibility for my participation; and, I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such hazard to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the PADDLESPORT RISK MANAGEMENT, LLC; Mohawk Canoe Club; their officers & directors, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, volunteers, coaches, steerers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES") WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE. I also acknowledge that photographs and video may be taken of me in my participation in, and attendance at this event, and hereby freely agree to allow without restriction all uses of such photos and videos in the reporting of this race, and/or in the promotion of this event, its location, other sporting events, sport in general, and/or related purposes. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant/Member Name: PLEASE PRINT) Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Additional Family Member Names: PLEASE PRINT)  
Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)** This is to certify that I, as parent/legal guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above, of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I further agree to the photographic and video release set forth above.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name and Address (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Complete, sign, and mail with Mohawk Canoe Club Membership Application\*\*\***