



COVID-19 ON-WATER PROTOCOLS FOR LEARN TO ROW

These protocols are effective July 2, 2021 and may change without notice. These protocols apply to anyone partaking in on-water Learn to Row sessions with the ERC.

SCREENING PROTOCOL

Applicable for **every visit** to the ERC:

- Are you showing/feeling any COVID-19 symptoms? **YES / NO**
- Have you been exposed to anyone showing/feeling any COVID-19 symptoms? **YES / NO**

If you answer “yes” to either of the questions we ask that you stay home and not come to the ERC. Please contact your Learn to Row Coaches at summerstudents@edmontonrowing.ca to inform them of your absence.

FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS

- Both the change rooms and washrooms are open for use in the Indoor Training Facility (the Tank). Please ask a staff member to gain access to the facility. (See masking considerations when inside the training facility.)
- There will be no water cooler at the boathouse. Bring your own drinking water from home or fill up your water bottle in the Tank.
- There is an outhouse located by the Old Boathouse. The outhouse will be locked with a combination lock, ask a staff member for the combination.

MASKING CONSIDERATIONS

- Outside and in the boathouse: based on personal preference, however, anyone not able to maintain 2m of physical distance from ERC staff should be masked.
- In the Training Facility: masks are required to be worn and are permitted to come off when participants are actively rowing. Physical distancing will be practiced when masks are off.

ROWING CONSIDERATIONS

- On the Water: masks are not required to be worn. Participants can row in crew boats with others if they are comfortable, however, this is not a requirement and participants have the option to row a single if they so choose.
- In the Training Facility: masks are required to be worn and are permitted to come off when participants are actively training. Physical distancing will be practiced when masks are off.

CLEANING PROCEDURES

- Disinfecting rowing equipment for COVID-19 is no longer required. However, cleaning all equipment with soap and water after each use must still be completed. See Appendix A for the ERC Proper Equipment Care Procedure, or view/download a copy from edmontonrowing.ca.

TRAINING PROTOCOL

1. Meet your coaches at the boathouse for your designated start time and sanitize your hands.
2. Assist with setting up the coach boat as needed.
3. Take your equipment down to the dock. Ensure you have your personal flotation device (PFD), as per the ERC's new [PFD Policy](#).
4. Do what you came to do, row!
5. When you are done rowing, dock your boat. Take your boat up to stretchers and remove your equipment from the dock.
6. Assist with disassembling the coach boat as needed.
7. Clean your equipment, as per the [ERC Proper Equipment Care Procedure](#).
8. Sanitize your hands and depart.

ANYTHING ELSE?

Please respect others who may have different comfort levels than you in relation to COVID-19. Our club policies and procedures have been established to ensure all program participants feel safe, their health prioritized, and their comfort levels respected. We ask all ERC program participants to respect these policies and procedures, and the individuals of our community.

The ERC is encouraging all to get vaccinated, but we recognize this decision is one that everyone must make on their own.

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and are comfortable doing so, please email our Club Manager.

Jess Phillips: clubmanager@edmontonrowing.ca

QUESTIONS?

Any questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to the Club Manager.

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FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PUTS THE ERC AT RISK. ANYONE NOT COMPLYING WITH THIS PROTOCOL MAY HAVE ERC MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES REVOKED.



APPENDIX A: PROPER EQUIPMENT CARE PROCEDURES

Rowing shells and equipment are susceptible to damage and must be treated with care. The equipment of the Edmonton Rowing Club is imperative for our operation. It is expensive and difficult to repair and/or replace in a timely fashion. Equipment is shared among all programs of the ERC and therefore is important to handle it with utmost care to ensure longevity.

Members and program participants are expected to demonstrate proper boat care and handling while on land and water. Each rower in a Club owned boat shall assume responsibility for the care and maintenance of the boat before, during, and after training.

BEFORE EACH OUTING

- o Check all nuts and bolts before each row. Never row with a loose footstretcher or rigger.
- o Check your heel ties, ensuring hands free release of the feet is possible
- o Ensure all parts are tight before a row is imperative. You do not want your boat to become un-rowable when out on the water!

AFTER EACH OUTING

- o Wash hulls, oarlocks, seats and slides, and oar handles with soap and water. Wipe dry with a towel.
- o Extra attention should be given to all metal parts of boats including seats, slides, oarlocks, riggers, and steering. Even the smallest amount of grit getting into these parts can cause rapid wear.
- o Make sure all oarlocks are closed.
- o Open all plugs and vent caps to facilitate drying.

WEEKLY

- o Wash hulls, oarlocks, seats and slides, and oar handles with soap and water. Wipe dry with a towel.
- o Oarlocks and pins: put a drop or two of oil on the pin before reassembling.

If at any point you notice equipment is in need of repair or has been damaged, see the [ERC Repairs & Damaged Equipment Procedure](#).

These procedures are read in conjunction with the [ERC Proper Equipment Handling Procedure](#).