

Hines Rowing Center

Code of Conduct

Hines Rowing Center (HRC), the Whitemarsh Boat Club (WBC), and Tenants cooperatively require compliance with property and house rules, as well as any existing club or team rules. Violation of the Code of Conduct will result in expulsion from the HRC property; criminal prosecution and personal financial liability.

1. Rowers must comply with all rules and regulations of HRC to ensure its smooth operation as a multi-school facility for Junior, Collegiate and Masters rowers. Any violation of rules could result in reprimands, penalties, suspension, and ultimately, expulsion from the rowing program.
2. Rowers must respect all HRC property and equipment; any defacement of property or “graffiti” is considered vandalism and will be treated as such with local authorities.
3. HRC is a multi-team facility. Good sportsmanship is promoted at all times on and off the water. Respect for self, teammates, coaches, HRC members, officials, and other teams, clubs, and camps rowing out of HRC is to be shown.
4. Rowers are not permitted to engage in dangerous horseplay while on HRC grounds. Rowers are expected to be aware their surroundings at all times. The launching of boats can be very hazardous; the sport of rowing is the priority at all times.
5. Littering is prohibited. Disposable plastic water bottles are prohibited. Rowers must carry their own reusable water bottles. In an effort to “go green” HRC has provided recycling containers as well as trash receptacles. Rowers are expected to pick up after themselves.
6. Rowers must comply with HRC housekeeping rules while in the HRC Locker Room, Shower and Toilet areas. These areas must be kept neat and clean.
7. Rowers may not change in their cars or in the Parking lot.
8. Rowers are to refrain from disrespectful conduct including verbal abuse and profane language of each other and anyone on the Upper Schuylkill waterway.
9. Rowers and parents must park in the designated parking area, not in the coaches’ and WBC member parking area. Speeding and reckless driving are against the law and dangerous. Rowers involved in such behavior in the parking lot and on Washington Ave. will be banned from HRC property.
10. Swimming off the docks is prohibited.
11. Out of respect to the other schools that use the docks simultaneously, launching and landing of shells must be done *very quickly* within the allotted time window for each program. All stretcher and height adjustments must be done in the boathouse prior to launching, or on the water, not while on the dock. Oars must be staged on the dock prior to bringing the boat down to the dock, and oars must be removed IMMEDIATELY after landing.
12. While on the HRC property, all rowers must wear shirts; no bare tops or sports bras.
13. The possession of alcohol or any illegal substance is prohibited and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. No smoking on the HRC property.
14. Illegal possession, carrying or discharge of any explosive, firearm, or other weapon will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

15. Rowers and programs are responsible for damage to HRC property, equipment, and infrastructure while on site.
16. Launches are to be secured and motors stored properly at end of season.
17. Gas containers are to be properly stored and locked up **daily**.
18. Logging in and out while rowing is required.
19. Bow balls are required on all boats prior to leaving the dock.
20. Minimal usage of all utilities is everyone's responsibility.

Violation of the HRC Code of Conduct will result in the following:

First Offense – Notification of the responsible coach by HRC management of an infraction of HRC Code of Conduct. Internal team or club discipline will take over (except in the case of violations of law, including vandalism.)

Second Offense – Notification to the responsible coach, suspension from the HRC Property for one week, notification of Athletic Director or sponsoring organization.

Third Offense – Notification to responsible coach and Athletic Director resulting in suspension from HRC for one year.

HRC retains the right to suspend entire teams for cumulative offenses of individuals on that team.