

# Warnings and Liability Limits

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## For guests of the Lower Columbia Canoe Club

1. LCCC advises members and guests to be familiar with the most current American Whitewater Association (AWA) safety code and its safety advice.  
(See: [www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/safety:start](http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/safety:start))
2. The code discusses common dangers, but on the water perhaps nobody will recognize the danger. Hunger, fatigue and weather weaken perception and judgment. A little imagination suggests dangers not ordinarily discussed, such as car wrecks, back injuries from portaging, rattlesnake bites while scouting, and so on. There are more risks inherent in the sport than the club can itemize.
3. By boating with LCCC the guest assumes the risks mentioned here or in the AWA code and those inherent in the sport. The guest waives claims against the club, its members, officers and trip coordinators, for injury to person or property, including claims of vicarious liability and claims arising from civil recklessness or any degree of negligence. Excepted from the waiver are claims against an individual who causes injury intentionally or with criminal recklessness and claims among driver, owner and passengers of a motor vehicle for injuries ordinarily covered by vehicle insurance.
4. Each experienced paddler has at some time declined to put in after arriving at a river or lakeshore even though others did, or declined to run a particular rapids even though others did. Only the paddler knows his or her own health, strength and preparedness. Members may give advice, but this waiver excludes liability for bad example or erroneous advice, or for failure to give advice.
5. People make errors in judgment and execution. Boats may collide, perhaps because somebody loses control or doesn't look. Lead boats may signal a following boat into a bad route through a rapid. Rescuers may throw ropes errantly or pull a pinned boat into a worse fix. CPR cards may expire. Somebody may fail to tie a canoe down to a car. The club may allow an incompetent person to lead a trip. LCCC treats such errors as errors of strategy or execution made in a sport. This waiver excludes liability for injuries caused by mistakes of judgment or execution; each guest must anticipate others' errors and take appropriate precautions.
6. LCCC adopts the AWA code's declaration of an individual's responsibility for his or her own decisions, but disavows the code's characterization of a river trip as a "common adventure" in which participant's "share the responsibility for the conduct of the trip".
7. This waiver shall be fairly construed in favor of protection from liability, as guests and members are reciprocally relinquishing possible claims in exchange for that protection. The guest is free to form another club or paddle with non-members on different terms. No trip coordinator or participant can relax the liability limits stated here. These limits apply on subsequent trips even if no new waiver is signed, and apply on private trips with members unless the persons involved agree otherwise.

### I agree to these terms.

Signature

Printed Name

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