

Upper Thames Rowing Club Membership Application/Renewal Form



Thank you for your interest in Upper Thames Rowing Club (UTRC).

In order to ensure that UTRC is the right club for you please read the following information about our club and ethos.

Every applicant must complete the membership form and pay the appropriate membership subscription before using any club equipment.

All applicants are subject to a three month probationary period following which their application will be subject to final approval. If an application is rejected at any stage a refund of the remaining subscription will be provided. Please contact the membership secretary (membersecretary@utrc.org.uk) for any additional information required.

Background and ethos of UTRC

UTRC was founded in 1963 with the intention of challenging the dominance of clubs on the lower reaches of the Thames. Upper Thames aims to compete at the highest domestic level in all age categories, and is proud to have a number of ex-Olympians and international standard members.

UTRC membership is available to people of all ages and abilities but those new to the sport may find their needs better met at clubs more focused on providing a pathway into the sport for the less-experienced or those wanting a purely recreational rowing environment. That said, anyone with a degree of self-reliance, regardless of their experience or ability, will find plenty of friendly members willing to help them improve their skills. More experienced athletes will find a natural home at UTRC and those wishing to compete in domestic and international events will find our excellent equipment, free trailering and “rowing-first” culture highly supportive.

Social activity at UTRC is generally limited to events such as the annual dinner and ad hoc events around Henley Royal Regatta (HRR). We value a harmonious, convivial environment away from the stress of everyday life. We want members to *enjoy* their rowing and believe in the benefits of rowing on body and mind. Outside of the senior squads there is no formal selection policy and members should rely on their own efforts to find crewmates.

We appreciate those who volunteer at our events or bring additional skills necessary to the running of clubs like ours. UTRC runs the Upper Thames Autumn Head (UTAH) and the internationally famous Henley Masters Regatta (HMR). We are fortunate to have an increasing number of overseas members who use the club when they are in the UK and wish UTRC to become synonymous with the best traditions of rowing at home and abroad. Our enclosure during HRR is, we believe, the best place to enjoy the racing, and Social memberships are available to those who want tickets.

We hope this gives you a good idea of our aims and ethos. If you would like to join please complete the following membership form (please email for details, which may change from year to year, at membersecretary@utrc.org.uk).

Members/Applicants Personal Information:-

Name:	
Date of birth:	
British Rowing Membership Number:	
Private Boat(s) racked at UTRC? (if yes please state boat registration number)	
Address:	
Email address:	
Telephone contact number:	
Emergency telephone contact name:	
Emergency telephone contact number:	
Your previous club(s):	
Contact name and email address of previous club captain:	
Proposed by UTRC Member:	
Seconded by UTRC Member:	

Brief history of rowing experience (new applicants only):

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**Are there any additional contributions you can make to the club or skills you may provide?
If so, please specify:**

Members/Applicants Declaration:-

Upper Thames Rowing Club cannot accept responsibility for any illness/medical conditions you may have. Are you willing to be responsible for conducting your own risk assessments in relation to your health and the river/weather conditions before every training session at the club? **(Yes/No)**

You have read and understood the UTRC safety plan which can be found at:

<http://www.utrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/UTRC-Safety-Plan.pdf> **(Yes/No)**

Can you swim 50 metres in rowing kit? **(Yes/No):**

Upper Thames Rowing Club cannot accept responsibility for any Third Party injury, accident, loss or damage incurred by members in private boats. We require all members to be registered and fully paid-up members of British Rowing and for members with private boats to carry fully paid-up, private equipment insurance.

Are you are a fully paid-up member of British Rowing? **(Yes/No):**

Do you have a private boat stored at the club? **(Yes/No):**

If yes, is it fully insured by you? **(Yes/No):**

Please read the following DECLARATION and sign underneath if you agree:

I would like to apply for membership of Upper Thames Rowing Club. I have read the history and ethos of the club and believe that UTRC is the right club for me. I understand that enquiries regarding my suitability may be made with my previous clubs. I am a fully paid-up member of British Rowing and can swim fifty metres in rowing clothing. I will conduct my own risk assessments relating to health and weather conditions before every session. I understand that Upper Thames Rowing Club cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to my equipment or possessions at the club. I will not use any club equipment before paying my subscription. I understand that my application will be subject to a three month probationary period. I have read the full terms and conditions of membership on the website www.utrc.org.uk and agree to abide by the rules and codes of Upper Thames Rowing Club.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Privacy Notice:

Upper Thames Rowing Club takes your privacy seriously. We manage all private details in accordance with the relevant General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation.

We retain only data for the effective management of the club. We will not sell or share you private details with a Third Party without your consent. You may request your information to be removed from any database we retain although this may affect your membership if we cannot effectively manage the club as a result. For our full Privacy Notice please see our website www.utrc.org.uk.