

GKC EVENT/TRIP LEADER INFORMATION SHEET – To be used by The Club for record keeping purposes

LEADERS' INSTRUCTIONS:

- Read the WO Safety Policy;
- Be competent in general whitewater safety;
- Oversee paddling events with due attention to the safety of all participants and other river leaders;
- Require all new/non-member participants to sign a 'Liability Waiver', or advise them they *cannot* officially paddle with The Club;
- After 1 or 2 tryout/introductory activities with the Club, require new participants to purchase a membership or pay the \$5 day-of-event fee and sign the Club waiver. (fees get submitted to WO)
- Ensure the ratio of event/trip Leaders to participants is appropriate based on the event/trip level of difficulty and abilities of the participants. WO generally recommends a ratio of 1:8.

LEADER INFORMATION:

Leader Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Years Paddling: _____

Application Date: _____

Average number of river days per year, examples of rivers paddled, showing range of difficulty and water levels:

Trip Leader for up to what Whitewater Class? _____ (see included International Scale of River Difficulty for reference)

Certification & Experience: (Include any Safety Training, CPR, 1st Aid, Swift Water Rescue, etc.)

For reference in completing Event/Trip description and Leaders' experience

International Scale of River Difficulty

- Class 1:** Very small rough areas, requires no maneuvering. (Skill Level: None)
- Class 2:** Some rough water, maybe some rocks, small drops, might require maneuvering. (Skill Level: Basic Paddling Skill)
- Class 3:** Whitewater, medium waves, may be a 3-5 ft drop, but not much considerable danger. May require significant maneuvering. (Skill Level: Experienced paddling skills)
- Class 4:** Whitewater, large waves, rocks, maybe a considerable drop, sharp maneuvers may be needed. (Skill Level: Whitewater Experience)

Class 5 events are eligible for specific sanctioning through WO but only those participants with the appropriate skills and explicit consent of the event organizer/ are permitted to paddle Class 5 rapids

- Class 5:** Whitewater, large waves, large rocks and hazards, maybe a large drop, precise maneuvering (Skill Level: Advanced Whitewater Experience)

Events above Class 5 are not eligible for sanctioning unless special arrangements are negotiated with insurer.

- Class 6:** Whitewater, typically with huge waves, huge rocks and hazards, huge drops, but sometimes labeled this way due to largely invisible dangers (e.g. a smooth slide that creates a near-perfect, almost inescapable hydraulic). Class 6 rapids are considered hazardous even for expert paddlers using state-of-the-art equipment, and come with the warning "danger to life or limb." (Skill Level: Expert)