

## CHAPERONES

WJ Crew relies on volunteer chaperones to supervise athletes and occasionally drive to long distance regattas. This is a rewarding experience that allows you to stay overnight with the team, and really get to see the day-to-day functions (and spy on your child!).

ALL CHAPERONES MUST BE UP-TO-DATE on their SAFE SPORT CERTIFICATION before they are eligible to chaperone. Information and club ID will be provided in emails around the time we seek volunteers for chaperoning.

### IMPORTANT POLICY FROM US ROWING

US Rowing has provided the following guidance for anyone in a position to drive, supervise, or potentially have one-on-one interaction with our rowers:

In addition to not using illegal substances, please refrain from drinking alcohol or using other substances that may be legal for adults that may impair you until you are “off duty” for the day as it relates to our rowers and WJ Crew. This includes chaperones who are not “off duty for the night” (eg, those conducting room checks) and drivers who still have driving obligations (eg, those driving from dinner venues to the hotel).

Designated drivers MUST be established if drinking (or other substance use) occurs during team events and there is an expectation that rowers will need to be driven. At applicable regattas, drivers are assigned specific rowers.

This does NOT mean you may not enjoy a refreshing beverage after you are done for the day.

**ADDITIONALLY: Please do not put yourself in the high risk position of either:**

- being impaired while interacting with or driving an athlete, or
- being alone in a car, hotel room, or other place without bystanders with an athlete for whom you are not the legal guardian.