



McLean Crew Club
2020 -2021 Season
Q&A as of September 2, 2020

1. **What do we know right now about the 2021 crew season?** As of August, 2020, the McLean High School athletic director, Greg Miller, and FCPS's director of the Office of Student Activities and Athletic Programs, Bill Curran, have scheduled a condensed crew season for April 12th – June 26th. We do not know yet when we will be allowed to do erg or on-the water practices together and we do not know if there will be on-the-water competitions in the Spring. We will, however, prepare as a Club so that if we can practice and compete, we will be ready. Our preparations will include transitioning to a new board, recruiting novice athletes, hosting outdoor conditioning practices once a week and possibly beginning virtual winter training at some point this Fall or Winter, which will move to in-person practices if allowed by FCPS. We will update interested families as we get more information. If you were on the team last year, your name is automatically on the email list. If you are a new potential team member, please [click here](#) to be added to our interested athletes list.
2. **Is the Club offering any activities right now? Yes.** The coaches will be offering outdoor, socially-distanced workouts to groups of students once a week starting shortly. The workouts will be open to any interested athletes in the school, including freshmen, and will not involve any shared equipment. The coaches are undergoing training about how to enforce safety standards for these practices, which are limited to 50 students at a time broken into socially distanced groups of 10. The coaches will email students directly with the details about these practices. If you were on the team last year, your name is automatically on the email list. If you are a new potential team member, please [click here](#) to be added to our interested athletes list.
3. **What does a student need to do to participate in the outdoor workouts?** To participate in the outdoor workouts, students must submit a physical completed after May 1, 2020 to the high school's athletic office. Visit [this page](#) for the form and information about how to turn in the form so you are eligible to participate.
4. **Will there be a learn-to-row program for freshmen and novices?** While we are not able to offer a learn-to-row program this year, Thompson Boat Center Racing is offering a Fall program beginning on September 7th which our girls head coach, Bianca Arrington, is running with another coach. TBC racing welcomes all level of high school rowers, including novice and freshmen. We strongly encourage all students interested in rowing for the McLean Crew Club to inquire about this program; Information can be found [here](#). Interested students can also prepare for the 2021 Crew Season by taking a [learn to scull class](#) at Thompson Boat Center and get certified to take out a single shell from TBC on your own.

5. **Will there be fundraising this year?** Currently, we are not planning to conduct our big fundraisers (Christmas tree and wreath sales, ergathon and mulch sales) because of the long lead time needed to pull off these events, the inability to predict when and if we will be able to conduct group activities and the tentativeness of the season. Currently, we have enough funds in the bank to meet our required needs which are to pay our \$26,000 rental fee to continue to store our equipment at TBC and to provide stipends to our coaches as they plan outdoor workouts, virtual trainings, and potentially in-person practices eventually. As conditions change, the Board will re-evaluate the need for and feasibility of fundraising.
6. **Will there be a student or parent interest meeting this fall?** Currently we have no plans for a meeting since there is so little we can answer. If there are any major changes, we will update families and, if appropriate, schedule a meeting. If you have any questions not answered in this Q&A please feel free to email us at mcleancrewclub@gmail.com or reach out to any of the coaches via the emails you can find [here](#).
7. **What will dues be for the 2021 season?** We can't determine a dues structure until we know more about how the season will turn out. Currently, we have enough funds in the bank to meet our required needs which are to pay our \$26,000 rental fee to continue to store our equipment at TBC and to provide stipends to our coaches as they plan outdoor workouts, virtual trainings, and potentially in-person practices eventually. If it becomes clear that we will be able to practice together, either in person or on the water, and compete and that more funds are needed for those purposes, the Board at that time will develop a dues structure for the 2021 season.
8. **If we are able to have a crew season, will bus transportation be provided?** We have not contracted with the bus company since so little is clear about our season. If FCPS allows us to practice on the water, the Board will consider the available options at that time including car pooling and contracting for bus service.
9. **When will a new Board be installed? As soon as possible.** If we had had a normal season in 2020, we would have elected and put in place a new nine-person board in June, 2020 that would be running the club as of July, 2020. Since we stopped all operations in March, we did not install a new board. We have a two-person nominating committee that has begun the work of putting together a new Board and they will be looking to fill six seats. **We also need a third member to join the nominating committee.**
10. **What can I do to increase the likelihood that there will be a crew season for my child this year and to shape the direction of the team?** You can volunteer to be part of the nominating committee or to serve on the board.
11. **How do I let people know if I would like to join the Board or the nominating committee?** If you are willing to serve on the nominating committee or the board, please submit your name by sending an email with your contact information to president@mcleancrew.org.
12. **Can I suggest the name of someone I think would make a good Board member? Yes.** If you believe that another dedicated parent would make a good board member, please submit their name by sending an email with their contact information to president@mcleancrew.org.

13. **Who is running the club right now?** There are six members of the 2019-2020 board who still have students at McLean High School. All of these members have seniors and all but one member (who also has a crew team sophomore) planned to step down from the Board last June. All have now agreed to continue doing what needs to be done for the club until December, 2020 or until a new Board is put in place, whichever is sooner. When a new Board is installed, but no later than December, 2020, all but one member of the current board is planning to step down although all of these outgoing members are committed to supporting and helping the new Board members even after they have formally exited their positions.

Two other parents who were training for board positions and are willing to serve in those positions on the 2020-2021 board are also currently participating in the management of the club.

1. What positions on the board need to be filled:

1. **President**
2. **Executive Vice-President**
3. VP for Operations (equipment) - New member who has trained for this position is willing to serve.
4. **VP of Way and Means (fundraising)**
5. **Regatta Chair**
6. Secretary – New member who has trained for this position is willing to serve.
7. **Treasurer**
8. **Member at Large for Volunteers**
9. Member at Large for Rower Operations – 2019-2020 Board member is willing to serve on the 2020-2021 board.