

LNRC 2026

Participant Agreement & Terms of Participation

Lignum Propulsion • Lignum National Rocketry Competition • Golden Grove P.O., St. Thomas, Jamaica • 15 August 2026

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. This Agreement affects your legal rights, including giving up the right to sue and agreeing to indemnify the Organiser. If the Participant is under 18, a parent or legal guardian must read and sign it.

Welcome to LNRC 2026. Designing, building and flying a real rocket is hands-on and genuinely exciting, and we are glad you are taking part. This agreement is part of registering: it explains how to take part, how we keep everyone safe, and the terms everyone agrees to. Please read it in full and sign at the end. If you are under 18, a parent or legal guardian signs together with you. It includes sections on safety, risk and liability.

This template is provided for convenience and is not legal advice. Lignum Propulsion should have it reviewed and finalised by an attorney admitted in Jamaica, and carry appropriate public-liability insurance, before relying on it.

1. Definitions

“Organiser” and “Lignum Propulsion” mean Lignum Propulsion together with its founder, directors, officers, mentors, volunteers, staff, judges, safety officers, agents and sponsors. “Event” and “LNRC” mean the Lignum National Rocketry Competition 2026 and all related activities, including registration, kit distribution, design, construction, testing, practice, transport, and the competition day. “Participant”, “you” and “your” mean each registered team member and any person taking part in or attending Event activities. “Minor” means any Participant under 18 years of age.

2. Joining In

Taking part in the Event is entirely voluntary and is offered free of charge. Teams register through the LIGNUM website, each team has at least two members, and members do not need to be enrolled students. You are under no obligation to take part and may withdraw at any time. Full eligibility details are set out in the LNRC Game Manual.

3. Safety First

Safety is the first priority at every LNRC activity. You agree to read the LNRC Game Manual and all safety rules, and to follow every instruction given by the Lead Rocket Inspector, the Range Safety Officer, the Event Director and their delegates, whose decisions on safety are final. The Organiser may inspect, prohibit, remove from the field, or disqualify any rocket, motor, person or team for safety or conduct reasons at any time, without refund or compensation. You will not handle, modify, disassemble or substitute any motor or energetic material except as expressly permitted and instructed. This includes the Range & Operations Safety Policy published at lignumpropulsion.com. A safety instruction from an official is final.

4. Photography & Media

You consent to the Organiser photographing, filming and recording you during the Event and using such images, video and your team name or first name for non-commercial educational, promotional and reporting purposes, without compensation. If you do not consent, you must notify the Organiser in writing before the Event.

5. Assumption of Risk

You understand that high-powered and experimental rocketry is an inherently dangerous activity carrying real and serious risks that cannot be eliminated. These include, without limitation: ignition, deflagration, explosion, fire and burns; the handling, mixing, storage and combustion of energetic and propellant materials (including KNSB propellant); high-velocity launches, unstable or off-course flights, and falling rockets, motors, payloads and debris; misfires and motor failures; failure of recovery systems; cuts, impacts, hearing or eye injury, chemical exposure and inhalation of smoke or fumes; the use of tools, adhesives, electronics and batteries; exposure to sun, heat, weather and terrain; travel to and from the site; and the acts or omissions of other participants. You knowingly and voluntarily assume all such risks, whether or not currently foreseeable, including the risk of property damage, serious bodily injury, permanent disability and death.

6. No Guarantee of Outcome or Performance

- (a) The Event is educational and experimental in nature. Lignum Propulsion makes no guarantee, representation or warranty that any rocket, motor, kit, component, simulation or system will ignite, launch, fly, reach any particular altitude, deploy, recover, or perform in any particular way, or perform at all.
- (b) Misfires, non-ignition, failures to launch, underperformance, malfunctions, damage to or loss of rockets, motors, kits, payloads (including eggs) and personal materials, disqualification, low scores, and complete failure to fly are known and expected possibilities in rocketry and form part of the experience.
- (c) Any time, effort, money, travel and materials you invest are spent at your own risk and election. No failure, underperformance, disqualification, cancellation, postponement, or “wasted time, effort or expense” of any kind gives rise to any claim, refund, compensation, damages or liability against the Organiser.
- (d) Kits, motors and components are provided “as is” and “as available”, without warranty of any kind, express or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

7. Release & Waiver of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by the laws of Jamaica, you (and, for a Minor, the parent or legal guardian on the Minor's behalf) release, waive, discharge and agree not to sue the Organiser from and for any and all claims, demands, actions, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses (including legal costs) of any kind, whether based in contract, tort (including negligence to the extent permitted by law), statute or otherwise, arising out of or in any way connected with your participation in or attendance at the Event — including any injury, death, illness, property damage or loss — except to the extent such loss is caused by the Organiser's gross negligence, recklessness or wilful misconduct, or to the extent this release is prohibited by law.

8. Indemnification

You agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Organiser from any claim, loss, liability or expense (including legal costs) brought by you or any third party arising out of your acts, omissions or conduct, or your breach of this Agreement or of the Event rules or safety instructions.

9. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Organiser will not be liable for any indirect, incidental, special or consequential loss, or for loss of data, materials, opportunity or enjoyment. Where liability cannot lawfully be excluded, it is limited to the maximum extent permitted by law.

10. Medical & Emergency Care

You confirm that you are medically fit to participate and have disclosed any relevant medical condition. You consent to the Organiser arranging emergency first aid or medical treatment if it reasonably appears necessary; you (or your parent or guardian) are responsible for all resulting medical costs. The Organiser is not responsible for the provision or adequacy of any medical care.

11. Consent for Participants Under 18

If the Participant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign this Agreement. By signing, the parent or guardian confirms that they have legal authority over the Minor; consent to the Minor's participation; have explained this Agreement to the Minor; assume on the Minor's behalf all of the risks described above; and agree, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Minor and the Minor's family, heirs and estate, to the assumption of risk, release, waiver and indemnity set out in this Agreement, to the fullest extent permitted by law. If, notwithstanding this Agreement, any claim is brought by or on behalf of the Minor against the Organiser, the signing parent or guardian agrees to indemnify and reimburse the Organiser in full for all resulting liabilities, damages, legal costs and expenses, except to the extent the claim arises from the Organiser's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

12. Your Information

The personal information you give when registering (such as names and contact details) is used only to organise and run the Event, to communicate with teams, and to support safety. It is not sold. Reasonable steps are taken to keep it secure.

13. Schedule, Weather & Changes

The Organiser may change, delay, shorten, relocate or cancel any part of the Event, including for weather, safety, site or other reasons. The competition is scheduled for 15 August 2026, with 16–17 August 2026 held as weather and contingency backup dates. The Organiser is not liable for any cost, loss or inconvenience arising from any such change, postponement or cancellation.

14. Governing Law & General Terms

This Agreement is governed by the laws of Jamaica, and the courts of Jamaica have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute. If any provision is held to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions continue in full force, and the unenforceable provision will be read down so as to be valid to the maximum extent possible. This is the entire agreement between you and the Organiser on its subject matter. You confirm that you have had the opportunity to read this Agreement carefully and to seek independent legal advice before signing.

15. Your Acknowledgement

By signing below, you confirm that you have read and understood this Agreement, that you sign it freely and voluntarily, and that you intend it to be legally binding on you, your parent or guardian (if you are a Minor), and your heirs, family and estate. We are glad to have you in LNRC 2026 — now let us build and fly safely.

Sign Here

One form per participant. If the participant is under 18, a parent or legal guardian must also sign.

Team name	Participant full name
Participant signature	Date
Participant age: ☐ 18 or older ☐ Under 18 (a parent or guardian must sign below)	
Parent / guardian full name (only if participant is under 18)	Relationship to participant
Parent / guardian signature	Date
Emergency contact — name	Emergency contact — phone