

University of Arkansas Water Ski Club Constitution

Article I – Purpose and Name

Section 1.

The purpose of the University of Arkansas Water Ski club is to promote the sport of water skiing, water safety and good sportsmanship, physical as well as mental health, a feeling of teamwork among members, good relations with other clubs in this area of the country, enhancement of healthy competitive yet sportsmanlike behavior, and to have FUN!!

Section 2.

The name of the organization shall be called the University of Arkansas Water Ski Club.

Article II – Membership

Section 1.

Membership in the University of Arkansas Water Ski club shall be open to all college students attending the University of Arkansas who are dedicated to the purpose of the club. Students must be taking at least one credit hour per semester. Participants must maintain a 1.5 GPA to remain a member of the club. Members are required to pay membership dues to the club, as well as have a current USA Water Ski membership card. There are no exceptions to this rule; no individual will be allowed to ski without a membership for the safety of all involved.

Section 2.

Application for active membership to the University of Arkansas Water Ski club shall be made by contacting any currently active member of the club, informing them of the desire to join, obtaining a USA water-ski membership, paying the full membership due amount, and, should the need arise, trying out for the club. Tryouts will be held in the occasion of too many skiers attempting to ski without having true benefits to the club. The event of a tryout will be dedicated by a majority vote of active club members. The outcome of the tryout will also be decided by the officers. The club will decide the date and time of the tryout and who will be present at the event.

Section 3.

Membership in the University of Arkansas Water Ski club can be terminated by a majority vote of the active club members. Termination of the membership shall not release the said member from the obligation to pay all dues owed at the end of the period of the membership.

Memberships may be terminated on the basis of irresponsibility leading to the injury or death of another individual, failure to pay dues, failure to participate in tournament without good reason, failure to contribute to “workdays” involving lake or boat maintenance or other such events, failure to honor the purpose behind the creation of the University of Arkansas Water Ski club, and other reasons that have been deemed appropriate by the active members of the University of Arkansas Water Ski club and have been approved by a majority of these club members. The dissolution of a membership will be on a majority vote by acting club members. Should a club member have an issue, one should approach an officer of the club, relay their concern, and a date and time will be set for the club to discuss the issue. The individual breaching the concern has the right to remain anonymous should they so choose.

Article III – Management

Section 1.

The management of the University of Arkansas Water Ski club shall consist of the club’s elected officers, those being the President, the Secretary, the Vice President of Fundraising, the Vice President of Recruitment, the Captain, and the Treasurer. Although all active members’ suggestions are considered when making decisions, the final say in making decisions for the club is the responsibility of the officers. It is the duty of the officers to attempt contact to all members of the club, informing them that such an action might take place.

Article IV – Club Officers

Section 1.

The club officers shall consist of the President, the Secretary, the Vice President of fundraising, Vice President of Recruitment, Captain and the Treasurer. The suggested duties of each are located in the Club Sports Handbook. Duties as listed may be changed or modified; however, the basis for each remains the same.

President

The president is responsible for being the liaison between the members of the club and the University Recreation office. This is a responsibility specific to the president in order to elevate possible confusion as to mixed reports for a multiple number of members. In all other areas, the President in charge of the responsibilities listed in the handbook. This persons main job is to lead this team to be the best team it can be.

Secretary

The secretary is in charge of taking minutes at meetings, sending weekly news letters to the team, taking attendance at events and practices, enforcing the point system, and assisting the president with anything he/she needs.

VP Fundraising

The Vice President of Fundraising is responsible for arranging fundraising events such as profit share nights, and our annual fundraiser. This position will also be responsible for arranging sponsorships and maintain those relationships.

VP Recruitment

The Vice President of Recruitment is in charge for recruiting new members. This includes tabling at club sports events, chalking on campus, recruiting from the junior development list and hosting recruiting events.

Captain

The Captain is responsible for coordinating areas outside of the University. This includes organizing practices, all things tournament: lodging arrangements, registration of the club at tournament, running orders for tournament, entry fees, attending captains meeting, making sure people don't miss their event. This person should be at every tournament and should know all rules and regulations regarding tournaments.

Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for collecting dues as well as depositing them, keeping track of who has paid their membership dues, collecting receipts from hotels, gas, and other expenses used at tournament and returning them to University Recreation, and handling the budget of the club. These tasks may be delegated should an officer be unable to complete them.

Section 2.

All members of elected positions shall hold office until their successors are duly elected. Elections shall take place at the end of the Fall semester after the season ends.

Section 3.

Should an elected officer be unable to carry out his or her term of office, the club will elect a new officer by majority vote.

Section 4.

Regular meeting of the club will be held at dates and times deemed most convenient for a majority of active club members. Should a member be unable to come, they can either read the newsletter available through the secretary after the meeting has taken place.. Should an issue requiring a vote be taking place, they may cast their vote in advance. However, should a club member not cast a vote, they will no longer have the opportunity to vote. A recall vote may be cast at the discretion of the elected officers. In the event of an emergency meeting, all efforts will be made to contact all active club members. Those at the meeting, regardless of number, will be entrusted to make a decision concerning the situation.

Section 5.

Only active members are allowed to vote. Active members are determined by the point system

Section 6.

Point System

Each month, members need to earn 10 points. Members can earn 1 point for attending: work days, practices, weekly team meetings, fundraising events, and/or recruiting events. Members can receive two points by attending tournaments. During the off-season, the monthly requirements are 5 and members can receive 1 point by going to: team events, team workouts, and other team bonding events. If you don't have 10 points by the end of the month, you have until the end of the following month to make them up. (So if you only earn five, the next month needs to be at least 15). If you don't make them up by the end of the second, then you won't be on the team.

Article V. Fees & Dues

Section 1.

Ski semesters, or the length of time a member's dues cover, are as follows. The spring semester begins at the beginning of March and ends when school lets out in May. The fall semester begins when school starts in August and lasts until the end of November. Summer semester begins in May and ends in August. Facility dues are as follows: spring and fall semesters - \$400, paid directly to roger before you can ski, summer semester \$800 (this amount is subject to change). Membership will begin when dues are paid. In addition to facility dues all members must pay their membership dues (\$30 per semester; paid on fusion) and be a member of USA Water Ski.

Members may be responsible for additional monies for: possibly having to do with tournament entry fees, gas monies, or other such situations. The club members will be informed of this situation in advance. Facility dues must be paid they first time a student comes out to ski, Club dues must be paid at the beginning of each season, USAWS dues must be paid before you can compete. Membership dues are **non-refundable**.

Article VI. Equipment

Section 1.

The equipment of the University of Arkansas Water Ski club is every club members' responsibility. Steps should be taken to preserve equipment as much as possible. Equipment should be properly stowed during and at the end of a ski session in their designated areas. In the event that equipment is stolen or found missing, action will be determined by a majority of the club members and the dissolution of a membership is a possibility. It is understood that equipment will break. Should it break of its own accordance with no negligence on the part of the user, the member will not be found responsible. Should equipment be damaged due to inattention or negligence on the part of the user, the member will be expected to pay in full for the reparations. The club should not have to pay for an individual's carelessness. No member is exempt from this policy.

Article VII. Cedar Creek Ski Park

Section 1.

Members of the U of A ski club are eligible for a student membership in the Cedar Creek Water Ski Park. The Cedar Creek Ski Park is where we practice and attend tournaments. After a club member has paid their facility dues, signed a Cedar Creek release form, and read and signed a Cedar Creek rules/policies statement they can ski at Cedar Creek Ski Park. A new member cannot ski at Cedar Creek until they have met with the owner and discussed the ski setups and driving patterns. See the Cedar Creek student membership agreement for the rules and policies of Cedar Creek Ski Park.

Section 2.

You are individually held responsible for damages to the boats, docks, buoys, ramp, and any other facilities at the ski park.

Section 3,

No member shall be allowed to operate the boat without the express permission of the Roger Boskus the owner. As the club members are using the owner's facilities, he has express authorization to dictate who is qualified to operate the boat. Should a member decide they would like to learn how to operate the boat, it will be up to the owner's discretion as to whether the member will be taught and in what fashion. It will also be up to the discretion of the owner as to who is able to ride in the boat, be on the dock, etc. The owner has unlimited authority to expel anyone for any reason. Those who do not follow the University of Arkansas constitution or the rules of the Cedar Creek Ski Club will be expelled.

Section 4.

When a member operates the boat, that member is fully responsible for the boat and the skier he or she is pulling. Should the member operate the boat in a way that could cause injury to skier or damages to the boats or facilities, the owner and the University of Arkansas Ski Club, and the University of Arkansas will take action. Revocation of driving privileges, expulsion from the lake, and dissolution of membership are possibilities. To see a full outline of the rules and regulations of the Cedar Creek Ski Club, see the end of the bylaws.

Article IIX. Club Events

Section 1.

As a club, all members are expected to participate in club events. Club events include fundraisers, workdays, and other occasions deemed important towards the goal of the University of Arkansas Water Ski Club. Understandably, events do occur that will create conflicting situations which will be taken into account. However, part of being a club is teamwork. Members will be required to participate in above mentioned situations or others deemed appropriate by the active members of the club. Should a member be absent on numerous occasions from such functions, actions will be decided on by a majority of active club members and taken. Actions may include suspension of ski privileges indefinitely. Should a suspension be enacted, members are still responsible for dues or other payments owed to the University of Arkansas Water Ski Club.

Section 2.

Tournaments are an important part of learning to ski competitively and a chance to interact with other schools and learn from them. Members should make an effort to attend as many tournaments as possible but will not be penalized for their absence.

Article IX. Amendments

Section 1.

Any or all sections of these bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of active club members. Each member is required to read these bylaws and giving the chance to clarify any possible misunderstanding. Should a suggestion be made, a club meeting will take place at which time a vote will be taken by a majority of active club members to decide whether the motion will pass.

Article X. Voting

Section 1.

In the event that a vote is necessary an officer will call a meeting all officers will be required to attend, all other active members that are available should also attend. Voting will be determined on 2/3 majority vote.

President signature:

University Recreation head signature:
