

# **Constitution of the Indiana University Waterski and Wakeboard Club**

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**Preamble:**

This is the constitution for the Indiana University Waterski and Wakeboard Club. The club was originally founded in the 1970's and since then it has grown into a dynamic club made up of members who dedicate their time to practicing and promoting the sports of water skiing and wakeboarding both on and off campus. The fall season consists of practice opportunities throughout the week and at least 3 weekend competitions where the club competes against regional universities. The club welcomes skiers and wakeboarders of all skill levels. We are an organization of people with a common interest in and/or a passion for water sports, specifically waterskiing and wakeboarding. We aim to provide opportunities for members to not only participate in these water sports, but also to compete against other schools in regional tournaments and an opportunity to advance each members skills through practice and the sharing of knowledge and feedback between members both on and off the water.

**Article I: Membership:**

1. Participation in the Waterski and Wakeboard Club must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
2. There are three levels of membership within the Club. Social Membership, Standard Membership, and Unlimited Membership. Each level is required to pay membership dues.
  - a. Social membership is \$50 and covers one practice and any social events.
  - b. Standard membership is \$100. It includes all social events and up to 10 practices.
  - c. Unlimited membership is \$200. This membership level includes all social events, unlimited practices, and the lesser of either a USA Waterski Membership or a World Wake Association Membership contingent upon competing.
  - d. Potential members can pay a one-time trial fee of \$5.

- e. Members can upgrade membership at any point in the season.
  - f. Failure to upgrade upon exceeding the allotted practices results in immediate suspension of practice privileges.
  - g. The Club does not offer refunds on dues. In the event of extenuating circumstances IU Waterski may refund paying members at their discretion.
3. There is no deadline for membership, people may join throughout the year, nor do we have limits on the number of members we can accommodate. Membership is contingent on the payment of the club dues and the signing of the release of liability waivers.
4. In the event a member commits an infraction, an officer meeting will be held to review the situation. Punishments will be administered according to predetermined standards. If there is no current rule regarding the infraction, officers will then vote on either an appropriate punishment or whether or not membership should be revoked.

#### **Article II: University Compliance:**

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.

#### **Article III: Executive Officers:**

1. Officer titles and duties
  - a. President: Oversees all aspects of the club. Acts as the final sign off on club activities. Is responsible for entering the club in competitions, including preparing the rosters and paying the entry fee. Is responsible for maintaining the club email list and sending out informational emails about meetings and club updates. Develops club meeting agendas and calls general and executive meetings. Contacts the advisor about disciplinary cases.

Attends monthly club sports meetings. Is responsible for getting the boat schedule to all club members. Supervises officers and is responsible for proper maintenance of equipment.

- b.** Vice President: Is responsible for all classification points. VP also is required to attend monthly CSF meetings and assist the president in planning, and execution of all club events and goals. In the event of a presidential resignation, or an absent president, the VP is responsible to fill the role of President.
- c.** Secretary: Is responsible for assisting the president with Rec Sports paperwork, entering the club in competitions and events, and is responsible for membership information. Assists with boat schedule, club meetings, and club emails.
- d.** Treasurer: Is responsible for club finances. Must take the Rec Sports Finance courses. Maintains the clubs various financial accounts and records of organization spending. Is responsible for developing and maintaining the club budget. Has the final say on dues amounts and is responsible for collecting and recording dues.
- e.** Boat Manager: Responsible for the inner workings of the boat and keeping the boat in clean and operable condition. Should be an experienced boater. Must be a safety officer. Is responsible for signing off on all potential boat drivers, must have seen their boat driving abilities. Is responsible for getting the boat winterized and pulled into and out of the water.
- f.** VP of Marketing: Responsible for maintaining the club's website ([www.iuwaterski.com](http://www.iuwaterski.com)). Also is responsible for clothing sales and fundraisers.
- g.** Social Chair: Responsible for social events outside of the main competitions (ex: club cook-outs, days at the lake, etc). Helps plan and market the fall call-out meeting.

- h.** Waterski Captain: The person questions should be directed to for further instruction about the sport of waterskiing. Is responsible for waking up team members at competitions and obtaining the running order. Has the final say on the roster for skiing competitions. Responsible for setting Waterski goals.
  - i.** Wakeboard Captain: The person questions should be directed to for further instruction on the sport of wakeboarding. Is responsible for waking up team members at competitions and obtaining the running order. Has the final say on the roster for wakeboarding competitions. Responsible for wakeboard goals.
  - j.** Non-Executive Officers: Safety officers. A recreational sports certified safety officer is needed on the boat at all times when the boat is being used. A safety officer is needed at every practice, competition, and sporting event. Safety officers and responsible for the safety of the team and act according to the regulations set by IU Recreational Sports. Safety officers are not executive officers and therefore do not share the same abilities to call meetings (see Article V). Safety Officers are responsible for making sure skiers and wakeboarders are wearing coast guard approved life jackets and gear while being pulled by the boat.
  - k.** Coach: the team will have a coach each year. The coach is not an executive officer and can be someone previously associated with the team or can be any individual over 21 who has significant experience with both waterskiing and wakeboarding.
- 2.** Requirements for officers include a GPA of over 2.0. A member must have at least one full season's (fall or spring) experience to run for an executive officer's position. All officers need to understand that if elected, they need to act in the club's best interest regardless of personal relationships or opinions. Officer's should be willing to help any member of the team and willing to provide their contact information for the use of all club members.

3. Officers serve for one academic year. Elections are held in early spring providing the opportunity for newly elected to “shadow” current elected officers’ positions. Officers take position directly after the end of the spring semester, serving over summer and the following school year. Former officers are responsible for teaching their replacements how to fill the positions. Officer’s roles in the organization are as stated above (see Article III, 1).
4. Officer vacancies are dealt with by the other club officers. The vacant officer’s duties are shared equally among current officers. Officers may resign at any time by issuing a written resignation letter addressed to the club officers collectively.
5. Executive officer meetings will be held at least once every 2 weeks if there is no full team meeting. If there is a full team meeting, the officers may come before the full team meeting to discuss the day’s agenda. MOST club decisions are made by the entire club where a majority rules vote is the deciding factor. If there is a smaller, more specific decision to be made, the officers have the right to make the decision collectively that they feel most benefits the entire team.
6. Officers are elected in the early spring at an entire team meeting. In order to win in an election a person must be nominated for a position and win a majority vote, where every club member in attendance gets a single, equal vote.
7. The procedure for removing a person from office involves having an officer meeting to first discuss the problems. If they cannot be resolved, the advice of the club’s advisor is sought. Finally, the officer will be asked to resign. If the officer does not resign, impeachment can be obtained by having a full team meeting where the majority votes in favor of impeachment.

#### **Article IV: Advisor**

The responsibility of the advisor assist the team with decisions the officers feel are controversial and need advice on how to approach the entire club. The advisor is also responsible for helping handle boat issues if needed. The advisor must sign off on all club sports papers during annual reactivation.

#### **Article V: Meetings**

1. Regular membership meetings are held at least once a month during off season (winter and spring). During the fall season/ competition season there will be a meeting held weekly to prepare the roster for the competition. Meetings are advertised through the email list or GroupMe. All executive officers have the authority to call meetings.
2. The president with the assistance of the other officers set the agenda for the meetings. At pre-competition meetings the order of the meeting should be as follows: team updates, explanation of competition, set roster, arrange for travel and stay. Each general meeting will contain a team updates section and a general forum where and member is able to speak.
3. Emergency and special meetings are called through email or GroupMe and officers will try to contact people via phone as well. The president and other officers have the authority to call special meetings.
4. Attendance for pre-competition meetings is required for roster purposes and travel purposes.

#### **Article VI: Elections**

1. Elections will be held annually in the early spring for the following year's executive officers (see IV, 1). Elections will be a majority rules vote for each position. Once all the nominees for each position are recorded, the nominees give a small speech about their plans for the upcoming term. Following their personal statements, the nominees exit the room while a vote is held where each attending member gets a single vote for each position. Every vote holds the same

weight. The nominee with the majority vote wins. In the event of a tie, there will be another chance to give personal statements and then a revote.

2. Nominees may be nominated by themselves or another team member, as long as they meet the GPA requirement and the club involvement requirement stated above.
3. Voting is done by secret ballot and is done at a full club meeting.

#### **Article VII: Non-Hazing**

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

#### **Article VIII: Dues and Finances**

1. Dues are charged by the team, with the amount varying depending on the level of membership chosen. The amounts for each are variable year to year and are determined by the officers under the main instruction of the Treasure. There are 3 different memberships available: Social, Standard, and Unlimited.
  - a. Social membership: For people who want to be in the group chat, be a part of social team events and want the opportunity to ride behind the boat once. This package costs \$50 and can be upgraded to Standard at any time.
  - b. Standard membership: Full membership. Up to 10 rides on the boat and social membership is included in this package. The cost of this package is \$100. Standard members can be upgraded to Unlimited at any time.



- c. Unlimited: Full membership, unlimited times out on the boat throughout the season plus club reimbursement for USA Waterski / Wakeboard Governing Body dues (up to \$70). Social membership is included in this package as well for a total cost of \$200.
2. Dues are collected mainly in the fall, but are allowed to be turned in at any point throughout the year. However, you may NOT ride on the boat without paying your team dues and signing the school's release forms.
3. The Treasure collects and tracks dues.
4. The Treasure maintains the club's budget and revises it each semester at least.
5. The Secretary is responsible for keeping track of the amount of times an individual has been out on the boat, and contacting that individual to acquire additional funds for future rides.

#### **Article IX: Finances**

1. The Treasure in conjunction with the president is in charge of the club's financial affairs.
2. The Waterski Club maintains an SOA account which can only be accessed by the Treasure.
3. The Waterski club acts within State accordance with the SOA office policies and procedures.
4. If the group dissolves, the money must first pay off any debts the club might have accumulated, afterwards, Recreational Sports can reallocate the money held by the club.

#### **Article X: Amendments**

1. Eligible voting members will be notified by email at least a week in advance of the meeting held to discuss proposed amendments.
2. A majority vote at a full club meeting will be required to ratify an amendment.
3. Once approved by the organization, all constitutions with amendments must be submitted to the Assistant Director of Club Sports.

## **Article XI: Personal Gain Clause**

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

## **Article XII: Club Boat**

The club currently possesses a 2003 Centurion Elite direct drive Waterski/wakeboard boat. This is a monumental asset to our club as it allows the members to get as much time on the water as possible. However it is also a monumental responsibility, all club rules need to be strictly adhered to in order to insure the safety of everyone on the water. The boat is also a huge investment that needs to be taken care of properly. Some general guidelines for operating the boat include:

- a. Always have a safety officer onboard, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- b. When driving, always prioritize safety!
- c. Drivers must have adequate experience driving a boat and pulling skiers/wakeboarders, as well as knowledge of how to properly moor the boat in the slip and understand the specifics of the club boat as boats can vary widely in how they operate and handle. The Boat Operations Manager has the executive authority to cast the final decision over whether a member can or cannot drive the boat based solely on safety reasons. For example boats designed specifically for water sports, such as the club boat, are usually inboard engine boats that have a fixed propeller and utilize a rudder to steer. This setup has some different things to keep in mind that drivers only used to operating boats with a different drivetrain configuration may not be familiar with. This includes but is not limited to: inability to adjust propeller height in shallow water,

reduced steering capabilities and idle speeds and in reverse especially, and increased risk of “swamping” the front of the boat with water from a large wave at slow speeds.

- d. Always be aware of where the ski ropes are in the water to avoid running them over, as well as any other obstacles in the water such as tree limbs and other debris.
- e. Always operate the blower for several minutes before starting the boat to expel gas fumes.
- f. Always operate bilge pump when uncovering boat and getting it ready, bilge again at the end of your lake time.
- g. Always make certain there is enough fuel in the tank, be sure to fill up the tank after practice so it is prepared for the next driver.
- h. Always make sure to leave the boat clean, covered, and properly picked up on the lift.
- i. Report any problems to the Boat Operations Manager.
- j. Fill out necessary paperwork that is kept in the boat including: boat operation checklist, safety officer/driver information, and the names of each member that came out on the boat that day.

Boats can also require a great deal of expensive maintenance that costs not only money, but valuable time on the water as well. Thankfully much of this can be avoided if general and preventative maintenance is performed on-time, thoroughly, and properly. The Boat Operations officer is responsible for boat maintenance is up to date and that the boat is properly taken care of throughout the year including proper winterization and storage (see Article III, 1).