

WATERBOARD WARRIORS



TEAM HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this handbook is to list the rules of the Waterboard Warriors Inc. not covered in the By-laws and also to be used as a guide for new members to get acquainted with the workings of the club. If you are a new member please be patient with us as we are a friendly club and will do everything we can to make you feel welcome. To our returning members, it is our place to make the new members feel welcome and help them get acquainted. Everyone is encouraged to introduce themselves to new members and ask if they can help in any way.

SAFETY - OUR #1 OBJECTIVE

The safety of our members and the people in the vicinity of our shows and practices is our number one priority. Every member should always keep their safety and the safety of those around them in mind. The Waterboard Warriors expect you to develop and maintain a safety-conscious attitude at all times. The Waterboard Warriors' safety director and assistant safety directors will explain specific safety rules and procedures to you. The safety director and assistant safety directors have the authority to stop the show or to stop any member from attempting an act if they feel an unsafe situation could arise. If you are asked to stop doing something by the safety director or one of the assistants, you are expected to do so immediately and without discussion. Failure to do so can cause your membership to be suspended or terminated.

COOPERATION - A KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

As a member of the Waterboard Warriors Inc., you are a part of a team that is working to put on a quality water ski show each day and every time it performs. Some practices are designed to practice acts or to practice the show. Separate times are set aside for free skiing. We ask and expect you to:

1. Attend all show practices, unless you are unable to do so due to work, illness or unless absence is previously excused by the show director. Please inform the show director of planned absence from either a show or practice.
2. To cooperate with the show directors, dock and equipment personnel and the boat drivers. Set up and take down for practice and shows is everyone's responsibility. Please do your part.
3. Treat each and every member with friendliness and respect at all times. Shouting and criticism only lead to bad feelings. Everyone involved with the team is volunteering their time; please treat them as you would want to be treated.
4. Maintain a positive attitude at all times. People with positive attitudes are successful at what they do and they are fun to be around.
5. If you see someone who is doing a good job, tell that person. You will make his or her day.
6. Members are expected not to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any show, practice or any other club activity. This includes road shows and tournaments. Violators will be suspended or have their membership terminated.

7. No underage drinking of alcohol will be tolerated. ZERO tolerance!

SHOWMANSHIP - YOU ARE AN ENTERTAINER

As a member of the Waterboard Warriors Inc., you are expected to be a good entertainer. Being a good entertainer requires you to do everything possible to help your audience enjoy themselves. From the time you set foot at the ski site until you leave, you are creating an impression on your audience. In effect, you are on stage at all times. Everyone is watching everything you do and is listening to everything you say. This applies to every member who is on the site. To display good sportsmanship you need to:

1. Know exactly what is expected of you and those around you.
2. Display enthusiasm, smile and wave!!!!
3. Remain calm at all times. The show must go on even if your act falls. The crowd does expect you to be a good sport.

SITE - A PRIVILEGE WE MUST RESPECT

The Brown County Park Department controls our site and has the right to terminate our lease if it (The Brown County Park Department) becomes dissatisfied with the Waterboard Warriors, Inc. To stay on the good side of the park department, the Waterboard Warriors expect each member to:

1. Treat everyone you encounter in a friendly, respectful manner. Rude behavior has a way of coming back to haunt you and the team.
2. Avoid swearing.
3. KEEP THE SITE CLEAN. Do not litter. If you see garbage on the ground pick it up and put it in the garbage cans. Do not wait for someone else to do it.
4. Speed Limits!!!! Please observe all speed limits in the park area. The park ranger and police patrol the park.
5. Parking – You can park your vehicle in the upper parking lot by the bathrooms or in the boat launch parking lot area. Please don't park on the grass.

TRAILERS, EQUIPMENT AND COSTUMES

Over a period of many years the Waterboard Warriors Inc. have invested thousands of dollars in its trailer, costumes, ski equipment and boats. We expect each member to treat the equipment and costumes with the utmost care. We are on a tight budget so we have to keep our trailer, costumes, ski equipment and boats in good condition as long as

possible. **Members who lose or damage costumes or equipment through carelessness will have to reimburse the club for items, which they have damaged or lost.** If you drop a ski, you are responsible for being sure it is picked up and returned to the staging area. If you see a ski, rope or other equipment which has been dropped near the shore by another skier, please gather it up and then tell the skier who dropped it that you have picked it up. At the end of practice or shows everyone must help return all equipment to the trailer. Many hands make the job easier for all.

BOATS

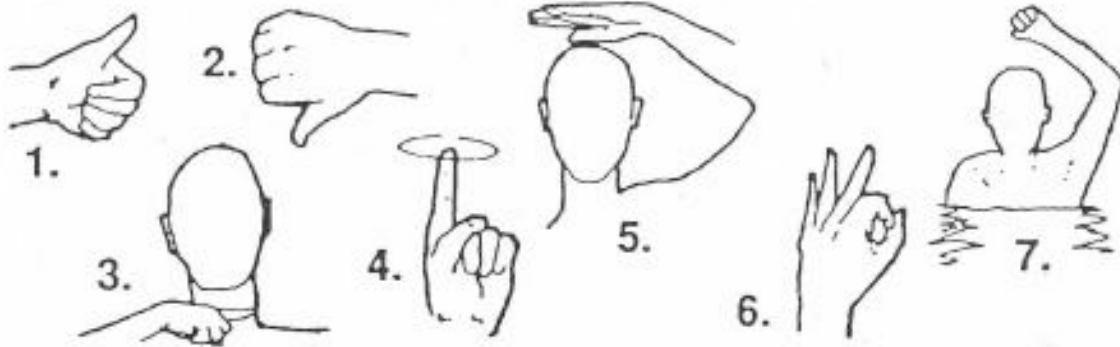
All boat drivers are to be pre-approved by the board of directors for the boats he or she wishes to drive. The chief boat driver is responsible for determining which of these drivers will drive at a particular show or practice. Similarly, pin persons must be pre-approved by the board of directors. If you want to become a boat driver, pin person, or a dock person, you must go through a training process. Please refer to the constitution of the Waterboard Warriors, Inc. for job descriptions of the above positions.

FUND - RAISING

The Waterboard Warriors must raise money to cover all of the operating expenses, equipment maintenance and new equipment. Dues and shows bring in roughly 1/3 of the money needed per year. The other 2/3 of the money needed is raised by the club through many different types of fund-raisers. As a member of the Waterboard Warriors you are expected to participate actively in at least five of these club fund-raising and related projects each year. The parents of members under the age of sixteen are expected to assist their children in fulfilling this requirement.

SKIER - BOAT DRIVER HAND SIGNALS

Learn, memorize and use the following hand signals. Good communication between the skier and boat driver is a MUST for safe water skiing.



1. SPEED UP: Speed up the boat. Thumb pointed up.
2. SLOW DOWN: Slow down the boat. Thumb pointed down.
3. CUT MOTOR/STOP: Immediately stop the boat. Slashing motion over the neck (also used by driver or observer).
4. TURN: Turn the boat (also used by the driver or observer). Circle motion - arms over the head. Then point in the desired direction.
5. RETURN TO DOCK: Turn boat back towards the dock. Pat on the head.
6. OK: Speed and boat path okay, or signals understood.
7. I'M OK: Skier waving after falling. You must give this signal if you fall and you are okay.

INSURANCE

All members are expected to carry their own medical insurance. The Waterboard Warriors Inc. does carry liability insurance through both the Boy Scouts and the USA Water Ski Association.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Show skiing is a very time consuming sport. If you decide to join this team be prepared to spend many hours at the show site and on fund-raisers. The team only works if everyone helps with the many things that have to be done. It is not all work, and most activities are a lot of fun. Show skiing is one of the only team sports where parents and children can compete on the same team together. Every job is important no matter what you do. The more participation, the better the team.

AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the contents of this handbook. I agree to abide by the safety regulations set forth in this handbook. I will ask if I have any questions.

SKIER 1'S SIGNATURE: _____

SKIER 2'S SIGNATURE: _____

SKIER 3'S SIGNATURE: _____

SKIER 4'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: (If skiers are under 18 years old)

DATE: _____