

BYLAWS & STANDARDS for the WATERSKI AND WAKEBOARD CLUB  
(A student organization of the Georgia Institute of Technology)

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For the purposes of this document, skier may be used to refer to all wake sport participants and skiing used in reference to all wake sports unless otherwise noted.

Georgia Tech Water Ski and Wakeboard Club has established the following guidelines subordinate to the established club constitution:

SECTION 1.        DUES

Members are required to pay dues and all skiers must provide proof of membership in USAWS.

- a. Dues to join the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club are set by the officers at:
  1. \$150 per fall semester (updates to \$225 for Fall 2026),
  2. \$75 per spring semester (updates to \$115 for Spring 2027),
  3. \$45 per summer semester (updates to \$70 for Summer 2027),
  4. \$200 per year (updates to \$300 for 2026-27).
- b. Membership includes access to associated external organizations with whom the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club has an existing agreement.
- c. All dues must be paid before skiing for the second time that semester.
- d. All dues are non-refundable with exception of extreme circumstances which are subject to the discretion of the Executive Council.
- e. One-time guests interested in skiing, who are not enrolled students and who have close association with a member in good, such as a family member, will be allowed to ski at a cost of \$15 per set.
- f. Any changes to the dues, as voted upon by members in good-standing shall take effect at the beginning of the next Fall Semester.

SECTION 2.        INTERESTED CLUB MEMBERS

Individuals who are interested in joining the club for the FIRST time have the option to participate as a guest, at a cost of \$15. If the individual should decide to join the club, the payment for a ski set as a guest shall contribute towards his/her dues. He/she will not be able to ski again until club dues are received in full and necessary forms and requirements of the club, the Institute, USA Water Ski, or any other governing bodies are completed.

SECTION 3.        CLUB VOTING

- a. Club members in good standing (who have paid dues, registered membership on Engage, and regularly attended meetings) have voting privileges.

- b. Motions voted on will be passed only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of club members. Current members may send in votes electronically before the vote is counted if not in attendance.
- c. The vote and original discussion shall be announced one week before the vote is to be held. Additional discussion may be held on the day of the vote.

#### SECTION 4. FINANCES

As of May 2024, the officers who have access to the external club account are:

- 1. Daniel Moore (Treasurer, [dmoore308@gatech.edu](mailto:dmoore308@gatech.edu))
- 2. Victor Moisan (President, [vmoisan3@gatech.edu](mailto:vmoisan3@gatech.edu))

#### SECTION 5. EQUIPMENT

- a. The Water Ski and Wakeboard Club shall provide equipment for use, as able, to all club members who do not have their own. If allowed by existing agreements, members may be permitted to use the equipment of associated organizations.
- b. All equipment borrowed is the property of the Georgia Tech Water Ski and Wakeboard Club or associated organizations and shall not be taken to any other place without the consent of the President, Vice-President, or Quartermaster. Any club member who does take the club equipment or loses it shall return it as soon as possible. Should a member take club equipment without permission the officers may meet to decide the penalty for that member.
- c. The loss of club or associated equipment by a club member shall result in the replacement of the specific item lost at his/her own expense.
- d. If damage to club or associated organization equipment occurs at a Water Ski and Wakeboard Club practice or at a tournament where the club is competing, and the member is using the equipment in a proper manner, fault does not lie with the individual who damaged the specific piece of equipment. The Water Ski and Wakeboard Club shall repair and/or replace said equipment at the club's expense. Damage to club and associated organization equipment, including boats, due to improper use is the fault of the individual. Said individual is then responsible for repair or replacement of damaged equipment.

#### SECTION 6. SKIING, WAKEBOARDING, ETC

- a. Skiing in the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club shall be conducted whenever a club driver or other qualified member of associated organization is present at the designated lake/practice site.
- b. Club boat drivers sign-up/open time slots weekly for skiing based on their availability and arrange a time to come to the lake and ski.
- c. Sign-ups for ski time-slots, posted in the GroupMe are first-come-first-serve.
- d. If a club member should arrive at the practice location without notification they will be asked to wait until everyone else has skied.

- e. Practice will generally run based on who arrived first. If “Skier A” skis and says they want a second set after they ski and “Skier D” then arrives, “Skier A” will still ski after “Skier B and C” and before “Skier D”.
- f. A skier is allowed one set at a time and then may ski another set after all other present club members have skied.
- g. A set is defined as 6-8 passes through the slalom course, four (4) jumps, ten-fifteen (10-15) minutes of trick skiing, wakeboard, or some form of free skiing. Tubing is not allowed to be pulled as a club event.
- h. Club boat drivers are responsible for ensuring that the appropriate amount of gas required for the signed-up skiers is purchased, brought to the lake, and used to fill the boat tank.
- i. Jump Skiing
  - 1. Jump skiers must demonstrate the following to the boat driver and another jumper prior to being allowed to jump during club practices at sites equipped with a jump
    - 1. *Ski Control in Water*: smoothly manage jumper skis and rope while in the water
    - 2. *Deep Water Start*: get up on jump skis from a deep-water start
    - 3. *Ski Control on Water*: edge within, outside, and over the wake in a controlled and intentional manner
    - 4. *Proper Jump Position*: maintain proper jump position for a ride-over while towed, i.e. weight over toes, hips up, chest out, handle low
  - 2. Drivers for jump, other jump skiers, and managing members of practice sites, reserve the right to veto a jump skier’s preparedness to “go over the ramp”.
  - 3. Jumpers must have proof of membership to USA Watersports and Wakesports in order to be pulled over the ramp.

## SECTION 7. PRACTICE SITE

- a. WestEnd Slalom (Water Ski Atlanta)
  - 1. The official club practice site of the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club is Princeton Lake in Atlanta, Georgia, operated by WestEnd slalom.
- b. Atlanta Water Ski Club
  - 1. Club members currently practice jump at the Atlanta Water Ski Club site on Lake Allatoona. Jump practice requires proof of membership to USA Watersports and Wakesports.
  - 2. Invitation and oversight by one or more Atlanta Water Ski Members is required to ski at the Atlanta Water Ski Club site.
- c. Practice or events at other lakes or sites must be approved by the club President or Vice-President. All other skiing not done at the enumerated practice site(s) is considered “skiing on your own time” unless deemed an official event by the proper club officers and the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club will not be held responsible for the actions of those individuals

- d. All other skiing not done at the listed practice site(s)

#### SECTION 8. ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- a. Use of equipment or skiing with associated organizations shall require members to first meet all requirements of the associated organization.
- b. Associated external organizations with which the Georgia Tech Water Ski and Wakeboard Club have some association or agreement are:
  - 1. WestEnd Slalom (Water Ski Atlanta)
    - 1. The club will pay WestEnd Slalom \$5,000 per year in August for club membership to ski at their site during the academic year.
    - 2. During the ski season, the club will hold monthly work parties, which will primarily include, but is not limited to picking up trash from the practice site
  - 2. Atlanta Water Ski Club

#### SECTION 9. BOATS

- a. The Water Ski and Wakeboard Club maintains access to watercraft through the associated external organizations in Section 8. All official practices will be pulled behind these boat(s). All other skiing not done behind these boats will be considered “skiing on your own time” and the Georgia Tech Water Ski and Wakeboard Club will not be held responsible for the actions of those individuals who do.
- b. The only individuals who are allowed to take a club/associated boat onto a lake or to tow a club/associated boat are those club members who have the status of “driver” in the club. The designated club boat drivers for the day are responsible for the well-being of the club/associated boat on that day. Operation and towing an associated boat is subject to the requirements and limitations specified by the associated external organization.
- c. If applicable, insurance shall be maintained on any boat owned by the Georgia Tech Water Ski and Wakeboard Club

#### SECTION 10. BOAT DRIVERS

Club members in good standing are eligible to become apprentice boat drivers and boat drivers, subject to the requirements below.

- a. Apprentice Boat Driver
  - 1. Allowed to operate boat when a trained boat driver is present on the boat.
  - 2. Must have knowledge of the operation of a tournament ski boat.
  - 3. Club members become apprentice drivers after they express interest to an officer, the officer explains to them how to open/close the boat and how to safely operate the boat with and around skiers.
  - 4. To become a trained driver, the apprentice driver must participate in a “Trained Driver Clinic”

b. Boat Driver

1. Boat drivers are former apprentice boat drivers who have *either*
  1. Participated in a “Trained Driver Clinic” hosted by a USAWS rated driver and deemed adequate therein.
  2. Or, had his/her driver rating improved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the regular drivers
2. Boat drivers have knowledge of the following:
  1. Operation and maintenance of tournament ski boats
  2. Three event water skiing driving patterns and proper driving techniques without Zero Off.
  3. The operation of the Zero Off and Perfect Pass cruise control systems.
  4. Proper driving techniques of three even water skiing using Zero Off and Perfect Pass
  5. Knowledge of the club practice site(s) and hazard locations.
  6. How to park the boat on a lift, a trailer, and against docks.
3. Apprentice drivers interested and ready to become a driver, via clinic, will contact a club officer and see when a “Trained Driver’s Clinic” can be held. The “Trained Driver’s Clinic” will occur at the convenience of the USAWS rated driver conducting the clinic.
4. A driver can have his/her driver rating revoked by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the other drivers after six months of inactivity of driving at the club practice site(s) and/or after a number of boat mishaps that result in a loss of trust by any of the other drivers.

SECTION 11. CLUB MEMBER CONDUCT

- a. Club members may be placed under probation for any conduct that is deemed inappropriate or whose conduct may cause discredit to the Institute or the Water Ski and Wakeboard club. Such violations include but are not limited to intoxication at a club practice, possessing alcohol while in the boat, trespassing on property of associated external organizations, use of Water Ski and Wakeboard Club equipment without being an active member, or any action that would cause injury or harm to other people or persons, etc.
- b. Anyone who uses private practice sites or club/associated equipment without paying dues will be fined the amount of dues for one semester.
- c. Club members may also be placed on probation, pending a vote by the Executive Council for any confirmed offense from any time that causes reasonable distrust, discomfort, or unease for at least two other members of the club. The members who were made uncomfortable due to a confirmed offense of a member must first discuss the event with the President and Vice-President. After this, if the uncomfortable members, with the President and Vice-President may decide to pursue probation. Should the President or Vice-President be the members making

others uncomfortable then other officers may be contacted to discuss the confirmed occurrence.

## SECTION 12. FUNDRAISERS

## SECTION 13. WATER SKI TEAM

- a. The Georgia Tech Water Ski team is the traveling competition team of the Georgia Tech Water Ski and Wakeboard Club.
- b. Team members are selected from the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club, with the top five (5) skiers in each event for each gender placed on "A" Team and subsequent team members placed on "B" Team.
- c. Each team member must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA and be a full-time student at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
- d. "A" team membership is determined by each member's previous tournament scores. If a competitor has no previous scores, they will be evaluated at practice. For each sex the top five (5) skiers for each event will be selected on the "A" team.

## SECTION 14. TOURNAMENTS

Club members are encouraged to get involved with and attend water ski tournaments that the team is traveling to and those that they are not.

- a. Tournaments the club participates in include those set forth by the South Atlantic Coastal Region (SAC) and the National Collegiate Water Ski Association (NCWSA)
- b. Proof of membership in USA Water Ski and Watersports (UWAWs) is required for all tournament skiers shall maintain a current USA Water Ski membership. This is an annual \$60 cost for each tournament skier.

## SECTION 15. MEETINGS

- a. General membership meetings will be held monthly during the ski season in a previously agreed upon meeting place and time that works for most of the members of the Club. These meetings can be held online through Teams or a similar platform.
- b. Any general club and officers meetings will be scheduled with at least three (3) day's notice by the club President and will be announced to all club members. Emergency meetings do not have to be announced with three (3) day's notice or announced to the club members.
- c. Officer meetings will be held no-less than two (2) times a month. The purpose of these meetings is to update all officers on existing projects/tasks at the same time and identify things are running smoothly.
- d. The order of business at all Water Ski and Wakeboard meetings shall be as follows:
  1. Call to order of the meetings by the President, or by the Vice-President of the club in the absence of the President.

2. Welcome to any interested and prospective club members. At the General membership meetings and meetings where there are many prospective club members, club information, and details about the club should be explained.
  3. Announcements
  4. Executive Board Reports
  5. Board of Directors Report
  6. Old Business
  7. New Business
  8. Adjournment
- e. Any new business that a club member or officer wishes to discuss at a Water Ski and Wakeboard Club meeting shall be brought to the attention of the President before the meeting. These topics will be discussed when the President opens the floor for any new topics of discussion at the end of the meeting.

## SECTION 16. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DUTIES

Duties of the executive council specified below are constrained by and in service of the executive council duties enumerated in the Water Ski and Wakeboard club constitution. Specific duties of the executive council shall include but not limited to (see Water Ski and Wakeboard Club constitution):

- a. President
  1. To represent the Water Ski Club in dealings with Georgia Tech and other organizations
  2. To preside at club meetings,
  3. To coordinate club activities, and delegate workload
  4. To carry out the policies set by the Executive Council,
  5. Submit Annual RSO registration application with the Center for Student Engagement and ensure completion of associated Senior Executive Officer, Finance, and RSO Advisor forms.
  6. Submit events for approval to GT Engage and/or Club Sports IdealLogic by the deadlines,
  7. To orient all new club members about how the club operates and to answer questions on any orientation materials as needed.
  8. Organize home tournaments and attendance at away tournaments (in-region tournaments, regionals, and nationals)
  9. Serve as Team Captain
    1. Attend SAC meetings
    2. Responsible for dealing with the SAC, NCWSA, and USAWS. This included membership to the SAC, NCWSA, and USAWS, and reporting to Team Captains meetings at tournaments or throughout the year.
    3. Obtain official letters of eligibility as required by the SAC (Please see SAC Guidebook for letter of eligibility requirements).

4. Responsible for getting team skiers to come to tournaments and informing team skiers when and where tournaments are held.
5. Responsible for the registration of the team before each tournament. This includes filling out the team roster, release letter, and informing Treasurer of the number of students attending and the payee for the tournament.
6. Responsible for organizing and running club tournaments.

10. Enforce Georgia Tech Water Ski and Wakeboard Club Bylaws, Standards, and Requirements

b. Vice-President

1. Assume the duties of the president in his/her absence
2. Listen to complaints from other club members and report them to the President
  1. Act as a mediator for Water Ski and Wakeboard Club disputes
3. Assist President when needed with the items included and not included in this list.

c. Secretary

1. Ensure that all forms/paperwork required by Georgia Tech, the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club, and associated external organizations are completed by each member, as applicable.
  1. Ensure USAWS membership, appropriate waivers, etc.
  2. Check SafeSport status for members competing in tournaments.
2. Organize contact information of the due-paying members of the Water Ski club and ensure each are registered members on Engage.
3. Take notes during scheduled club meetings and post notes afterward.

d. Treasurer

1. Manage Finance Accounts.
2. Acquire Dues and record who has paid and when.
3. Paying vendors.
4. Compile and submit, as applicable, SGA annual budget requests in October, CRC annual budget requests in April, and submit Bills as needed.
5. Compile and submit Purchase Requests as needed.
6. Review, compile, and submit Reimbursement requests as needed.
7. Point of contact for sponsorships and fundraising.
8. Attend required finance trainings held by the Institute.

e. Quartermaster

1. Regulate and enforce rules and standards on equipment use.
2. General maintenance and up-keep of any vehicles and equipment owned by the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club
3. Organize work parties at associated sites, in accordance with needs and with agreements with associated external organizations
4. Maintain an inventory of equipment and merch owned by the club.



- f. Safety-Officer
  - 1. Shall insure that the club activities are in compliance with the AWSA Safety Rules and with applicable government regulations.
  - 2. Shall be in charge of giving safety tests to club members
  - 3. Shall hold veto power on matters involving safety in water skiing.
  - 4. Shall maintain CPR and First Aid training.
- g. Training Officer
  - 1. Shall assist new club members in progressing safely to a high level of proficiency in competitive skiing.
  - 2. Shall be in charge of competition team practices.
  - 3. Log practice and tournament attendance
- h. Non-Officer Representatives