

CONSTITUTION for the WATER SKI AND WAKEBOARD CLUB
(A student organization of the Georgia Institute of Technology)

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club, in order to form an organized Water Ski and Wakeboard Club dedicated to the safety and promotion of the sport in general, do establish this Constitution as the basis for conduction of the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club (A student organization of the Georgia Institute of Technology). Hereafter referred to as Georgia Tech Waterski and Wakeboard Club.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club shall be:

1. To develop safety in the sport,
2. To inspire competition among Tech students and to represent Georgia Tech in intercollegiate competition,
3. To develop an interest in water skiing and to provide instruction in the art.

ARTICLE III – GT AFFILIATION

SECTION I. This organization is a Registered Student Organization (RSO) at Georgia Institute of Technology but is not part of the Institute itself.

SECTION II. In all correspondence and publications, it may refere to itself as an organization at Georgia Institute of Technology, but not as part of Georgia Tech itself.

SECTION III. Waterski and Wakeboard Club accepts full financial and production responsibility of all activities it sponsors

SECTION IV. Waterski and Wakeboard Club agrees to abide by all pertinent GT policies and regulations and those of RSO differ, including those regulations and policies mandated by an external affiliated organization, the policies and regulations of GT take precedence.

SECTION V. Waterski and Wakeboard Club recognizes and understands that the Georgia Tech assumes no legal liability for the actions of the organization.

ARTICLE IV – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION

SECTION I. The Waterski and Wakeboard Club may pursue agreements for access to practice sites and equipment with local Waterski Clubs and vendors, such as but not limited to WestEnd Slalom and the Atlanta Water Ski Club.

SECTION II. The Waterski and Wakeboard Club may pursue association with regional and national entities governing competitive waterskiing and wakesports, including but not limited to the Southern Atlantic Coastal Region (SAC, an affiliate of the NCWSA), the National Collegiate Waterski Association (NCWSA),

American Water Ski Association (AWSA), and USA Water Ski & Wake Sports

ARTICLE V – MEMBERS

SECTION I. All Georgia Tech students, staff, faculty, alumni, and their immediate family shall be eligible to serve as affiliates to the organization. Affiliates are not voting members.

SECTION II. In order to be a voting member, students must be eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities, as defined by the GT Catalog.

SECTION III. There shall be no maximum number of members.

SECTION IV. For members to be considered in good standing, they must have paid their dues, registered membership with the University and regularly attend scheduled meetings.

SECTION V. Only student members in good standing shall be allowed to vote in club elections and on matters of club policy.

SECTION VI. Only student members in good standing, who have been a club member for at least one year, shall be eligible to hold office. This section shall not apply to charter members.

SECTION VII. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ethnicity or national origin, religion, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status, unless exempt under Title IX.

SECTION VIII. Member Removal

- a. Membership of any kind, including specific privileges, can be revoked for failure to maintain membership requirements as stated in this Constitution. The Waterski and Wakeboard Club strives to maintain the highest levels of objectivity in setting membership requirements and in the proves to remove a member.
- b. If it is believed that a member has failed to maintain membership requirements or exhibited conduct that is inappropriate or conduct which may cause discredit to the Institute or the Water Ski and Wakeboard Club, said member may be placed on probation by a two thirds majority vote by the Executive Council. Petition for this vote by the officers may be made by two club members in good standing or by a single elected officer or representatives.
- c. If the Executive Council votes to place the member under probation, then the Executive Council will:
 - i. place the member on a probationary status
 - ii. outline the objective criteria the Member must meet to remove the probationary status.
 - iii. define a timeline, no shorter than 2 business weeks for the criteria to be met
- d. At the end of the probationary period, the Executive Council will meet with the Member to determine if the criteria to remove the probationary status have been met. If two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive

Council votes that the criteria still have not been met, then the member shall be removed.

- e. If a member is removed, the Executive Council will provide written notification of the removal to the member, the Club, and the advisor indicating the reason for removal and the timeline for application for new membership (if applicable).
- f. If the member is removed, they may appeal to the general body of the Club within 2 business weeks. The members in good-standing will then review the cause of probation, the probation criteria, and the decision to dismiss the member; and then vote whether the membership removal shall be overturned. The membership removal may be overturned by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the general voting body of the club.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

SECTION I. The administrative body of the organization shall be called the Executive Council. Each member of the Executive Council shall hold an equal vote. This body shall consist of the following:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice-President
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer
- 5. Quartermaster
- 6. Club Safety Officer
- 7. Club Training Officer
- 8. Two non-officer Representatives

SECTION II. The duties of the Executive Council are:

- 1. To set Club Policy
- 2. To oversee club expenditures, and
- 3. To perform other administrative duties.

SECTION III. The policies set by the Executive Council are subject to the approval of the entire club if a vote is called for by a club member at any regular club meeting.

SECTION IV. The officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the club each Spring Semester, or as vacancies occur. The Waterski and Wakeboard Club must maintain at a minimum, the officer roles as outlined in the Registered Student Organization policy. They shall be elected by the majority of the members present. The elected officers shall serve one year or until the beginning of the following Spring Semester, whichever comes first

SECTION V. The non-officer Representatives to the Executive Council shall be elected at the first of every semester and shall serve until the beginning of the following semester.

SECTION VI. Officers shall be removed in this manner:

- 1. If an officer fails to maintain Institute requirements for holding office as stated in the GT Catalog, he or she shall resign immediately.

2. If it is believed that an officer is not fulfilling his or her constitutional duties, then a petition requesting his or her removal must be signed by at least half of the voting membership and presented at a general meeting. Then, upon verification of the validity of the petition, by the advisor, and, at least two weeks but no more than four weeks from the date of submission, another meeting shall be held at which the grievance will be presented, with both sides having the opportunity to present a case.
3. The Faculty Advisor, if appropriate, shall preside over the removal hearing. After all arguments have been heard, a secret-ballot vote shall be held. If at least two-thirds of the voting members present vote for removal, the officer shall be removed immediately.
4. If the president is removed or resigns, the Vice-President will take his/her place in the interim. All other officers will be nominated by the membership and voted on in accordance with regular election procedures.

ARTICLE VII – DUES

To receive the benefits of club membership, each member shall pay dues to the club.

SECTION I. Dues shall be set by the Executive council, with approval of the club voting members.

SECTION II. Dues must be paid before skiing for the second time that semester, unless otherwise defined in the Bylaws and Standards for the Waterski and Wakeboard Club.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All business meetings shall be governed by the procedure contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

SECTION III. Amendments to the constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing for consideration. A reading or email of the proposed amendment(s) will be required prior to submitting the amendment to a vote. Written notification of the proposed amendment to all voting members must be made by mail or email, at least two weeks in advance of any proposed change in the constitution.

SECTION IV. Amendments are subject to the approval by the Student Activities Committee

SECTION V. A two-thirds vote of the quorum of members present will be required for adoption.

SECTION VI.

ARTICLE X – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: The duties of the President shall be as follows:

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, and,
4. To carry out the policies set by the Executive Council.

Vice-President: Shall assume the duties of the president in his/her absence and assist President in their duties.

Secretary: Shall be responsible for all club printing of information, meeting notices, publicity, materials, and correspondence.

Treasurer: Shall serve as the finance officer and keep a record of all income and expenditures.

Quartermaster: Shall maintain club equipment and shall set club policy for membership usage of equipment, subject to approval by the Executive Council.

Safety-Officer: Shall insure that the club activities are in compliance with the American Water Ski Association Safety Rules and with applicable government regulations. Shall be in charge of giving safety tests to club members. Shall hold veto power on matter involving safety in water skiing.

Training Officer: Shall assist new club members in progressing safely to a high level of proficiency in competitive water skiing. Shall be in charge of competition team practices.

Non-Officer Representatives:

With experience in their respective areas, the two non-officer representatives shall:

1. Head project committees dealing with recreation water skiing.
2. Head project committees pertaining to competitive water skiing.

ARTICLE XI – ADVISOR

SECTION I. A full time GT faculty or staff member will serve as advisor to the organization.

SECTION II. Nominations for advisors will take place within the Executive Council. The Executive Board will choose the advisor and invite him/her to serve as advisor for the next academic year. In the event of a vacancy, a new advisor must be selected and installed within 2 weeks. The Club will notify the Center for Student Engagement immediately upon installment.

SECTION III. During Officer Elections, the organization will vote on whether to continue the Advisor appointment or not. The vote must be 2/3rd majority as advisor for the next academic year.

SECTION IV. The duties of Advisor include:

1. Meeting with organization officers,
2. Reviewing the yearly budget,
3. Signing all required paperwork, and,
4. Advising on issues or risk management, organization leadership, and Georgia Tech policy.

SECTION V. The Advisor can be removed for not carrying out the duties and expectations as defined in this document. Any member can bring concerns to the Executive Council. The Executive Council will meet with the Advisor to discuss the concerns. After this meeting, the Executive Council will vote on whether to remove the Advisor. If there is a majority vote, then the Advisor will be removed.

SECTION VI. If an Advisor steps down or is removed, the Executive Council will follow the process stated in Article XI Section II.

ARTICLE XII – BYLAWS AND STANDARDS

SECTION I. The Waterski and Wakeboard Club shall establish and maintain a set of Bylaws and Standards governing the day-to-day activities of the club and actions of the Executive Council.

SECTION II. Club members and officers shall abide by all established Waterski and Wakeboard Club Bylaws and Standards; bylaws, rules and/or regulations of associated competition leagues; bylaws, rules and/or regulations of associated external organizations at appropriate ski sites; and bylaws, rules and/or regulations of Institute governing bodies with whom the club may be associated with.

SECTION III. All Bylaws and Standards shall be subordinate to and constrained by this Constitution

SECTION IV. Changes to the Bylaws and Standards may be proposed by the Executive Council or members in good standing.

SECTION V. A two-thirds vote of the quorum of members present will be required for the adoption of changes to the Bylaws and Standards and the selection of the date such changes shall take effect.

SECTION VI. Approved to changes the Bylaws and Standards shall take effect within one year of approval. If no date is selected, changes shall come into effect at the beginning of the next semester, except for changes in annual dues which shall come into effect at the beginning of the next academic year in the Fall.