

Metroplex Ski Club Rules of Engagement

The following is a synopsis of rules as defined in our operating code for members to observe when using MSC sites:

General: Our ski sites are under the control of the State of Texas and all members must adhere to the Texas Water Safety Act as well as all laws governing public use of state controlled waterways.

AWSA "Active" Membership Requirements: All persons, whether club members or guests, who participate in club activities MUST have current AWSA "active" membership status. Participation includes skiing, driving or riding in a boat and any activities on the ski dock. This is mandatory in order for our liability and medical insurance coverage to be in effect, which is a requirement of our ski site lease agreement with the Tarrant Regional Water District. If even one person at the site is not a current AWSA active member, our club insurance is not in effect which puts our continued use of the ski sites at risk as well as making MSC members personally liable for any damages which might occur.

Guests: Guests can ski at MSC sites on an occasional basis if they are current "active" members of AWSA and are accompanied by a MSC member. If a guest frequently uses the MSC sites, the hosting MSC member should strongly encourage the guest to join.

Skiing Order: Skiing order is based upon boat rotation, as opposed to skier rotation. Boat rotation means that each boat takes a set and then relinquishes the site to the next boat waiting in line, regardless of the number of skiers in any given boat.

After launching your boat and arriving at the ski dock, your set will precede the boat currently skiing, after all other boats waiting have completed a turn. If in doubt as to your position in line, ask. After your boat has pulled a set, take your place in line immediately after the boat you followed previously. If there are several boats waiting their turn, it is recommended that the next skier up have all their gear on and be ready to jump in the water as soon as the previous boat has finished their set.

Slalom Course: The slalom courses may be used at any time by members on a first come, first serve basis per the established skiing order. A set is defined as six passes through the entrance gates. A single pass is defined as when a boat passes through the entrance gates. The skier is allowed a total of six passes through the entrance gates per set. If the skier falls three times within those six passes, their turn is considered over. When the skier falls, the boat shall pull the skier in the same direction traveled previous to the fall. A fall past the entrance gates counts towards the six pass limit per set.

Jumping: The jump may be used at any time by members on a first come, first serve basis per the established skiing order. Any member wishing to use the jump must be certified by the Jump Certification Committee demonstrating the following:

- a) Ability to safely ride over and complete three (3) consecutive jumps.
- b) Proper procedure for setting up jump and leaving jump after finishing.
- c) Correct boat driving skills for pulling a person over jump.
- d) Familiar with all rules as it applies to use of jump.

When approved by the Jump Certification Committee, the member will be given the combination to the lock on the jump. Non-certified members may learn to jump if accompanied by a certified member. Any member under the age of 18 must submit a notarized parental consent and accident release form to the jump Certification Committee before they will be allowed on the jump. A jumper must be wearing a ski vest, helmet and use jump skis which will not damage the jump. A member may take 4 consecutive passes at the jump and then must release his/her turn to the next member waiting to ski.

Trick Skiing, Wake Boarding, Barefooting, etc: The ski site may be used at any time by members on a first come first serve basis per the established skiing order. A member may take up to 10 minutes per set and then must release his/her turn to the next member waiting to ski.

MSC sites are designed to promote USA Waterski sanctioned disciplines. The use of the MSC sites for non-sanctioned disciplines should not interfere with sanctioned disciplines. All sanctioned and non-sanctioned activities should be performed by MSC members and/or guests that are USA Waterski members. Please be respectful of members who have limited time to practice their sport when considering non-sanctioned disciplines.

Show Ski Practice: The Marine Creek Site is reserved for show ski practice on Saturdays from 12 noon until 3:00 PM, from mid May through August. All members are invited and encouraged to participate fully in show ski activities.

Boat Driving Practices: Launching and loading of boats should be accomplished between skier passes as to not interfere with skiing activities.

If a skier falls in the slalom course, maintain boat direction down course until the boat has come to idle speed and then turn around (at idle speed) to retrieve skier. This action will prevent boat rollers in the slalom course.

Be aware of potential floating debris at the Trinity River site, particularly after a heavy rain. It is recommended to drive the length of the ski site looking for any floating debris before skiing.

No skiing is allowed outside the floating marker signs at the Marine Creek site.