

LANDER UNIVERSITY WATER SKI CLUB

Greenwood, SC
Constitution/By-Laws

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be
THE LANDER UNIVERSITY WATER SKI CLUB TEAM

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To promote water skiing and its interest at Lander University and surrounding areas;
2. To teach new members how to ski and participate in skiing competition in these areas as well as travelling to compete;
3. To teach and promote the safety of both skiing and boating operations; general water activities and sports;

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Water Ski Club shall be open to any Lander student interested in water skiing activities.

1. Classes of Membership:

Regular – Full time student at Lander University, eligible to hold office, eligible to compete in all competitions as member of the Lander University Water Ski Team and compete at the A or B team level.

Associate – Full time Lander students, privileged membership approved by officers, for those not interested in competing in official tournaments, but participate in practices at their discretion.

These members pay discounted dues. At any point if these members decide they want to compete, they can become regular members by fulfilling their payment with approval from the majority of the officers.

General – Non-Lander students, unable to hold officer position and does not have any voting rights within the club. This membership is open to Lander faculty/staff or Greenwood residents. This may not include the option to practice any event skiing and would consist of mostly free skiing behind the boat on lake Greenwood.

2. Rules of membership

- a. A prospective member must submit an application for membership, and be approved for membership by a majority vote of the officers.
- b. No person shall be considered a member until membership dues have been paid in full.
- c. At least two officers must be present before business may be conducted at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Club officers shall be elected for an annual term in accordance with the By-Laws of the constitution. The officers and their duties shall be as follows:

1. **President:** The President is the chief executive officer of the club. He/She shall be responsible to the general membership for leadership and organization. He/She shall preside over all club meetings and appoint those committees or officers necessary to the orderly functioning of the club. In charge of social media sites and calendar maintenance.
2. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall assume **all** duties of the president in the latter's absence. He/She is also responsible for the organization of meetings of regular members prior to tournament participation. Chief duty includes ensuring all tournament documents, insurance, and registration are prepared prior to travel.
3. **Treasurer:** The treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of club funds and for the maintaining and safekeeping of an accurate set of financial records.

4. Secretary: The secretary shall be responsible for the official correspondence of the club, for the maintenance of membership roles, and primary organization of fundraising events.

ARTICLE V - FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

- A. Dues shall be paid annually by all members.
- B. Dues are subject to change on a semester basis, these changes are a reflection of club needs.
- C. No member of the Club or Team will have membership privileges until dues are paid.
- D. A club checking account shall be maintained with the signatures of the president or the treasurer required on all checks written.
- E. Additional funds shall be raised by various projects and fundraisers as needed.
- F. All financial records shall be subject to independent audit by the faculty advisor at any time.

ARTICLE VI - RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. The following rules and regulations shall be in effect at all club activities:
1. All rules pertaining to water and boat safety will be observed at all times as well as rules governing the use of the boat and driving.
 2. Disorderly conduct and/or misuse of club equipment is strictly prohibited, more than one offense will lead to termination of membership with no refunds.
 3. Transportation to and from club activities shall be the responsibility of each member.
 4. Officers and other duly appointed members shall be in charge of ski club activities with the responsibility of keeping things orderly.

5. Equipment checked out and used by an individual member becomes the total responsibility of that member.
6. Damage or destruction of any club equipment shall be paid for by the person responsible for said damage or destruction.
7. All purchases in excess of \$75.00 requiring club funds must be voted on and approved by a simple majority of officers.
 - B. Grounds for dismissal from the club include violations of the above rules and regulations or the unexcused absence of members from three (3) consecutive regular meetings. A dismissed member may be reinstated to full membership in the semester following his/her dismissal.
 - C. Violations of the above rules and regulations shall be called to the attention of the president and investigated by the officers.
 - D. Dismissal shall be by a simple majority vote of the officers.

ARTICLE VII - ORDER OF BUSINESS

All club meetings shall be carried on in a businesslike manner. The following order of business shall be applied to all meetings.

1. Roll call
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
3. Officer reports
4. Notices and announcements
5. Old business
6. New business

ARTICLE VIII - LIABILITY

Neither The Lander University Water Ski Club, its affiliates, its faculty advisor, officers, nor Lander University shall be held liable for any accident that might occur at any club activity or tournament. Insurance will be paid through USA Waterski before competing in any tournament or practice.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This constitution and/or its by-laws may be amended in whole or in part by a simple majority vote of the officers provided such amendments be announced at three successive meetings prior to voting on them.

ELECTIONS

Article 1. REGULAR ELECTIONS. Mandatory election shall be held at the end of each spring semester. Notice of elections must be given at one meeting prior to balloting.

Article 2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE. Elected officers must be regular members of The Lander University Ski Club. Candidates for office must be members in good standing prior to election and have at least a 2.0 GPA.

Article 3. ELECTION PROCEDURE. At the beginning of the election meeting, each position will be announced. Only full time or honorary members may run for office. Every member present will then vote and members with majority votes win said office.

Article 4. REMOVAL OF OFFICE. Each officer shall serve at the pleasure of the voting membership. New elections may be called for at any time other than that mentioned in Article 1 of these By-Laws, but only if such action is approved by the majority of the other officers.

Article 5. EXTRA ORDINARY ELECTIONS. In the event of temporary vacation of office (no more than one semester) by the duly-elected President of the club, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of President in the latter's absence. If the President shall vacate his office for more than one semester, the Vice-President shall call an extraordinary election to fill the vacancy. In the event of temporary vacation of a lesser office, the President shall appoint a temporary replacement to that office.