

Church Wilne Water Sports Club Rules and Regulations

1. All members and their guests must be familiar with the Club Rules and abide by them at all times.
2. All persons using CWWSC lakes and facilities do so entirely at their own risk. It is the responsibility of all members to ski and drive safely. Members must familiarise themselves with the lakes and facilities, taking into account any changes that may have occurred.
3. All drivers and skiers must familiarise themselves and abide with the “BWSW Safety Recommendations & Codes of Practice”
4. All skiers/riders must learn and use the BWSW approved hand signals.
5. All members and their guests must sign the attendance diary located in the Clubhouse immediately upon arrival at the lake and any relevant guest fees paid on site prior to the facilities being used. Guests participating in any water-borne activity (other than riding as a passenger in the boat) may do so on a maximum of six occasions per membership year. Guests riding only as a passenger in the boat will be able to do so on an unlimited basis.
6. Only CWWSC members are permitted to drive a boat on the lakes except when a non member has been sanctioned to drive by the committee.
7. CWWSC accepts no liability under any circumstances for loss or damage to any personal property of any description.
8. All boats must have their numbers clearly displayed on the driver’s side of the hull or windscreen with the prefix (CW).
9. Only boats of a type approved by Seven Trent Water plc (STW) and or CWWSC committee, shall be allowed to use CWWSC water.
10. All boats shall be inspected annually, by an inspector chosen by the Committee, any recommendations made must be carried out in accordance to the instructions given at the time. Under no circumstances must a boat be used unless a safety inspection 'pass' sticker has been awarded. This safety inspection is a visual inspection for CWWSC purposes only and does not represent or certify that a boat meets its insurance or safety criteria - THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER. CWWSC shall accept no liability for any faults arising with any boat whatsoever, either prior or subsequent to this safety inspection. CWWSC reserves the right to carry out further inspections on a random basis.
11. All boats must be insured through CWWSC’s nominated broker. Members must provide a copy of their certificate of insurance to CWWSC at the annual boat inspection or before the boat is used on CWWSC water.
12. All boats must carry a first aid kit, and any accidents/injuries must be reported to CWWSC and an accident report form completed immediately or as soon as is practically possible afterwards.
13. All boats must carry a suitable fire extinguisher. On all inboard craft, the fire extinguisher must be automatic and located within the engine compartment. In such cases the fire extinguisher must have a cubic coverage area in excess to that of the engine compartment.
14. All boats must have 'start in gear protection'.
15. All outboard boats must be fitted with a lanyard, “dead man” switch.
16. All boats must have a rear view mirror and be fitted with a warning horn.
17. Boat owners and all users of CWWSC to be responsible with respect to noise and impact on local residents. The Duty Officer has the right to enforce noise reduction measures at his/her discretion.

18. The boat launching slipway shall be kept free from obstruction at all times. All persons, cars and boats using the slipway do so entirely at their own risk. Upon boat launching, all trailers should be returned immediately to the designated trailer storage area and parked sensibly and compactly.
19. All drivers must hold an up to date SBDA or the new enhanced SBD2 and be a current member of the British Water Ski Federation.
20. Drivers who are in training may only drive whilst accompanied by a qualified SBDA holder.
21. No persons under the age of 16 years shall drive any boat under any circumstances.
22. Any members witnessing poor or unsafe driving must report the matter immediately to CWWSC.
23. The officer on duty, and any member of the Committee, has the authority to prevent persons from driving who in their opinion appear incompetent.
24. All boats must be driven in an anti-clockwise direction around the main lake, however if there are no other boats on the main lake at the time, 'multi-direction' will be allowed. This must cease immediately upon another boat leaving its jetty or entering the main lake from the tournament lake. Boats in the tournament lake are exempt from this rule only and must comply with the additional tournament lake rules & regulations.
25. No persons shall drive a boat if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
26. There shall be no more than 4 boats outside the tick-over zone in the main lake at any time, which may be increased to a maximum of 6 at the discretion of the committee. With the exception of boats entering or exiting the tournament lake.
27. If boats are waiting to use the main lake you must limit your water use to a maximum of two laps of the lake or 20 minutes whichever occurs first.
28. Drivers must not allow any passengers to be stood up or to sit on the side deck of the boat or on the swim platform whilst the boat is in motion above tick over speed.
29. There shall be a competent observer in the boat at all times whilst there is more than one boat on any part of the water towing a skier/rider.
30. When only one boat operates at any time on any part of the water, it is reasonable and safe for a qualified driver/coach to drive for a water skier without an observer but a competent observer must be used regardless if there is no other boats on any part of the water when towing an inflatable, towing two or more skiers, using the kickers and sliders and when towing for jump.
31. Before commencing skiing without an observer the driver and skier must ensure that they have on board a mobile telephone for use in an emergency and have indicated that they are without an observer by displaying the no observer warning sign situated on the jetty next to the slipway.
32. When driving without an observer the driver and skier must return to the dock as soon as another boat uses any part of the water.
33. An arm shall be raised by the driver or crew when dropping off a skier/rider or returning to a mooring jetty to alert those waiting to set off as to their intentions.
34. Drivers must not allow passengers to ride in the bow of an 'open bow' boat unless there are no other boats on the water. No passengers may ride in the bow while towing.
35. All boats towing inflatable toys must take them to the centre of the lake prior to towing with passengers. Drivers must stay in the centre of the lake during the ride. Passengers must get back in the boat in the centre of the lake before returning to the jetties and if possible the inflatable should be carried in the boat.
36. A skier/ rider in the water must not be taken aboard until the boat engine has been turned off.

37. All persons using water obstacles such as the ski jump, kickers and sliders, must wear a watersport specific rigid helmet. Whilst using/riding any towed inflatable equipment, a watersport specific soft helmet must be worn by all riders.
38. All skiers/riders must use the designated 'start' area, which is clearly marked when starting from the shore. Upon completion of each particular skiing or riding session they must use the designated 'drop off/safe landing' area. Skiers/riders should quickly vacate the 'drop off/ safe landing' area.
39. The LPG is for marine use only. Any other use is strictly prohibited. All persons refuelling must be aware of 'the boat refuelling guidelines' available in the Clubhouse and at the LPG storage area. All persons must be trained in the use of the equipment by a member of staff or Committee member.
40. With the exception of LPG propane gas fuelled boats, the refuelling of all craft must take place onshore in the designated area clearly marked with safety signage and fire extinguisher.
41. No persons under the age of 16 years shall refuel any boat under any circumstances.
42. Smoking is strictly prohibited during refuelling of any kind.
43. Swimming bathing or paddling in CWWSC waters is strictly forbidden
44. Boat drivers and all other persons shall show consideration for any wildlife on the lake or site.
45. No activity of any kind is to take place on CWWSC water from the period of one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
46. Fishing is strictly forbidden.
47. Members, guests or visitors shall not commit any act that results in the fouling of the water or Club site at any time.
48. Children under 12 years of age must never be left unattended or without competent adult supervision.
49. Members and their guests should be aware of the risks of disease carried by wildlife, specifically Weil's disease (rats) and salmonella (wildfowl), and should be familiar with the associated symptoms. Members are responsible for making their guests aware of the risks.
50. Guns, knives or weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited from the Club site.
51. CWWSC members are responsible for keeping the premises and buildings of the Club in a clean and tidy condition. Litter must be placed in the receptacles provided and suitable arrangements shall be made for the disposal of waste products.
52. Any persons who accidentally or deliberately damage or break anything on the Club site will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement in full.
53. Drivers must not exceed the site speed limit of 5 mph.
54. No dogs or other animals may be brought onto the Club site or water areas.
55. Members using the changing rooms, toilet and shower areas when the clubhouse is closed must ensure that the rear Clubhouse door is kept closed and secured from unauthorised access at all times.
56. No camp fires are allowed at any time, barbeques must not be put directly on the grass.
57. Members shall obey without question any instructions, orders or signals of a committee member or duty officer.
58. The Committee reserves the right to close the lakes for any period of time, when reasonable notice shall be given where possible.

59. Disciplinary action shall be taken against any person in breach of these rules.
60. Persons banned from CWWSC shall not be entitled to any refunds.
61. If a boat is used on another stretch of water, fresh or salt, within the last week, the person wishing to launch the boat must declare to the Committee prior to launching where that boat was last launched and whether any indications, visual or otherwise, of waterborne disease were observed.
62. Every boat must carry a buoyancy aid and all minors (under 16 years of age) must wear a buoyancy aid whilst in the boat.
63. Camping will be allowed up to a maximum of three nights at the discretion of the committee. The appropriate camping fee must be paid in advance.
64. Anyone camping must be signed in as a guest and must have paid a day guest fee of some form.
65. Camping is only permitted when there is a club Duty Officer present.
66. No bikes, scooters, skate boards etc. to be used or ball games played in the confines of the fenced in area in front of the clubhouse.
67. Boat drivers must observe the tick over zone between the jetties and the row of buoys.
68. Any member deemed to be misusing Committee time and/or resources may be subject to appropriate action.
69. Acts of violence, abuse or threatening behaviour (including on Social Media sites) towards any persons associated with CWWSC will not be tolerated. The Committee shall investigate any such complaint and may initiate disciplinary action.
70. The Committee may, where appropriate, impose a fine or penalty on any member who is found to be in breach of Club Rules & Regulations or who has acted in such a way as to be contrary to the best interests of the Club.

Tournament Lake additional Rules and Regulations

1. The boat driver must have passed the tournament lake driving test (Issued by CWWSC).
2. All members using the tournament lake must have paid the required annual tournament lake fee.
3. Members who have not paid the annual fee and non-members are only allowed to use the Tournament Lake provided they ski behind the club boat, pay the appropriate ski tow fee and are limited to six visits. CWWSC members always have priority. Note: members pay a reduced fee.
4. During busy times members using the tournament lake are requested to use the queuing system, also ensure the next skier / rider is ready on the start jetty.
5. Only boats currently or previously approved by the AWSA or boats below the size specified by the IWSF rules will be allowed to use the slalom/jump course.
6. The use of inflatables or 'air chairs' in the tournament lake is strictly prohibited.
7. Drivers must only pass through the entrance/exit to the tournament lake at tick-over speed.
8. If another boat is using the tournament lake, all boats entering/exiting must proceed slowly to an available jetty space, creating as little wash as possible. On most boats this entails continuously putting the boat in and out of gear.
9. Drivers must always be aware of the location of the ski line/rope when the skier/rider has fallen and must not allow it to drag around or snag any buoys.
10. When stationary or at slow speeds within the course, drivers must not inadvertently drift over any buoys. (i.e. keep alert!)
11. Do not leave your boat unattended in the tournament lake during busy times.
12. If queuing exists, each skier/rider will be limited to a maximum of six (6) passes, four (4) jumps or 12 minutes, whichever comes first.
13. If you dislodge a buoy, you must retrieve it from the lake as soon as practically possible. If the buoy, cord and clip are not damaged and you know how to re-attach it, please do so.
14. Only skis that have been approved and certified by the manufacturer as jump skis are allowed over the jump ramp.
15. No persons must use the ramp whilst the surface is dry. If the water system is not available, drop off a helper onto the inside platform of the ramp to manually bucket water down the ramp.
16. When jumping has finished turn off the water pumping system.
17. When persons are queuing to use the tournament lake, a minimum approved standard will apply for all disciplines. An approved level of ability would mean that the skier/rider must be able to consistently perform the following: -
 - Slalom Skiing: Six (6) wake crossings within the length of the slalom course.
 - Trick Skiing: A side slide, a 180 degree turn from front to back and back to front.
 - Barefoot: A deepwater start from a short rope off a training boom or a long line.
 - Wakeboard: Be able to jump and clear both wakes heel-side and toe side.
 - Kneeboard: Be able to complete a 360 degree turn in both directions.
18. Boats with onboard ballast systems and/or enhanced wakes shall not be permitted through the slalom/jump course and must ONLY use the area between the course and the main lake barrier. In the event that a skier/rider may fall within the slalom/jump course, drivers/boats may enter the course in order to retrieve the skier/rider but must do so at tick-over speed only and must exit the course prior to restarting under power.