

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

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PREAMBLE

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

ARTICLE I – NAME

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

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Water Ski 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 – MEMBERS

SECTION I. All Georgia Tech students, staff, faculty, alumni, and their immediate family shall be eligible for membership.

SECTION II. In order to be a member, students must be eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities as defined by the “Georgia Tech Handbook” and SGA policies.

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 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.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION I. The administrative body of the organization shall be called the Executive Council. This body shall consist of the following:

President
Co-Vice-President (Concerning Waterski)
Co-Vice-President (Concerning Wakeboarding)
Secretary
Treasurer
Alumni Liaison
Quartermaster
Club Safety Officer
Club Training Officer

Each member of the Executive Council shall hold equal vote.

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 called for by an 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. 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. 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 V. Officers shall be removed in this manner:

1. If an officer fails to maintain Institute requirements for holding office (good standing, for example), 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 V – DUES

To receive the benefits of club membership, each member shall pay dues to the club. Dues shall be set by the Executive Council, with approval of the club voting members. Dues shall be collected at the beginning of each Semester.

ARTICLE VI – PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

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

ARTICLE VII – AMEDMENTS

SECTION I. 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.

SECTION II. 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 III. Amendments are subject to the approval by the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Committee.

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

ARTICLE VIII – 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:
(Wake & Ski) Shall assume the duties of the President in his absence. Each Vice President is responsible for ensuring fair representation of his or discipline, and should provide the president with discipline specific information when necessary.

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

- Treasurer: Shall 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 mater involving safety in water skiing.
- Training Officer: Shall assist new club members in progressing safely to a high level of proficient in competitive water skiing. Shall be in charge of competition team practices.
- Alumni Liaison: Shall be responsible for keeping an open line of communication between alumni of the club and current club members.

ARTICLE IX – ADVISOR

- SECTION I. A full time GT faculty or staff member will serve as advisor to the organization.
- SECTION II. Nominations for advisor will take place within the Executive Council. The Executive Board will chose the advisor and invite him/her to serve as advisor for the next academic year.
- 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 of those voting in order to retain the 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 of 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 IX Section II.