

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB BY-LAWS

(Amended 4/04 – dues pro rata & release)

ARTICLE I: MEETINGS

Section 1:

- a. The regular meetings of the Greater Miami Ski Club will be held monthly throughout the year.
- b. Special meetings of the Greater Miami Ski Club may be held at the call of the Board of Governors. Written notices of such special meetings shall be given to each active member (7) days in advance.

Section 2:

- a. Fifteen (15) members, (consisting of at least three [3] officers and twelve [12] active members), shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 3:

- a. Any action taken by the Board of Directors may be reviewed and changed by the active members in attendance at the regular or specially called meeting, providing two-thirds (2/3) of the active voting members present (in person or by proxy) vote in favor of such change.

ARTICLE II: ELECTIONS

Section 1:

- a. The nominations for officers shall be made at the September meeting. The election of officers will be held at the October meeting. The officers will take office each December first (1st).

Section 2:

- a. An election committee shall be appointed by the President to conduct and supervise all elections and shall determine the results thereof.
- b. All elections shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3:

- a. Special elections shall be held immediately after a vacancy occurs. All active members shall be notified of all special elections seven (7) days prior to the special election.

Section 4:

- a. In order to be elected as an officer or to the Board of Governors, a member must have held an active membership for at least (6) months prior to such election and must receive a majority of the votes cast.

Section 5:

- a. The six (6) members elected to the Board of Governors will serve two (2) year terms; three (3) members to be elected annually.

ARTICLE III: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1: The President

- a. The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings; and, in addition, shall have the power to call special Board meetings and regular Board meetings in the absence of the Vice President. The President shall enforce the laws and regulations of the Club; shall appoint any temporary special committees as he or she deems necessary, this committee may also parallel a standing committee; and shall be an ex-officio member of all appointed committees; and may co-sign checks.

Section 2: The Vice President

- a. The Vice President shall assist the President in his or her duties and, in his or her absence, act as President; and shall be the committee chairman of the Board of Governors. The Vice President shall call and preside over the Board of Governors meeting. He or she shall be responsible for a slate of recommended committee chairmen to be submitted to the Board of Governors for consideration and may co-sign checks.

Section 3: The Secretary

- a. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to maintain a roster of the names and mailing addresses of all members; take attendance at all regular and special meetings, notify members of their delinquency in dues; delete the names of dropped members; inform the membership of all additions and deletions; inform the membership of meetings; be in charge of Club correspondence; inform the Treasurer of all newly enrolled members; and shall take and maintain, in a permanent record manual, the minutes of meetings and such other data for the record as the President shall specify. The President may appoint a corresponding secretary to assist the Secretary.

Section 4: The Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall be the Custodian of the Club's funds, to be maintained in a checking account or deposited into a savings account, within two (2) weeks of receipt, in a FDIC insured bank. Expenditures of less than \$2,000 may be authorized by the President, the Vice President, the Board of Governors or Committee Chairman. Receipts and reimbursement forms must be filled out and given to the Treasurer after such

expenditures. The Treasurer shall be responsible to the Board of Governors. At every regular meeting, the Treasurer shall report, in detail, the income and expenditures subsequent to the previous report and shall report the cash balance. He or she shall require that any motion from the floor involving an expenditure of funds contain a maximum on the amount to be spent. Each member shall be notified seven (7) days prior to the vote of any motion involving an expenditure exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) with the exception of the annual insurance premium. The Treasurer shall issue and co-sign all checks. He shall notify the Secretary of members who are delinquent with their dues in order that they may be notified. The Treasurer shall be bonded following election at the expense of the Club.

Section 5: The Board of Governors

- a. The Board of Governors, consisting of six (6) elected Board members, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President, shall manage the affairs and property of the Greater Miami Ski Club pursuant to the by-laws. The Board of Governors shall require all members entrusted with money for authorized expenditures, to present a full accounting, complete with acceptable vouchers, for the amounts actually expended and shall require that all unused funds be returned to the Treasurer not later than two (2) weeks following the completion of the project. The Board of Governors shall hold meetings as called by the Vice President or the President. Minutes of the Board of Governors must be read at the next regular meeting or special meeting. The Board of Governors shall appoint the chairmen of all standing committees and shall approve the work of such committees. It shall be the duty of the Board of Governors to appoint a person and/or persons to examine the books annually or at any time they deem necessary.
- b. Six (6) members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Governors. All issues before the Board of Governors shall require a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of members present to carry.
- c. The Board of Governors shall declare vacant the office of any member of the Board who shall absent himself from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board without just excuse. The Board of Governors shall announce any vacancy of office from the Board at the next regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

- a. The total number of active members of the Greater Miami Ski Club shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five (125). There shall be no more than ten (10) applications for membership on file in excess to the authorized membership.

Section 2: Membership types shall be defined as follows:

- a. An Active member shall have fulfilled the requirements of a Prospective member as listed below, paid the regular annual prescribed dues and taken the safety test. An Active member has full voting rights and may drive any boat having insurance information on file and with the permission of the boat owner.

- b. A Junior member is one who is a member's dependent child who has not become an Active member. Members' dependent children, upon reaching the age of 18, shall be given the option of becoming a member at the first available opening. If the dependent child has been a Junior member of the Greater Miami Ski Club for a period of at least six (6) months, he or she may retain Junior membership status until completion or termination of college or his or her 24th birthday, whichever is applicable; shall be given the option of becoming a member at the first available opening; and will be required to pay the prescribed dues and no initiation fee or application fee. A Junior member who does not become an active member, as described above, will lose his or her Junior membership status. A Junior member has no voting rights and may drive, once reaching the minimum age, any boat having insurance information on file and with the permission of the boat owner as described hereafter. A Junior member, ages 14 and 15 inclusive, can drive a boat with a parent or adult member responsible for the junior child in the boat or on the ski line. A Junior member, ages 16 and 17 inclusively, can drive a boat with a parent or an adult member responsible for the junior member on the GMSC premises. These junior members must first pass the State of Florida required US Coast Guard Safety course and be checked out by the safety director of the Greater Miami Ski Club.
- c. An Associate member is one who is sponsored by a regular Active member. He or she has no voting powers but is allowed to drive a boat of the sponsoring member only with the sponsor present. An Associate member has the option of converting his or her associate membership to a regular membership within six (6) months by paying the application fee and the initiation fee. His or her dues will be used as a credit towards the initiation fee if converted within six (6) months.
- d. An Affiliate member shall have been an active member for at least five (5) years, shall reside more than one hundred (100) miles from the ski site, shall pay one-half (1/2) of the regular annual prescribed dues per year and may drive a boat after being authorized by the Chairman of the Safety of Committee, and may reinstate active membership by paying the balance of the full dues at the first opening.
- e. A Competitive member is one who is a member of AWSA or similar sanctioning body and competes in one or more tournaments at the Greater Miami Ski Club. A Competitive member has no voting rights and may not drive a boat except as a qualified tournament driver.
- f. A Family membership shall consist of one married couple, each of whom is considered to have a full active membership. Each married partner must pay application fees and initiation fees as described in Article V Fees and Dues.
- g. An Inactive member is a member in good standing who may apply for inactive status by petitioning the Board of Governors. Upon approval of the Board, an Inactive member may use the Club's facilities five (5) times per year. Active status can be reinstated by paying the applicable dues for that year.
- h. An Honorary Lifetime membership is afforded one who has made some outstanding contribution or service to the Greater Miami Ski Club and who is no longer actively using the facilities. He or she is entitled to a lifetime membership in the Greater Miami Ski

Club devoid of all general membership obligations and may drive a boat after being authorized by the Chairman of the Safety Committee. He or she may reinstate his or her active membership by paying full dues at the first available opening. Honorary Lifetime memberships are granted by approval of the general membership.

i. Prospective members

Section 1: Prospective members

- a. Prospective members shall be at least 18 years of age and shall submit an application for membership to the Membership Committee at a regular Club meeting with the full amount of the application fee. Applicants must attend one (1) meeting and one (1) qualified social event, work party or meeting and must be present at another meeting to be voted on. It shall take five (5) negative votes to reject an applicant. An appeal, if desired, may be made within thirty (30) days to the Board. If the appeal is approved, the Board's decision will be presented to the general membership for reconsideration. If approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority present, written notice will be sent to the entire membership seven (7) days prior to re-balloting. There shall be no more than ten (10) applications for membership on file in excess to the authorized membership. Each prospective member must be sponsored by an Active Club member at the time his or her application is made.
- b. New members must pay their initiation fee and dues and be a member of a committee within thirty (30) days of being elected into active membership and must be in good standing prior to the driving test. New members must attend six (6) meetings during the first twelve (12) months of active membership.

ARTICLE V: FEES AND DUES

Section 1: Application and Initiation Fees

- a. The application fees and initiation fees of the Greater Miami Ski Club shall be as follows:

APPLICATION FEE	\$ 60.00	
INITIATION FEE	Individual	Family
	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00

- b. The application fee is payable upon submitting an application for active membership. An application for membership may be pending for a term not to exceed six (6) months and thereafter shall become null and void. The initiation fee is payable upon being voted in as member.

Section 2: Annual Dues

- a. The yearly dues of the Greater Miami Ski Club shall be as follows:

Active	\$ 500.00
Junior	\$ 0.00
Associate	\$1000.00 (twice active)
Affiliate	\$ 250.00 (1/2 active)
Family	\$ 750.00 (1-1/2 active)
Inactive	\$ 100.00
Honorary Lifetime	\$ 0.00
Competitive	Tournament fees as applicable

- b. The dues of the Greater Miami Ski Club shall be payable annually. Dues are due and owing on the first (1st) of each January non-pro rata. A member who is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in the payment of his or her dues shall be dropped from membership.
- c. A member will be notified, in writing, of his or her delinquency and no dues will be accepted unless presented to the Treasurer or postmarked prior to January thirty-first (31st). Members dropped for non-payment of dues may appeal to the Board of Governors within thirty (30) days for reinstatement of their membership. If approved, a reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month plus delinquent dues will be paid upon approval.
- d. Members joining prior to October 1st will pay annual dues for the entire year. Members joining October 1st and after will pay ½ of the annual dues.
- e. All members are required to sign a release form each year when paying their dues and new members are required to sign a release at the time they pay their initiation fee and dues.

Section 3: Assessments

- a. Assessments upon the membership may be made by two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast at any regular or special meeting and said assessment should be submitted, in writing, at one meeting and voted on at the following meeting. Written notice shall be given to each active member at least seven (7) days in advance of the vote. The penalties for non-payment of an assessment will be the same as for non-payment of dues and will be administered in a similar manner. The assessment must specify the delinquent date. Officers will be obligated to pay any assessment made during their term in office.

Section 4: Refunds

- a. All active members as of January 15, 1980 who paid the assessment of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), which made possible the purchase of the property comprising the lake and canals used by the Greater Miami Ski Club, shall be entitled to a refund of said five

hundred dollars (\$500.00) upon the discontinuance of their membership status if such a request for a refund is made to the Treasurer of the Club.

ARTICLE VI: VOTING

Section 1:

- a. Voting shall be restricted to Active and Family members only, as defined by the by-laws.

ARTICLE VII: OBLIGATIONS AND LIQUIDATION

Section 1:

- a. All obligations and liquidations shall be subject to ratification by a majority vote of the active membership present at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: GUESTS

Section 1:

- a. A member bringing a guest who utilizes the Club's skiing facilities, shall be required to pay one dollar (\$1.00) into the Club's treasury for each skiing visit and for each such guest. A guest must be invited and accompanied by an active member. It is the member's responsibility to register his or her guest and each separate guest, whether or not they ski, must sign a release form at the onset of the visit and for each visit. Members shall pay their guest's fee at the next regular Club meeting following their guest's visit. Should a member fail to register his or her guest (s), there shall be imposed a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each violation. Should a member fail to register his or her guest (s) on more than one (1) occasion during a twelve (12) month period, such failure shall result in that member losing membership privileges for a period of thirty (30) days. Any member allowing a non-member to operate a boat at the Club shall result in that member losing membership privileges for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 2:

- a. If, upon a majority vote of the Club or two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Governors, it is deemed to be in the best interest and welfare of the Club, the guest fee may be waived in the case of visitors from another organized club or in the case of a visiting dignitary. Guest fees are waived for tournament skiers while competing in a scheduled event.

ARTICLE IX: REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

Section 1:

- a. Inactivity or conduct unbecoming a member will be answerable directly to the Board of Governors. A member shall be notified six (6) days in advance of pending possible disciplinary action. Terminated members may appeal to the general membership at the next meeting.

ARTICLE X: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR BOARD OF GOVERNOR MEMBERS

Section 1: Any officer or member of the Board of Governors may be removed from office by the following procedure:

ARTICLE XI: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1:

- a. The quality of the Club's facilities and activities depends upon the voluntary service, involvement, and contribution of the members. All members shall be required to work on at least one (1) standing committee per year. All committee chairmen must certify to the Board of Governors, at least every six (6) months as directed by the Vice President, the names of those active members who have not performed substantial service to the Club during that period. Upon such certification, the Board of Governors and committee chairman, working together, shall take any action that is deemed appropriate.

Section 2: The following standing intra-Club committees will be set up:

- a. The Guest Committee shall maintain a guest book at the clubhouse and receive and record all guest fees from members for transfer to the Treasurer.
- b. The Safety Committee shall supervise safety afloat and ashore at the skiing site.
- c. The Grounds Committee shall be directly responsible for maintaining the Club grounds.
- d. The Course Committee shall be directly in charge of maintaining all course equipment.
- e. The Membership Committee shall receive and screen all applications for membership, collect full application fees with the applications, and make its recommendation for voting to the membership.
- f. The Show Committee shall schedule and manage all ski shows and maintain and be the custodian of all show equipment.
- g. The Entertainment Committee shall plan and manage all Club entertainment.
- h. The Publicity Committee shall plan and manage all Club publicity.
- i. The Tournament Committee shall schedule and manage all tournaments.
- j. The Sunshine Committee shall report, at the meetings, any illness, marriages, births, etc. of members and send cards where they deem necessary.
- k. The Jump Committee shall be directly in charge of maintaining all jump equipment.
- l. The Island Committee shall be responsible for the upkeep of the island.
- m. The Dock Committee shall be directly in charge of inspecting and maintaining all Club docks.
- n. The Shoreline Committee shall be directly responsible for maintaining the shoreline.
- o. The Election Committee shall be responsible for conducting and supervising all elections and shall determine the results thereof.

ARTICLE XII: CLUB COLORS

Section 1:

- a. The official colors of the Greater Miami Ski Club shall be red and white.

ARTICLE XIII: BY-LAWS

Section 1:

- a. The by-laws of the Greater Miami Ski Club may be changed, altered, revised or added to by two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast at any regular or special meeting and said changes should be submitted, in writing, at one meeting and voted on at the following meeting. Written or printed notices shall be given to each active member seven (7) days in advance.
- b. All members must be notified immediately, in writing, of changes in the by-laws.
- c. The Board of Governors shall interpret all issues concerning the by-laws.

ARTICLE XIV: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Section 1:

- a. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Greater Miami Ski Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws.

ARTICLE XV: BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1:

- a. Whenever the term "Board of Governors" and/or "Board of Directors" appears throughout the Charter, By-Laws and/or minutes of meetings of the Greater Miami Ski Club, the terms shall be used synonymously and defined in said manner.

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB SAFETY RULES

ALL DRIVERS SHALL:

Be members of the Greater Miami Ski Club.

Ensure that the boat insurance information has been submitted.

Must first be checked out by a Safety Committee member and pass the written & driving test.

Use the prescribed lake pattern.

Stop the boat and pull in the towline immediately after landing a skier.

Maintain a no wake speed in the area north of the idle buoy and in the dock areas.

Keep a safe distance behind preceding boats and do not follow directly behind a skier.

Pick up a fallen skier only on the driver's side of the boat.

Turn off the engine when a skier is getting into the boat.

Ensure boat can not accidentally slip into gear by pulling the safety pin on the gearshift, if applicable.

Return to a fallen skier immediately.

Not operate a boat with anyone sitting on the gunwales or transom.

Operate only one (1) towboat in a slalom or jump canal at a time.

Non-Club members may drive a boat during an AWSA tournament with the approval of the Safety Director for tournament operations.

ALL SKIERS SHALL:

Wear a jump jacket when jumping.

Wear a Safety Committee approved flotation device at all times except:

- a. Shows or show practice except when jumping.
- b. A special occasion with the approval of the Safety Committee.
- c. When tricking provided a release has been signed.

Use current AWSA recommended signals to the boat driver.

Stay within the wake of the towboat when the boat makes a turn in the canals.

Not take off from boat docks.

ALL BOATS / OWNERS SHALL:

Have an observer or rear mirror when towing skiers.

Provide to the Club, each year, a copy of the Liability Insurance Policy having GMSC listed as "Additional Insured".

JUMP CANAL:

When in the jump canal, skiers must always yield to jumpers. No boats shall engage in any activity, which causes rollers in the jump canal while the jump is in use.

When a jumper is waiting to jump, the jumper in the canal is restricted to six (6) jumps.

The jump may be left at any height. It is the jumper's responsibility to check the height.

Boats should idle into the jump canal and out of the jump canal.

When towing a jumper, maintain your boat pattern completely within the jump canal. Do not go out into the main lake.

SLALOM CANALS:

Once a boat and skier are waiting in a slalom canal, the skier in the course is limited to eight (8) passes in all canals (down and back four [4] times). It is considered a pass when the skier enters the gate, whether the skier falls or makes the course.

Skiers shall make initial entry into the slalom courses from the south end of the courses only.

The canal east of the main canal is designated as a recreational canal. No time limit and no pass limit are set for the recreational skier. If the recreation skier gives the canal to a tournament slalom skier, the slalom skier shall have an eight (8) pass limit.

It is recommended that beginner skiers shall be taken to the back canals rather than congesting the main dock area.

WAKEBOARDING / TRICK SKIING:

If a person is tricking or wakeboarding in either a jump or slalom canal, he or she must leave if someone wishes to use the course in that canal.

Wakeboarding is prohibited in the main slalom canal.

Only AWSA approved waterski towboats without wake enhancing devices are allowed in the canals. All other boats are restricted to the main lake and the East-West canal unless otherwise approved by the Safety Director.

MEETINGS:

Attendance at meetings is kept by having the members sign the attendance sheet/book. Sign in only for yourself, not your spouse or friend. Sign in legibly so that the Secretary can read your signature.

ON THE SITE:

All swimming is to be done in the designated area, north of the boat ramp or by the guest dock.

Children, under six (6) years of age, are required to wear a flotation device while swimming except under the direct supervision of an adult. Children, in accordance with US Coast Guard Rules, must always wear a flotation device while in the boat.

All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. The length of the leash is not to exceed twelve (12) feet. The leash law is to be followed regardless of day, time, or number of people at the Club site. Dogs are NOT to be left unattended.

All structures placed on the Club site must be approved by the Board of Governors.

All members allowed spot rentals on the site must pay for the privilege six months in advance. Delinquent payment penalty will be 10% of the first six months rent until the 30th day. Thereafter the boat will be towed at the owner's expense.

The clubhouse is for use by members and their guests. All doors must be locked immediately upon completion of use. Members should take care to leave the premises in a clean and tidy condition.

GUESTS:

All guests (skiers or not) must be registered before using the Club facilities. Each guest must sign a release form at the onset of his or her visit and for each visit. All guests should park their vehicles on the street.

A guest fee must be paid for all non-members who ski.

Members are required to register their skiing guests on the guest list, located in the clubhouse, on the date they ski .

Members are responsible to pay the Guest Committee the one dollar (\$1.00) fee for each skiing guest, including Prospective members, at the next regular meeting.

ON THE WATER:

Only members who are checked out to drive may operate a boat on the Greater Miami Ski Club waters.

Before taking the drivers test, a member may practice driving to learn the lake pattern, driving etiquette, rules, etc. only if a checked out member is in the boat.

The pattern in the main lake area is counter-clockwise.

AIRCHAIRS / AQUAFOILS:

Air chairs or aquafoil skis are prohibited in the jump or slalom courses.

JET SKIS, ETC.

Activities that are specifically excluded from coverage in the Club's liability policy are prohibited. In addition, the use of Jet skis upon the lake is specifically prohibited by the Club.

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB SAFETY RULES POSTED AT THE LAKE:

1. Only members of the Club, who have been checked out by the Safety Committee, may drive a boat.
2. All persons on board any boat must be seated when the boat is in gear. No sitting on gunwales (sides) or transom.
3. All skiers must wear ski vests or other Safety Committee approved flotation devices.
4. Turn off the engine when a skier is getting into a boat and when a boat is unattended at the dock.
5. Skier should stay inside the wake during turns in canals.
6. Pick up a fallen skier only on the driver's side of the boat.
7. Pull in towline immediately when the skier has finished skiing.
8. Skiers may not start from or land at the boat docks. No "dock starts" or "dock landings".
9. No one under eighteen (18) years of age may drive or ski unless in the presence of an adult Club member.
10. NO WAKE between the docks and the idle buoy.
11. Swimming is permitted only in the area north of the boat ramp and by the guest dock.
12. Children, under ten (10) years of age, must wear a flotation device when swimming unless under the direct supervision of an adult.
13. No skiing shall be permitted after dark.
14. All dogs must be on a lease no longer than 10 feet.