



How You Can Form A Collegiate Water Ski Team

To help you form a water ski team at a university or college in your area, USA Water Ski can locate individuals willing to assist you who belong to a local water ski club or work at a local water ski equipment or boat dealership.

Primary Benefits

Forming a USA Water Ski-affiliated collegiate water ski team will provide you and your friends with many benefits, such as low-cost liability insurance for the team, secondary personal medical insurance for individual members and organizational support from USA Water Ski. Forming a team also allows you to compete against other collegiate water ski teams in tournaments sanctioned by USA Water Ski.

Are Your Collegiate Skiers A Team Or Club?

Both ... Well, sort of ...

Although a group of individuals competing as a single unit in a collegiate water ski tournament is referred to as a team, the college or university that the skiers attend will more than likely recognize the unit as a water ski club rather than a team. In most cases, a collegiate water ski team is not funded or managed by a college or university athletic department. Rather, a collegiate water ski team is recognized as a club, receiving limited funding (if any) through a college or university student activities council or student government. However, USA Water Ski recognizes a unit of collegiate water skiers as a team and applies its club rules to each.

Forming A New Collegiate Water Ski Team

Establish An Interest Group

First, you need at least five students who are willing to help develop interest among the student body. Also identify one or more persons who are enthusiastic about serving as team advisors and working with the college or university administration to establish a water ski team. At least one advisor should be familiar with the organizational structure of the college or university.

Host A Planning Meeting

First, find a place to conduct your planning meeting. Although your first choice is a meeting place on campus, such as a room in your school's student center, contact a local water ski equipment or boat dealer and ask if you can use the dealership as meeting place after hours. You'll want to discuss one or more reasons why the interest group is forming the collegiate team, set several short- and long-term performance goals and plan an organizational meeting to draft bylaws, establish team procedures and elect a team captain. Also discuss strategies for establishing good working relationships with the college or university administration and student organizations.

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The First Collegiate Water Ski Team Meeting

Pre-Meeting Tasks

Choose a meeting place on campus or at a local water ski equipment or boat dealership. The organizational meeting chair, chosen during the planning meeting, must complete or delegate to other interest group members several tasks before the day of the meeting. These tasks include drafting the first set of bylaws, preparing a planning meeting review, creating an organizational meeting agenda and announcing the team meeting time and place in your community.

The First Team Meeting

Develop an advertising plan to announce the time and date of the first team meeting. Also make sure there is enough comfortable seating and plenty of refreshments at the meeting place.

Additional Resources (contact USA Water Ski HQ)

Contact USA Water Ski Headquarters to request the following documents:

- Host A Planning Meeting
- Collegiate Water Ski Team Fact Page
- Organizational Meeting, Pre-Meeting Responsibilities
 - X Meeting Agenda
 - X USA Water Ski Collegiate Water Ski Team Affiliation Application
 - X Sample Bylaws
 - X USA Water Ski Individual Membership Application
 - X USA Water Ski Individual Membership Description Page
 - X Advertising Plan
 - ✓ Meeting Time And Place Flier
 - ✓ Press Release
 - ✓ Direct-Mail Postcard

USA Water Ski Headquarters

Competition/Education Department

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USA Water Ski Collegiate Team Membership Application

Club/Team Name _____

New Club Renewing Club Club Membership # _____

College/University Name _____

Contact Person _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone () _____ Home Phone () _____ Fax Phone () _____

We hereby apply for club membership in USA Water Ski. We understand that USA Water Ski will in no case be held liable for any indebtedness or act of this club by its officers and members. We agree that all club members will be *Active* or *Supporting* USA Water Ski members (*Guest* memberships do not apply). Each club member also must sign a "Waiver and Release of Liability" form (to be supplied by USA Water Ski), and that said forms will be retained by the club. Please allow 30 days for processing additional insurance.

Club President _____ Club President Signature _____ Date _____

Insurance Information (Must be completed – if more than one site, attach another page listing all other sites.)

Specific site or body of water of all club activities _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Certificates of Insurance (Complete only if a facility/organization requires a certificate of insurance.)

Certificate Holder's Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone () _____ Home Phone () _____ Fax Phone () _____

Certificate is For: Year Round Club Activity Specific Event

Specific Event Title _____ Specific Event Dates _____

Has the club entered into any agreement, contract or permit which contains assumption of liability, indemnification or hold harmless language? No Yes, a copy of the document is with this application.

Does the certificateholder require additional insured status? No Yes, role of additional insured is:

- Manager or Lessor of Premises (Landlord of Premises) Political Subdivision Permit
 Property Owner Sponsor

IMPORTANT! List all additional certificates on a separate page and attach it to this form.

USA Water Ski Club Membership Fee (provides \$1,000,000 liability insurance to club).....\$ **75**

\$50 for each Additional Insured (add certificate holder to USA Water Ski policy)___ x \$50.....\$ _____

USA Water Ski Membership Registration Forms and Fees.....\$ _____

Total (check or money order payable to USA Water Ski or MasterCard or VISA charge).....\$ _____

Credit Card: MasterCard VISA Card # _____

Cardholder Name _____ Street Name _____ Zip Code _____

Cardholder Signature _____ Expiration Date _____