

LAKE SOCORRO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REVISED LAKE RULES

LOT OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY

1. It is the responsibility of the lot owner to advise invitees and guests of all rules and demand compliance.
2. Persons using Lake Socorro Homeowners Association (LSHOA) facilities do so at their own risk.

BOATING RULES

- 1) Use the boating pattern on the attached map for all skiing and boating. All powered motorboats and watercrafts shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.
- 2) Only one motorboat or watercraft per lot may be operated on the lake at any one time. (This includes boats, personal watercraft and pontoon boats). These watercrafts must be owned and insured by the lot owner. (Exceptions will be made only with written approval from LSHOA board of directors).
- 3) Obey all State of Nebraska boating rules.
- 4) *State of Nebraska Boating Operator Rules and Regulations (partial list)*
 - a. *No one under the age of 14 shall operate motorboats of any class at any time. Owners shall be held responsible.*
 - b. *It is unlawful for any boat operator (including PWC) under the age of 16 to tow a skier, tuber, wake boarder, etc.*
 - c. *Each personal watercraft operator must wear a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch if the personal watercraft is so equipped by the manufacturer.*
 - d. *Effective May 1, 2000, any person under the age of 18 shall not operate a personal watercraft unless he or she has completed a Boating Safety Course and is in possession of a valid Boating Safety Certificate.*
- 5) No motorboat more than 150hp outboard or 6 cylinders (250 HP) inboard, inboard/outboard or stern drive shall be powered on the lake. The maximum horsepower for personal watercraft (jet skis, wave runners, etc.) is 160 horsepower. All motorboats (including PWC) shall have steering and throttling devices and be kept in good condition.
- 6) No water bladders, weighted transoms or other modification to increase boat wake are allowed. All Watercraft motors must be normally aspirated (non turbo or supercharged) engines without modifications to increase horse power”
- 7) Maximum motorboat length allowed on Lake Socorro shall be 24' (twenty-four feet) for pontoon/deck boats and 20' (twenty feet) for all outboard, inboard inboard/outboard, and stern drive boats. Boat length shall be as designated by the manufacturer
- 8) The maximum speed limit for all motorboats or watercrafts (daylight hours) is 40 (forty) miles per hour. From sunset until 8:00 am, motorboat and watercraft speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake. Motorboats and watercrafts shall always operate at trolling speeds with lights on after sundown
- 9) Racing of motorboats and watercrafts is prohibited. Beaching or docking shall be done at throttle speeds
- 10) Any motorboat or watercraft operator who repeatedly breaks rules or drives recklessly, may lose his/her boating and/or skiing privileges for a period up to 60 days following action by the LSHOA board of directors.
- 11) No more than 4 (four) motorboats or personal watercrafts pulling skiers or approved towing devices are allowed on the lake at one time. Please wait your turn. Common courtesy is expected of all watercraft operators.
- 12) Boat owner(s) lot number must be displayed on all powered watercraft on the lake. Approved lot numbers may be obtained at the time of the annual boat inspection or by contacting a member of the LSHOA board of directors and arranging for an inspection
- 13) Motorboats shall always operate at least 90 feet from the shoreline except when docking and then shall not exceed 12 miles per hour
- 14) Life jackets shall be available for each person aboard all motorboats and watercrafts which are operating on the lake.
- 15) Motorboats shall not operate with more passengers than its registered or recommended capacity.
- 16) Sail boats have the right of way over all motorboats. Motorboats or skier shall never spray or hinder a sailboat's course
- 17) Boat drivers shall remain in their seat while operating motorboats

- 18) Any boating accident resulting in more than \$500 in property damage or injury must be reported to the Nebraska Games and Park Commission
- 19) The towing of inflatable non-steerable flotation devices (inner tubes, etc.) is not allowed. The towing of flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind a watercraft is permitted. The lot owner, boat driver, and anyone being towed, do so at their own risk
- 20) Canoes, rafts, tubes, paddle boats, and other devices, unless being towed and are not readily recognized as watercrafts, are not permitted beyond 50 feet from the shoreline
- 21) In the areas marked by buoys or signs indicating "No Wake", motorboats or PWC speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake

WATERSKIING

- 1) No motorboat or watercraft shall be operated with trailing tow ropes. All tow ropes shall be retrieved as quickly as possible after skiing. No down ropes shall block the passage of an oncoming watercraft.
- 2) An effort must be made to warn oncoming watercraft of a person in the water. The state required fluorescent flag should be used.
- 3) The maximum allowable length of a tow rope shall be 75 feet
- 4) Motorboats shall be limited to a maximum of two towlines at one time and only when there is a maximum of one other watercraft in use.
- 5) Watercraft shall not follow other watercraft pulling skiers closer than 200 feet from the person being pulled
- 6) In the case of a downed skier, all other watercrafts shall immediately reduce speed and operate away from the downed skier.
- 7) Any person being towed by a watercraft shall wear a Coast Guard approved life preserver of a suitable size for that person.
- 8) Skiers shall never spray other boats, skiers, docks, and swimmers.

SWIMMING

- 1) All swimming shall be done within 30 feet from shoreline. Swimming across the lake or in the center shall be done with a suitable life jacket and when the lake is not being used by any watercrafts .
- 2) Non-swimmers shall not use the lake unless accompanied by a swimmer capable of making a save.
- 3) Children 12 years old and younger must be attended at all times while in the water and MUST wear a lifejacket.

FISHING

- 1) Fishing is allowed on Lake Socorro by the lot owners and their guests only. Do not fish on other lots without obtaining permission from that lot owner.
- 2) Lake Socorro has been approved as a Non-Public Lake Association with special rules that can be enforced by Nebraska Games & Parks Commission.
- 3) State fishing rules apply to all areas and game wardens have access.

HUNTING

- 1) No hunting or discharging of firearms is allowed on any LSHOA property.
- 2) The LSHOA Board of directors may from time to time allow hunting or trapping when necessary for pest and varmint control.

MOTOR BIKES AND ATV

- 1) Motor bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and golf carts shall be owned and insured by the lot owner. The lot owner shall place appropriate insurance coverage on the motor bike, ATV, or golf cart operator when traveling on LSHOA property.
- 2) Bikes, ATVs, and golf carts shall operate only on designated roads and designated commons areas. The operation of these vehicles between 11P.M and 8 A.M. is prohibited.
- 3) All vehicles must observe posted speed limits, obey all no trespassing signs and respect all private properties.

SNOWMOBILES

- 1) Snowmobiles are not allowed on any LSHOA property.
- 2) A lot owner may request permission from the LSHOA board of directors to operate a snowmobile on association property. If granted it will only be temporary and will never exceed the posted speed limit.

CLEAN-UP

- 1) Lot owners are responsible to clean up after all picnics and place all garbage and bottles in containers. All fires shall be attended at all times and put out before leaving.
- 2) No one shall throw cans, bottles, or waste materials into the lake or onto any LSHOA property.

RELAXATION OF RULES

Any lot owner may request permission from the LSHOA board of directors for relaxation of a specific rule. If granted it will only be temporary and will never exceed the period granted.

NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NO WAIVER OF ANY BREACH OF ANY OF THE COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THESE RULES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO BE A WAIVER OF ANY SUCCEEDING BREACH OF THE SAME OR OTHER COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND CONDITIONS.

PERSONS USING THE FACILITIES DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND AGREE THEY WILL HOLD THE LOT OWNERS AND LAKE SOCORRO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION HARMLESS FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY TO THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILY, OR GUESTS.

These rules were adopted by the LSHOA & Board of Directors On 19th day of
March, 2022.