

GREATER OMAHA SCUBA CLUB CLUB RULES

Greater Omaha SCUBA Club LLC

Club Rules

ARTICLE I: GUESTS

Section 1: Guests are welcome to attend General Membership Meetings.

Section 2: Guests may participate in non-diving club functions provided there is space available. Priority will be given to members' spouses or dates, and then immediate family members, at the discretion of the function coordinator or chair person.

Section 3: Guests may participate in club dives provided they are certified by a nationally recognized SCUBA certification agency. Guest must provide proof of certification and sign a liability release for each diving event they attend. Guests participating in more than two "diving" events in a dive season must become a member if they wish to continue to dive with the club.

ARTICLE II: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- **Section 1:** An applicant must attend one meeting or function (or be sponsored by a Board or Executive Board Member) before being eligible for membership.
- **Section 2:** Applications/Registrations for membership must be submitted along with the initiation fee, proof of certification from a nationally recognized SCUBA training agency and a duly signed and witnessed Membership Agreement.
- **Section 3:** The initiation fee shall be established by the Board of Governors of Greater Omaha SCUBA Club LLC (Executive Board) and adjusted by the Executive Board members when necessary.
- **Section 4:** The Application for membership must be approved or denied as per the stipulations set forth in the Member-Managed Operating Agreement, By-Laws and Membership Agreement of the Greater Omaha SCUBA Club LLC.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP DUES

- **Section 1:** Annual dues shall be established by the Executive Board and will be payable on April 1st of each year. Dues covers Membership for one year from April 1st through March 31st of the following year.
- Section 2: Membership can/will be revoked if dues are not paid as stipulated in the clubs By-Laws and Membership Agreement.
- Section 3: Membership Dues are detailed within Article 6 of Schedule D of the clubs Member-Managed Operating Agreement.

ARTICLE IV: GENREAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- Section 1: The General Membership Meetings will be held on alternating Third Thursday's or Saturday's of each month at 7:00pm unless otherwise announced. The dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be posted on the Official Club Web Site (www. go-scuba.net).
- Section 2: Changes in the date/time/location of General Membership Meetings will be posted on the Official Club Web Site.
- **Section 3:** No smoking will be permitted during any indoor meeting. Outdoor functions and events are excluded from this stipulation, but we ask members to be considerate of the membership when choosing to smoke in public places.

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ARTICLE V: SAFETY

Section 1: Each member is responsible for maintaining and using the following minimum equipment on all club dives:

- A) Buoyancy Compensator (BCD)
- B) Submersible pressure gauge (SPG) or dive computer
- C) Depth gauge or dive computer
- D) Timing device or dive computer
- E) Mask, Fins, & Snorkel (snorkel being optional at the divers discretion and experience)
- F) Weight Belt & Weights or Weight integrated BCD with releasable weights

Section 2: The following safety practices are required for all club dives:

- A) Use of the buddy system
- B) Use of dive tables or dive computer

Section 3: It is strongly recommended that all club members carry their own dive insurance. As a member of the Greater Omaha SCUBA club LLC you must sign a liability waiver releasing the club, its members, its officers and its agents from any liability whatsoever.

Section 4: Club members are expected to follow safe recreational diving practices on all club diving activities.

Section 5: All pets must be kenneled, leashed (not exceeding 10 feet in length), or under the physical control of a competent person (a person making actual contact with said pets) at all times while attending any official club function or dive event, unless confined within the owner's property or vehicle. Willful and/or repeated violation of this policy, regardless of whether or not a complaint has been filed, may result in the suspension and/or subsequent termination of membership in the Greater Omaha SCUBA Club. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all GOSCUBA members and guests and should be observed at all times while attending any official club sponsored dive events and/or functions. This policy does not apply to club members personal activities outside of any official sanctioned club events.

ARTICLE VI: CONSERVATION

Greater Omaha SCUBA Club LLC policy requires that all members and guests be respectful of and sensitive to the fragile reef systems and their inhabitants. Members and guests will strive to maintain neutral buoyancy and will keep their gauges, fins, camera equipment, and bodies from contacting any and all living parts of the reefs. This includes any and all trips taken by members to locations where reef diving is made possible. In a spirit of cooperation, members and guests will remind each other of their infractions to this policy. Members and guests will receive these reminders in the spirit they are given.

ARTICLE VII: ACCEPTANCE BY MEMBERS

It is expected that all members agree to and abide by the Club Rules (Articles) at all times while representing the Greater Omaha SCUBA Club LLC. The current version of the Club Rules (Articles) will be posted on the official Club Web Site. It is required that all members make themselves aware of any changes to the Club Rules by frequently checking them on the Official Club Web Site. Failure to abide by the above Articles may result in immediate termination of membership from the Greater Omaha SCUBA Club.

ARTICLE VIII: ACCEPTANCE BY GREATER OMAHA SCUBA CLUB LLC

These Club Rules are adopted this thirtieth day of August in the year 2022, by the Greater Omaha SCUBA Club LLC, and shall be binding on all members and shall govern until/unless amended by the Executive Board. All Changes to Club Rules will be posted on the official Club Web Site. All previous Club Rules are null and void and are replaced by the contents of these Club Rules. Violation of any rules will subject the member to possible disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the Greater Omaha SCUBA Club.

Accepted by:

GREATER OMAHA SCUBA CLUB LLC

/ Chairman / Aug 30th 2022

GOSCUBA Elected Officer / Title / Date