



Ross River Dam Rules

These rules apply to all members and their guests for all club activities in the Ross River Dam.

Your access to this area is conditional on your adherence to these rules, your key remains the property of the TWSC at all times and must be surrendered if access is suspended or revoked.

1. **##** All directions from Park Ranger and TWSC Committee are to be strictly adhered to at all times.
 2. ******* The Gate to Ross River Dam, at the wash down bay, is to be kept closed at all times, except whilst in use. Under no circumstances is the gate to be left open for another member or guest.
 3. ******** The TWSC Inc. must have a copy of boat owners' insurance policy, which must include Water Skiers Liability to a minimum of \$10,000,000.
 4. ******** TWSC member must be present when his/her water ski boat is being used in dam area. If a person other than a TWSC member is driving the water ski boat, he or she must on request produce for inspection, by a TWSC member or the Ranger, a copy of his or her current boat driver's license.
 5. ******* Skiing direction at all times **ANTI-CLOCKWISE ONLY**.
 6. **##** **All boats and trailers MUST be washed** at the wash down area at the first gate **prior to entry** to ensure they are clear of any weed.
 7. ***** The sign in sign out book in the locked box at the wash down area must be filled in completely and accurately. The box is to be left locked.
 8. ***** No boats or skiing between Dam spillway and line of buoys, approximately 750m from spillway wall, or any other area outside the permit area.
 9. ******* Observers must be over the age of 13 years.
 10. **##** **Refueling in the water strictly prohibited**, All refueling must be done on a boat trailer in the bunded area.
 11. ******* Care must be taken to prevent leakage of fuel or oil in the dam area. If there is a spillage, immediate steps must be taken to contain it and the ranger must be notified. The committee will set standard procedures to be followed in such an event.
 12. ******* All boat owners are strongly advised to ensure their drivers have a good knowledge of the area.
 13. ******* Boats using the Weir or Dam must not make excessive noise. The intent of this rule is to minimize complaints from the public; no above water exhausts from motors are permitted.
 14. ***** All vehicles connected with water skiing to park in designated parking area.
 15. ***** All vehicles to keep to the main access road only, 30kph speed limit in the Ross River Dam area applies (seat belts must be worn).
 16. ******** Alcohol & drugs strictly prohibited in the dam area, any person participating in any activities must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 17. ***** At no time will skiers be whipped into the bank.
 18. ***** The hours of use are between 6am and 6pm as in accordance with the requirements of the permit issued by TCC.
 19. The TWSC accepts no responsibility for damage to boats, equipment, or people whilst engaged in activities on Ross River Dam.
 20. ***** All Rubbish to be taken with you at the end of the day.
 21. ***** No glass allowed in the dam area.
 22. ******** Activities will only operate from the area of bank directed by TWSC Committee.
 23. ***** No pets allowed.
 24. **##** No camping in the Ross River Dam area.
 25. ******** This Permit allows water skiing only. Other activities such as, but not limited to, swimming, sailing and fishing are not permitted under this permit.
 26. **##** No vessel is to be used for joyriding and all vessels must stay inside the permit area. Power turns are not permitted; all boats must be towing skiers.
 27. ******* Everyone is to work in with other users of the water to ensure we all enjoy the water we have available to us. We should always drive in such a manner so as to minimize the impact we have on the water and the surrounding environment.
- e.g. (1)** When boats are entering or departing from the boat ramp area you should avoid going past
- (2)** Where possible, towing tubes in a Zig Zag fashion should be done away from the area where other people are skiing.
- (3)** Wakeboarding should be kept well away from the Slalom area at all times, as indicated by the TWSC committee.
28. ******* Jet skis cannot freestyle within the Dam area this area is for waterskiing only, jets skis must be towing a skier or tube at all times.
 29. **##** Jet skis must be able to carry all passengers back to the bank in case of an accident (driver, observer, and skier) 3 seat Jet skis only as a minimum can be a member.

*	One-month suspension	***	Three months suspension
**	Two months suspension	****	Four months suspension
##	12 months suspension		

Breaches of the above rules will have the following suspensions applied:

Offender/s will be advised in writing of the length of the suspension and will have the right to appeal to the committee, within the time specified in the letter from the Committee.

I, (Print Name) _____
have read, understood, accept and will abide by the rules and regulations as stipulated by Townsville City Council and Townsville Water Ski Club Inc.

SIGNATURE _____