

House Rules

W.S.D.A The Seadragons

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Membership

1. The Seadragons activities are in principle only accessible for members of W.S.D.A. The Seadragons, with the exception of activities that have the function of introducing non-members or when the board decides differently. The board reserves the right to impose additional conditions on non-members.
2. Sport rights of members
 - a. All members of The Seadragons should be in the possession of active annual sport rights, which can be obtained from Sports Centre de Bongerd (SCB).
 - b. If the SCB fines The Seadragons for a member without active annual sport rights, the fine must be paid by the member in question.
 - c. Alumni do not have to be in possession of active annual sport rights.
3. The member contribution for the next year will be determined by a General Member Meeting (GMM).
4. Each member pays a membership fee. In addition, each diver membership includes an annual fee for a membership and insurance with the Dutch underwater sports association (NOB). All members of The Seadragons must also be in possession of valid annual student sports rights, which can be obtained from the University Sports Center 'de Bongerd' (SCB).
5. A diving membership can be obtained for a half academic year or a whole academic year. The contributions for these can differ from each other.
6. A non-diving membership can be obtained for a half academic year or a whole academic year. The contributions for these can differ from each other.
7. The contribution must be paid within 2 weeks of the payment request. This is followed by a first and second reminder. Members on the membership list are requested to pay for new membership at each start of the new association year. If the contribution is not paid within two months after the payment request, the person in question will be removed from the membership list.
8. Cancellation of the membership is possible no later than one month after the start of the membership or no later than one month after the membership has been automatically renewed. If the member has already been registered with the NOB, the member in question must pay the insurance costs that have been made for that member. If a member cancels the membership more than a month after the start or renewal of the membership, then the member must still pay the full membership, unless the board decides otherwise.
9. Members must follow The Seadragons Social Safety Policy when participating in any events, weekends, holidays or activities organised by The Seadragons.

Alumni membership

Note: "Alumni" in the House Rules of W.S.D.A. The Seadragons refers to the definition of "Donateurs" in the W.S.D.A. The Seadragon statues.

1. Alumni membership is for one academic year.
2. Alumni members have the right to join the yearly end of the year barbeque.
3. If there are spots left they can also join the Zeeland weekends and the Dive days.
4. Alumni can rent gear for 150% of the member pricing and get their gear serviced together with the associations and other members their gear.
5. Alumni do not have voting rights.

6. Alumni must have signed the gear rental contract and should adhere to the agreements as mentioned in said contract.
7. Alumni must follow The Seadragons Social Safety Policy when participating in any events, weekends, holidays or activities organised by The Seadragons.

General Members Meeting

1. Decisions in a General Members Meeting can only be taken on proposals published a week in advance, the aim is to publish these proposals two weeks in advance. Proposals for amendments to the statutes of the association must be made known to the members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.
2. Each member has the right to submit a proposal to amend the rules of procedure.
3. Proposals must be adopted by a majority (half + 1) of the number of valid votes cast (abstention is not a valid vote). Two thirds of those entitled to vote must vote in favour of a proposal to amend the statutes, as stipulated in the statutes.

The Seadragons Activities

1. It is mandatory for anyone participating in a Seadragons diving activity to have a N.O.B insurance / dive-related insurance and a sufficient dive certification fitting to the dive activity.
2. If a participant of an activity has not paid within 2 weeks after the second reminder for a payment request, the member will be banned from participating in other activities until the payment requirement has been fulfilled unless the board decides otherwise.
3. During a Seadragons activity, a person who is responsible for the organisation of the activity must be present. This is referred to as the organiser. If this person is not present during the activity, the organiser must appoint other persons that bear responsibility over the activity. If the organiser fails to do so, then the organiser remains responsible for the activity even if absent.
4. The association The Seadragons cannot be held liable for damage to private property during a Seadragons activity.
5. If a participant wants to cancel their participation in an activity, organised by The Seadragons, after the signup deadline of said activity, the member must pay all the costs that the association has incurred for this member up until the moment of cancellation.
6. Due to unforeseen external factors (e.g. bad weather, sick instructor, etc.) an activity can be cancelled at any time before departure. In this case, the participants will be informed and the reason given. If an activity is cancelled for such unforeseen circumstances, the costs that The Seadragons has made for the activity will be divided among the participants.
7. Participants in an activity must adhere to the rules that apply in the area where the activity takes place.
8. Taking or being under the influence of illegal substances during a Seadragon activity is not permitted. If this is observed, the person in question will be immediately excluded from the activity and costs incurred will be recovered from him / her. Participating in a diving activity or training under the influence of any (il)legal drugs or alcohol is not allowed. An exception is for medication. The use of medication while diving should always be approved by a medical professional.
9. For each member who wants to participate in a diving activity and who has a medical condition and/or uses special medication that might affect the safety of themselves

or others, should be cleared to dive by a medical professional. If needed, they should communicate any associated risks with the board, the organiser, and their dive buddy.

Costs of Courses

1. When courses are provided by The Seadragons, the course costs are determined by the board depending on all parties involved in providing the course.

Medical Examination

1. A dive medical clearance is required for all members with diving memberships before participating in diving activities or renting gear from The Seadragons.

Diving Rules

1. The guidelines of the NOB apply to all diving rules.

Swimming Pool Training

1. There is a weekly opportunity for swimming pool training, which is given at any available pool, unless an outdoor diving session replaces a weekly swimming pool training. The purpose of these training sessions is to learn, practice or improve necessary skills in underwater sports.

Open Water Dives and Courses

1. When the weather permits, regular outdoor dives will be organised on weekends or during weekdays.
2. The Seadragons aim to offer diving courses and specialties depending on instructor availability. The opportunity to follow diving courses and specialties cannot be guaranteed.

Material

1. Association equipment is primarily intended for use by non-certified members during courses organised by The Seadragons. If material remains, other members may rent it during activities organised by the association. This must first be approved by the board. The board has the right to determine the rent fee.
2. The board keeps the right to stop the loan scheme at any time.
3. The association holds its members liable for damage caused to club materials, whether or not owned by the association, caused by intent, gross negligence or negligence.
4. The board manages and maintains diving equipment belonging to the association in such a way that the quality is guaranteed.
5. Points 3 and 4 are taken up into the rental agreement that has been made by the board.

The Board

1. The board year coincides with the academic year of Wageningen University and Research. A new board can be appointed every half academic year, whether or not consisting of old board members.
2. A board term can be for a half academic year or a whole academic year.
3. Composition of the board: The Seadragon's Board must consist of at least three people. The positions of chair, secretary, and treasurer must be represented in the board. The position of treasurer and secretary can be filled by one person.

NOB-membership

1. The association is affiliated with the Nederlandse Onderwatersport Bond (NOB) "Dutch underwater sport federation" .
2. Members with a diving membership will be registered as a member of the NOB. Being a member of the NOB automatically insures you worldwide for underwater sport related activities.
 - a. Note: The non-diving membership does not include insurance for any underwater sports activities such as freediving.

Social safety

1. All members, alumni, trainers, student-trainers, coaches, volunteers and guests must adhere to the W.S.D.A. The Seadragons' Social Safety Policy and the Code of Conduct that it contains.