

COZYLAKERS INC. RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The following rules and regulations are for the privacy, preservation, recreation, and safety of CozyLakers, Inc., a private Lake Association, and its members. These rules are empowered by the CozyLakers, Inc. By-Laws. The following rules will be enforced all year and all members must comply. Members are encouraged to respect the rights and privileges of their neighbors, community and fellow members when using lake property and facilities. CozyLakers, Inc. rules and regulations are supplementary to State laws. It is each member's responsibility to be informed of applicable laws in every circumstance. CozyLakers, Inc. assumes no responsibility for its members knowing these laws. Any violation of the rules and regulations must be brought to the attention of the Executive Board. Contact information can be found on the website www.cozylake.org, or requested by mail at CozyLakers, Inc., 42 Horseshoe Drive, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Dues

Yearly membership fees are due between January 1st and June 1st of each year. Non-payment of dues during this period shall be considered as being in arrears and subject to late charges, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Charter Membership initiation fee installments are expected to be paid during the same period. Accounts must be paid to date, including penalties, collections and legal fees, and interest where applicable, in order for a member to receive beach badges and boat tags for the current year, and for a member to be considered to be in good standing.

BEACH RULES

1. You swim at your own risk.
2. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times; when the lifeguard is on duty, he or she may advise parents that they are needed to supervise older children.
3. Swimmers must remain in the designated swimming area.
4. Nonswimmers and beginner swimmers are not allowed on the float unless accompanied by an adult swimmer.
5. Nonswimmers are to stay in the shallow water. Tubes/arm floats/lifejackets do not provide adequate support in deep water.
6. Swimming under the float and dock is prohibited.
7. Jumping off the back of the dock is prohibited. Those that jump off the dock must remain in the designated swimming area.
8. No fishing or boating is allowed within the beach or pavilion fence, in the designated swimming area, or within 200 feet from the shoreline. This means fishing must take place past the dock into the center of the lake.
9. Fishing is allowed when past the port-o-potty/potty platform on the right side, and around the point on the right side to the fence.
10. Fishing tackle is prohibited from any areas where bare feet may be exposed between the upper pavilion and port-o-potty.
11. Fishing from the dock is prohibited.
12. A member badge must be in the possession of at least one resident member or their guest at all times. The badge must be presented upon request of a lifeguard, officer, and/or supervisor of all encompassing 'managing supervisor'.
13. Picnicking is limited to prescribed areas which consists of the point, the playground and pavilion areas.
14. Grilling is limited to the pavilion and pavilion plateau only.
15. Horseplay, shoving, rough games, ball-playing, throwing of sand, and other activities in which bystanders might be injured are prohibited on the beach, in the water, and on the float at the discretion of the lifeguard and/or managing supervisor.
16. No pets are allowed on any beach area, including the pavilion, picnic area or playground area.
17. Littering of any beach area may result in suspension of beach privileges.
18. Holes dug in the sand must be filled in full prior to leaving the beach area.
19. Use of soaps, shampoos, and other pollutants is prohibited.
20. Lifeguards and/or managing supervisors are responsible for enforcing these rules and regulations. All persons using the beach must adhere to the authority's instructions. If infractions are noticed by a member when the lifeguard is not present, they may request that the offender stop. If that request is not heeded, and safety or sanitation is a problem, a Lake Association Officer or the police may be called.
21. No glass on the beach. Glass containers shall be prohibited from the beach sand and within the parking area.
22. Cozy Lake is a carry-in, carry-out facility. Members are required to take all waste with them and to dispose of their own trash.
23. No motorized vehicles, except emergency and maintenance vehicles, shall be permitted in the bathing area during its use.
24. Bicycles, motorcycles, off-road vehicles, and/or ATV's are prohibited on the beach.

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25. No boating, waterskiing, sail boating, windsurfing, scuba diving, surf boarding, paddleboards or other personal water crafts shall be permitted in the swimming and bathing area.
26. Rope drops shall not be permitted except those licensed and inspected by the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:3-31 through 55. For example: rope swing or similar device
27. Any person showing evidence of any communicable skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, or any other communicable disease shall be denied access to lake property.
28. Do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past seven days.
29. All children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands. Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing area.
30. Children should be encouraged to use the restroom before entering the water.
31. Conduct which endangers the safety and physical well-being of others shall be prohibited.
32. Outdoor bathing shall be prohibited during an electrical storm.
33. Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the water.
34. Abusive, vulgar and/or foul language will not be tolerated. This is a family beach.

LAKE RULES

1. Badge identification must be in your possession when on lake property. All boats parked on lake property must have membership stickers.
2. Any dumping, littering or discharge of any waste into the lake or onto lake property will result in termination of membership, and may be followed by legal prosecution.
3. No gasoline engines or motors may be used on the surface of the lake at any time, except when approved by an authorized member of the Executive Board for the purposes of water management or emergency response.
4. Members of the Association are obligated to report violations to the Membership Committee or Association Officers.
5. Guest privileges may not be extended to non-member residents of Cozy Lake.
6. Snowmobiles, gasoline outboards, and minibikes are prohibited on lake property.
7. Pet ducks and/or geese are prohibited from entering the lake.
8. Security and the implementation and monitoring of rules and regulations shall be the responsibility of all members.
9. It is to be understood that all laws, codes, and other regulations issued by the State of New Jersey, the County of Morris, or the Township of Jefferson, if more restrictive than the foregoing, shall take precedence.
10. Vehicles may not at any time block the boat launch area of Grove Road. Any vehicle that is found interrupting access to the boat launch may be towed at the owner's expense.
11. No member or non-member, is allowed within the dam or spillway. Dam areas are fenced and locked to deny access. Access is limited for emergency and maintenance purposes only or by approval by an authorized member of the Executive Board.
12. Ice Skating Rules - You skate at your own risk
 - a. Ice skating permitted only when ice is frozen 4 inches thick or more.
 - b. Ice skaters should have a pole rope or other safety device within close proximity to where they are skating.
 - c. Ice skating is prohibited within 100 feet of open water, dams and spillway, and within 25 feet of ice fishing areas.
 - d. Respect the rights of fellow skaters.
 - e. Gasoline powered snowblowers are prohibited on the ice, except when approved by an authorized member of the Executive Board.
13. Bonfires are prohibited on the lake.

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BOAT RULES

1. All boat operators must meet these age and educational requirements in order to operate a motorized vessel.
 - a. A person less than 13 years of age may not operate a motorized vessel.
 - b. A person under the age of 16 may not operate a personal water craft (PWC).
 - c. A person 13 through 15 years of age may operate a vessel powered by an electric motor or vessels 12 feet or longer and powered by a motor less than 10 hp only if he or she has successfully passed a boating safety education course approved by the New Jersey State Police.
 - d. A person 16 years old or older, may operate a motorized vessel if they have successfully completed an approved boating safety course.
2. Between November 1st, and May 1st, operators and passengers aboard a recreational vessel less than 26 feet, such as rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards must wear a securely fastened United States Coast Guard-approved wearable, size-fitting personal flotation device while the vessel is underway.
3. Boat tags, numbered decals with the current year, must be displayed by all watercrafts that reside on lake property. Decals should be displayed on the side of the boat, on the outside of the craft. All watercrafts, regardless of the number owned, must display a decal.
4. Any watercraft that resides on lake property without a current year decal will be considered trespassing. The authorities may be notified and trespassers will be subject to New Jersey law. All watercrafts left on lake property without a current decal will be considered abandoned property and may be put to bid or confiscated/removed/discarded at the owner's expense.
5. Gasoline/fossil fuel engines are prohibited on Cozy Lake. This includes, but is not limited to all gas-powered augers, boats, canoes, wave runners, snowmobiles, snowblowers, all-terrain vehicles and chainsaws.
 - Exception: Use of gas power tools and equipment may be authorized to perform maintenance duties such as dewatering, tree clearing, construction, lake management, or for medical and other emergencies.
6. Boats must adhere to all US Coast Guard regulations and carry the required equipment.
7. The only legal means of propulsion is by electric powered motors, human effort, or wind. Gas operated boats may be used at the discretion of an authorized member of the Executive Board for lake maintenance and emergency.
8. Ice boats are prohibited.
9. All boats are to be kept clear of designated swimming areas.
10. All boats must be kept at least 50 feet away from the dam and spillway.
11. No boating in electrical storms or when lightening is eminent.
12. No boating is allowed within the beach or pavilion fence, in the designated swimming area, or within 200 feet from the shoreline. This means boating must take place past the dock into the center of the lake.
13. Boat owners are responsible for securing their boat and ensuring that it is properly stored.
14. All boats stored on Cozy Lake property must have a current sticker or the boat will be removed from the premises.
15. Unidentified boats that are found on Cozy Lake property for 365 days or more will be put to auction or disposed of.
16. All boats belonging to non-members will be removed from the lake. Non-compliance will result in prosecution for trespassing.
17. Boats will be organized by type and location, parallel parked in an orderly fashion, vertical to the waterline.
18. Boats are not to be stacked on other member's boats.
19. No standing, sitting or fishing on any member's boat.
20. No parking of boats within the boat launch area of Grove Road.
21. Winter boat storage fees are \$25 for the first boat, \$15 for a second boat, and \$10 for each additional boat.
22. Notices will be sent out to members/boat owners who have boats on Cozy Lake property following the September Regular Meeting. The fees will be assessed and the boat storage fee will be collected by December.
23. Boats are not to be placed within 4 feet of the flagpole (on either side) thus providing space for vehicles to maneuver.
24. Walking space is to be left between parked boats to allow for easy maneuvering of boats.
25. No member may claim ownership of a boat parking spot, however, if you have parked your boat in a space, and take your boat out on the lake, you may leave a cone to reserve the same space for when you return.
26. When the Horseshoe Drive boat parking area is full, all other boats are to be parked on Grove Road outside of the boat launch area.

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FISHING RULES

1. Anyone 16 years and older must have a valid license to fish NJ's freshwaters with a handline, or rod and line.
2. Fishing for all species of freshwater fish is permitted 24 hours daily except on those days that certain trout waters are closed for stocking during March, April and May, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-6.3 and 6.4.
3. Freshwater fish in excess of the daily limit may be caught, when permitted, provided they are immediately returned to the water unharmed.
4. When fishing from a boat, canoe, kayak or similar vessel, the number of rods, and lines or hand lines shall not exceed three per person.
5. We are a catch and release facility, with the exception of Chain Pickerel or Redfin Pickerel which may be removed from the lake provided they are 15 inches or longer as per state law N.J.A.C. 7:25-6.19 and 6.20. The daily possession limit shall be 5 in total.
6. The possession and/or release of live potentially dangerous fish species, identified in N.J.A.C. 7:25-6.2, is strictly prohibited. Potentially dangerous fish species encountered while angling shall be destroyed. There are no season, minimum size or creel limits on these species.
7. No fishing is allowed within the beach or pavilion fence, in the designated swimming area, or within 200 feet from the shoreline. This means fishing must take place past the dock into the center of the lake.
8. Fishing is allowed when past the port-o-potty/potty platform on the right side, and around the point on the right side to the fence.
9. Fishing tackle is prohibited from any areas where bare feet may be exposed between the upper pavilion and the port-o-potty/potty platform.
10. Fishing from the dock is prohibited.
11. Ice fishing rules – You ice fish at your own risk.
 - a. Ice fishing is permitted only when lake is frozen 4 inches or more.
 - b. Holes must be no larger than 9 inches diameter. Holes should be contained to a minimum size.
 - c. Ice fishing prohibited within 25 feet of shore line, within 100 feet of dams or open water, and at beach area.
12. All New Jersey State fishing laws as well as fish sizes and bag limits apply to ice fishing.
13. Gasoline powered augers and snowblowers are prohibited on the ice, except when approved by an authorized member of the Executive Board.
14. Bonfires are prohibited on the lake.

Reminder: CozyLakers, Inc. is not responsible for *any* personal property left on CozyLakers property; this includes boats.