

Lake Thunderbird Association
Rules and Regulations
Updated February 21, 2010

PREAMBLE

Lake Thunderbird is a community restricted to members and their guests. The Board of Directors of the Lake Thunderbird Association has, under the rights granted in Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph (f) of the by-laws, adopted a set of rules and regulations as well as penalties for violation of said rules.

The rules and regulations have been written to provide for the safety and well being of all LTA members and guests, as well as the enjoyment of the recreational activities and amenities, and to remain a member in good standing, all members must comply as set forth in Article IX of the by-laws. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests, so it is suggested that all guests be made aware of these rules and regulations.

Rules are enforced by Security, the Lake Manager, the Board of Directors, Water Safety, and Architectural Control, Conservation or any person appointed by the Board to do so.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Association has determined that multiple owners of the same lot create an undo burden on the Common Properties to the detriment of other lot owners;

AND

Whereas, the Lake Thunderbird Association has the right pursuant to the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to charge reasonable admission fees and other fees for the use of Common Properties at Lake Thunderbird Subdivision, Bureau and Putnam Counties, Illinois;

AND

Whereas, the Association has determined that some additional charge should be levied against multiple owners of a lot for their use of the Common Properties;

Now therefore, be it resolved, whenever ownership of a lot in the Lake Thunderbird Subdivision, Bureau and Putnam Counties, Illinois, is vested in or controlled by members of more than one family, there will be a fee levied against each additional family owning said lots in the amount of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year, a said fee to be determined a user fee for the Common Properties and to be expended accordingly.

For purposes of this resolution, a “family” is deemed to be one or more persons each related to the other by blood, marriage or adoption, who maintains a common household.

GENERAL RULES

1. Dumping of garbage or other material on common property or in the campground and clubhouse dumpster will result in a fine. *(eff: 10-16-04)*
2. No leaves or grass clippings may be blown, raked or otherwise dumped into the lake.
3. Dogs on common property must be on a 6-foot leash. No dogs, other than guide dogs for the physically impaired, are allowed in the clubhouse, pool area, tennis courts or on the beach.
4. Those fireworks that are designated by the State of Illinois as illegal are prohibited in the Lake Thunderbird community. Those violating this rule will be subject to a class 6 fine. *(eff: 1-19-08)*
5. No horseplay will be allowed in the clubhouse, pool, tennis court, campgrounds or beach.
6. Use of the clubhouse, pool, tennis court or beach or any other facility is limited to members who have paid all fees and fines and their guests.
7. No hunting or trapping is allowed in the Lake Thunderbird Development except by specific authorization. Discharge of firearms for any reason will result in a citation and fine.
8. All Lake Thunderbird roads are patrolled by the Putnam and Bureau County Sheriff's Department. Unless otherwise posted, all roads within the development are posted 35 miles per hour except 20 miles per hour near the south beach and clubhouse. Additionally, only properly licensed vehicles are allowed on any road within the Development.
9. Even though this is private property, all laws of the land apply within the confines of Lake Thunderbird. Members and guests are not immune from prosecution by law enforcement authorities for crimes or misdemeanors committed within Lake Thunderbird properties.
10. Cutting of wood on any property other than the member's own property is strictly prohibited without written permission of the owner. No trees will be cut on Common Property other than dead growth and with permission of the lake office.
11. Unattended open fires of any kind are not permitted, including campfires.
12. No soliciting will be permitted within the Development.
13. No device for the purpose of prohibiting the freezing of the lake will be installed by a property owner. *(eff: 10-16,-04)*
14. Guest passes for use on Common Property are available to the property owner at the Association office, located at the clubhouse, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays (Memorial Day through Labor Day). Also available at the office, Monday through Friday during regular office hours. Guest passes are also available from Security. *(eff: 10-16-04)*
15. The operation of all terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, dirt bikes and like vehicles, whether member owned or non-member owned, are prohibited from operating on posted or non-posted common grounds of Lake Thunderbird. Member owned vehicles operating in violation of this ordinance would be subject to a Class 7 offense. Non-member owned vehicles would be subject to a trespassing violation that will be enforced by county law enforcement officials. Violators will be responsible for any property damage incurred. *(eff: 7-16-05)*

16. Noise Ordinance: Between the hours of 11pm and 8am, no person on any private property or common property shall employ any device or instrument that creates or amplifies sound, including but not limited to any loud speaker, bullhorn, amplifier, public address system, musical instrument, radio or device that plays recorded music, to generate any sound, for the purpose of communication or entertainment, that is louder than average conversational level at a distance of 10 feet or more from the property line from which the noise is being generated. (eff 1/16/2010)

17. Should any type of motorized vehicle, operated by any member, fall into the Lake while it is frozen, they will be subject to a Class 18 fine. Non-member owned vehicles would be subject to a trespassing violation that will be enforced by county law enforcement officials. All violators will be responsible for any property damage, clean-up and any other costs incurred. (eff 1/16/2010)

Appeal Process

1. Any person receiving a citation has the right to a hearing before the Appeals Committee.
2. Notice of the appeal must be filed in writing at the LTA office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the citation.
3. The office notifies the chairperson of the Appeals Committee, the person issuing the citation, and the appealing party of the pending appeal.
4. The appeal hearing is scheduled for the next meeting of the Committee, which is held at 9:00 a.m., second Saturday of the month at the clubhouse. The appeal hearing will be held unless a request for a delay is granted, provided a valid excuse is presented.
5. Failure of either side to appear on the scheduled date will automatically result in the matter being decided in favor of the party present.
6. A Committee quorum must be present and both sides represented at the hearing. The Committee can then make a binding decision and no further appeals will be permitted.
7. The LTA Board will enforce the decision of the Committee by collecting the appropriate fine if found guilty of the violation. The LTA Board may override any decision made by the Appeals Committee. (eff 1/16/2010)
8. To avoid the potential for a conflict of interest and to preserve the objectivity of the appeals process, the Appeals Committee shall be composed of members in good standing who do not serve as a Director of the Board, a Security Committee member, Water Safety Committee member, Conservation Committee member, or an Architectural Control Committee member.
9. When a violator schedules an appearance before the Appeals Committee and there is a Committee quorum and the violator does not appear on the scheduled date, the fine will automatically be doubled. (eff: 10-18-08)

Architectural Control

1. Plans for construction of any type must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval. Some projects will also require a County permit. All approved permits must be prominently displayed.

2. Building specifications will be provided in the building packet obtained from the Architectural Control Committee.
3. All new homes: Impact fee and additions to existing homes (see list of fees)
4. New homes: An additional refundable deposit (see list of fees) – exterior finish completion within 12 months or less and general cleanup compliance with the Architectural Control Committee guidelines and approval procedures.
5. New homes and vacant lots MUST have erosion control where necessary. (see building permit packet).
6. Sheds are not to exceed 150 square feet.
7. Garages not to exceed 864 square feet.
8. Sheds and garages must be staked showing location and approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Garages and sheds MUST have a Lake Thunderbird permit AND a County permit.
9. A construction permit, refundable upon clean up of construction area and within completion date is needed. (see list of fees)
10. All other construction permits submitted may be required to have a refundable deposit. Deposit will be refunded upon your completion of project in allotted time as determined by the Architectural Control Committee. This includes the clean up process.
11. Lake Thunderbird members must check with the Lake Thunderbird office on any other project to see if a “Deposit Fee” or permit is necessary or required by the Architectural Control Committee.
12. Time Extensions – refer to Construction Completion Agreement in the building packet. With other construction, time extensions may be granted with Architectural Control Committee approval.
13. House Addresses - new homes will be required to identify their POSTAL ADDRESS NUMBER (not lot number) with a minimum of 3” numbers visible from the road.
14. Non permanent sheds constructed from a composite material will not be subject to any shed fee. (*eff: 2-15-09*)
15. “Any new construction that is completed without a building permit or any new construction that has begun without a building permit is a Class 8 Violation. Construction that is not complete must cease immediately upon receiving citation. The fine will be based on the cost and size of the project. If a building permit is denied by ACC and/or the BOD all construction must be removed within 30 days, if not removed within the allotted time frame the fine will be doubled and the condition can be removed by ACC at the expense of the Owner.” (See Restrictive Covenants, Article III, number eight).

“Restrictive Covenants, Article III, number eight” states the following: “Any condition in violation of or contrary to this Article III is here by declared to be a nuisance and the same may be abated, removed or otherwise corrected by the Developer or Architectural Control Committee without prior notice to the Owner involved. The same may be done at the expense of the Owner or charged to such Owner and such Owner shall have no cause for action or claim for damages arising from such abatement, removal or correction.

16. “Any unauthorized construction on *common property* is a Class 8 Violation and must be removed within 30 days.”

17. "All building permits must be visible from street. If not visible, it will be a Class 1 fine."

18. "Water front properties must apply for and receive a building permit from ACC to construct retaining walls and/or seawalls. Upon completion, the retaining walls and/or seawalls must be inspected by ACC, before ACC will approve or issue any future building permits for any other permanent structure on properties."

19. "All home and large construction sites must have a dumpster and/or rolloff from beginning through completion. Not having a dumpster and/or rolloff will be a Class 5 fine. Fine will be doubled the second month and tripled the third month."

Beach

1. The beach is for the use of the members and their guests only. Vehicles must display current LTA sticker or guest pass. Random checks by Security will ask for proof of membership.

2. The lifeguard on duty has complete control over the beach area, and will have authority to require anyone to leave the water and beach area.

3. Proper swim attire is required. Infants must have approved swim diapers or rubber pants with tight fitting legs.

4. No food, beverages or smoking in the sand area. No glass containers or barbeque grill allowed in the entire beach area. The Snack Shack may have one grill only for their cooking purposes.

5. Horseplay, running, jumping on raft not allowed.

6. Do not dive off raft or jump off slide.

7. Life jackets, inner tubes, or other inflatable toys are not to be taken on slide.

8. Fishing in the swimming area is not allowed.

9. The beach swimming area is restricted to the area inside the floating ropes. No one is to leave the designated swim area by going over or under the floating ropes.

10. There will be a 10 minute rest period every hour, and no one is allowed in the water during that time.

11. No pets are allowed on beach property except service dogs.

(eff: 10-18-08)

Boat Launch

1. Launch areas are private property and for use of members and their guests only.

2. Vehicles must have proper sticker or guest pass while on launch property.

3. There will be a violation written for members leaving their unattached boat trailer in a non-designated area or for more than two (2) consecutive days. A violation will also be written if an empty trailer is left overnight in an unauthorized area of the boat launch.

Campground

General Rules: ALL CAMPERS

Recreational vehicles utilizing the campground at Lake Thunderbird are defined as vehicles specifically designed as a recreational vehicle by a manufacturer for the sole purpose of recreational use.

The campground is for the enjoyment of members and their guests only. Rules are suggested by the Campground Committee, reviewed by the Rules and Regulation Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. The Campground Committee and the Security Committee enforce the adopted rules.

1) Camping fees will be collected by the Board designated Campground Host or may be paid at the Association Office during normal business hours. Fees must be paid upon arrival and prior to setting up. Guest camping...See list of fees.

2) Property owner must be with guest camper to register them and must remain on Lake Thunderbird property for the duration of their guests' stay. The guest must follow LTA camping rules.

3) Membership cards are to be used only by the members and their immediate family (parents and children) not by guests for identification to obtain access to Lake Thunderbird common areas.

4) All open campsites are on a first come first-served basis. Reservations are not taken.

5) Campsites numbered 42 through 52 are designated for overnight camping only.

6) No children under the age of 18 are allowed to camp without adult supervision at the site at all times.

7) Waste from campers must be disposed of at the dumping station only. Drinking of water at the dumping station is not permitted.

8) At no such time shall children under the age of six (6) be allowed in the restrooms without adult supervision. Parents are responsible for their children at all times.

(eff: 10-16-04)

9) Pots and pans, dishes or clothes are not to be washed in the bathhouse or at the water hydrants.

10) Hot water is not to be taken from the bathhouse.

11) There is a ten (10) minute limit on showers on a first come first serve basis.. All shower stalls and waste basins are to be cleaned after each use.

12) Rubbish must be in containers and raw garbage must be in plastic or foil and placed in designated containers. No raw garbage is to be placed in the bathhouse container.

13) Campers leaving campsites in an untidy condition shall be reported to the Lake Manager and will be subject to a class 1 fine.

14) Consumption of alcoholic beverages in moderation by adults is allowed on individual campsites. No underage drinking will be tolerated. Law enforcement officials will be notified in the event that underage drinking occurs.

15) Campfires will be contained in a fire pit and must not be left unattended. Rocks ringing the fire pit are not allowed as they can explode.

16) Speed limits in the campground are 10 MPH. The road around the campers is one way in a counter-clockwise direction.

- 17) Mini bikes, go karts or all-terrain vehicles may not be operated in the campground.
- 18) The use of electronic sound devices, portable generators, or any creation of disturbance (above 70 db within 35' of adjacent campsite) is prohibited.
- 19) Quiet hours begin at 11:00 PM and end at 8:00 AM.
- 20) Cutting of or driving nails into live trees is prohibited. Keep axes and knives away from children.
- 21) Do not leave pets unattended outside of your camper. Pets must be on a 6 ft. leash while walking them and kept from annoying other campers. Pets are not allowed in the bathhouse. Pets in front of campers must be leashed or contained within the perimeter posts of your campsite. Owners of pets are required to clean up after their pet.
- 22) The use of guns, bows and arrows, slingshots or fireworks in the campground is prohibited.
- 23) Guests must park on the same site as members. Owners are responsible for the action of their guests.
- 24) Only one picnic table per site on a first come first-served basis.
- 25) Campers are not to exceed 39 ft in length, measured from the rear bumper to the ball hitch nor exceed 8 ft in width, not including tip-outs.
- 26) Members will be charged a lesser daily fee for extended camping. The lesser fee is limited to seven (7) consecutive days with a maximum of two weeks per session.
- 27) There is no camping or parking near the electric service box by the bathhouse, playground area, or under the pavilion.
- 28) Three blasts on a car horn signify an emergency and is a call for help.
- 29) Check-out time is 3:00 PM.
- 30) Winter camping shall be allowed for no more than seven (7) consecutive days in the months of December, January, February and March.
- 31) Summer camping will be from April 1st until November 30th. *(eff: 10-16-04)*
- 32) Any violation of the camping rules could result in the suspension of camping privileges.
- 33) Temporary Campsites: Any and all trailers, screen houses, boats, lawn chairs, etc., must be removed when unoccupied or at end of camping session. *(eff: 3-15-08)*

Clubhouse

1. The facilities are for the use by the members and their guests only. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests, so guests should be informed of the house rules.
2. Everyone using the facilities should treat the property as their own. Any repairs required as a result of misuse by a member or their guests will be charged to the member.
3. Good housekeeping habits must be followed. After use, all furniture must be returned to the location in which they were found.
4. Kitchen facilities may be used by members with a two (2) hour limit if someone is waiting to use them. Food prepared must be for consumption on premises anywhere on the clubhouse grounds.
5. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children. Do not leave children unattended.

6. Motor vehicles, bicycles, motor bikes or skate boards are not allowed on sidewalks or decks of the clubhouse.
7. Snowmobiles are not permitted anywhere on clubhouse grounds.
8. Fishing poles and tackle must be left outside the clubhouse and the pool area.
9. Loud noise and music should be avoided. Violators refusing to tone it down will be asked to leave premises.
10. User fees for the use of the clubhouse may be set by the Board.
11. The times of operation will be set by the Board.
12. Groups renting clubhouse shall have exclusive use of the clubhouse hall. During business hours all other areas of the clubhouse shall remain open to members and their guests.
13. Picnic tables must be left where they are found and not moved from one picnic area to another.
14. A copy of the rules will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. *(eff: 10-16-04)*

Dam Area

1. Only pedestrian traffic is allowed on the Dam. Vehicles of any nature are prohibited beyond the gate or the parking area except emergency vehicles and Lake Thunderbird maintenance or designated vehicles.
2. The backside of the Dam is a restricted area. Keep off.
3. Fishing in or below the spillway is not allowed.
4. No swimming off the Dam or spillway.
5. Any planting or digging is strictly prohibited on the back, front or top of Dam.

Nature Area

1. The Nature Area is for the enjoyment of members and their guests only.
2. Nature Area hours are from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Gates will be locked during hunting season (November 1 to January 1) and during extremely wet weather.
3. Fires, eating, drinking and picnicking are not allowed.
4. Motorized vehicles are not allowed beyond the split rail fence at the parking area. All vehicles must have current LTA sticker or guest pass while in Nature Area.
5. There shall be no hunting, trapping or discharging of firearms in Nature Area with the exception of bow hunting by Association registered hunters during a deer reduction program.
6. Swimming in creek is prohibited.
7. Stay on Nature Area property only which is Common Property. Do not go on any other people's property. Know your boundaries.

Pool

1. The lifeguard on duty has complete control of the swimming pool area and will have the authority to require an individual or individuals to leave the water or premises.
2. Swimsuits are required of all people in the pool. Infants must be fitted with approved swim diapers or rubber pants with tight fitting legs.
3. Entrance and exit of the pool area must be through the locker room. Climbing over the railing to enter clubhouse is not allowed.

4. Do not enter clubhouse or office with wet bathing suits.
5. A shower is required by every person prior to entering the pool.
6. There will be no street shoes worn on the pool deck.
7. Food and alcoholic beverages are not allowed on pool deck.
8. Frisbees, life rafts, inner tubes or other toys of that nature are not to be used if 20 or more people are in the pool.
9. Horseplay, running, climbing and jumping in the pool area will not be tolerated.
10. Bobby pins, hair pins, rubber bands or band aids are not to be worn or taken into the pool.
11. No one is allowed in the lifeguard chair except authorized lifeguard on duty. Swimmers will refrain from hanging on the guard chair or otherwise bothering the lifeguard.
12. Bathers must use own locks on lockers while swimming. Locks left on lockers more than 24 hours will be removed. Lake Thunderbird is not responsible for valuables left in locker whether locked or unlocked.
13. The user fee established by the Board must be paid before entering the pool.

Realtors and Signage

1. Realtors should obtain special guest passes available at the Lake Thunderbird office if they are going to be on Common Property when showing clients around.
2. Realtor passes do not carry the right to use any of the amenities.
3. No corner signs allowed other than to depict an open house in progress. Directional signs must be removed at the end of the open house.
4. Signs no larger than 18" x 24" may be placed in front of a dwelling that is for sale or for rent. Only one "For Sale" sign is allowed on developed property regardless if placed by a realtor or member/property owner and must be removed within 15 days of completed sale. *(eff: 10-21-06)*
5. Signs are not allowed on vacant lots.

VEHICLES

1. All vehicles must display a current vehicle sticker or guest pass while on Common Property. Stickers are obtained at the clubhouse and require vehicle registration form and insurance information prior to being issued.
2. Members may purchase one vehicle sticker per married child not living at home.
3. Vehicle stickers must be displayed in the lower corner of the windshield on the driver's side. All vehicle stickers must have their backing material completely removed and must then be totally affixed to the windshield. No temporary or display other than attached is allowed. *(eff: 1-19-08)*
4. No Lake Thunderbird member's identification card will be used in lieu of the car sticker.
5. Guest vehicles must display a current guest pass obtainable at the clubhouse during regular office hours or from security personnel. The member must accompany the guest or provide the membership identification card before guest passes will be issued.
6. Guest passes must be displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard.

Lake Thunderbird Association

WATERCRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The rules and regulations have been written to provide for the safety and well being of all LTA members and their guests, as well as the enjoyment of the recreational activities and amenities, and to maintain in good standing, all members must comply as set forth in Article IX of the By-laws. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests, so it is suggested that all guests be made aware of these rules and regulations.

Rules are enforced by Security, the Lake Manager, the Board of Directors, Water Safety, Conservation or any person or persons appointed by the Board to do so.

At the July 19 2003, Board of Directors meeting, a motion was made, seconded and carried that prohibits the operation of Personal Watercraft on the waters of Lake Thunderbird.

An infraction of these rules and regulations will result in a citation being issued. Ignorance of these rules and regulations will not be acceptable defense when an infraction has occurred. *(eff: 10-16-04)*

ARTICLE I

REGISTRATION OF WATERCRAFT

1. All watercraft being operated upon Lake Thunderbird must be registered with the Association office. To register a watercraft, the standard registration form is available from the Association office and must be filled out completely and submitted along with:
 - a) A copy of the State Watercraft Certificate of Numbers issued by the State of Illinois or the state in which the owner resides, clearly showing the watercraft is member owned.
 - b) A certificate of liability insurance qualifying property damage and bodily injury (\$100,000.00 minimum) for all watercraft.
 - c) Once registered with the Association, a Lake Thunderbird Association sticker will be assigned and said sticker will be displayed behind the state registration numbers on each side of watercraft without full windshields or on both sides of full windshield crafts.
 - d) Inspection of new watercraft or motors by the Lake Manager or his appointed representative is required before any association sticker is issued.
2. A member may register more than one motorized watercraft if each is of a different type. Type categories are: Powerboat or deck boat, sailboat, canoe/kayak, rowboat, pontoon boat, paddle boat, or fishing boat. Their description follows:
 - a) Powerboat/Deck boat – A single or multi hull craft, designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling inside the vessel and powered by outboard motor.

- b) Row boat – A single hull craft propelled by oars.
 - c) Sailboat – A single or multi hull craft propelled by wind by means of a sail or canvas.
 - d) Canoe/Kayak – A single hull craft whose sides meet in a sharp edge at each end propelled by one or more paddles.
 - e) Pontoon boat – A twin or triple hull craft with a separate deck structure powered by outboard motor only.
 - f) Paddle boat – A single or multi hull craft propelled by means of a paddle wheel powered by hands or feet.
 - g) Fishing boat – A single or multi hull craft propelled by an outboard motor not to exceed 25 hp.
 - h) Any watercraft that differs from the crafts listed above must have the approval of the Board of Directors before being allowed on Lake Thunderbird.
3. Watercraft that has been registered with the Lake Thunderbird Association as of December 31, 2002 will be exempted from the regulations set forth in number 2 of this section.

**ARTICLE II
GUEST BOATERS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1. Guest passes are to be obtained by the property owner and the guest at the Association office, located at the clubhouse.
- 2. All guests and guest boaters are subject to the same rules and regulations of the Association as the property owner.
- 3. The property owner will be held responsible in the event of an infraction of these rules and regulations by their guests.
- 4. Guest boaters must meet the same registration and insurance requirements as member owned watercraft. Guest watercraft must meet all limitation requirements.
- 5. The cost of guest watercraft pass is \$75.00 per day and must be purchased in advance.

**ARTICLE III
RESTRICTIONS ON SIZES, TYPES & HORSEPOWER OF WATERCRAFT**

- 1. All powerboats, deck boats, fishing boats, or sailboats operated on Lake Thunderbird must be less than 19 feet in length.
- 2. No pontoon type boat operated on Lake Thunderbird may exceed 26 ½ feet in length.
- 3. Measurement of all watercraft will be done by the Lake Manager or his designated representative. The size limitations of watercraft are as measured from the furthest point forward of the bow to the furthest point back of the stern. Pontoon boat measurement will be the length of the pontoon. All measurements are exclusive of swim platforms or motors. *(eff: 5-16-04)*
- 4. Houseboats may not be operated on Lake Thunderbird nor may anyone sleep overnight on a boat unless the boat is docked at a private lot improved with a residence.
- 5. All other types less than 10 feet in length shall be electric or manual propulsion only.

6. No powerboat or deck boat shall be allowed on Lake Thunderbird that is powered with a motor that exceeds 100 horsepower. This restriction is absolute. Power can only be obtained from an outboard motor. Inboard/outboard units are not allowed.
7. Pontoon boats are restricted to a maximum of 40 horsepower. This restriction is absolute.

Even though Lake Thunderbird is a privately owned lake, all State of Illinois safe boating regulations apply. It is your responsibility to know the regulations and obey them.

ARTICLE IV WATERCRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS

General:

1. All provisions of the State of Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act have been adopted by the Association to be applicable to all watercraft operated on Lake Thunderbird. Lake Thunderbird Association rules on boating are posted on the clubhouse bulletin board as well as at the south boat launch location.
2. Understanding that the entire shoreline is considered common property, no docking or beaching of watercraft is permitted in or on any common property, except in designated areas. Docking or beaching of watercraft is not permitted on that portion of shoreline that extends across a member's waterfront without the owner's permission.
3. Any watercraft operator involved in a boating accident must report such accident to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as well as the Lake Manager or Lake Security.
4. There will be times when the whole lake may be designated as "no wake" by the Lake Manager or the Board President. Watercraft operating in a posted and/or designated "No Wake" area must be operated at idle speed only. The entire lake is posted "**NO WAKE**" during the hours of 7:00 PM or dark (whichever occurs first) to 10:00 AM.

(eff 1-19-08)

NOTE:

The lake may be closed at times because of severe weather or extreme lake water levels. Flags depicting status of the lake will be displayed at the dam, clubhouse boat slip and south boat launch. The flag color and meaning are as follows:

GREEN – Normal rules apply
YELLOW – Lake open with no wake condition
RED – Lake closed to all activities

5. Any watercraft following in the path of a watercraft pulling any towable device must stay a minimum of 100' behind the towing boat and its towable device.
6. No watercraft may be operated by a person who is under the influence of alcohol or other substance. Any law enforcement official is empowered to make arrests and they are also empowered to administer breathalyzer tests to anyone.
7. The racing of motorized watercraft is strictly prohibited.

**ARTICLE V
AGE OF OPERATOR**

1. No person under ten (10) years of age may operate a motorized watercraft.
2. Persons at least ten (10) years of age and less than twelve (12) years of age may operate a motorized watercraft only if they are accompanied on the motorized watercraft and under the direct control of a parent or guardian or a person at least eighteen (18) years of age designated by a parent or guardian.
3. Persons at least twelve (12) years of age and less than eighteen (18) years of age may operate a motorized watercraft only if:
 - a) they are accompanied on the motorized watercraft and under the direct control of a parent or guardian, OR
 - b) they are accompanied on the motorized watercraft by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age designated by a parent or guardian, OR
 - c) such motorized watercraft operator is in possession of a Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Law Enforcement, OR
 - d) a valid certificate issued by another state, a province of the Dominion of Canada, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary or the United States Power Squadron.
4. Violation of this section done with the knowledge of a parent or guardian shall be deemed a violation by the parent or guardian and punishable under Chp. 625 Art II A of the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act.

**ARTICLE VI
SPEED LIMITS, PASSENGER LOCATION AND BOAT CAPACITY**

1. Watercraft must never exceed a speed that is safe and reasonable for the prevailing conditions.
2. Watercraft or other motorized watercraft shall not operate at a speed faster than idle speed while entering or operating in a designated "No Wake" area or between the hours of 7:00 PM or dark (whichever occurs first) and 10:00 AM. *(eff: 1-19-08)*
3. The traffic pattern for Lake Thunderbird must be in a counter-clockwise direction during the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM or dark whichever occurs first.
4. All watercraft shall be operated so as to maintain a distance of fifty (50) feet from beach swimming areas during the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM or dark (whichever occurs first).
5. All motorized watercraft are to maintain a traffic pattern of fifty (50) feet from the shoreline when operating at a speed that produces a significant wake. *(eff: 10-16-04)*
6. Power boating, water skiing, tubing, and all like activities will only be allowed between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM or dark (whichever occurs first). *(eff 10-16-04)*
7. Passengers in a motor boat are prohibited from riding or sitting on the gunwales, top of seat back or on the decking over the bow or stern of the motor boat or a platform while the motor boat is under way. This includes pontoon boats.
8. Operators of all watercraft must not exceed the capacity limits of passengers or weight as set forth on the capacity plate of affixed to said watercraft.

**ARTICLE VII
REGULATIONS REGARDING WATER SKIING AND ALL TOWABLE
DEVICES**

General Regulations:

1. The provisions of the State of Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act have been adopted by the Association to be applicable to all towable devices and water skiing activities on Lake Thunderbird.
2. A watercraft towing a skier or towable device may not enter, exit or pass through any “No Wake” restricted areas that are marked by buoys or which may be designated “No Wake” from time to time.
3. All skiers and towable devices must remain outwardly of buoys and other designated restricted areas at all times. Additionally, they are to maintain a distance of fifty (50) feet from the shoreline and piers.
4. Kites, jumps and slalom course may not be used.
5. When towing a person or persons on water skis or in a tube or similar device, the towing vessel must have a capacity of at least three (3) persons and at least two (2) competent persons must be in the vessel.
6. All persons wishing to “slalom” will use the designated and posted ski drop area at the dam for dropping their skis.
7. There will be a maximum of two (2) skiers or towable devices pulled by one watercraft.
8. No water skiing or use of towable devices may take place before 10:00 AM or after 7:00 PM or dark (whichever occurs first).
9. It is mandatory that all persons being towed as a skier or as a user of an inflatable device wear an approved Coast Guard PFD of proper size type and condition.
10. It is mandatory that an orange flag be displayed to alert other boats that a skier or tuber is down. Flags are available at no cost at the Lake Thunderbird office or from any Water Safety Committee member.

**ARTICLE VIII
SCUBA DIVING**

Scuba diving in “No Wake” areas will be allowed by permit only. All divers shall display a free-flying, white diagonal stripe on a red background “Diver Down” flag. All boaters are required to stay at least 150 feet from the “Diver Down” flag.

**ARTICLE IX
LAKE SWIMMING & SWIM PLATFORM RULES**

For the purpose of these Lake Swimming and Swim Platform Rules, “lake” is defined as all waters within the continuous and uninterrupted Lake Thunderbird shoreline, in its entirety, to include all coves and inlets.

For the purpose of these Lake Swimming Rules, “swimming” includes wading or the personal use of any kind of non-towed flotation device including any device that is not a registered watercraft as defined in “Article I – Registration of Watercraft”.

Lake swimming is permitted ONLY as follows:

1. At the Beach, within the area confined by the shoreline and the floating ropes, and as further restricted under "Beach" rules contained herein under the "General Rules".
2. Within twenty-five (25) feet from the shoreline, by a lakefront property owner and his guests, between the property owner's lateral property lines extended from the shorefront into the lake.
3. Within twenty-five (25) feet of an anchored watercraft in a posted "No Wake" area identifiable by the presence of "No Wake" buoys or in designated or posted coves.

Swim platforms are permitted ONLY as follows:

1. Swim platforms must be positioned, in their entirety, within twenty-five (25) feet from the shoreline and between a property owner's lateral property lines extended from the shorefront into the lake.
2. Swim platforms must be anchored.
3. Approval of swim platforms must be obtained from Architectural Control Committee before placement. *(eff: 11-15-08)*

ARTICLE X BOAT STORAGE AND OVERNIGHT DOCKING

1. Boat storage is limited to the storage racks at the north boat launch and at the clubhouse marina area boat racks and the storage site at the rear of the maintenance area. Proper permit and paid fees are required to utilize these areas. *(eff: 4-18-08)*
2. Overnight docking will be allowed at any of the Common Property docking facilities for two (2) days, including the dock at the west side of the beach. After the two (2) days the boat may not be docked on Common Property for a minimum of one (1) week.
3. Property owners are allowed to store their watercraft on their own property.

ARTICLE XI BOAT SLIPS

Property owners who have a boat slip will have the option of keeping their Association boat slip from year to year. The rental fee must be paid before January 15th or they will lose their boat slip and the next person on the waiting list will have the opportunity to rent the slip. There will be only one watercraft allowed per Association slip. A request letter will be mailed to the boat slip renter in December. This letter will also state any fee changes there may be.

ARTICLE XII CONTRACTOR WATERCRAFT

Work boats of contractors must have a permit from the Association and will be allowed on the lake for the duration of the job only. In order to obtain a permit, the contractors

must show evidence of insurance, provide a hold harmless agreement to the Association and obey all rules regarding watercraft operation on the lake.

**ARTICLE XIII
RECKLESS OPERATION DEFINED**

No person will operate any watercraft of any kind or manipulate any water skis, aquaplane, or similar device in such a manner as to willfully or wantonly endanger the life, limb, or property of any person, to weave through congested traffic, to jump the wake of another vessel unreasonably or unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed, to wait until the last possible moment to swerve to avoid collision, or operate any watercraft so as to approach or pass another watercraft in such a manner or at such a rate of speed as to create a hazardous wake or wash.

**ARTICLE XIV
PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD'S)**

1. There shall be at least one US Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) onboard very watercraft for every person. These PFD's can be type I, type II or Type III (wearable PFD's).
2. Any watercraft 16' in length (except canoes or kayaks) must have at least one Type IV (throwable) US Coast Guard Approved PFD onboard.
3. All PFD's must be readily accessible, serviceable condition, of an appropriate size for whom it is intended, and legibly marked with the US Coast Guard Approval number.
4. Children under the age of thirteen (13) must wear an US Coast Guard approved PFD of proper size and condition while the watercraft is underway.

**ARTICLE XV
WATERCRAFT EQUIPMENT**

1. The following accessories are required:
 - a) All motorboats are required to have one marine type US Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher onboard and readily accessible.
 - b) All motorboats must have an approved mouth, hand or power operated whistle or horn.
 - c) Storage batteries shall be provided with suitable supports and secured against shifting. Batteries shall be equipped with non-conductive shielding means to prevent accidental shorting.
 - d) All motorboats must carry and display when underway between the hours of sunset and sunrise such lights as required by the US Coast Guard. The required lights are a red and green bow and a 360 degree white stern light. Canoes/Kayaks shall carry onboard from sunset to sunrise but not fixed to any part of the boat, a lantern or flashlight capable of showing a white light visible all around the horizon at a distance of 2 miles or more, and shall display such lantern in sufficient time to avoid collision with another watercraft.

**ARTICLE XVI
FISHING REGULATIONS**

1. The regulations of the State of Illinois pertaining to fishing have been adopted by the Association to be applicable to all fishing activities on Lake Thunderbird. Illinois regulations governing fishing licenses, seasons, limits, legal sizes, etc., must be observed. Lake Thunderbird Conservation Committee has set size limits and “keeper” limits and will enforce these regulations.
2. Dumping of live minnows or any other type of bait into the lake is strictly prohibited.
3. Refusal to allow the Department of Natural Resources personnel, or Conservation Committee members, Water Safety, or Security to check live wells, creels or stringers will result in a fine. All fish limits will be strictly enforced.
4. Fishing on Lake Thunderbird will be by pole and line only. No trout lines, bottle fishing, etc., will be allowed. No set or un-attended lines.
5. Dumping of portable bathroom waste, refuse or any litter in the lake will not be tolerated.
6. Any fish attractors to be placed in the lake must be inspected by the Conservation Committee.

**ARTICLE XVII
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE NEW CREEL LIMITS
As of January 16, 2010:**

Walleye-----	<u>3 per day</u>	must be 16 inches or larger
Large Mouth Bass-----	<u>1 per day</u>	12” to 18” protected slot. NO fish between 12” and 18” can be removed.
Small Mouth Bass-----	Catch and release ,	must be returned to theLake.
Hybrid Striper and White Bass-----	<u>10 per day</u>	in aggregate, only 3 of which maybe over 17 inches
Muskie-----	Catch and Release.Must be returned to the lake.
Crappies, Black & White-----	<u>20 per day</u>	9 inch minimum
Bull Head and Channel Catfish-----	<u>NO LIMIT</u>	
Sunfish/Bluegills-----	<u>NO LIMIT</u>	
Flat Head Catfish,-----	<u>Catch and release only.</u> Must be returned to the lake.

**ARTICLE XVIII
OPERATION OF ASSOCIATION WATERCRAFT**

1. The operation of the Association watercraft will only be done by Water Safety Committee members, the Lake Manager or the duly authorized representatives of the Lake Manager.

2. Persons accompanying Water Safety Committee members in the operation of the Association watercraft must be either a member of the Water Safety Committee or a current member of the Board of Directors . Amended to let the Chairman of the Water Safety Committee to appoint deputy committee members to serve as water safety patrol members. *(eff: 3-5-08)*

Articles I, III and IV are hereby revised to reflect the Motion made and carried at the July 19, 2003, Board of Directors meeting, that Personal Watercraft will no longer be allowed on Lake Thunderbird as of May 31, 2004. All references to Personal Watercraft are hereby removed. March 16, 2004

VIOLATION LIST
LIST OF FINES

History of property owner's fines will be maintained for two years in order to assess the proper amount for multiple offenses to a rule.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
1	Garbage & Debris on Common Property	8
2	Start construction without LTA Approval	2
3	Damage to Association property	9
4	Use of campground without LTA permit	
	Tent Camping	1
	Camper	3
5	Unattended fire:	
	First offense	5
	Second and each subsequent offense	13
6	Operating boat in a reckless manner:	
	First offense	5
	Second offense	7
	Third offense	13(*)
7	No guest pass	14
8	No watercraft guest pass	15
9	Boat wake in "no wake" area	
	First offense	1
	Second offense	2
	Third offense	11(*)
10	Soliciting	1
11	Boat motor size limitation exceeded	16
12	Direction of travel on lake from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM	
	First offense	1
	Second offense	2
	Third offense	12(*)

13	Taking of restricted fish or exceeding creel limit (per fish)	
	First offense	2
	Second offense and subsequent offenses	12 (*)
14	Dumping of live minnows in lake	
	First offense	3
	Second offense	4
	Third offense	12(*)
15	Property owner's watercraft on common property with no current LTA boat sticker	
	First offense	1
	Second offense	2
	Third offense	11 (*)
16	Property owner's vehicle on common property with no current LTA sticker or sticker improperly displayed	
	First offense	1
	Second offense	2
17	Any infraction of the camping rules	
	First Offense	1
	Second Offense	2
	Third Offense	11 (*)
18	Refusal to allow an authorized Lake Thunderbird personnel to check their live well(s), creel(s) or stringer(s)	
	First offense	2
	Second offense and each subsequent offense	12 (*)
19	Dog roaming on common property without a leash or on leash greater than 6 feet	1
20	Cutting of trees on common property without permission	17
21	Discharging firearms within Lake Thunderbird	7
22	Depositing leaves, grass clippings or other debris into lake	
	First offense	6
	Second and each subsequent offense	7
23	Dumping of portable bathroom waste into lake	13 (*)

or on Common Property

24 Members, their family or guests using Lake Thunderbird 7
common areas during suspension period

25	<p>Violation of Article III, Number 5, of the Lake Thunderbird Association Covenants regarding unimproved lots will result in the following fines:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Third offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(eff: 7-16-05)</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>4</p> <p>6</p>
26	<p>Any infraction of Lake Swimming Rules or Regulations Regarding Water Skiing and Tow Able Devices.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Third offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(eff: 11-15-08)</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>12 (*)</p>
27	<p>Violation of passenger locations on watercraft</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Third Offense</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4</p> <p>12 (*)</p>
28	<p>Exceeding watercraft capacity</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Third Offense</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>11 (*)</p>
29	<p>Age of operator infraction</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Third Offense</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>12 (*)</p>
30	<p>Any violation of Article XV Watercraft Equipment</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Third Offense</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>12 (*)</p>
31	<p>Any violation of Article XIV PFD's</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Third Offense</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>12 (*)</p>
32	<p>Fishing in Swimming Area at Beach</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Third Offense</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>11 (*)</p>
33	<p>Unattended Fishing Lines</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First Offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Second Offense</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>

34	Violation of Noise Ordinance	
	First Offense	2
	Second Offense	3
	Third Offense	4

All written citations will be printed in the Chair Tree each month.

(* Members, their family or guests will be prohibited from Lake Thunderbird common areas for 30 days. The suspension period will start immediately.

Failure to pay fine within 30 days of appeal ruling will cause the fine to be doubled & after 60 days, the original fine is tripled. Failure to pay within 90 days will result in collection procedures at violators' expense & the fine is capped.

Failure to pay all accumulated fines, penalties, assessments and/or fees prior to June 1st will result in the loss of membership privileges. Membership privileges will be reinstated when all past due balances and current assessments are paid in full, only then will current membership cards, automobile stickers, boats stickers, pool passes, Forum access and Chair Tree subscriptions be issued. Checks returned for NSF or for any other reason will result in immediate loss of all membership privileges.

Any rule or regulation not listed in this document will carry the fine levied by the Board of Directors.

LIST OF FINES BY CLASS:

- Class 1..... \$50.00
- Class 2.....\$ 100.00
- Class 3.....\$ 150.00
- Class 4.....\$ 200.00
- Class 5.....\$ 400.00
- Class 6.....\$ 450.00
- Class 7.....\$ 500.00
- Class 8.....\$50.00 to \$500.00
- Class 9.....\$50.00 to \$500.00 plus cost of any repairs (labor & material)
- Class 10.....Suspension & \$100.00
- Class 11.....Suspension & \$200.00
- Class 12.....Suspension & \$300.00
- Class 13.....Suspension & \$500.00
- Class 14.....Purchase guest pass & \$15.00
- Class 15.....Purchase guest pass & \$100.00
- Class 16.....Removal of watercraft from lake & \$ 200.00
- Class 17.....Replace cut down tree & \$500.00
- Class 18.....Suspension and \$ 1000 fine plus cost of repairs for all property damage, clean up, salvage fees and any other costs related to incident.

LIST OF FEES

MISCELLANEOUS:

Backhoe Rental – per hour	\$ 70.00
Bulldozer Rental – per hour	\$ 70.00
Tractor Rental – per hour	\$ 60.00
Snowplowing – minimum	\$ 25.00
Man hour	\$ 40.00

(Machinery rental includes cost for operator)

RENTALS:

Clubhouse	
Property Owner	\$300.00
Non-Owner	\$450.00
Security Deposit	\$100.00
Each Hour after Midnight	\$100.00
Air Conditioning is provided	

SPECIAL EVENTS:

*Property Owners only may rent the clubhouse for small events other than weddings at the following rates:

Up to 25 people	\$ 50.00
26 to 50 people	\$ 75.00
51 to 75 people	\$100.00
Air Conditioning available for small group functions at an additional charge of \$25.00	
76 and over	\$300.00
Air Conditioning Included	
Security Deposit	\$100.00

All renters will be required to enter a Hold Harmless Agreement with the Association regardless of event.

If liquor is to be served, Dram Shop Insurance will be required at the renters cost.

The following organizations will not be charged for the use of the clubhouse:

- Senior Citizens
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- 4-H Clubs
- Firemen and Police
- Church Groups
- LTA Committees/Clubs

SLIPS and STORAGE:

Seasonal Boat Slip	\$ 325.00
Seasonal Boat Rack	\$ 50.00
Storage Area – per year	\$ 100.00

Storage is limited to property owners only. Storage limited to boats that do not exceed the lengths or horsepower limits of Lake Thunderbird, boat trailers, and campers only. Items must be in serviceable condition and have Lake Manager’s approval. No damaged or otherwise non-useable items will be allowed in the storage area. An agreement will be signed between the Association and storage area renter before being allowed access to the storage area.

BOAT STICKERS (per year):

Gas Powered	\$ 65.00
2 nd Boat over 50 h.p.	\$ 90.00
Senior Citizen Rate (65 years or older) Senior rate for one boat only and must be in senior’s name only.	\$ 33.00
All Other Boats	\$ 15.00
All Guest Boats per Day	\$ 75.00

Guest boats MUST follow the same rules and guidelines as property owners.

CAR STICKER FEES PER YEAR:

Property Owner	\$ N/C
1 st two cars	N/C
Addtl stickers	\$ 10.00
Child not living at home	\$ 10.00
Guest car pass per day	\$ 5.00
Guest pass per year	\$ 150.00
Over 5 passes daily each	\$ 5.00

(eff: 06-01-10)

POOL FEES:

Seasonal Pass	N/C
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(eff: 06-01-10)

CAMPING FEES

Permanent site yearly fee	\$500.00
Security deposit on permanent site	\$100.00
Property owner primitive (no electric) per night	\$ 8.00
Property owner (electric site) per night	\$ 12.00
Guest primitive (no electric) includes guest pass per night	\$ 20.00
Guest (electric site) includes guest car pass per night	\$ 30.00
Property owners camping a minimum of one week with a maximum of a 2 week stay per night	\$ 10.00

Guest pass or sticker for each vehicle is also required.

CHAIR TREE:

Yearly subscription (3 rd Class)	\$ N/C
Yearly subscription (1 st Class)	\$ 25.00
Classified ad per issue	\$ 8.00
Advertisement rates	Call

(eff: 06-01-10)

ADMISSION AND USAGE FEE

Annual admission fee per Unique Lot Owner	
Due with Annual Assessments	\$ 75.00

WATER RATES:

C.O.L.A. will be changed to reflect annual increase

Water availability per year	\$ 100.00
Water Usage per year	\$ 120.00
Vacant lots with spigot per year	\$ 45.00

These rates are for the water availability and water usage charge due with your annual assessment. *(eff: 06/01/10)*

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES (from LT Covenants)

Per lot	\$ 52.00
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BUILDING FEES FOR NEW HOMES AND ADDITIONS:

* New homes -----	\$ 3,500.00
* Additions to existing homes -----	\$ 1,000.00
New homes – refundable deposit -----	\$ 1,000.00
* New garages -----	\$ 500.00
* Sheds -----	\$ 50.00
Refundable deposit clean-up and completion on time for additions, new garages and sheds only -----	\$ 250.00

*** This fee is for new homes, additions, garages and sheds only and is due at the time your plans are submitted for review. *(eff: 2-15-09)***

