

RULES for AQUATIC SPORT on WEMMER PAN, Pioneers Park, Johannesburg

These Rules are adopted at the meeting of affiliated Clubs of the Wemmer Pan Aquatic Clubs on 17 May 2017

1. The water rights for aquatic sport or recreation on Wemmer Pan are held by the Johannesburg City Council. All rules, conditions and other requirements appertaining to the use of the water, premises and amenities are formulated, maintained, amended and adopted according to the needs and requirements of all affiliated clubs as determined by the Wemmer Pan Aquatic Club (WPAC).
2. No changes may be made to these rules unless this document is amended and adopted by the majority of affiliated members of WPAC present in a Special General Meeting.

3. AFFILIATED BODIES MAY 2017

- 3.1. As at the date given the following bodies are affiliated to the Wemmer Pan Aquatic Club and may practice the sports of Rowing, , Canoeing, and Sailing.

Wemmer Pan Rowing Club
Viking Rowing Club
Witwatersrand University Boat Club
King Edward V11 High School Rowing Club
Parktown Boys High School Rowing Club
Mondeor High School Rowing Club
Johannesburg Canoe Club
Southern Cross Sailing Club
Soweto Rowing Club

- 3.2. All of the above clubs must have an appointed representative at the WPAC Meetings which are held on the Second Wednesday of each alternate month **at 18:00 in the JCC Clubhouse.**

4. RULES OF THE WATER

- 4.1. All members of affiliated clubs and their guests use the water and facilities provided at Wemmer Pan entirely at their own risk.
- 4.2. Members and/or the affiliated clubs are responsible for the general decorum of their invited guests. Should this be found to be lacking in any respect, any member of the WPAC may request such guest's to leave the premises of WPAC. This request may only be reversed by a WPAC committee member representing an affiliated "third party" club. If members or their clubs continue to condone bad behaviour then the offending member/club may be called before a disciplinary hearing of the WPAC, which shall have the power to suspend affiliation to the WPAC.
- 4.3. The sports of Rowing and/or Canoeing shall not take place simultaneously with the sport of Sailing unless by Gentleman's Agreement made at that time by responsible officials of the involved sports.
- 4.4. Members practicing their sport after sunset shall ensure that they carry a forward facing light.
- 4.5. All members practicing their sports at Wemmer Pan shall, in addition to the above, abide by the rules and constitution of their parent club.
- 4.6. Members in good standing of affiliated clubs may apply to the Chair of WPAC for a gate remote for access to the property. Any remote issued remains the property of WPAC and must be returned if the person is no longer a member in good standing. A remote may not be lent to any other person and will be withdrawn if this occurs.
- 4.7. NO FISHING is permitted in the waters of Wemmer Pan from the WPAC property and clubs may not allow members or guests to fish in the property..
- 4.8. Vehicles are not permitted to park on the grass in front of the clubhouse or boathouses.

4.9. No individual under the age of 16 years may access the WPAC property or paddle or row or sail on the Pan unless accompanied by at least one adult who is 18 years of age.

5 TIMES

These times are intended as guidelines and if usages occurs outside them due care must be taken of, and consideration given to, other users at all times.

5.1 Normal use for ROWING AND CANOEING

Note: Outside these times lights shall always be used (Rule 5.4).

Weekdays & Saturdays : Sunrise to Sunset
Sundays : Sunrise - 11:00 (except on Aquatic Club Regatta days)

5.1 TIMES - SAILING

Sundays : 11:00-Sunset (except on Aquatic Club Regatta days)

6 WATER COURSES: ROWING AND CANOEING

6.1 The water courses applicable to the Rowing and Canoeing are appended in the diagram at the end of these Rules and are displayed on the safety board adjacent to the slipway to west of the bridge.

6.2 RULES

6.2.1 The canoeing perimeter course is situated immediately adjacent to the bank and follows the outline of this bank INTIMATELY. At no point should canoeists venture further than 20 meters from the bank. (Inner aspect of course delineated by buoys). Direction of travel is clockwise.

6.2.2 The rowing perimeter course is situated on the inner aspect of the canoeing perimeter course, i.e. more than 20 meters from the bank and inside the delineating buoys. Direction of travel is anti-clockwise.

6.2.3 Rowing crews crossing the 700m regatta course at the start have "right of way", whilst at the finish, crews on the regatta course have "right of way"

6.2.4 Crews may only row the 700m course from the start to the finish. No reverse traffic is permitted on the course.

6.2.5 Rowing crews are not allowed to stop on the perimeter course within 50m of the bank. Crews "fixing up" should move to the inner aspect, well insidier the perimeter. Slower crews on the perimeter course MUST give "right of way" to faster crews approaching.

6.2.6 Canoeists must pass behind the stake-boat start, whilst rowing crews must pass in front.

6.2.7 All boats arriving and departing the landing jetties should be given the necessary water space to enable this to take place. Never-the- less these boats should exercise caution in their actions.

6.2.8 Whilst all craft should at all times endeavour to avoid a collision, all rowing crews must be given final "right of way" by canoeists to avoid any impending collision.

6.2.9 In very heavy weather rowing crews may use the warm up circuit on the North side of the Pan. All crews are responsible for their safety and that of other crews on the water.

7 SAILING

7.1 All sailing shall be governed by the rules laid down by South African Sailing.

8 RULES FOR THE USE OF MOTOR BOATS

- 8.1 Motor boats are not allowed on Wemmer Pan, with the exception of those being used for the express purpose of coaching rowing crews and canoes, officiating at, or acting as rescue launches during regatta/official club functions.
- 8.2 No motorboats are allowed on the water after 17:30 on Tuesdays, after 17:30 on Thursdays and before 08:30 on Sundays. Further, no school motorboats are allowed after 17:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- 8.3 No coaching motorboat as allowed above shall have an engine exceeding 20 H.P.
- 8.4 No coaching motorboat shall carry more than three people at any one time.
- 8.5 All coaching motorboats must carry floatation devices at all times.
- 8.6 No parking of motorboats at the jetties is allowed, other than in the slipway on the west side of the bridge.
- 8.7 A maximum of two coaching motorboat per club are allowed on the water at any one time.
- 8.8 A record of all motorboat pilots for each Club must be lodged with the WPAC prior to going on Wemmer Pan.
- 8.9 Coaching motorboats may only travel along the perimeter course or regatta course.

9 USE OF JETTIES

9.1 CANOEING

- 9.1.1 To use the jetties in front of and on the north side (Santarama) of the JCC Boat/Clubhouse.

9.2 ROWING

- 9.2.1 Adult clubs - WUBC, Viking, and Wemmer Pan to use the jetties in front of the Wits clubhouse and the Wemmer Pan and the Viking boat houses i.e. between the two slipways.
- 9.2.2 School clubs and Soweto Rowing Club- Parktown, King Edward VII, Mondeor and SRC to use the jetties on the east side of the Bridge slipway clear across to the south boundary fence.
- 9.2.3 Boats may not be left unattended in the water at a jetty and must be removed.

9.3 SAILING

- 9.3.1 To use the jetties from the south boundary fence clear across the waterfront of the slipway adjacent to the JCC boat/clubhouse.
