LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
RESOLUTION 2020-11
A POLICY RESOLUTION
AMENDING LOWA REGULATION X.A.1, USE OF LAKES, REGARDING SKI FLAGS

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Bylaws gives the Board of Directors the authority to amend and adopt association Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for clear, concise and consistent regulations on the matter of use of a ski flag; and

WHEREAS, the Lakes Committee proposed, and the Safety and Security Committee commented, and the Rules Committee and the LOWA Attorney reviewed the amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Association published the proposed amendment in Lake Currents soliciting member comments.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby amends LOWA Regulation X.A.1, Use of Lakes, regarding ski flags.

X. USE OF THE LAKES

A. Watercraft Operations and Usage

Sections A. and B. remain the same.

C. WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

1. WATER SKIING/TUBING.

a. Skiers or other towed persons shall NOT be permitted to take off from or land on any beach or pier.

b. During High Traffic times (see A. 5.c.) no person shall operate a towing watercraft to pull any person(s) on water skis, tube(s) or similar devices unless there is in/on the watercraft (in addition to the operator) a person actually observing the progress of the person(s) being towed. This observer must be at least 12 years of age. In the case of PWCs, the observer must be seated backward. At other times towing is permitted without an observer if the watercraft is equipped with a rear view mirror.
c. Ski flag. All watercraft operations involving skiers or tubers on a towable device shall have a ski flag readily available. This flag shall be a red or orange flag measuring no less than 12 inches on each side in the shape of a square or rectangle secured to a pole or shaft at least two feet long.

(1) The ski flag shall be mounted or displayed in such a manner as to be visible from every direction when:

(a) A skier or tuber is down or a rider has fallen

or

(b) A skier or tuber is in the water and preparing to ski or tube.

(2) The ski flag shall not be displayed at any other time.

(3) The use of this flag will not be construed as conferring any rights or privileges on its users. Operators of watercraft in the vicinity will, however, exercise precaution commensurate with conditions indicated.

d. All watercraft operators who tow skiers and floatable devices shall know and ensure their spotters and skiers/riders understand and use a set of hand signals to communicate between the watercraft and the skiers. Passengers shall remain seated when a watercraft is towing a skier or people on other devices.

e. Skiing and towed activities at greater than No Wake Speed shall be prohibited within one hundred (100) feet of shorelines or in areas marked with “No Wake” buoys and will be confined to the area of the wake zone.

f. At High Traffic Times when two or more skiers/tubers are being towed by one watercraft and one of the skiers fall, the other skier(s) shall drop his or her towline immediately.

g. All persons being towed by watercraft shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved (Type I, II or III) flotation device or a Type V flotation device designed for the activity such as a ski vest. Inflatable vests shall not be used for skiing or tubing. The use of flotation belts alone shall only be permitted when using “trick skis” while an observer is in the watercraft and it is traveling less than nineteen (19) mph. “Trick and Jump skis” are considered as skis less than forty-four (44) inches in length with no fin.

h. When any skier or tuber falls, the operator shall immediately go to No Wake Speed and turn around on as small a radius as possible to return to
the downed skier or tuber. The operator must attempt to follow the reverse course on the return to the fallen skier or tuber while not entering the path of other watercraft in the immediate area. The towing watercraft shall display the skier-down flag. The use of this flag will not be construed as conferring any rights or privileges on its users. Operators of watercraft in the vicinity will, however, exercise precaution commensurate with conditions indicated. Fallen skiers or tubers shall, as soon as possible raise one arm in the air to signal their location to nearby watercraft.

Sections C.1.i through C.7 remain the same.

Effective: April 24, 2020

LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: [Signature]
Clifton Wilks, President

ATTEST:

I, as Secretary for Lake of the Woods Association, Inc., hereby attest that the foregoing Policy Resolution 2020-11 was adopted by the Board of Directors at a duly-held and noticed Board of Directors meeting held on the 14th day of April 2020.

[Signature]
Phillip Davis Brown, Secretary