

Scuba Diving Policy

This policy outlines the rules, regulations, and procedures to provide members the opportunity to scuba dive at Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association.

Members and their guests are invited to scuba dive if they are PADI certified. Diver certification is mandatory to scuba dive in our waters.

Certification in Alberta is available through the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). It is the largest diving certification agency globally, operating in 186 countries and territories. PADI maintains high standards for dive training, safety, ensuring consistency and quality across the globe.

Proof of Certification

Your PADI certification card is your passport to unlimited underwater adventure. Access your eCard from your preferred device to verify your certification with dive centers and resorts around the world.

Other Rules and Regulations for Divers:

1. Members and their guests wishing to scuba dive must enter at the North Gate entrance only.
2. All divers must show their certification cards before entering the park with their dive gear.
3. Divers will be asked to sign in and out at the main gate and they will be asked to sign a waiver or release of liability.
4. All Divers must dive with a certified buddy. There must be always at least two (2) divers in the water.
5. Divers must use a flag so swimmers and boaters will know where the divers are.
6. Divers may not use the lake for paid instruction or classes.
7. Divers must be out of the water 30 minutes prior to park closure.

Please read the following carefully before signing and seek appropriate assistance if you do not understand.

In consideration of the Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association (LBHA) permitting the undersigned of the Participant to participate in recreational scuba diving in Lake Bonavista, the undersigned, for myself or the

Participant, as the case may be, and for my or for the Participant's personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, acknowledge and agree with the LBHA that:

1. I acknowledge that I am aware of the dangers, risks, and hazards associated with my participation in, spectating, or mere attendance. I acknowledge and agree that I am not required by the LBHA or anyone else to participate in, spectate at, or attend recreational scuba diving and that I am freely and voluntarily assuming any and all dangers, risks, and hazards arising therefrom. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a condition of my participation in recreational scuba diving that I so participate entirely at my own risk.
2. The LBHA and its members, employees, agents, trustees, directors and officers, and their helpers and assistants and each of them and their respective insurers, heirs, successors, assignees, administrators, and executors (the "Releasees") are not responsible for any loss, costs, damage, personal injury, ambulance services, death, or property damage, however caused, arising from my participation in, spectating at, and/or mere attendance in recreational scuba diving, including, without limitation, negligence on the part of the Releasees, breach of contract, occupier's liability, or any other tort or cause of action at common law, in equity, or by statute.
3. I hereby remise, release, discharge, waive, indemnify, and save harmless the Releasees and each of them from any and all liability, costs (including, without limitation, legal costs on a solicitor and his own client basis), claims, damages, demands, actions, and causes of actions at law, by statute and/or in equity arising as a result of any loss, damage, personal injury, death, or property damage that I may suffer, directly or indirectly, as a result of my participation in, spectating at, and/or mere attendance in recreational scuba diving.
4. I understand that by signing this document, **I will be forever precluded from suing or otherwise claiming** against the Releasees or any of them for any loss, damage, personal injury, death, or property damage that I may sustain through my participation in, spectating at, and/or mere attendance in recreational scuba diving.
5. For the purposes of the herein provisions, the LBHA is or shall be deemed to be acting as agent or trustee on behalf of or for the benefit of each of the Releasees.
6. **I agree/am aware that lake is unsupervised/no lifeguards, and that the lake is use at your own risk. I may use Lake Bonavista for recreational diving purposes only. I confirm that am not here in an instructor or student capacity and understand that teaching scuba diving lessons is prohibited by anyone other than an APPROVED instructor.**

Please initial here _____ to note that you have read and understand the above statement pertaining to scuba lessons in the Lake Bonavista.

The foregoing provisions are intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the Province of Alberta and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.
