

## BASELINE LAKE RECREATION GROUP (BLRG) RULES 2022

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### *Baseline Lake is a neighborhood privilege: let's all take care of it!*

The Baseline Lake and Recreation Group (BLRG) was formed many years ago to provide neighborhood families with the opportunity to recreate on Baseline Lake. Since that time many things have changed. Dominant ownership and purpose of the Baseline Reservoir has transferred from predominantly agricultural to domestic water supply with all the attendant Federal and State regulations attached.

Our ability to continue to use the Baseline Lake is entirely dependent on each and every member demonstrating that they care for and value the privilege of lake use by knowing and abiding by all the rules. The rules have been developed with the Baseline Land and Reservoir Company (the "Reservoir Company") and the Boat Club. No rule is insignificant and no member has the right to question any of the rules. The BLRG board has the responsibility of rigid enforcement of these rules. To that end, you must learn the rules, discuss them with your family, including children, and when you have guests, inform and enforce these rules on your guests. Infractions by you, your family and/or your guests will be dealt with by the BLRG board of directors resulting in possible temporary or permanent loss of privileges.

All members must also assume responsibility to monitor, correct, and report rule infractions to a board member. Please do so in a cooperative and respectful manner. THIS REQUEST ALSO APPLIES TO ANY INTERACTION WITH THE RESERVOIR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES, BOAT CLUB MEMBERS, CITY OF LAFAYETTE EMPLOYEES, AND STATE OF COLORADO EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE NEED AND RIGHTS TO ACCESS THE RESERVOIR. YOUR ACTIONS AND REACTIONS IMPACT NOT ONLY YOUR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES, BUT THOSE OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP. *IF YOU CANNOT COMMIT TO FOLLOWING THESE RULES, DO NOT JOIN OUR ORGANIZATION!*

#### SEASON LENGTH AND TIMES OF OPERATION:

- The season runs from 9:00 am on Friday May 14th to 9:00 pm Sunday October 2nd. We will have access for Boat and Watercraft inspection beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Regular opening time shall be no earlier than 9:00 am seven days per week.
- Early opening time for specially registered boaters and swimmers will be up to three days per week, Tuesday and Thursday and one other weekday, 6:00 am to 9:00 am providing a gatekeeper is present. Members who wish to exercise by swimming laps before work, or meditating at sunrise, or fishing may do so between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 am.
- Closing time is 9:00 pm every day from opening day in May through Labor Day. After Labor Day the gatekeepers may elect to close the lake at dark unless members wish to stay later, but no later than 9:00 pm. Members must pack up all belongings so that you can leave the lake at closing time. The gatekeeper will have to wait until all persons have left before he or she can leave. **NO SWIMMING IS ALLOWED 30 MINUTES AFTER THE SUN SETS OVER THE MOUNTAINS.**

#### GATEKEEPING:

The lake is closed for BLRG members unless a gatekeeper is on duty. **NO MEMBER MAY ENTER THE LAKE IF A GATEKEEPER IS NOT PRESENT.** Only exceptions are for designated persons doing water testing or other work as required with approval from the Boat Club and Reservoir Company. Every effort will be made to fill all days with members as gatekeepers, but if there are vacancies in the calendar and a gatekeeper is not available this will result in some days when the lake is closed to member use. In order to be a member, EACH HOUSEHOLD IS REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR AT LEAST ONE AND A HALF DAYS (18 hours) OF GATEKEEPING DUTY. The shifts can be split between two families over 2 different days. You are also encouraged to sign up to work on the springcleanup.

#### GATEKEEPING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. You must sign in on the Google Doc as the Gatekeeper. Get the key from the lock box. Open the phone box and the storage container. At the end of your gatekeeping day, you must ensure that all members have left the premises by 9:00 pm. You must then lock the container, the phone box and the gate upon leaving.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE APPOINTED TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

If any member visits the lake and finds that the gatekeeper is not present, you should call the member responsible for the gate keeping for that day and notify a board member. You may not enter until a new gatekeeper is assigned. You can agree to assume the duty of the gatekeeper until a replacement can be found. If you fill in until a replacement is found, you will still be responsible for your full gate keeping responsibility on your scheduled day.

2. Gate keeping is a job. As a gatekeeper, if you are the only member of your family present, you are disqualified from having more than one guest. As the gatekeeper, your full attention must be given to the job. Your job is to protect the lake and protect our right, as a group, to continued use of the lake by enforcing these rules. If you want to swim in the lake during your gate keeping duties, you must have another BLRG member (and not a guest) assume the duties of gatekeeper while you are away from the gate. A GUEST MAY NOT ASSUME THOSE DUTIES AT ANY TIME. IF YOUR TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT FAILS TO PERFORM THE GATEKEEPER'S JOB IN YOUR ABSENCE, THAT FAILURE WILL BE TREATED AS IF YOU FAILED TO DO SO. You are responsible to report any violations that occur on your gate keeping day. If you are alone at the lake, you may not swim. Bathroom breaks are expected so take the time necessary, but under no circumstances should you leave the gate unlocked. Members wishing to come and go while you are indisposed must wait.

3. The GATE MUST BE CLOSED & **LOCKED** AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN SOMEONE IS ENTERING OR LEAVING. "Lock It or Lose It." If you observe that the gatekeeper has inadvertently left the gate unlocked, please click it shut and tell the gatekeeper. It is the gatekeeper's job to let the cars out, so if multiple cars are exiting, the gatekeeper shall monitor the exit and be responsible for locking the gate behind the last car.

4. The gatekeeper is required to identify all persons (members and guests) entering the lake by ID card. Members must sign in and record all required information in the Google Doc. The log has to be accurate, legible and ready to show to any City of Lafayette or Reservoir Company representative who may wish to see it. Each member visiting the lake must be identified by name and telephone number. This applies to children, no matter how young. Each guest must be identified by name, address and telephone number. This is important in the event that water contamination is discovered and the Reservoir Company must contact visitors for health reasons.

5. If a non-member asks for admittance to the lake, you may not allow admittance UNLESS THAT PERSON IS IN POSSESSION OF IDENTIFICATION SHOWING they are a:

- a. City of Lafayette employee
- b. Reservoir Company employee
- c. Boat Club Board Member
- d. Xcel Electric Company employee
- e. Fire, rescue or deputy sheriff
- f. Trash and port-a-let employee

FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS YOU RECEIVE FROM ANY RESERVOIR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS SHOWN YOU PROPER IDENTIFICATION. If you have a question as to authority, it is your duty to ask for identification.

Except for the fire, rescue and sheriff, other non-members will have their own key to the gate. THESE VISITORS SHOULD USE THEIR OWN KEY AND NOT A GATEKEEPER KEY. IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A KEY OF THEIR OWN, YOU

MAY NOT ADMIT THEM. Under no circumstances should you be confrontational. WHEN IN DOUBT, call the numbers listed at the gate shelter. You may also call the Boulder County Sheriff if in serious doubt. Always err on the side of caution.

6. The gatekeeper shall report all violations of any one of the BLRG Rules to the designated BLRG board members as soon as possible. Please be kind to others when you observe a violation. It is not the intent that a gatekeeper should engage in any confrontational conduct. The gatekeeper is there to monitor the arrival and departure of BLRG members and ensure the use of the lake in accordance with these Rules.

7. The gatekeeper must ensure that all members have exited the property or
- you leave the lake at night no later than 9:00 pm
  - you leave the lake for any reason
  - if forced to close the lake for a time due to inclement weather, or
  - if instructed by any appropriate authority to close the lake.

#### WATER QUALITY:

Water quality is tested on a regular basis. IF NOTICES ARE POSTED THAT WATER QUALITY IS NOT SAFE, NO ONE IS ALLOWED WITHIN BLRG LAKE BOUNDARIES FOR ANY REASON. Because the lake is a domestic drinking water supply, it is now regulated by county, state and federal laws and regulations. ONCE IT IS POSTED AS CLOSED, IT IS CLOSED TO ALL USE BY BLRG UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The Motor Boat Club is governed by a different set of rules because of their use permits so they may water ski while we are locked out. There is no room for any BLRG member to ignore or question the closure. Trespassers will be prosecuted, regardless of BLRG membership.

#### RULES FOR ASSURING GOOD WATER QUALITY:

1. IT IS A FELONY to introduce any foreign material of any kind into the water. Included in "anything," but not an exhaustive list, is any type of human waste, water from coolers, beverages or the like. The only exception is that children playing with beach buckets at the shore may scoop up water and pour it back out.

2. Children and Adults who are not toilet trained are not permitted to be in the lake at any time. Wading is also prohibited for children in diapers. WATERPROOF DIAPERS WILL NOT SUFFICE. If a child's plastic pool is used away from the shore for toddlers, all water from that pool must NOT be allowed to flow back into the lake. THIS IS A WATER QUALITY ISSUE.

3. Because BLRG is using the lake for swimming, THE CLUB HAS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF TAKING THREE SAMPLES OF WATER EACH WEEK, beginning one week before we open, taking those samples to a lab, and providing the Reservoir Company with the results, all at our sole cost. We may only swim if the samples test clean. IF THE SAMPLES SHOW CONTAMINATION ABOVE THE SET ALLOWABLE LIMIT, OR, IF WE FAIL TO TAKE THE SAMPLE AT THE SCHEDULED TIME, THE BEACH WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL A CLEAN SAMPLE CAN BE OBTAINED.

CARE OF LAKE: The beach, lake & dock areas shall be kept free of trash & debris at all times. Controlling litter in the general area of the north shore is a vital role that we can fill. **To help prevent a disastrous event of mussels or other invasive species entering the lake, no water accessories used at Baseline Reservoir can be used on other bodies of water. This includes any boats, floaties, life jackets, wetsuits, or anything else designed for use on water.**

#### NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS LIMITED:

The maximum number of memberships shall be capped at one hundred twenty-five households. The only exception to this rule is that the number of members may exceed this cap, if returning members cause the cap to be exceeded, in which case no new members will be allowed to join for that season until the total membership drops below the one hundred twenty-five-member cap. There will most likely be a waiting list. One family per household, or 3 unrelated adults per household, all living at and using that address as their permanent residence equals one membership. Memberships are not transferable upon the sale of a house. If you move, you must notify the secretary of BLRG that you are no longer a member. NEVER GIVE OR LOAN YOU PHOTO ID TO ANYONE. Please do not use lake membership as a selling point for selling your house. Membership is a privilege and not a right of real property ownership!

### PARKING:

Park only in designated areas inside the gates. You may not park on Baseline Road, outside the east gate, or on the dam. **INSIDE THE GATE YOU MUST NOT PARK SO THAT THE ACCESS TO THE DAM IS OBSTRUCTED.** This is an emergency access. Leave enough room for a large truck or heavy equipment to pass. If that cannot be accomplished because all of the parking area is full, you must car pool or walk to the lake.

### PROPERTY BOUNDARIES:

1. Members shall not at any time swim, use inflatable devices, or venture outside the area marked by buoys designated for use by our club. If an inflatable device gets carried away by the wind beyond the buoys, let it go. It can be retrieved later from the Boat Club. The only exception to this rule is for registered boat users during times specified in the boat rules below.

2. Parking, walking, jogging, biking, driving, etc. on the dam or any part of the lake that is not within the BLRG North Shore/marked boundaries, **IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** There is a small area just up the hill on the dam that has a picnic table. That table and the immediate area surrounding it is available for our enjoyment, but **DO NOT PROCEED BEYOND THE SIGNS POSTED ON THE DAM.**

3. Do not climb or allow children to climb on the rocks on either side of the sandy beach area. If the water is down, you may wade along the rocks but no further than the signs posted, i.e., not very FAR!

ACCESS: No one shall climb fences or gates for any reason. All access must be through the gates with A PROPER ID and SIGN-IN.

ID CARDS & SIGN IN/OUT REQUIRED: Every member who is 6 years of age or older, must have his or her ID at the lake while using the lake. Regardless of age, all members must be signed in and out every time. If a member forgets his/her ID at home, they must go back and get it because anyone entering the lake property without an ID card is trespassing. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an older member (unless special circumstances are identified on their ID). Children over the age of 12 must possess an ID to be admitted to the lake without a parent. ID cards are not transferable, even for a moment. If your ID appears at the gate with someone else and you are not there, your membership will be immediately terminated!

USE OF THE WEST END: The west end may be used during the season at any time the lake is open by key using the key in the lock box at the West End. The West gate may be accessed only when there is a gatekeeper present at the East End.

GUESTS: You may bring guests to the lake, but you are RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING YOUR GUESTS OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS. THEY MAY NEVER ACT AS A TEMPORARY GATEKEEPER FOR ANY REASON. We recommend that guests be close friends that you can rely on. A guest is defined as a person who is not permanently living in your household as a registered member/user and who is not your grandchild or child not otherwise living with the registered member/user. A membership may have no more than 5 unrelated guests at the lake at any given time. This limit applies to each household membership and not to each individual member within the household. You can rotate the guests in and out for the day, providing they sign in and out.

A responsible member of the membership family must be present AT ALL TIMES when guests are present, and is responsible for the guests' actions & conduct. Children under 12 may not invite guests unless accompanied by an adult member. The only exception will be given in special cases in which case the ID card will state the exception.

NO PARTIES ALLOWED: No parties will be allowed. This does not mean that you may not enjoy the lake with your designated guests, but two or more family memberships are not permitted to join in a joint festivity which could even loosely be described as a party. An organized volleyball game will not be considered a party providing that it does not also loosely resemble a party. Similarly, a family/guest cookout shall not be considered a party so long as the peaceful

enjoyment of the lake by other members is not disturbed. The lake is for swimming, sunning, viewing and relaxation. If you want to have a party, please do it elsewhere, such as Boulder Reservoir.

TRESPASSERS: If you observe someone at the lake who does not have a proper ID, it is your responsibility to ask that person to leave immediately. If trespassers are not willing to leave when asked or become confrontational, try to get a license plate number, back away and call the sheriff. The lake is a domestic water supply so trespassing is a federal offense and can result in a felony conviction.

ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: The following rules must be strictly followed:

- a. No pets or animals of any kind.
- b. No glass of any kind -- this is a safety issue because broken glass is a hazard for bare feet.
- c. No firearms or fireworks.
- d. No concessions of any kind.
- e. No nudity at any age. No changing clothes on the beach.
- f. No destruction or vandalism of floating docks, signs or other structures.
- g. No intentional tipping or rocking the docks is allowed. Parents and other members are responsible for keeping children under control at all times.
- h. No drones.

FIRES: Open fires are allowed only in the fire pits provided in accordance with Boulder County campfire/burn ordinances and regulations.

FISHING: Fishing is allowed from boats or from the shore within our boundary midway between the East and West Ends on the point. Fishing is NOT allowed from beaches, near or from the docks, rafts, the dam, and swimming area (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dock) or boat launching areas. NO LIVE BAIT (minnows, other aquatic species or predators that can be introduced into the water) may be used for fishing. Use of Treble Hooks is discouraged for safety reasons. Fishing on the lake is subject to all other Colorado Fish and Game laws and regulations including licenses and bag limits. Fishing can occur during regular hours or during the early use time when a gatekeeper is on duty.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: Moderate use of alcohol shall be permitted by members and their guests providing all state laws are followed. NO UNDERAGED DRINKING ALLOWED, WHATSOEVER. Operation of any motorized vehicle on the property, whether on land or on the water, by any individual whose ability to operate the vehicle is impaired by the consumption of alcohol or any other drug will not be tolerated and will be cause for immediate termination of the responsible membership.

USE OF INFLATABLE DEVICES WITHIN THE BUOYS:

Water craft such as rafts, kids kayaks, boogie boards and all other inflatable devices, are not considered boats and may not leave the BLRG swim boundary marked by buoys at any time. Powerboats and iceboats are not allowed for BLRG members.

## BOAT USE RULES FOR BLRG MEMBERS

### DEFINITION OF BOATS:

Boats are defined in this section as the following crafts: sailboat, sailboard, stand-up paddle boards, kayak, rowboat, and canoe. All other craft (inflatable devices, etc.) are not boats that can be registered and used outside the BLRG swim boundary area at any time.

### REQUIRED REGISTRATION:

No boats are allowed on the lake until they have been registered with BLRG, inspected for invasive species, quarantined and have a clearly visible identification number attached. Also, members must provide proof of liability insurance (homeowner's policy) of not less than \$100,000 when registering the boat.

### BOAT LAUNCHING:

Registered boaters must be launched from the east end shall be used with great care so as to avoid swimmers and beach goers. Boaters must sign in and out on the gatekeeper's log.

### TIMES OF PERMITTED USE:

Members may use registered boats on any part of the lake during the following times, provided there are no powerboats on the lake

- FROM MONDAY MORNING THROUGH FRIDAY AT 6:00 PM DURING THE SEASON, EXCEPT ON LEGAL HOLIDAYS
- Whenever a gatekeeper is on duty during the above-mentioned times, that is from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on regular days and from 6:00 am to 9:00 am on early use days.

At other times, all non-powered boats shall stay within the area defined by marker buoys, for swimming.

After Labor Day until the close of the season, boating on weekends shall be allowed outside our buoys, provided there are no powerboats on the lake.

### SAFETY REGULATIONS:

1. Windsurfers must wear a Coast Guard approved life vest at all times. Kayakers and stand-up paddle boarders must wear a high visibility (like safety orange or lime green) vest at all times. For other boaters, there must be a regulation flotation device for every person in the boat. **Each child under 14 must wear a life vest at all times.** The number of persons in a boat at any time shall not exceed the number of passengers recommended by the manufacturer or any applicable Colorado State & Coast Guard Regulations. All Colorado State & Coast Guard Regulations pertaining to boat use and handling apply at all times.

1. In no event shall a BLRG member using a registered boat, travel:

- within the water ski slalom course
- outside the swim area if a power boat is on the water, **even if parked at a dock.**

2. If a power boat enters the water while a BLRG member is using the lake proper, the member must head back to the swimming area within the buoys immediately. Get close to the shore and work your way back to our area.

3. No horseplay of any kind is allowed on or around registered boats, wherever they are on the lake. No swimming from the boats is allowed outside the BLRG buoy boundary.

4. All members using boats must be thoroughly familiar with all rules, regulations & lake use restrictions. Members must operate boats at all times they are in use. GUESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE MEMBERS' BOATS BY THEMSELVES. Guest may be a passenger on a boat if a member over the age of 14 is operating the boat.

5. Boats shall not be left unattended and may not be left on the beach overnight.

6. All water craft of whatever kind (whether or not a boat by definition) must yield to swimmers. Boats may not be tied to rafts or buoys.

FINALLY, if, at any time, a member of the Boat Club asks you to leave the lake, you must do so immediately, even if you believe that you are meeting all requirements of the rules. If you have complaints about having to leave, those should be directed to the BLRG board. You are not to engage in any confrontation with Boat Club members over your use of the lake.

AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU MUST BEGIN YOUR RETURN TO THE BLRG SHORE SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO EXIT THE WATER, LOAD YOUR BOAT, AND LEAVE THE BLRG PREMISES BY 9:00 PM or sunset. If you do not give yourself enough time, you may lose your boating privileges.

End of Rules

### **ENFORCEMENT OF RULES & REGULATIONS**

**Report Violations Immediately: All violations of these rules observed by any member, whether or not they are the acting gatekeeper, must be made immediately to the BLRG board. The board will have the responsibility of imposing discipline.**

- A. Purpose of Rules: The purpose of these rules is to comply with the requirements of the Reservoir Company. Ignoring or violating these rules will be possible grounds for the whole BLRG to lose its rights for the rest of the season or longer.
- B. Sanctions for Rules Violations: Depending on the violation, violators' memberships will be suspended until a review by the BLRG board can occur. One board member can suspend a membership until the board can meet and once suspended, you must return your ID to the BLRG board member requesting it within 24 hours of the request. You and your

family may not use the lake until the BLRG board has returned the ID. Your membership can be suspended for up to a month, can be terminated for the season, or can be terminated permanently. If your membership is terminated, your application into the Club in future years will be treated as a new membership application, subject to the membership cap and wait list. You can be permanently banned from the Club if the violation is deemed by the BLRG board to be serious enough. Once the board takes action suspending or terminating a membership, no refund of membership fees will be allowed.

C. Complaints: Any complaints, problems, suggestions or questions may be brought to the attention of the Club officers or directors at any time.

D. Zero Tolerance: **The above are zero tolerance rules, and any violation may lead to permanent suspension.**

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