

## Who can join as a Family Member of PDRA?

Please refer to the following:

### Bylaws of the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc.

#### Article IV, Membership

Section: A

Subsection b

**Family Membership** is available to the family members of a regular member. A family member will not pay dues unless he/she is a diver. Diving family members pay a special family dues fee and are exempt from the initiation fee. To qualify as a family member, you must be the spouse or child of a regular member living in the same household, or a child for whom the member is legally responsible.

**Recently there has been some confusion as to who qualifies as a family member of PDRA. Some folks got a little upset when they found out that a person who was signed up as a family member was not accepted.**

Basically it is the spouse of a member and their dependent children. Normally when the children reach age 18, the parents are no longer legally responsible for them and they must get their own membership. However, if they attend college and continue to be supported by their parents, they may continue to be family members until they either graduate or drop out. At that time membership in the PDRA becomes their responsibility.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** I am a member of PDRA. Can my brother or sister be Family Members?

**A.** No, not on your membership. In order for your brother or sister to be a family members, your father or mother must be a regular member of PDRA. Then one of your parents, you and your brother and sister could be family members under your parent's membership, providing the children are less than 18 years old.

**Q.** Why do diving family members have to pay family membership dues?

**A.** The PDRA gives diving family members full access to all benefits, just the same as if they were regular full paying members. Family Members can vote, hold office, serve as members of the Board of Directors, serve on various committees and participate in all of the affairs of the PDRA without exception.

**Q.** I live with my girlfriend. Why can't I sign her up as a family member?

**A.** PDRA Bylaws only recognize the legally married couple as the family unit. With unmarried couples there are legal issues and liabilities for the association with which we do not wish to get involved.

**Q.** My parents are divorced. I am under 18 and I live with my mother. My father is a diver and a member of the PDRA. I am a diver. May I join as his family member?

**A.** Yes, you are a child for whom your father is legally responsible.

**Q.** Can I join my father on my membership? I'm 30 years old and he is 50. He's my only dive buddy and I hate to dive alone.

**A.** No. A child may only be on a family membership if he/she is legally dependent on the parent who is a member.