

**PIEDMONT DIVING AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION RULES
AND REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS**

RR 1. The Vest Rule

Every person in or upon PDRA waters shall wear an operable personal flotation/safety device. This device shall be capable of affording positive buoyancy to the person in or upon the water and any equipment attached to him. "In or upon the water" shall include, but is not limited to, the following activities and situations: wading, bathing, swimming, skin diving, scuba diving, in or upon a float, raft, tube, or any such device.

RR 2. No Diving Alone

Every person entering PDRA waters with scuba equipment shall be accompanied by a diving buddy equipped with substantially the same type of equipment.

RR 3. Spear Guns

Spear guns shall not be taken into or used in PDRA waters unless specifically authorized in writing by the Board of Directors.

RR 4. Fishing

NO Fishing in any PDRA owned quarry. PDRA has adopted a Fish Management Program. (By Order of the BOD 1/9/2011)

RR 5. Hunting

Hunting on PDRA property is prohibited.

RR 6. Firearms

The taking of firearms on PDRA property is discouraged. The display or discharge of firearms on PDRA prohibited, except in emergencies as necessary to protect life or property.

RR 7. Boats and Motors

Only hand, paddle or oar-propelled boats, canoes, rafts, tubes, floats, or other such devices are allowed on PDRA waters, except that electric trolling motors equipped with weed guards may be used for propulsion when there are no swimmers or divers in the water. This rule shall not apply to underwater diver propulsion vehicles

RR 8. Litter/Trash/Garbage

PDRA members and guests shall take their litter, trash and garbage with them upon leaving PDRA property. If trash barrels are in place, they shall be used as a "means of last resort." The deliberate dumping or leaving of trash in other than trash barrels and littering are prohibited.

RR 9. Membership, Members and Guests

A. All persons who desire membership in the PDRA shall make application.

The membership application consists of two separate documents. One is titled "Membership Application and Release" and the other is titled "Statement of Understanding and Waiver." Both of these documents must be completed by the prospective member.

The prospective member will become a full member of the PDRA when his application is processed by the PDRA Membership Secretary and membership card and key are issued.

B. A member shall not take or allow anyone other than the members of his immediate family on PDRA property unless such other persons have signed a PDRA "release", and such signed "release" is in the members possession while such guest is on PDRA property. Family membership shall be only the spouse of a PDRA member and/or dependent children residing in the same household or for whom the member is legally liable. Guests are subject to all PDRA rules and regulations. Members are responsible for the conduct of guests. The privilege of taking guests on PDRA property shall not be abused in numbers or frequency. No member shall take more than 10 guests on PDRA property unless authorized in writing by the Board of Directors, and this privilege may be used one time during a calendar year. A non-member of the PDRA can come as a guest two times in a calendar year.

C. Students with an instructor are guests.

RR 10. Trespassers

The PDRA Rules and Regulations, leases, insurance policies and common sense require that NO ONE other than PDRA members and their bona fide guest shall occupy PDRA property. To this end, every member shall satisfy himself that every person he encounters on PDRA property is a member of a bona fide guest, and shall take whatever action is necessary to immediately remove all persons other than members and guests from PDRA property.

RR 11. Parking

Members and guests shall not park vehicles so as to block gates or water entry areas. Instructors with classes of students and guests shall be certain that neither instructing activities nor vehicles shall impede regular member's free access to parking areas and water entry areas.

RR 12. Gates - Fences - Locks - Keys

A. Gates and fences shall be erected and/or maintained as required by Leases, Insurance Policies, and the Board of Directors, and shall not be removed, altered, or destroyed except as authorized by the Board of Directors, or a Quarry Manager.

B. Gates shall be kept locked at all times except for entry and exit, unless a member is stationed at the gate.

C. A member shall report any discrepancy in locks or keys to the responsible Quarry Manager immediately.

RR 13. Children

All PDRA leased or owned property (usually water-filled rock quarries) is by their very nature, dangerous places for children to engage in unsupervised play. Therefore, children shall be kept under strict adult supervision at all times to minimize the dangers of drowning, rock slides, falling over the edge, rock throwing, snakebite, etc.

RR 14. Pets

Pets are prohibited on PDRA property.

RR.15. Reporting Violations

A. Minor Violations: A member observing a minor violation of the PDRA rules shall bring same to the attention of the person committing same. Repeated minor violations shall be treated as a major violation. A minor violation is defined as one that is not likely to endanger life, or property, and does not jeopardize or violate lease agreements or insurance policies.

B. Major Violations: A member observing a major violation of PDRA rules shall bring same to the attention of the person committing same, and further, shall make a timely report of same to the PDRA representative of the club to which said member committing violation belongs, also to the Quarry Manager or a PDRA Officer. The Quarry Manager or PDRA Officer involved shall forward this report to the PDRA

President. The PDRA President, in his discretion, may take such disciplinary action as deemed necessary according to the circumstances of the individual case. A major violation is defined as one that is likely to endanger life or property, or does jeopardize or violate lease agreements or insurance policies. Final disposition of major violations shall be made at the next subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, who shall render a binding decision.

C. Failure to take appropriate action on violations shall render the member observing same as liable as the person committing same.

RR 16. General

A. Do not dive or jump from quarry walls.

B. Do not remove, alter, or destroy items placed in quarries for your diving diversity.

C. Do not remove, alter or destroy equipment or supplies (e.g. gravel) belonging to a property owner or lessor.

D. The shooting of fireworks or explosives is prohibited.

E. Have your current PDRA identification card with you when on PDRA property and immediately show it to any one requesting to see it.

F. Conduct yourself as a lady or gentleman at all times.

G. While on PDRA property, no member or guest of a member shall enter the water for diving or swimming if that individual is under the influence of alcohol, prescription drugs, or any other controlled substance.

H. Any accident and/or serious injury that occur on PDRA owned or leased property shall be reported to a PDRA Officer or Quarry Manager within 24 hours.

I. Any member who violates any of the Rules and Regulations of the PDRA will be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00 for each violation.