



# Beach Use Rules

*Muskoka Ski Club at Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Area  
Hidden Valley Property Owners Association*

## **Overview:**

The privilege/right to use the Muskoka Ski Club (MSC) beachfront at Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Area (HVHSA) has evolved over many years from the original Grant of Easement in 1983 to include the recreational play area, the parking area and other facilities. Use of the area has grown to include more full-time family residents together with part time weekend/holiday residents than in the past. Increased popularity and concerns with unauthorized users and those who misuse the facilities, has brought to the forefront the ongoing issue of who can use the beach facilities and in what capacity.

Consequently, the rules governing how the beach area should be used need to be clarified in order to:

- a) assure equal benefit to all who have the privilege and right to use the facilities and
- b) provide imposed liability protection to MSC and HVPOA Members

COVID-19 has also increased the number of people using the facilities while creating additional restrictions about use of the entire area. These restrictions are added above and beyond the normal Beach Use Rules and will be modified as the Provincial and Local Government change regulations. All MSC and HVPOA Members will be notified of further COVID restrictions as they develop.

## **Facility Uses:**

### **The Beach**

Use of the MSC beach, recreation area and associated parking area is a privilege/right restricted to MSC Members, HVPOA Members and their allowable guests and/or renters/tenants. The maximum allowable users per property should not exceed 12 persons per household or per MSC/HVPOA Member without prior written permission from MSC management. There will be 2 Beach Passes issued per MSC/HVPOA Member household and each pass allows to have up to 6 people associated with it at the beach/recreational area. If you have more than 6 people in your group, make sure both passes are present. These passes are non-transferable. They cannot be loaned to anyone including other MSC/HVPOA Members. Mis-use may result in passes and beach privileges being revoked.

The present, posted and published waiver of liability advises all users that they assume all risks in using the beach, swimming and/or recreational areas. All users also absolve the MSC/HVHSA/HVPOA members, guests, tenants, directors, managers, and staff of any liability.

### **Boat Docks**

Use of the boat docks is for seasonal leaseholders. All leaseholders must be MSC Members or HVPOA Members in good standing. There are two slips immediately behind the boat launch that are designated for short term use while people are launching or removing their boats and for occasional day trips. There is no fishing, sunbathing, running or playing games on the docks.

### **Boat Launch**

The boat launch is designed and designated for seasonal launching, not daily use, by MSC and HVPOA Members for their personal water craft only. Occasional day trip use is permitted by MSC and HVPOA members. It is not for public use or use as a commercial marina facility, nor can it be used by any third party, including short-term renters or unaccompanied guests. Third party boaters will use other public launch facilities, such as the launch 4 kilometers east on highway 60 at the base of Limberlost Road. Any MSC or HVPOA Members having their boats launched by local marinas must receive permission prior to launch. The combination for the access gate is changed frequently and will be distributed to boat slip Lessees automatically or to MSC/HVPOA Members for occasional use upon request.

There is absolutely no parking of any vehicles in the boat launch area so that other vehicles with trailers can access the area while loading or unloading boats. Any vehicles parked in this area will be towed at the owner's expense.

## **Beach and Recreational Area Rules:**

The MSC beach and recreation area are for the exclusive use by members in good standing of the Muskoka Ski Club and the Hidden Valley Property Owners Association.

1. Beach identification passes will be provided to HVPOA Members and MSC Members can use their Annual Ski Pass as identification. **Passes must be present at all times while using the beach/recreation area. Max of 6 people per pass.**
2. The swimming/beach/recreation areas are unsupervised – **use at your own risk.**
3. Please respect the privacy and personal space of other users. Keep loud talking to a minimum and do not allow activities, including the playing of music, to infringe upon any other person/group in the beach or recreation areas. No one group of people shall dominate any area to the detriment of others.
4. Please, use the garbage and recycling containers provided. No glass is permitted on the beach or recreational areas. All drinks must be in plastic or unbreakable containers.
5. No dumping of household garbage in refuse or recycling containers at the beach area.
6. No dogs are allowed on the beach or in the picnic area east of the creek with the exception of service dogs. All dogs west of the creek or in the boat dock area must be on leash at all times. Any dogs swimming must stay clear of all other swimmers and are not permitted on the swim raft.
7. Do not feed wildlife. Do not allow children to chase wildlife.
8. No overnight camping. No use of the area after 11:00 pm.
9. No smoking is permitted on the beach, in the recreation area or on the docks.
10. Parking is **ONLY** allowed in the designated areas. **NO PARKING** is allowed near the dock, the boat launch or roadway areas. Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.
11. Trailers may not be stored at the beach.
12. Non-motorized watercraft may be stored in the short-term storage rack for a maximum of 3 days. Any storage for more than 3 days must be registered with a seasonal storage rack lease with MSC Management. Any non-motorized watercraft left in short-term storage for more than 3 days will be considered abandoned and removed from the property.
13. The Ontario Provincial Police have requested that all non-motorized watercraft have identification on them which includes the owner's name and contact phone number.
14. No motorized watercraft are allowed in the swim area, on the beach or near the swim platform (raft). Absolutely no docking is allowed at the swim platform.
15. ATVs (motor bikes, quads, side-by-sides, etc.) are not allowed on the beach and in the recreation area or on boat docks.

## **Additional Notes**

Additional COVID restrictions may be imposed on beach use as per regulations created by the Ontario and local governments. All additional restrictions will be posted when they are implemented. All beach users must respect these additional COVID restrictions.

All persons may be asked to show their beach pass or MSC Annual pass showing their right to use the facilities. **Beach passes and/or MSC Annual passes must be present at all times while using the beach or recreation area.**

Unauthorized users, or anyone found misusing the facility or abusing beach area rules will be advised and, if necessary, asked to leave the area. Such incidents will be reported to the MSC management and the HVPOA executive and may result in the suspension of the use of the facilities for all persons involved.

All MSC/HVPOA Members are responsible for their guests and/or renters while they use the beach facilities. Inappropriate use by guests and/or renters may have the same result as above.

Please report any acts of vandalism to the MSC management or HVPOA executive. MSC and HVPOA appreciate your concern and cooperation with this matter.

Part of the beach or recreation area may be rented for larger group events, provided that all the above rules are followed by the event group. For information about booking such an event, contact the MSC management using contact information below.

**Effective June 1, 2021,** by the MSC and HVPOA Executive

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