



2025 RULES & REGULATIONS

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Please inform every member of your household of the following Tower Lakes Improvement Association (TLIA) Rules & Regulations, which are in accordance with the TLIA Bylaws. Please save for future reference. These Rules & Regulations are also posted on www.tlia.org under “Public Documents”.

GOLF CARTS, UTILITY VEHICLES, ATVS, GO-KARTS, ETC., NOT ALLOWED ON ANY TLIA PROPERTY (including all islands, parks, the soccer field, and trails/pathways).

Member ID Tags

- TLIA tags are distributed to members of TLIA in good standing as well as to participants in the Recreational Family Pass Program (RFPP).
- One family member must have a current-year TLIA member tag with them when at the beach, fishing, or at the tennis/volleyball courts. Lifeguards will check for current TLIA tags when entering the beach.
- The procedure for guests at the beach will be for the TLIA or RFPP family to notify the lifeguards on duty that they have guests with them. The guests will not need TLIA tags provided they are accompanied by a TLIA member or RFPP participant.
- As stated in the By-Laws, if you are unable to accompany your guest, whether fishing from a boat or the shore, ice fishing, or using other TLIA facilities, you must temporarily furnish your current tags to your guests. However, guests may use the tennis courts only when accompanied by a TLIA member or RFPP participant.
- Village residents who participate in the RFPP will have the same privileges as TLIA members. They will have current TLIA tags for their family.

Restrictions to the Property

- A guest is defined as anyone who is not a TLIA member or RFPP applicant. All guests should be accompanied at all times by a TLIA member when using TLIA facilities. If a TLIA member is unable to accompany their guests, they may temporarily furnish their TLIA tags to their guests for identification purposes. Letters of authorization to guests from TLIA members ARE NOT acceptable.
- If traveling by auto to a TLIA facility, the host's auto should be used, and the guest's auto left at the host's home.

Grounds

- Plants, trees, shrubs, or flowers on TLIA property are for the enjoyment of all members and may not be removed, trimmed or cut without the permission of the Beautification Committee.

Beach and Island Rules

- The beach and islands are for the use of TLIA members, RFPP members, and their guests. TLIA members must have their current TLIA tags to access the beach and islands. All guests must be accompanied by a TLIA member or have their host's TLIA tags when swimming, fishing, or using any TLIA facility. New Tower Lakes residents should contact the Member Services Chair for tags.
- Any behavior deemed to be offensive or potentially dangerous may result in the TLIA member or guest being asked to leave the islands and may lead to the removal of their access privileges at the discretion of the Board.
- Food and beverages are allowed on the beach and islands.
- No glass is allowed on the beach or the islands at any time.
- Smoking is not allowed on the beach or islands.
- No fires or grills are allowed on the beach.
- No overnight camping is allowed on any of the islands without prior permission obtained from the Board, in writing.
- Dogs are not allowed on the islands or beach, whether leashed or not. Please do not walk your dog on the islands or take them with you to the beach.
- Fishing is not permitted in the swimming area, either from shore, stationary beach bridge, rafts, or dock areas. Fishing from boats near the swimming area is not permitted.
- Fishing is not permitted from the bridges at any time.
- Fishing poles and hooks are not permitted on the beach.
- During lifeguard hours, no boats will be allowed within ten (10) feet of any dock or raft facility; boats may NOT be beached on Play Island at any time.
- No fireworks/pyrotechnics.
- Please pick up all litter and trash. Trash cans are located near the beach parking lot.

Swimming and Lifeguard Rules

- Swimming in the lake is always at your own risk. The lifeguards are there to increase the general safety of TLIA members and guests. They are not responsible for any TLIA/RFPP member or guest.
- The lifeguards are at the beach for your protection - please do not cause any distractions. When the lifeguards are on duty, they are in complete charge of the beach and swimming area.
- Anyone not observing the rules, ignoring direct instructions from lifeguards or otherwise deemed to be a nuisance or danger to themselves or others, at the sole discretion of the lifeguards, may be asked to leave the beach. Persistent offenders will be referred to the Beach Committee for further action at their discretion up to and including the loss of beach privileges.
- The beach usually opens with lifeguards on duty the Saturday following the last day of school prior to summer vacation (Barrington CUSD 220) and closes the Sunday preceding the first day classes resume in the Fall. Check the TLIA Newsletter for details.
- Normal Lifeguard Hours of Operation are posted at the beach: Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- All members and their guests are required to vacate the swimming area and beach by 10:00 p.m.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety of their children. Any child within the buoyed area of the lake may be required to demonstrate their swimming proficiency if asked to do so by the lifeguard on duty.
- Rough play, pushing from rafts, dunking, etc. is prohibited. Ball playing must be limited in order not to interfere with swimmers. Swimming or playing under the rafts or docks is not allowed.
- Lifeguards are only responsible for supervising swimmers within the buoyed areas. Swimmers using floatation devices must pass a swimming requirement under lifeguard supervision or they will be restricted to shallow water.

- Lifeguards, at their discretion, may close the beach for supervised swimming if air temp is less than 65 degrees or the weather conditions are deemed to be unsuitable or dangerous.
- Children under 11 years of age are not allowed on the beach without supervision of a parent, guardian or adult childcare provider.
- When lifeguards are not on duty, swimming is at your own risk.

Beach and Boat Landings/Parking Areas

- During beach hours, no boats will be allowed within ten (10) feet of any dock or raft facility. Boats may NOT be beached on Play Island at any time.

Lakes and Fishing Rules

- Courtesy Rule (regarding fishing and other activity on TLIA property where homes front the lakes): In an effort to protect Lakefront Property Owners and to define "nuisance," property adjacent to the lakefront shall not be used in any manner that shall constitute a nuisance to the adjacent lakefront homeowners. More than two fishermen situated in front of a home may constitute a nuisance.
- An Illinois fishing license is required for all people in accordance with Illinois fishing regulations.
- All fishing is catch and release except for carp, which should not be returned to the lakes and should be disposed of properly. Please observe State of Illinois Fishing Regulations, except for modifications noted above.
- Fishing in Tower Lakes is limited to members of TLIA and their guests. Members are expected to have their current TLIA member tags. Guests must be accompanied by a TLIA member or have their host's current TLIA tags; otherwise, they may be considered trespassers.
- Motor powered boats (any type) are prohibited, except for those with a trolling motor permit or those used by contracted lake management providers.
- Ice fishing: Size of hole cannot exceed six (6) inches in diameter; member ID tags must be displayed at all times.
- Burning leaves and brush and disposing of grass clippings on shorelines is prohibited.
- Application of weed killer or fertilizers on or near the shorelines is prohibited.
- Only those piers, docks and permanently anchored swimming platforms maintained by TLIA are allowed.

Boating Regulations

- Boat registration makes it easier to identify boat owners if boats are found away from the boat landings. It also ensures that boat landings are used exclusively by TLIA members and RFPP participants and that unregistered and unclaimed boats can be disposed of properly.
- A numbered sticker is issued to each boat registered for use on Tower Lakes. Contact the Member Services Chair for registration information or if you have any questions. Numbered TLIA boat stickers are issued to each rigid-hulled boat (canoe, rowboat, paddleboat, sailboat, kayak, etc.) and should be affixed to one side of the stern. If you sell your boat to a non-TLIA member, the sticker should be removed and the Member Services Chair contacted. If a boat is purchased from a previous TLIA member, it needs to be re-registered by the new owners or it will be considered non-registered.

Mandatory Boat Removal Date

- All boats must be removed from TLIA boat landings and brought home for winter storage by November 1 of each year so that the boat landings can be cleaned and maintained. Boats may be returned to the boat landings the following year on April 15.

Disposition of Non-Registered Boats

- Non-registered boat(s) will be removed from TLIA property and disposed of, sold, or taken to a

designated storage area any time during the year. If an owner comes forward prior to November 1st, he/she may retrieve his property after paying any appropriate storage and removal fees. Should no owner come forth prior to November 1st of each year, the boat will be considered "abandoned" and will become TLIA property for whatever disposition is deemed appropriate. A full description of all "stored" boats will be maintained by the TLIA Board.

Soccer/Playing Field Usage

- Includes organized sports such as soccer, baseball, football, and lacrosse.
- Coaches and teams from Tower Lakes have first preference for scheduling. Scheduling dates are assigned on a first-come basis. For any regular (weekly) field usage, call the Soccer Field coordinator (contact the TLIA President or Vice President for current coordinator) by the end of March for spring usage and the end of July for fall usage.
- Because of the high demand for field usage, all teams are limited to one practice day per week per team. Additional days are possible when, and if available.
- Coaches are expected to help set up the nets at the start of each season and also to white stripe or line the field during the season as desired/scheduled.
- No fireworks/pyrotechnics.
- No glass is allowed at the soccer field.

Special Events

- The soccer field is open and available for use by TLIA members for any events or activities consistent with general TLIA rules and regulations. However, TLIA-sanctioned functions have first priority.
- Common courtesy is expected of everyone using TLIA grounds and facilities. Please pick up all litter and trash. Remind your team members not to hang on or climb on nets.
- Members wishing to use the common areas for group activities, sports activities, large parties, wedding ceremonies, and similar functions must fill out a Special Events Application and present it to the TLIA Board in person at a regular Board meeting for review and approval at least 60 days prior to the event. A limited number of Special Event Applications will be approved each year.

Volleyball Court

- The sand volleyball court across from the tennis courts is open to all members. It may be reserved in advance for special events by contacting the TLIA Grounds Chair.
- Please pick up all litter and trash. Trash cans are located near the tennis courts.

Tennis Rules - General Regulations

- All TLIA sanctioned functions have first court priority.
- Courts are for the use of TLIA members and their guests. Guests must be accompanied by a member to play. For doubles play, two TLIA members must be playing unless players are house guests.
- Courts may be slippery when wet or when leaves have fallen. Play at your own risk. TLIA is not liable for any injuries or illnesses that may occur as a result of playing tennis on TLIA courts.
- No skates, bicycles, other vehicles or toys such as soccer balls are permitted on the courts. Courts are for tennis and pickleball playing only.
- Pets are not allowed on the courts.
- Adults (over 18) have priority for the courts during the following hours: Saturdays, Sundays and holiday mornings until 1:00 p.m., weekdays after 5:00 p.m. Summer priority hours in effect Memorial Day through Labor Day Sundays and Holidays: all day Saturdays until 1:00 p.m. and weekdays after 5:00 p.m.
- At least two (2) adults (18 or over) must be playing to have adult priority time. During adult preference hours in doubles play, two (2) adults must be playing in order to maintain priority status.

- Court time is on a first-come, first-served basis. At least one player must remain on the court to maintain position for the hour change. This rule applies to everyone.
- Court time is for one (1) hour. Court #1 starts on the hour; Court #2 starts on the half hour.
- If the court is vacant, play may start fifteen (15) minutes before the hour and continue through the next hour. Players starting prior to fifteen (15) minutes before the hour will relinquish the court on the hour if other players are waiting.
- If you wish to use the court before 8:00 a.m., please keep noise to a minimum. Please be courteous and respect neighbors and their property at all times.
- Proper tennis attire required. Males must wear shirts. Proper attire includes shoes that do not mar the courts and proper tennis racquets.
- Children over four (4) years and under ten (10) years of age are allowed on the courts only if they are in tennis lessons or playing tennis with an adult TLIA member. Children under four (4) years of age are not allowed on the courts at any time.
- Violators of the above rules may be subject to loss of court privileges.
- TLIA tennis rules will be updated as needed to follow the health and safety guidelines issued by state and local government and health authorities.
- Please pick up all litter and trash. Trash cans are available at the tennis courts.

Shoreline Regulations: Guidelines

- The shoreline property surrounding the lakes and owned by the TLIA shall be maintained in an open park-like environment to assure all members their maximum use and enjoyment of the property.
- Access to the shoreline shall be open to all members and their guests for walking around the lakes, bicycle riding, fishing and other uses consistent with this environment. It is the general intent of these rules to preserve and maintain this access and use by all members, regulate the use of all structures, lands and waters within the shoreline area, stabilize and protect the natural beauty of the properties, minimize erosion and other adverse effects on the lakes, and recognize and protect the interests of adjoining private property. These rules shall be liberally construed in favor of the TLIA Board to implement this general intention.
- No pier, dock, slide, diving platform, gazebo or other similar structure ("structure") shall be installed, constructed, replaced or maintained on the shoreline or the lakes by any member. Except for piers constructed prior to May 1995, only those piers, docks and permanently anchored swimming platforms maintained by TLIA shall be allowed.
- No sand area, boat landing, seawall, steps or other improvement or alteration ("improvement") shall be installed, constructed or replaced on the shoreline without the express prior written approval of the TLIA Board. Applications for approval shall be made in writing, filed with the TLIA Secretary and referred to the Lake Committee for review and recommendation by the Board. In making the final determination on the application, the Board may consider, among other factors, the location and topography of the site, accessibility of the lake, the possibility of erosion, pollution and other adverse effects on the lake, and the proximity of other TLIA facilities (such as boat landings). The Board may grant, or withhold, its consent and has sole and absolute discretion.
- Notwithstanding the above regulations, piers and improvements that were constructed or installed prior to May 1995 shall be permitted so long as members whose property adjoins the pier or improvement (i) agrees to indemnify and defend TLIA from all claims, costs, and liabilities arising out of the use and maintenance of the pier or improvement and (ii) maintains and keeps the pier or improvement in good repair, including erosion control.
- Any replacement or major repair of any pier or alteration permitted by this rule (including, without limitation, the replacement of sand) shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the new construction of such improvement or alteration. Piers which were constructed prior to May 1995 and are permitted to remain pursuant to this rule shall not be replaced.
- Any structure or improvement installed, constructed or maintained by or on behalf of any

- member in violation of these rules, shall be removed by or at the expense of such member.
- No tree removal, shrub clearing, or earth movement shall be conducted on the shoreline without the prior written approval of the TLIA Board. No member shall install any landscaping which impedes pedestrian traffic by other members and their guests on and across the shoreline. All landscaping activities shall be conducted in a manner as to prevent erosion and sedimentation and to preserve the natural beauty of the shoreline. From time to time the Grounds and/or Lake Committees may establish a list of trees and shrubs which shall not be planted on the shoreline. Leaf burning and the disposal of grass clippings on the shoreline is prohibited. The foregoing rules shall not be construed to prevent emergency actions in which it is not practical to seek prior approval or any maintenance activity conducted under the auspices of the Grounds or Lake Committees.
 - The shoreline shall not be used in any manner which shall constitute a nuisance to any other member, particularly members whose property adjoins the shoreline. Fishing or other congregation by more than two (2) people may constitute such a nuisance.

Bulletin Boards

- The bulletin boards are for use by the Communications Committee to provide information to the TLIA community. Postings may only be added and removed by Communications Committee members or their designees. Any other posting must be approved by the Communications Committee Chair in writing prior to posting. Any postings not approved by the Communications Committee will be considered unauthorized and will be removed without notice.

Key Contact Information

- Member Services (beach and boat tags): memberservices@TLIA.org
- Communications Committee (bulletin boards): communications@TLIA.org
- President or Vice President (soccer field scheduling): president@TLIA.org
- Grounds Chair (volleyball court scheduling): grounds@TLIA.org