



Welcome Dive Instructors & Dive Masters!

Thank you for your interest and support of our diving program. We look forward to hosting you and your students in our wonderful watersports facility and aquatic wonderland. Please make sure to read all the documents in this Instructor's Packet, provide all the required documentation, and follow all rules to ensure a safe and effective learning environment.

The following documents are required by both instructors and DMs every July 1st and are valid until the following June 30th. Those that do not have a current copy of the following documentation may not dive at our facility until current copies are on file. If you have questions, please email us at [tigertailinfo@broward.edu](mailto:tigertailinfo@broward.edu) or call us at 954-201-4500.

All bookings are made online through TigertailLake.com, before arrival. Please ensure all your students have signed their e-waivers prior to checking in; the link is in the confirmation email.

There are two reservation start times - 9 am and 12 pm; both of these reservation times are valid for all day. We are open 9 am - 5 pm.

#### **Required Document Checklist:**

The following documentation must be submitted and reviewed prior to checking in for your reservation at Tigertail Lake Recreational Center. Please send your required documents to [tigertailinfo@broward.edu](mailto:tigertailinfo@broward.edu).

- Proof of Dive Instructor Certification
- Certificate of Insurance & Additional Insured
- DAN membership
- Tigertail Lake Diving Rules (2 pages, attached)
- Liability Waiver/Release Form (3 pages, attached)
- FER/Facility Request Form

#### **➤ Proof of Dive Instructor/DM Certification:**

Current (unexpired) and valid proof of Dive Instructor's certification from a recognized certifying organization. Tigertail Lake Recreational Center will copy this document and keep it on file.

#### **➤ Proof of Insurance & Additional Insured:**

Current (unexpired) proof of instructor's insurance naming "Broward College" as additionally insured. All instructors, primary or otherwise, must have valid, current insurance and proof of insurance. Tigertail Lake Recreational Center will copy this document and keep it on file.

#### **➤ Tigertail Lake Diving Rules (2 pages):**

Every instructor and dive master must fill out the diving rules that we will keep on file for the current fiscal year, July 1st to June 30th. This forms need only be filled out once for the fiscal year.

➤ Liability Waiver/Release Form:

Every instructor and dive master must fill out the included waiver that we will keep on file for the current fiscal year, July 1st to June 30th. This waiver need only be filled out once for the fiscal year.

Dive students must fill out the online e-waiver form that will be made available to the instructor once they create a booking for the day. Once the booking is complete, the instructor will receive a confirmation email that contains the link to the e-waiver. Forward this link to your dive students. Dive student waivers are only kept on file for thirty days. Please note that all bookings must be made by 5:00pm the previous day via our website, [www.tigertaillake.com](http://www.tigertaillake.com).

➤ FER/Facility Request Form

Please make sure to fill out a Facility/Equipment Request (FER) Form for the current year. Attached to this packet is a current Facility/Equipment Request (FER) Form. Please fill it out to the best of your ability with current information and include it with your packet to be filed with the front office. Please note: Only the primary Dive Instructor for a dive shop needs to fill out an FER form. We can add/remove additional instructors as needed.

Key Information and Additional Rules – PLEASE READ:

- **Pricing:** Each dive student is \$20. Dive Instructors and *working* Dive Masters will continue to be free of charge. This cost is per daily session at the facility.
- **There is an after-hours charge of \$20 per fifteen minutes.** This charge is to offset the cost of staffing the lake beyond normal operating hours. All divers must be out of the water and going to your vehicles by 5:00PM (our closing time) or the dive instructor will incur this additional charge for every fifteen minutes they continue to be in the water. All outstanding charges, fees, and fines must be paid in full before that dive shop will be allowed to book another session at Tigertail Lake Recreational Center. Lifeguards and staff may attempt to notify divers when thirty minutes remain, but because dive instructors and their students might be underwater, ultimately **it is the responsibility of the dive instructor to keep track of the time.**
- **A dive flag is required when diving off the platforms or outside of the designated diving area between the docks.** You must bring your own dive flag –due to an overabundance of caution and COVID-19 guidelines we can no longer provide shared equipment such as flags. If you have a question as to what constitutes the diving area, or it is unclear to you, please ask one of our lifeguards or staff. If a lifeguard or staff ask you to stay within the diving area, please comply.
- **You must book your reservation online. No walk-up bookings will be permitted at this time.** Simply visit [www.tigertaillake.com](http://www.tigertaillake.com) and you may book your dive instruction session, pay, and have all the waivers signed by your students ahead of time.

Once you have checked in, **you will be assigned a table** upon which to keep your dive gear, equipment, etc. These tables may not be moved. They are placed at intentional intervals in order to maintain distancing as proposed by the CDC and Federal, State, and County mandates.

*Please make sure to read the entire Dive Instructor Packet, fill out all the required forms, and bring copies of the required information so you don't run into any delays.*

*If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 954-201-4500 or check our website at [www.tigertaillake.com](http://www.tigertaillake.com) for updates and information.*

*We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you!*

**Instructor: Please keep these first two pages for reference.**

# Tigertail Lake Diving Rules

- **ALL DIVERS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE SETTING UP.** After check-in and getting wristbands, divers may enter through the diver's gate located between the Tigertail Lake Office and the Boathouse. Vehicles may back up to the diver's gate to load and unload gear, however do not block the gate any longer than necessary. Divers may park their vehicles in the normal Tigertail Lake parking spots but don't block our access to the boat house.
- All diving activities in Tigertail Lake outside of the sailboat moorings must be conducted with the use of a dive flag. If you don't have a dive flag, ask to use the lake's.
- Divers may access bathroom facilities from the beach on the west end of the facility through the "Diver's Door", identified by the dive flag sign.
- A beach shower is available located behind the shade tent adjacent to the boathouse next to the scuba gear rinse basin.
- Any sign of lightning or thunder will terminate all diving activities immediately. If the THOR Guard alarm is activated, it will issue a single loud horn blast indicating that the area is unsafe for water activities. ALL divers must exit the water and seek shelter at an approved covered area. The THOR Guard system has the final say.
- Three short consecutive horn blasts from the THOR Guard system indicate safe conditions and an all-clear to re-enter the water and resume activities.
- Gasoline engines are prohibited on the lake. This includes any apparatus that delivers air to divers below. Electric motors, however, are acceptable for use on the lake.
- **All divers must** sign a waiver before entering the lake. An electronic e-waiver will be made available to the instructor during the booking process, or may be signed at check-in. We keep instructor's waivers on file through June 30th. It needs to be signed each year, on July 1st.
- Be aware that you'll be sharing the lake with other non-diving patrons. We appreciate a friendly family-type environment. These very same lake patrons may one day be your Open Water Students.
- First Aid supplies, AED, and DAN O2 kit are located in the office. In case of emergency, please notify a lifeguard and activate the EAP.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Dive Shop\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

## Instructors:

- Admission
  - Students: \$20
  - Instructors and working Dive Masters: Free
- If you have your students off the platform make sure that they are using proper kicks and buoyancy control to avoid stirring up the bottom and ruining the visibility for other divers. Please take advantage of the guide lines that mark out the trails.
- Instructors giving a swim test are required to use a Tigertail Lake Recreational Center lifeguard during the test. Please notify Tigertail Lake staff that you'll need a lifeguard for your swim test and we will happily accommodate.
- No children are to be left unattended on the beach.
- Instructors with students under 18 must wait with their students until legal guardians pick them up.
- Any divers (guest of the instructor) wanting to dive with a class are welcome; however, they must be under the control of the instructor. Instructors will be charged the per-student fee for their guest and they must also fill out the normal paper work same as their students.
- The lake may be accessed outside of regular operational hours for an additional charge of \$20 per additional hour *with advance notice of at least 48 hours*. Dive instructors and their classes failing to exit the lake on time will be charged \$20 every 15 minutes past closing.
- PLEASE respect the memorial to Richard Hartley.

**I have read and understand and agree to comply with all the above rules.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dive Shop** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

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## **ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND GENERAL LIABILITY RELEASE**

### **Participation in ANY Tigertail Lake Center Activity and/or Class:**

I, the undersigned, request to be permitted to participate in the recreational activities and/or classes associated with, conducted by, or falling under the umbrella of, Broward College's Tigertail Lake Center, including but not limited to the Tigertail Aqua Challenge, Tigertail Lake Challenge Course, Tigertail Lake Watersports, Tigertail Lake Rope Course, Tigertail Lake Scuba Diving, Lifeguard Classes, and including but not limited to any and all required classes and any and all required tests necessary to participate in the recreational activities and classes. I affirmatively certify that I do not suffer from any disease, sickness, physical impairment or other condition, or use prescription or non-prescription medications which would affect, interfere, or impair my ability to participate in the recreational activities and/or classes associated with, conducted by, or falling under the umbrella of, Broward College's Tigertail Lake Center. I fully understand that my participation in the above mentioned may require rigorous physical activity. I fully understand the dangers, hazards, and risks associated with my participation the recreational activities and/or classes associated with, conducted by, or falling under the umbrella of, Broward College's Tigertail Lake Center. I understand that these risks include, but are not limited to, serious bodily injury, disability, death, and impairment to my body, general health, and well-being including without limitation risks of drowning, heat exposure, sun exposure, falling, being hit by a boat, lightning, etc. and I EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS.

### **For Participation in Scuba Diving:**

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) If I am a student taking dive instruction, I understand that my dive instructor(s) are independent contractors and not employees of Broward College.

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) As a certified diver, or as a student receiving scuba diving instruction, I understand that scuba diving is a hazardous activity with inherent risks and dangers associated therewith including, but not limited to, risks associated with equipment failure, perils of swimming, as well as acts of fellow divers which could result in my serious injury or death. BY WAY OF MY SIGNATURE I EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS OF SCUBA DIVING OR SNORKELING OR SWIMMING, WHETHER THESE RISKS ARE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED OR NOT.

In consideration for my participation in Scuba Diving, I agree that:

1. Prior to diving, I will inspect all equipment to be used to make sure that it is in good operating condition. My use of the equipment after inspection represents my acceptance of the property in "as is" condition. If I have an objection to the condition of the equipment, I must refrain from using the equipment and bring the issue to the attention of Broward College immediately after inspection. Failure to do so shall constitute a waiver;
2. I have an affirmative duty to plan and carry out my own dive and to be responsible for my own safety. By way of my signature I expressly agree that I will plan all my dives as no decompression dives and within safe limits of recreational scuba diving.
3. I am fully aware and have been trained in the dangers, risks, and hazards of holding my breath while diving on compressed air. I fully agree not to hold the released parties responsible for any such injuries sustained by me.

4. I understand that this diving activity may be conducted in a remote site by time and distance from a medical facility and a recompression chamber. Nevertheless, I expressly wish to proceed with this diving activity and assume all risks including injuries which may be suffered by me before, during, or after my participation.
5. I confirm that my highest Level of Instruction is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I confirm that the Certifying Agency is \_\_\_\_\_. My instructor number is \_\_\_\_\_.

**General Release of Liability Participation in ANY Tigertail Lake Center Activity and/or Class:**

In Consideration for my participation in the recreational activities and/or classes associated with, conducted by, or falling under the umbrella of, Broward College's Tigertail Lake Center I agree to ASSUME ALL RISKS and to RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE, on behalf of myself, my agents, representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, Broward College, the State of Florida, the district, The District Board of Trustees, and all of their agents, representatives, employees, contractors, successors and assigns, of all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses, and any causes of action whatsoever, whether known or unknown, arising out of, or in any way connected with, my participation in the recreational activity and/or classes, including the risks associated with transportation, participation, and engagement in these activities and injuries which may be suffered by me before, during, or after my participation in all activities, classes, tests, or procedures associated with or related to the activity. **I understand that this waiver includes any claim based on negligence, action, or inaction of the parties.**

I fully understand and acknowledge that:

- (a) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are heightened risks and dangers associated with participating in an Off-Campus Program and Instruction which could result in bodily injury, medical complications, and death if I were to become infected with COVID-19. These inherent risks and dangers cannot be avoided or eliminated, even if the College uses reasonable care;
- (b) there are risks and dangers that may be caused by my actions, inactions or **NEGLIGENCE** or the actions, inactions or **NEGLIGENCE** of others, including, but not limited to, the Releasees named below;
- (c) there may be other unknown risks or risks that are not reasonably foreseeable at this time; and
- (d) **I HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY HARM, MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS, AND EVEN DEATH** as a result of my participation in an Off-Campus Program and Instruction, whether caused in whole or in part by the **NEGLIGENCE** of the Releasees or otherwise.

I, as well as on behalf of my personal representatives, assigns, executors, heirs and next of kin ("Releasors"), hereby forever **RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE and COVENANT NOT TO SUE** Broward College, its officers, Board of Trustees, employees, agents, attorneys, and insurers ("Releasees") from and against any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, judgments, damages, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, losses, suits, proceedings, and costs thereof (including attorneys' fees and court costs), in law or in equity, of any kind and nature, if I am infected with COVID-19 as a result of my participation in an Off-Campus Program and Instruction, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the **NEGLIGENCE** of the Releasees.

I expressly agree that this **COVID-19 Release, Waiver of Liability, and Assumption of Risk Agreement** is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Florida Law and federal law or federal regulations and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the remaining balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

By signing below, I certify that I have read this **COVID-19 Release, Waiver of Liability, and Assumption of Risk Agreement** and fully understand its terms. **I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.**

**PHOTO MEDIA RELEASE: I grant Broward College, Tigertail Lake Center the right to use, reproduce, assign and/or distribute photographs, films, videotapes, and sounds recordings of myself for use in materials they may create.**

**I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND VOLUNTARILY EXECUTED THIS DOCUMENT WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS CONTENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dive Instructor/Shop

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Signature of Parent/ Guardian  
(If participant is under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES.**

I have read and understand the above statement and I knowingly and willingly assume all risks and I knowingly and willingly hold the District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida, Broward College, the State of Florida, and any of their agents, contractors and employees harmless of any responsibility should I suffer an injury, disability or death as a result of my participation in the above-mentioned activity.

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