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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN OPEN WATER EVENT (MS 86B.121)

The following is a list of general requirements and conditions of the Water Surface Use Permit for an EVENT. There may be additional requirements due to unique concerns with a particular event:

- 1) APPLICANT must obtain and pay for a Comprehensive General Liability Insurance policy in the amount of \$500,000 per person and \$1,500,000 per occurrence for Death and Bodily Injury. All policies shall provide that they shall not be canceled, materially changed or not renewed without thirty days prior notice thereof to the County. The policy shall contain an endorsement which shall provide coverage under the indemnification provision of this permit. The policy shall name the County of Washington as a certificate holder. The APPLICANT agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Washington County, its officers, employees and agents for any and all claims arising out of the APPLICANT'S activities related to the EVENT provided under this permit. No other provision of this permit shall serve to limit in any way the obligations of the APPLICANT to indemnify and defend the County under this clause and nothing herein is intended to waive the liability limits contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466. A Certificate of Insurance must be supplied to the Sheriff's Office at least ten days prior to the event. The Washington County Risk Manager will verify that the insurance requirements are met before the permit is issued.
- 2) The APPLICANT must contact the local enforcement agencies whose jurisdictions will be affected by the traffic, spectators or participants of the EVENT.
- 3) The APPLICANT must make arrangements for emergency medical services at the site of the EVENT.
- 4) The APPLICANT must provide an adequate number of approved toilet facilities for use by participants and spectators.
- 5) The APPLICANT is responsible for the restoration of the EVENT area to an acceptable condition, which will include but not be limited to removal of all debris, litter and trash from the EVENT area immediately after the EVENT.
- 6) The EVENT is not to interfere with any public accesses to the lake.

- 7) All watercraft must be properly licensed and equipped as required by Minnesota State Statutes. Any exemptions granted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources shall accompany the application. Exempted watercraft are not allowed to leave the EVENT area.
- 8) A Minnesota State Department of Natural Resources permit is required for any fishing contest when entry fees exceed \$25.00 and prizes exceed \$25,000.00 or when the number of participants exceeds 30 for open water and 150 for ice fishing. See the DNR website or call the DNR Information Center (651-296-6157) for more information and to get costs for a permit.
- 9) The APPLICANT must provide two (2) boats equipped with first aid equipment. These boats will also be used to help keep spectators out of the EVENT area.
- 10) If the conditions listed above are not met, the permit shall be revoked.