

**PORTROE DIVE and ACTIVITY CENTRE Ltd.**  
**General Terms & Conditions.**

**WE WELCOME SAFE AND HAPPY DIVERS!**

Please read the following information before filling in the form on the opposite side of this sheet. The completion and signing of this form confirms your acceptance of the rules detailed below.

**Portroe Dive and Activity Centre Ltd cannot be held responsible for an individual's own actions which result in them taking unnecessary risks beyond their capabilities. Common sense, self-preservation and care are essential.**

**Rules:**

1. Divers using any of the facilities at Portroe do so at their own risk. Portroe Dive and Activity Centre Ltd accepts no responsibility for accidents whilst diving or for any loss of possessions within the grounds. Vehicles are left entirely at their owners' risk and Portroe Dive and Activity Centre Ltd will accept no responsibility for the safety of said vehicles or any valuables therein which might be lost, damaged or stolen
2. Only certified divers or divers in training under direct supervision will be allowed access to the water. Proof of qualifications or training, must be produced. No proof, No dive, No exceptions. The minimum age for divers is 16. Divers under the age of 18 must be under the direct supervision of an adult and must meet the minimum age requirements of their training agency.
3. All divers must follow safe diving practices as laid down by their governing body: BSAC/ CMAS/ CFT/ PADI/ TDI, etc. All divers must be medically fit for diving, and are responsible for the serviceability of their own equipment. All divers must buddy up, and if separated they must ascend to the surface. At no time should you undertake any dive that is beyond the level of your training or ability unless you are undergoing training or supervision from a qualified and fully insured diving instructor. **Please note that solo diving is not allowed at Portroe Dive Centre at any time. Any diver found to be diving solo will be asked to leave site.**
4. Do not enter the water unless you have signed in at the office. If you are unsure of the signing in procedure, consult a member of the site staff.
5. Access to the water is across the jetty to the island and via the metal stairs or 2 step off points. Entering or exiting the water at any point other than those designated for this purpose is not allowed. **No person is allowed on the island without an immersion suit or PFD**
6. Swimming is not allowed.
7. Diving is not permitted outside of the site opening hours without prior arrangement with the management of Portroe Dive Centre. Divers are required to exit the water by 5.00pm.
8. No object may be removed from the lake or the site without the express permission of the Directors of Portroe Dive Centre.
9. **DO NOT ENTER ANY TUNNELS, SHAFTS OR OVERHEAD ENVIRONMENTS. THESE MAY BE UNSTABLE AND COULD CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!**
10. Children must be accompanied by an adult **at all times** and should not be left to their own devices. **Children under 12 are not permitted at the water's edge or cliff areas and must be supervised by an adult at all times.** Please - No stone throwing anywhere!
11. Road ways are to be kept clear at all times. Please park only in designated areas. The slipway access route must be kept clear of vehicles and trailers at all times to allow access by emergency services in the event of an incident.
12. Portable compressors are not allowed at Portroe Dive Centre. Air is available on site. Barbecues are not allowed. No dogs allowed, except guide dogs.
13. **Quarrying work continues on another part of the site with heavy machinery. There is no public access to the rest of the quarry, including the cliffs, banks and spoil heaps.** Please confine yourself to the areas within the dive centre location and pay attention to the safety and warning signs. We will not be responsible for accidents caused as a result of disregarding these instructions.
14. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AREA AROUND THE RESCUE BOAT IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO DIVERS IN AND OUT OF THE WATER**
15. Certain parts of the lake have been marked off as a restricted area for safety reasons by yellow and black hazard tape. Please do not go beyond this tape and do not interfere with it.
16. Portroe Dive Centre cannot be held responsible for loss of or damage to equipment. It is the owners' responsibility to ensure the safety and security of equipment at all times whilst on site

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

**FIRE**

In the event of a fire contact a member of staff immediately.

**IN WATER EMERGENCY**

In the event of a diver emergency, please inform a member of staff immediately, or use the klaxon located at the slipway. There is a Rescue boat that can only be used by trained staff.

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

The First Aid station is in the office. An oxygen set is also located here. ALL injuries - no matter how minor you think they are - should be reported to a member of our staff.

**POSSIBLE SITE HAZARDS**

The car park, slipway access, spoil heaps and other areas are covered with loose gravel and compacted slate, and are uneven surfaces. Customers using the site are advised to wear sensible footwear and to take care when walking around. As the surfaces are uneven you should not run anywhere.

Stay away from spoil heaps and banks.

In winter, surfaces may be icy, including entry and exit points on the jetty.

The water is often very cold and also very deep.

**You are responsible for your own assessment of conditions and potential risks whilst diving.**