

Why Do You Need A Club: NAPKA

North American Power Kiting Association (NAPKA) is a non-profit making organization, run by power kilters from across North America.

Club Objectives

To work with the relevant bodies to develop and maintain access to land areas in North America for kiting activities;

To grow the sport and improve safety by offering knowledge and guidance through our instruction at NAPKA sanctioned events across North America;

To help organize events, both sporting and social, to build the community of kilters in North America

Membership

All applicants must be citizens in good standing of their country on the North American Continent. Membership to NAPKA is set annually depending on the clubs ability to afford the necessary corporate functions, including but not limited to (insurance premiums, corporate documents, materials to conduct business, postage) Any member in good standing can run for and hold committee positions or club leadership positions. It also allows you to attend all of our club meets, demo days and events.

Continued membership of NAPKA is dependent on maintaining current membership dues and abiding by the club rules and our code of conduct. This is the responsibility of each individual member.

What NAPKA Can Do For You!

Clubs are the lifeblood of the sport ensuring a local point of contact for any issues that may arise locally.

Councils and bodies prefer to talk to clubs - you look organized - it is one point of contact for them.

It is important to form a club in your region to maintain access and growth of the sport in your region.

Do you want to lose the right to use the beach /access for your kite sports?

Councils and Landowners do not always engage with its stakeholders/individuals (i.e. you) and may ban activities that take place with little warning.

A club can highlight that there is a group of organized people as a point of contact - it is better to inform and create relationships before any problems occur.

This worst case scenario may have been avoided by formation of a local club!

With a Club you could -

1. Agree with the council designated kite beaches / areas, you can now tell members of the public that they are entering a beach /area designated for an agreed activity.
2. Have a code of conduct asking for all power kite riders to be members of NAPKA in order to participate in the sanctioned activities do to NAPKA's Event Liability Insurance and obey the code of conduct.

Education not Confrontation

When forming a club the following should be taken into consideration-

A Club Name

Remember you will be dealing with local authorities and Landowners
Our name identifies us and you as part of an organized group with its own rules

Coverage - which areas you will cover?

Identify the main areas that where the activities take place.

What does the club wish to achieve?

Access, Zoning, Safety members and public, Education, Liability Insurance, Teaching, Coaching, Council liaison, Code of conduct, Insurance, Events, Socials

How much to charge for membership?

Depends on what you want to achieve - Cost should be reasonable - Free clubs seldom work, as members have not invested in it.

How to get your message across?

Website

NAPKA benefits to affiliated clubs in NAPKA regional system

The NAPKA website is one of the most visited sites for information for the sports- it is a portal for your club to be exposed to the maximum amount of people

NAPKA benefits to regional clubs

By becoming and regional club you will be covered under the NAPKA master policy for your officers and club members for activities , social and events
Access when available to club NAPKA race crew and equipment - VHF Radios, Signaling devices, marks etc.

How can the NAPKA help?

The NAPKA are actively encouraging the formation of clubs and have a raft of documents that can be used to help you form a club

There are many other ways we can help, remember the better organized you get the more likely you are to protect your local beach or fly areas. We want to work with local clubs to ensure you can ride anywhere in the country.

If you want help or advice just email us at www.NAPKA.org