

The 10-Point Etiquette of the Swiss Cave Diver



- 1) We want to be (and to stay) welcomed guests everywhere and thus show a corresponding attitude.
- **2**) We use the **least possible number of vehicles for transportation** to our dive sites and at the site we do not block any roads, footpaths and entries or exits.
- **3**) We are **polite with local residents and other guests** on site and respect their justified concerns and requests as well as we respect local legislation.
- 4) At the site we change our dresses discretely and always strive for showing a correct attitude and behaviour in public.
- **5**) We do not produce any unnecessary emissions, we don our equipment while keeping a low profile and in orderly manner, we do not leave any trash behind and **restrict our presence to the necessary minimum**.
- **6**) Our attitude towards other divers regardless which organisation they are coming from is the one of **good colleagues**; there is no room for arrogance of any kind.
- 7) Safety in cave diving is our honest and most focused concern; we strictly abide to the standards, safety rules and procedures and are diving defensively
- 8) I've got a top cave diving training, because I know: every incident may create a dive ban more and without proper certification, there is no insurance coverage.
- **9**) Alcohol and drugs before diving activities are both deadly sins and are completely banned in our sport.
- **10**) The underwater attitude is so that any impairment of the flora and fauna of the cave and its environment is reduced to a bare minimum and the **former state of the delicate ecosystem will be retained**.

Please keep in mind: ONE single disorderly behaviour can destroy the good reputation of a group which has been carefully built up over the years and may cause the closing of a site!