

Water Ski Safety Directors

Development Program

Program Description

USA Water Ski's Safety Directors' Development Program is designed to improve and maintain the quality of Safety Directors at all sanctioned water ski tournaments, practices and exhibitions. USA Water Ski members can advance through the four Safety Director rating levels – coordinator, state, regional and national – by following USA Water Ski's three-step process – education, participation and evaluation – for completing all quantitative and maintenance requirements at each level. However, the major difference between the four rating levels within the program is the amount of experience, both administrative (procedures/paperwork) and practical (serving at sanctioned-tournaments with various numbers of contestants), that's required to advance through the program. Safety Coordinators, the bottom rung of the Safety Director rating ladder, meet the safety personnel requirement at sanctioned practices, exhibitions and fun tournaments only. State Safety Directors are eligible to serve as Safety Director at any sanctioned practice, exhibition or tournament, except Regionals and Nationals. A Regional Safety Director may serve as Safety Director at all sanctioned activities, including Regionals, but not at Nationals. National Safety Directors may serve as Safety Directors at all USA Water Ski-sanctioned activities, including Nationals. A detailed description of the quantitative requirements for advancing to and maintaining each rating is included on the other side of this form.

Step One- Education: Educational opportunities through on- and off-water clinics are increasingly available. Safety Directors of all levels are encouraged to take advantage of those opportunities as listed in each Regional Guide, The Water Skier and other USA Water Ski publications. Attendance at a USA Water Ski-sanctioned safety clinic once every four years is mandatory for both upgrading and maintenance purposes. Please review the quantitative requirements on the other side of this form.

Step Two – Participation: For each rating, there are certain quantitative requirements, which must be fulfilled before the Safety Director proceeds to the next step. Remember to record your work as such in your Personal Performance Record and have it signed by the Chief Safety Director. Extra Personal Performance Records are included in all tournament kits (Chief Judge II packet) and are available from USA Water Ski upon request. It is important to verify that your work is accurately listed on the Tournament Officials' Record included in the Tournament Scorebook, since this is how your work is recorded and credited at USA Water Ski Headquarters. Red Cross First Aid and CPR Clinic Courses (or equivalent) are required for state, regional and national ratings. A certificate of completion is accepted as proof. Annual maintenance requirements are based on a calendar year (i.e., work performed January 1 through December 31, 2000, counts as renewal for 2001).

Step Three – Evaluation: Thirty (30) days after having completed the quantitative requirements for your next rating, you may contact USA Water Ski to verify that you have indeed done so and that your work has been correctly recorded at USA Water Ski Headquarters. A Safety Coordinator who aspires to become a State Safety Director must submit a completed application to USA Water Ski for final rating approval.

1. Aspiring Safety Coordinators will take a comprehensive open-book test at a clinic.
2. State Safety Directors aspiring to become Regional Safety Directors will be mailed an open-book test which they have up to 30 days to complete and return to USA Water Ski Headquarters to be graded.
3. Regional Safety Directors who aspire to become National Safety Directors will take a closed-book test under the supervision of an instructor/trainer at a clinic or other meeting place that has been agreed upon.

Aspiring Regional and National Safety Directors can only take the test once. Once you have successfully completed Step 3, you have achieved the final rating and will receive written confirmation from USA Water Ski Headquarters.

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Quantitative Requirements

Safety Coordinator

A Safety Coordinator may serve as the safety personnel required to be present at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned practice, exhibition or Class F (Fun) tournament. A Safety Coordinator also is an aspiring State Safety Director. A Safety Coordinator may not serve as Chief Safety Director at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournament. However, a Safety Coordinator may assist at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournament to gain credit towards achieving his State Safety Director rating. A Safety Coordinator may apply work credit earned at USA Water Ski-sanctioned Class F (Fun) tournaments towards becoming a State Safety Director.

- ♦ Minimum age – 18
- ♦ Must attend one USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic

State Safety Director (use application)

A State Safety Director may serve as Safety Director (Chief or as an assistant) at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournament. A State Safety Director may not serve as Chief or Assistant Chief at Regionals or Nationals.

- ♦ One USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic
- ♦ Current Red Cross First Aid and CPR or equivalent (certificate of completion as proof)
- ♦ Three USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments assisting appointed Chief Safety Director (except Regionals and Nationals) – at least one of these three USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments **must** be a Class C or above tournament and two may be USA Water Ski-sanctioned show exhibitions under the supervision of a current State Safety Director, NSSA Regular Judge or president/show director of the sponsoring team

Regional Safety Director

A Regional Safety Director may serve as Safety Director (Chief or assistant) at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournament. A Regional Safety Director may not serve as Chief at Nationals.

- ♦ One USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic completed since becoming a State Safety Director
- ♦ Current Red Cross First Aid and CPR or equivalent (certificate of completion as proof)
- ♦ Eight USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments or show exhibitions as Safety Director (chief or assistant)
- ♦ Two additional USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments as Chief Safety Director
- ♦ A written take-home test (once the above requirements are met and verified by USA Water Ski)

National Safety Director

A National Safety Director may work ALL USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments

- ♦ One USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic completed since becoming a Regional Safety Director
- ♦ Current Red Cross First Aid and CPR or equivalent (certificate of completion as proof)
- ♦ Nine USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments or show exhibitions as Safety Director (chief or assistant)
- ♦ Three additional USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments as Chief Safety Director
- ♦ Three USA Water Ski-sanctioned Regionals (Conferences) or Nationals in three **SEPARATE** years (in addition to the previous two requirements)
- ♦ A closed-book written test taken under the supervision of an instructor/trainer once above is verified

These ratings may be achieved by working USA Water Ski-sanctioned ABC, AKA, NCWSA, NSSA, NWSRA, WSDA, AWSA or wakeboard events.

Safety Coordinators' and State, Regional and National Safety Directors' Clinic Requirements

Attendance at a USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic is required once every four years.

State, Regional and National Safety Directors' Annual Renewal (January 1 – December 31)

Requires working two USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments or show exhibitions per calendar year. A tournament may be of any type from any Sports Division. Regional and National Safety Directors must work one of the two tournaments as Chief. Clinic attendance may be used to replace the other tournament renewal requirement.

It is *recommended* that First Aid and CPR certification be kept current. Upon renewal, send a copy of certification to USA Water Ski HQ. Proof of *current* First Aid and CPR will be required at each sanctioned Safety Clinic you attend.