



# INSURANCE FACT SUMMARY

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*This brochure has been prepared by USA Water Ski to describe and explain, in a summary manner, the insurance policies which USA Water Ski maintains for the protection and benefit of its clubs, associations, sport disciplines, divisions and individual members in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events. This brochure is intended for informational purposes only and is not a contract of insurance. Should there be any discrepancy between this brochure and the provisions of the actual insurance policies, the terms and provisions of the actual insurance policies will prevail.*

## INTRODUCTION

USA Water Ski is the National Governing Body for organized water skiing in the United States, and is a member of the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation-IWWF (World Governing Body), the Pan American Sports Organization and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

The following are associations, sport disciplines & divisions of USA Water Ski: American Water Ski Association (AWSA), American Barefoot Club (ABC), American Kneeboard Association (AKA), National Collegiate Water Ski Association (NCWSA), National Show Ski Association (NSSA), National Water Ski Racing Association (NWSRA), United States Hydrofoil Association (USHA), USA Wakeboard (USA-WB) and Water Skiers with Disabilities Association (WSDA).

USA Water Ski serves a dual mission to promote the growth and development of recreational water skiing, and to organize and govern the sport of competitive water skiing. As part of fulfilling this mission, USA Water Ski provides sanctions for tournaments, practices, exhibitions, clinics and related activities which comply with USA Water Ski's rules and regulations. Sanction applications can be obtained at [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org) or by contacting the USA Water Ski national office.

As part of sanctioning, USA Water Ski provides General Liability and Participant Accident coverage for the protection and benefit of its clubs, associations, sport disciplines, divisions and individual members in connection with sanctioned events. A summary of the USA Water Ski insurance programs, along with answers to commonly asked questions, information about how to request certificates of insurance, and instructions about how to report incidents and claims are included within this brochure.



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## USA WATER SKI GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY

The USA Water Ski General Liability insurance program provides legal liability protection to USA Water Ski affiliated clubs, associations, sport disciplines, divisions and individual members **with respect to tournaments, practices, exhibitions, clinics and related activities sanctioned and approved by USA Water Ski**. Without this coverage, the availability of private or public bodies of water for use in hosting tournaments, practices and other sanctioned events would be jeopardized.

### ***Who is the Insurance Carrier for the USA Water Ski General Liability Policy?***

Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company  
A.M. Best Financial Rating: A++ (Superior)  
Financial Size Category: XV (\$2 Billion or greater)

### ***Who is an Insured under the USA Water Ski General Liability Policy?***

- USA Water Ski, Inc.
- USA Water Ski Associations, Sport Disciplines and Divisions, and each of their respective employees, directors, officers, coaches, and volunteers.
- USA Water Ski Member Clubs, and their event organizers, event directors, event officials, event coaches, event volunteers and individual members of USAWS, but only while acting in their capacity as such with respect to events sanctioned by USA Water Ski.

### ***What limits of coverage are provided under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy?***

Per Occurrence Limit *	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit (applies Per Event)	\$ 2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury	\$ 1,000,000
Damage to Premises Rented to You	\$ 1,000,000
Medical Expense (any one person)	Excluded
Abuse and Molestation (each occurrence) **	\$1,000,000
Abuse and Molestation (aggregate) **	\$2,000,000
Participant Legal Liability	Included
Watercraft Liability (for non-owned watercraft less than 58 feet in length)	Included

*\*An Umbrella Liability policy provides an additional \$1,000,000 each occurrence and in the aggregate excess of and on a following form basis to the primary General Liability limits of coverage. The aggregate limit for this Umbrella Liability policy applies separately for each sanctioned event.*

*\*\*A sublimit of \$250,000 per person and \$500,000 in the aggregate applies if background check has not been performed.*

### ***Are Waiver and Release Forms Required as a Condition of Coverage?***

Signed Waiver and Release forms are required from all participants (and from parents/legal guardians in the case of minors) prior to participation in USA Water Ski sanctioned events. Copies of the required waiver and release forms are available at the [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org) web site or by contacting the USA Water Ski national office. The clubs and event organizers are responsible for making sure these forms are being signed and submitted in accordance with USA Water Ski guidelines. By signing these forms, the participants (or parents of participating minors) acknowledge the inherent risks and dangers associated with participating in USA Water Ski sanctioned events and their acceptance of these risks. It is important to remember that obtaining signed waivers from all participants does not reduce the need for insurance or effective safety practices. A signed waiver is USA Water Ski's "first line of defense" against a cause of action for negligence and is a very effective risk management tool.

## ***What is covered under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy?***

The USA Water Ski Commercial General Liability policy provides coverage for those sums that the Named Insureds become legally obligated to pay as damages because of claims brought by third parties alleging bodily injury, property damage, personal or advertising injury caused by the acts or omissions of the Named Insureds in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events. The following are a few of the key coverage areas:

***Bodily Injury Liability:*** protects the Named Insureds against claims brought by third parties alleging bodily injury or death caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Named Insureds. The USA Water Ski General Liability policy excludes coverage for medical expenses, since bodily injuries to members participating in a sanctioned event are covered under USA Water Ski's Participant Accident Medical policy.

***Property Damage Liability:*** protects the Named Insureds against claims brought by third parties alleging physical damage to or loss of use of tangible property caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Named Insureds. All Commercial General Liability policies contain exclusions for damage to property in the insured's care custody and control. Therefore, ski equipment, towboats or other personal property used in connection with a sanctioned event would not be covered in the event of loss or damage. The policy will respond to third party property damage claims caused by use of the equipment, but not to the equipment itself.

***Personal & Advertising Injury Liability:*** protects the Named Insureds against injury, other than bodily injury, arising out of libel, slander, defamation of character, invasion of privacy, wrongful eviction, wrongful entry, false arrest, wrongful detention or imprisonment, malicious prosecution, misappropriation of advertising ideas or style of doing business, or infringement of copyright, title or slogan.

***Products Liability:*** protects the Named Insureds against liability for bodily injury or property damage as a consequence of some defect in a product sold or manufactured by a Named Insured. An example of a products liability claim would include a food poisoning claim from concessions sold by a Named Insured at a sanctioned event.

***Premises Liability:*** protects against liability for bodily injury caused by failure to maintain safe, secure and properly maintained premises. Regardless of how or why a person enters a property, property owners may be held liable if injury occurs. Slip-and-fall and trip-and-fall accidents are by far the most common claims in premises liability law suits.

***Participant Legal Liability:*** protects the Named Insureds against claims brought against that insured for "bodily injury" to a "participant" while participating in any USA Water Ski sanctioned event.

***Professional Liability (for Coaches & Officials):*** protects volunteer Coaches for an error or omission as respects physical training, fitness counseling and nutritional counseling, and

volunteer Officials for an error or omission as respects officiating of any USA Water Ski sanctioned event.

***Drug Testing Liability:*** provides Personal & Advertising Injury coverage for liability arising out of any drug testing program sponsored by USA Water Ski, provided the testing is conducted in accordance with U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) policies and procedures.

***Watercraft Legal Liability:*** protects the Named Insureds against claims arising out of use and operation of non-owned watercraft (i.e. towboats) less than 58 feet in length in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events. The watercraft liability coverage provided by this policy is secondary to the primary watercraft liability coverage required to be carried by the boat's owner (pursuant to the USA Water Ski Boat Insurance Requirements applicable to boats used during sanctioned events). Boat owners who satisfy the minimum boat insurance requirements will be eligible for excess watercraft liability coverage through USA Water Ski's General Liability policy while the owner's boat is being used during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. For further information, please refer to the Boat Insurance Requirements posted on the USA Water Ski web site.

***Host Liquor Liability:*** protects the Named Insureds against liability associated with serving alcohol on a complimentary basis. The laws vary by state, but most provide that a party which serves alcoholic beverages is liable for injury or damage caused by an intoxicated person if it can be established that the party serving the alcohol caused or contributed to the intoxication of the person. If alcohol is going to be for sale during a sanctioned event, the party selling the alcohol will need to secure an appropriate liquor license and carry Liquor Liability coverage. The USA Water Ski General Liability program does **not** provide coverage for liability arising out of the sale of alcoholic beverages.

***Abuse & Molestation Liability:*** protects the Named Insureds against claims alleging liability for actual or threatened abuse or molestation by anyone or any person while in the care, custody or control of any insured, or the Named Insured's negligent employment, investigation, supervision, reporting or failure to report to the proper authorities, retention of a person for whom any insured is or ever was legally responsible. This coverage will not pay any claim or defense costs on behalf of any person who personally takes part in inflicting physical or sexual abuse, sexual molestation, sexual exploitation or sexual injury upon another person; or on behalf of any person who remains passive upon gaining knowledge of any alleged physical or sexual abuse, sexual molestation, sexual exploitation, or sexual injury.

***What is not covered under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy?***

- Bodily Injury or Property Damage that is unrelated to a USA Water Ski sanctioned event or not caused by the acts or omissions of a Named Insured under the USA Water Ski General Liability program.
- Medical Expense claims are excluded under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy. (Note: Excess Accident Medical Expense coverage is provided for USA Water Ski members who are injured during USA Water Ski sanctioned events through the USA Water Ski's Participant Accident policy).
- Claims for physical damage, theft or loss to Property in the care, custody and control of the Named Insureds and used in connection with sanctioned events. Examples would include property or equipment which is leased, rented or borrowed from others for use during the event.
- Auto Liability & Physical Damage claims.
- Aircraft Liability & Physical Damage claims (In addition to the standard Aircraft exclusion, a separate exclusion also applies with respect to any claims arising out of "any and all water ski kite flying activity").
- Watercraft Liability Exclusion (This exclusion does not apply to non-owned watercraft under 58 ft. in length used during USA Water Ski sanctioned events. Coverage is secondary to the primary watercraft liability coverage to be carried by the boat's owner pursuant to the Boat Insurance Requirements posted on the USA Water Ski website. Boat owners who satisfy the minimum boat insurance requirements will be eligible for excess watercraft liability coverage through USA Water Ski's General Liability policy while the owner's boat is being used during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event).
- Watercraft Hull Physical Damage Exclusion (no coverage is provided for damage to boats used in connection with sanctioned events. Refer to Claims for Damage to Property in the care, custody and control of the Named Insureds as specified above).
- Participant vs. Participant Exclusion (this eliminates coverage for claims/lawsuits filed by one participant against another for injury. This exclusion does not preclude coverage for USA Water Ski, its associations, sport disciplines and divisions and clubs. In addition, this exclusion does not apply to member volunteer boat drivers who have obtained a USA-WS Trained Boat Driver Rating or a more advanced USA-WS Sport Division Boat Driver Rating).
- Expected Or Intended Injury Exclusion – excludes coverage for intentional acts which result in "bodily injury" or "property damage" from the standpoint of the Named Insureds (this exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury" resulting from the use of reasonable force to protect persons or property).
- Liquor Liability Exclusion – excludes coverage for claims arising out of the sale of alcoholic beverages or to the sharing of revenue associated with the sale of alcoholic beverages. (Note: Host liquor liability coverage is provided to the Named Insureds under the policy for alcohol served on a complimentary basis to adults of legal drinking age).
- Fireworks or Pyrotechnics Exclusion (excludes coverage for bodily injury, property damage, personal and advertising injury or medical expenses arising out of the ownership, maintenance, handling, storage, distribution, sale or use of fireworks, flash-powder, or explosive compositions).
- Standard General Liability policy exclusions and limitations per standard ISO General Liability policy form, including Workers' Compensation and Similar Laws, Employer's Liability, Pollution, Mobile Equipment, War, Nuclear Energy Liability Exclusion and Employment Related Practices Exclusion.
- Fungi or Bacteria Exclusion
- Lead Liability Exclusion
- Asbestos Liability Exclusion
- Exclusion – Violation of Statutes that govern emails, fax, phone calls or other methods of commercial sending material or information

*The exclusions identified above do not represent a complete list of exclusions and limitations under the policy. Additional exclusions and limitations apply.*



### ***How do I request a Certificate of Insurance as evidence of the USA Water Ski General Liability coverage?***

USA Water Ski has the authority and ability to issue certificates requested by its member clubs, associations, sport disciplines and divisions in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events.

To obtain a certificate of insurance, the club must complete a Certificate of Insurance request form which is available to all USA Water Ski affiliated Clubs via the USA Water Ski web site: [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org). Please be certain to fill out the certificate request form completely and accurately. Requests for certificates of insurance should be directed to USA Water Ski national office. Please do not wait to submit your certificate requests until Friday afternoon or just prior to your sanctioned event, as USA Water Ski may not be able to produce your requested certificate(s) in time for your event/practice. The form must show the full name and address of the certificate holder, whether or not Additional Insured status is requested, and be accompanied by the appropriate fee charged for this service. USA Water Ski will issue and send the certificates to the Clubs via email. The Clubs will be responsible for delivering the requested certificates of insurance to the Certificate Holders.

***Please request Certificates of Insurance only for those third parties who require them and have a direct relationship with your Club's sanctioned events.***

A certificate of insurance is a document issued by or on behalf of an insurance company to provide an interested third party (the Certificate Holder) with information regarding the insurance coverage maintained by the Named Insured. The most common type of certificate is provided for informational purposes only to advise a third party Certificate Holder of the existence and amount of insurance issued to the Named Insured, and confers no rights upon the Certificate Holder. The second most common type of certificate is one that in addition to describing the insurance available to the Named Insured, the certificate may also convey information that the Certificate Holder is an "Additional Insured" under the policy issued to the Named Insured, thus giving the Certificate Holder some interest in the policy itself.

For example, USA Water Ski clubs will often be required to provide Certificates of Insurance to the following parties as a means to secure permission from and to confirm availability of lakes for USA Water Ski sanctioned events:

- Private property/lake owners (private bodies of water)
- Public parks/lakes regulated by a government entity (public bodies of water)

If the certificate includes the private lake owner or government entity as an Additional Insured, it will protect the private lake owner or government entity against claims caused, in whole or in part, by the acts or omissions of the Named Insured(s) during use of the property/lake for USA Water Ski sanctioned events. Additional Insured status does not cover the private lake owner or government entity for liability arising out of their own negligence.

### ***Important Definitions:***

***Certificate Holder:*** the interested party provided with a certificate of insurance as evidence of the insurance maintained by the Named Insured.

***Named Insured:*** the person, firm, or organization specifically designated on the applicable insurance policy for whom the insurance company has agreed to provide coverage (i.e. USA Water Ski, its member clubs, associations, sport disciplines and divisions).

***Additional Insured:*** an interested party (usually a Certificate Holder) for whom the insurance company has agreed to extend limited coverage, but only with respect to claims caused, in whole or in part, by the acts or omissions of the Named Insured.

***USA Water Ski General Liability Policy  
Incident Reporting Procedures and Form for Sanctioned Events***

Any incident that occurs at a USA Water Ski sanctioned event could potentially lead to a general liability claim against USA Water Ski, its associations, sport disciplines and divisions, clubs, event organizers and individual members. **It is important that key information is recorded for each and every incident that occurs during sanctioned events, and that this information is promptly reported.** USA Water Ski has developed a General Liability Incident Report form for this purpose. The Incident Report form is available to all Clubs via the USA Water Ski web site: [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org).

The on-site Safety/Club Official or Event Organizer is required to complete the Incident Report form at the time of an Accident, Injury or Other Incident during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. Please be certain to fill out the Incident Report form completely and accurately. Prompt reporting of incidents provides the insurance company with a head start in evaluating and resolving these matters, where possible, and ensures that the strongest possible defense can be provided to the Club or Event Organizer in the event that a claim is filed. A claim is an actual demand for damages by a third party.

Incidents may include injuries to participants, spectators, volunteers, boat accidents, theft or damage to property of a third party, etc. Examples of incidents which need to be reported include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Serious Injury or Illness
- Drowning
- Other Fatality
- Minor Property Damage
- Serious Property Damage
- Boating Accident
- Missing Person(s)
- Theft

**Completed USA Water Ski Incident Report forms should be submitted by fax or email to:**

USA Water Ski, Inc.  
ATTN: Competition & Sanctioning  
1251 Holy Cow Road  
Polk City, Florida 33868  
(863) 325-8259 Facsimile  
[competition@usawaterski.org](mailto:competition@usawaterski.org)

**Any incident involving a serious bodily injury requiring emergency medical transport or a death/fatality should be reported immediately to Philadelphia Insurance Companies by calling the 24 hour claims #1-800-765-9749. The USA Water Ski Director of Competition should also be notified immediately of any such injury or incident by calling 1-800-533-2972 ext. 120.**

## ***General Liability Questions and Answers***

### **Do I need a Certificate of Insurance to be covered under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy?**

USA Water Ski, Inc., its associations, sport disciplines, divisions and clubs are automatically insured through this program with respect to USA Water Ski sanctioned events. A certificate of insurance can be issued showing your organization as a Named Insured with respect to sanctioned events. However, certificates are normally issued as proof of insurance to third parties showing that the club/event organizer has coverage with respect to events sanctioned by USA Water Ski.

### **What events can be sanctioned by USA Water Ski?**

USA Water Ski provides sanctions for tournaments, practices, exhibitions, clinics and related activities. For more information, please refer to the Event Sanctioning link on the USA Water Ski website.

### **How do I request a Certificate of Insurance?**

Certificate of Insurance request forms for sanctioned events are available at the [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org) web site or by contacting the USA Water Ski national office. See the Certificates of Insurance section of this brochure for more details.

### **Can a third party be covered by this insurance?**

Yes. Third parties having an insurable interest may be included as an "Additional Insured," but only with respect to the acts or omissions of the Named Insureds in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events. Examples might include event sponsors, land/lake owners offering use of these facilities, etc.

### **Should I provide a vendor/contractor (such as a concession stand operator) with a certificate of insurance including the vendor/contractor as an Additional Insured?**

Vendors and contractors should carry their own General Liability insurance to cover their negligent acts and omissions. Event organizers should not be liable for the actions of anyone contracted to provide goods and services in connection with sanctioned events. These contracted parties should be required to provide a certificate of insurance as evidence of their own General Liability coverage with the certificate naming USA Water Ski, Inc. and the club/event organizer as Additional Insureds. If the vendor provides a certificate in favor of USA Water Ski, then a reciprocal certificate may be provided to the vendor.

### **Is there coverage for damage to equipment and other personal property used by the club/event organizer in connection with a sanctioned event?**

No. General Liability policies do not cover damage to personal property in the care, custody and control of the Named Insureds. It does not matter whether the equipment and personal property is owned, leased, rented or borrowed from others for use during the event....NO COVERAGE APPLIES. The owners of any equipment or personal property to be used in connection with a sanctioned event should be made aware of this fact prior to the event (so that the owners can make sure that appropriate property insurance or similar coverage is in effect).

### **What about damage to ski equipment used in connection with a sanctioned event?**

Again, damage to personal property used by the Named Insureds in connection with a sanctioned event is not covered under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy for loss or damage. This personal property should be insured by the owner of such property.

### **Does the policy provide any coverage for theft, loss or damage to boats used in connection with sanctioned events?**

No. The policy does not provide coverage for theft, loss or damage to any boat, motor(s), trailer or additional equipment (such as electronics) used during sanctioned events. This is the responsibility of the boat owner. Please refer to the Boat Insurance Requirements posted on the USA Water Ski website for more details.

### **What are the minimum insurance requirements for a boat to be used during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event?**

All motorized boats (including towboats, personal watercraft, pontoons, barges or other motorized watercraft) must have at least \$500,000 in primary watercraft liability insurance in place to be used during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. In addition, the following parties must be included as Additional Insureds: *USA Water Ski, its sponsors, directors, employees, volunteers, members, clubs, associations, sport disciplines & divisions*. If these requirements have not been met, the boat cannot be used in connection with a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. Please refer to the Boat Insurance Requirements posted on the USA Water Ski website for more details.



## ***General Liability Questions and Answers (continued...)***

### **Does the USA Water Ski General Liability policy provide any watercraft liability coverage for boats used during sanctioned events?**

Yes. The policy protects the Named Insureds against claims arising out of use and operation of non-owned watercraft less than 58 feet in length in connection with sanctioned events. This coverage is secondary to the primary watercraft liability coverage required to be maintained by the boat's owner. Please refer to the Boat Insurance Requirements posted on the USA Water Ski website for more details.

### **Does USA Water Ski provide any excess watercraft liability coverage to the boat owner while the owner's boat is being used during a sanctioned event?**

Yes. Boat owners who satisfy the minimum boat insurance requirements will benefit from an additional \$2,000,000 in excess watercraft liability coverage through USA Water Ski's General Liability and Umbrella Liability policies for claims relating to use of the owner's boat during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. Please refer to the Boat Insurance Requirements posted on the USA Water Ski website for more details.

### **What if the boat used during the sanctioned event is owned by the Club or an individual Club member?**

The owner of the boat is required to carry the primary watercraft liability coverage with limits of at least \$500,000 for the use and operation of the boat (with USA Water Ski, its sponsors, directors, employees, volunteers, members, clubs, associations, sport disciplines & divisions as Additional Insureds), and to carry hull coverage in the event of loss or physical damage to the boat itself. If the Club or individual Club member satisfies USA Water Ski's Boat Insurance Requirements, the Club or individual Club member will benefit from an additional \$2,000,000 in excess watercraft liability coverage through USA Water Ski's General Liability and Umbrella Liability policies for claims relating to use of the owner's boat during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. Please refer to the Boat Insurance Requirements posted on the USA Water Ski website for more details.

### **What if the boat used during the sanctioned event is on loan from a boat dealership?**

The boat dealership (as the boat owner) is required to carry the primary watercraft liability coverage with limits of at least \$500,000 for the use and operation of the boat (with USA Water Ski, its sponsors, directors, employees, volunteers, members, clubs, associations, sport disciplines & divisions as Additional Insureds), and to carry hull coverage in the event of loss or physical damage to the boat itself. If the boat dealership satisfies the minimum boat insurance requirements established by USA Water Ski, then the boat dealership will benefit from an additional \$2,000,000 in excess watercraft liability coverage through USA Water Ski's General Liability and Umbrella Liability policies for claims relating to use of the owner's boat during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. Please refer to the Boat Insurance Requirements posted on the USA Water Ski website for more details.

### **Are Club owned boats covered by the USA Water Ski General Liability policy if we take them to another state to participate in a USA Water Ski sanctioned event?**

Yes, provided that the Club satisfies the USA Water Ski Boat Insurance Requirements. Pursuant to the USA Water Ski Boat Insurance Requirements, the Club (as the boat owner) is required to maintain primary watercraft liability coverage for operation of the boat (naming USA Water Ski and the Club as Additional Insureds), and to carry hull coverage in the event of loss or damage to the boat itself. The boat insurance maintained by the club would need to be primary for damages resulting from an accident in which the boat played a contributing role, regardless of the state where the accident occurred.

### **What if the boat we plan to use during a sanctioned event is 58 ft. or longer?**

The USA Water Ski General Liability policy limits coverage to the use and operation of non-owned watercraft (i.e. towboats and other watercraft) less than 58 feet in length in connection with sanctioned events. Therefore, no coverage would be available for a boat that is 58 ft. or longer. We recommend that the club/event organizer use a boat that is less than 58 ft. in length.

### **Does the USA Water Ski General Liability policy provide coverage for lawsuits brought against the Club/Event Organizer by a participant who was injured in a USA Water Ski sanctioned event?**

Yes, depending upon the nature of the claim and subject to applicable policy terms and conditions, coverage is contemplated for Participant Legal Liability exposures.

***General Liability Questions and Answers (continued...)***

**Does the USA Water Ski General Liability policy provide coverage for lawsuits filed by one participant against another participant?**

No, this is excluded under the policy. However, if the Club/Event Organizer or USA Water Ski were also named in the lawsuit, the USA Water Ski General Liability policy would respond on behalf of the Club/Event Organizer and USA Water Ski. In addition, the Participant vs. Participant exclusion does not apply to USA Water Ski member volunteer boat drivers who have obtained a USA-WS Trained Boat Driver Rating or a more advanced USA-WS Sport Division Boat Driver Rating.

**How are volunteers covered under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy?**

USA Water Ski requires all volunteers at sanctioned events to be Active members of USA Water Ski. Active members who serve as volunteers (including safety directors, officials, etc.) are covered for liability claims arising out of their negligent acts or omissions while acting under the direction of the Club/Event Organizer and within the scope of his/her assigned duties in connection with a USA Water Ski sanctioned event.

**Can club members who have a USA Water Ski supporting membership serve as volunteers at a USA Water Ski sanctioned event?**

No. USA Water Ski requires all volunteers at sanctioned events to be Active members of USA Water Ski.

**At our Club's events sanctioned by USA Water Ski, my wife doesn't ski or ride in the boat. However, she helps straighten skis, recoil ropes on the dock, and announces. Does she need to be a USA Water Ski Active member?**

Yes! USA Water Ski requires all volunteers at sanctioned events to be Active members of USA Water Ski. Although she isn't skiing or riding in the boat, she is participating as a Volunteer in a USA Water Ski sanctioned event, and therefore, must be a USA Water Ski Active member.

**I am a USA Water Ski member and volunteer boat driver. Am I covered for liability claims arising out of my operation of a boat during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event?**

Subject to applicable policy terms and conditions, USA Water Ski members are covered under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy for liability claims arising out of their operation of a boat during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. The coverage is secondary to the primary watercraft liability coverage maintained by the boat's owner. USA Water Ski member volunteer boat drivers who have obtained a USA-WS Trained Boat Driver Rating or a more advanced USA-WS Sport Division Boat Driver Rating receive the benefit of expanded coverage under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy since the Participant vs. Participant Exclusion does not apply to USA Water Ski trained drivers.

**Our Club is going to be selling alcohol at a USA Water Ski sanctioned event to raise funds. Is this covered under the USA Water Ski General Liability policy?**

No. The USA Water Ski General Liability policy only provides host liquor liability coverage for complimentary service of alcohol to adults of legal drinking age. Clubs selling alcohol or sharing in the proceeds from the sale of alcohol will need to purchase full Liquor Liability coverage.

**Will the USA Water Ski General Liability policy provide our Club with coverage if we are just skiing for fun with family and friends and are not taking part in a USA Water Ski sanctioned event or sanctioned practice?**

No. The USA Water Ski General Liability program only affords coverage to Named Insureds in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events (including tournaments, practices, exhibitions, clinics and related activities) conducted in accordance with USA Water Ski's rules and regulations.

**Must all of our Club members be USA Water Ski members for the USA Water Ski General Liability insurance to be in effect during sanctioned events?**

No. However, all club members who participate in any USA Water Ski sanctioned event must be either Active or Guest members of USA Water Ski.

***General Liability Questions and Answers (continued...)***

**Our Club owns a dock, a float, a slalom ski course and a ski jump ramp. Does the USA Water Ski General Liability policy provide liability protection to the Club with respect to these items?**

Yes, but the insurance coverage afforded through USA Water Ski only applies while the sanctioned event is taking place. If your club is responsible for a ski jump, slalom course, dock, swim platform, or other lake equipment permanently installed on a body of water, your Club should enroll in the optional USA Water Ski Club Insurance Program which provides USA Water Ski affiliated clubs with access to affordable, easy to obtain General Liability and Participant Accident coverage for liability arising out of the Club's day-to-day operations, its lake equipment (on a 24/7 basis) and activities that are sponsored, organized and/or supervised by the enrolled Clubs (such as fundraisers, community service projects, etc.) for which sanctioning is not available through USA Water Ski. Please refer to the USA Water Ski Club Insurance Program documentation posted on the USA Water Ski website for more information.

**Our Club owns a ski jump. Over the holiday weekend, some college kids used the ramp without our permission and one of the kids was seriously injured. The injured student has filed a lawsuit against our Club. Will the USA Water Ski General Liability policy provide coverage to us for this claim?**

No. The USA Water Ski General Liability program only affords coverage to your Club while a USA Water Ski sanctioned event is taking place. Since this incident did not occur during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event, no coverage applies to provide defense of this claim. If your Club had enrolled in the optional USA Water Ski Club Insurance Program, your Club would be eligible for defense and coverage with respect to this incident.

**Our Show Ski club uses trampolines for dry land training. Are we covered for liability arising out of use of these trampolines?**

Yes, but only during training as part of a USA Water Ski sanctioned event (including sanctioned practices).

## USA WATER SKI PARTICIPANT ACCIDENT POLICY

USA Water Ski provides Participant Accident benefits to Active and Guest members who participate in USA Water Ski sanctioned events. Participant Accident benefits include Accident Medical Expense benefits and Accident Death & Dismemberment benefits for injuries sustained by USA Water Ski members during sanctioned events.

### *Who is the Insurance Carrier for the USA Water Ski Participant Accident Policy?*

National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA (AIG)  
A.M. Best Financial Rating: A (Excellent)  
Financial Size Category: XV (\$2 billion or more)

### *Who is eligible for coverage under the USA Water Ski Participant Accident Policy?*

Eligible Persons include all **Active Members** (includes Elite, 25 and Up, Under 25, Family Active, Family Active Dependent, Foreign Active and Grassroots categories) and **Guest Members** (includes Guest and Basic Skills members) while participating in USA Water Ski sanctioned events (i.e. Covered Activity). Active members serving as Volunteers during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event are also covered.

### *What is covered under the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy?*

Subject to the applicable benefit limits and exclusions, the policy pays for reasonable Medical Expenses and Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits for Eligible Persons who sustain accidental bodily injury while participating in USA Water Ski sanctioned event. The coverage extends from the start of the event through its completion, and includes direct travel to and from the event. The accident medical coverage is secondary to any other available medical/health insurance and is subject to a \$1,000 deductible per claim.

### *What is not covered under the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy?*

This Policy does not cover any loss caused in whole or in part by, or resulting in whole or in part from, the following:

- Suicide or any attempt at suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury or any attempt at intentionally self-inflicted injury.
- sickness, disease or infections of any kind; except bacterial infections due to an accidental cut or wound, botulism or ptomaine poisoning.
- the Insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony.
- declared or undeclared war, or any act of declared or undeclared war.
- participation in any team sport or any other athletic activity, except participation in a Covered Activity.
- full-time active duty in the armed forces, National Guard or organized reserve corps of any country or international authority.
- travel or flight in or on (including getting in or out of, or on or off of) any vehicle used for aerial navigation, if the Insured is: (1) riding as a passenger in any aircraft not licensed for the transportation of passengers for hire; (2) performing, learning to perform or instructing others to perform as a pilot or crew member of any aircraft.
- any condition for which the Insured is paid benefits under any Workers' Compensation Act or similar law.
- the Insured being under the influence of drugs or intoxicants, unless taken under the advice of a Physician

*Note there are additional exclusions which pertain to the Accident Medical Expense Benefits which are contained in the policy.*

***What benefits and limits are provided under the USA Water Ski Participant Accident Policy?***

***Accidental Medical Expense Benefits***

Maximum Amount: \$10,000

The policy provides coverage for accidental bodily injury resulting directly from members participating in a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. Coverage does not include loss from pre-existing conditions or from competing in non-sanctioned events. If an accidental bodily injury results in an Insured Person requiring medical care and treatment within 90 days of the accident, we will pay the reasonable and customary medical charges of medically necessary medical services up to the benefit amount. Medical expenses must be incurred within 104 weeks of the date of accident. The policy provides coverage against loss in excess of and on a secondary basis to coverage provided under other valid and collectible medical insurance and is subject to a \$1,000 deductible per claim.

***Accidental Death and Dismemberment***

Maximum Amount: \$10,000

If accidental bodily injury during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event causes the following losses within one year of the date of the accident which are not otherwise excluded, the following benefits will be paid:

Loss of Life.....	100% of Maximum Amount
Both Hands or Both Feet .....	100% of Maximum Amount
Sight of Both Eyes .....	100% of Maximum Amount
One Hand and One Foot .....	100% of Maximum Amount
One Hand and the Sight of One Eye .....	100% of Maximum Amount
One Foot and the Sight of One Eye .....	100% of Maximum Amount
One Hand or One Foot.....	50% of Maximum Amount
The Sight of One Eye .....	50% of Maximum Amount

***Catastrophe Cash Benefit***

Maximum Amount: \$30,000

Waiting Period: 12 Months

If accidental bodily injury during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event causes the following losses within 90 days of the date of the accident which are not otherwise excluded, the following benefits will be paid:

Coma.....	100% of Maximum Amount
Paralysis of Two or More Limbs (Upper and/or Lower) .....	100% of Maximum Amount
Paralysis of One Limb (Upper or Lower) .....	50% of Maximum Amount
Paralysis of One or More Other Parts of the Body .....	based on comparable extent of paralysis

***Emergency Evacuation with Family Travel Benefit***

Maximum Amount: \$30,000

***Repatriation of Remains Benefit***

Maximum Amount: \$30,000

*This is only a brief description of the coverage that the Participant Accident policy provides to USA Water Ski Active and Guest members in connection with sanctioned events. All claims are subject to policy provisions, limitations and exclusions.*

**Notice to USA Water Ski Active Members and Guest Members**

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If you are injured while participating in a USA Water Ski sanctioned event, please let the on-site Safety/Club Official or Event Organizer know of your injury so that an Incident Report form can be prepared. If an Incident Report is not prepared to document your injury, your claim may be denied by the Participant Accident carrier.

Should you require medical treatment as a result of your injury, a Medical Claim form will need to be submitted. The Incident Report form and the Medical Claim form are both available to all USA Water Ski affiliated Clubs and USA Water Ski Members via the USA Water Ski web site: [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org).

**Please follow these instructions when submitting your Participant Accident medical claim:**

**DO NOT SUBMIT CLAIM FORMS, MEDICAL BILLS OR OTHER ITEMS TO USA WATER SKI.**

1. Submit your medical expenses to your primary medical/health insurance provider for consideration and payment. Your primary coverage would include group medical/health insurance available through your employer, spouse, parent or legal guardian, Medicare or other coverage. The USA Water Ski Participant Accident coverage is secondary (i.e. excess) to your primary coverage.
2. Your primary medical/health insurance carrier will issue an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) showing payment or denial of each medical expense related to your injury.
3. Once you receive the EOB paperwork from your primary medical/health insurance carrier, please complete the USA Water Ski Participant Accident Medical claim form. Be sure to attach the following documents to your completed USA Water Ski Participant Accident Medical Claim Form:
  - The Itemized Insurance Billing form(s) from your physician (HCFA form), hospital (UB 92) or other provider. These forms must show the following: Patient's Name, Condition/Diagnosis, Type of Treatment, Date Expense Incurred and the Charges.
  - The Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form(s) showing payment or denial of each medical billing.
4. Submit your completed USA Water Ski Participant Accident Medical Claim form along with the Itemized Insurance Billing forms and your Explanation of Benefits form(s) to:

**AIG Accident & Health Claims**  
**PO Box 25987**  
**Shawnee Mission, KS 66225**  
**[AHClaimsSubmissions@aig.com](mailto:AHClaimsSubmissions@aig.com)**  
**(800) 551-0824 Telephone**  
**(866) 893-8574 Facsimile**



## ***Participant Accident Questions and Answers***

### **What events can be sanctioned by USA Water Ski?**

USA Water Ski provides sanctions for tournaments, practices, exhibitions, clinics and related activities. For more information, please refer to the Event Sanctioning link on the USA Water Ski website.

### **Am I covered under the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy when I'm water skiing for fun and not participating in a USA Water Ski sanctioned event?**

No. The coverage only applies during USA Water Ski sanctioned events.

### **Will the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy provide coverage if we are just skiing for fun with family and friends and not taking part in a sanctioned event?**

No. The USA Water Ski Participant Accident program only affords coverage in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events, and all participants must be either Active or Guest members of USA Water Ski.

### **Must all of our Club members be USA Water Ski members for the USA Water Ski Participant Accident insurance to be in effect during sanctioned events?**

No. However, all club members who participate in any USA Water Ski sanctioned event must be either Active or Guest members of USA Water Ski. Club members who are not either Active or Guest members of USA Water Ski should not be permitted to participate in the sanctioned event.

### **Can club members who have a USA Water Ski supporting membership serve as volunteers at USA Water Ski sanctioned events and be eligible for coverage under the Participant Accident policy?**

No. Only Active or Guest members of USA Water Ski are eligible for Participant Accident coverage.

### **My wife would like to serve as a volunteer to help at USA Water Ski sanctioned events. She doesn't want to ride in the boat, but she would like to volunteer with straightening skis, recoiling ropes on the dock and announcing. Is she eligible for coverage under the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy?**

No. USA Water Ski requires all volunteers at sanctioned events to be Active members of USA Water Ski, so if she plans to volunteer, then she needs to become an Active member of USA Water Ski. As an Active member, she would be eligible for coverage under the Participant Accident policy while providing volunteer services at a sanctioned event.

### **I am an Active member of USA Water Ski and was injured during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event. Will the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy cover for all of my medical bills if I don't have any other insurance?**

If an Active member sustains an accidental bodily injury during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event requiring medical care and treatment within 90 days of the accident, the Participant Accident carrier will pay the reasonable and customary charges for medically necessary medical services up to the applicable benefit amount, subject to the \$1,000 deductible and any applicable policy sub-limits, policy terms and conditions, limitations and exclusions. All medical expenses must be incurred within 104 weeks of the date of accident.

### **What if I have other insurance? Will the Participant Accident policy pay for all of the bills my insurance does not?**

The Participant Accident carrier will determine the reasonable and customary charge for the covered medical expense. The Participant Accident carrier will then reduce that amount by amounts already paid or payable by your other insurance plan. The Participant Accident carrier will then pay the resulting amount, less the applicable deductible, but in no event will the Participant Accident carrier pay more than the specified benefit amount (including sub-limits). While the Participant Accident policy will usually reimburse you for any deductible or co-payment you may be responsible for, it will not reimburse you for charges that your insurance company does not pay because they exceed "reasonable" expenses or the "usual and customary" allowance.

### **What does "reasonable" expenses or "usual and customary allowance" mean? Is this just another way to avoid paying a claim?**

Most medical plans exclude reimbursement for medical charges that are higher than those generally made in the local area where treatment is received. If your insurance company does not pay a bill in full because the charges exceed "reasonable" expenses or the "usual and customary" allowance, those expenses are not likely to be paid under the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy either.

***Participant Accident Questions and Answers (continued...)***

**Do I have any obligation to pay bills that have been turned down because they are higher than "reasonable" expenses or the "usual and customary" allowance?**

When you receive treatment from a doctor or hospital, you usually sign an agreement with the doctor or hospital stating that you are ultimately responsible for payment of their bill. However, you do have the right to question the validity of the doctor or hospital's charges.

**When will the bill from my claim be paid?**

Normal processing time is three to four weeks from the date the claims representative receives your bill and all of the essential paperwork. Please be sure that your submission of paperwork is complete in order to avoid any delays. Please keep in mind that the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy is excess over your own medical/health insurance coverage, so make sure you submit a copy of the Explanation of Benefits (which indicates what your carrier paid or denied on your medical expenses).

**Our Show Ski club uses trampolines for dry land training. Are members covered under the USA Water Ski Participant Accident policy while using the trampolines for dry land training?**

Yes, provided the training is part of a USA Water Ski sanctioned event, and the injured participant is an Active or Guest member of USA Water Ski.



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