



Safety Directors' Development Program Description

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USA Water Ski's Safety Directors' Development Program is designed to improve and maintain the quality of Safety Directors at all USA Water Ski-sanctioned events (tournaments, practices, exhibitions and clinics). 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 events with various numbers of contestants), that's required to advance through the program. A detailed description of the quantitative requirements for advancing 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 and for all sport disciplines 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 (4) 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 (available from USA Water Ski's Web site) and have it signed by the Chief Safety Director. 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 certification (or equivalents) are required for state, regional and national ratings. A certificate of completion is accepted as proof. Annual maintenance requirements are averaged over a two year period (i.e., work performed January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 counts for renewal for 2016).

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 sent an open-book test which they have up to 30 days to complete and return to USA Water Ski Headquarters to be graded.
2. 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 an e-mail confirmation from USA Water Ski Headquarters.

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Quantitative Requirements for Advancement and Renewal



Safety Coordinator – A Safety Coordinator may serve as the safety personnel required to be present at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned practice, exhibition, clinic or GrassRoots event. A Safety Coordinator may not serve as Chief Safety Director at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournament with a higher sanction classification than GrassRoots. However, a Safety Coordinator may assist at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournament to gain credit towards achieving his/her State Safety Director rating.

- Minimum age – 18
- Attend one (1) USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic

State Safety Director (use application) – A State Safety Director may serve as Safety Director (Chief or assistant) at any USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournament. A State Safety Director may not serve as Chief or Assistant Chief at Regional or National tournaments. To advance from Safety Coordinator to State Safety Director, you must complete the following requirements and have them signed off on an ***Application for State Safety Director***.

- Attend one (1) USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic
- Provide proof of current Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification (or equivalent)
- Assist the appointed Chief Safety Director at three (3) USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments (except Regional and National tournaments). **At least one of these three tournaments must be a Class C or above tournament.** Two of these may be USA Water Ski-sanctioned ski 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 a National tournament. To advance from State Safety Director to Regional Safety Director, you must:

- Attend one (1) USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic since becoming a State Safety Director
- Provide proof of current Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification (or equivalent)
- Serve as Chief or assistant Safety Director at eight (8) USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments or show ski exhibitions
- Serve as Chief Safety Director at two (2) additional USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments
- Successfully pass 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. To advance from Regional to National Safety Director, you must:

- Attend one (1) USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic since becoming a Regional Safety Director
- Provide proof of current Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification (or equivalent)
- Serve as Chief or assistant Safety Director at nine (9) USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments or show ski exhibitions
- Serve as Chief Safety Director at three (3) additional USA Water Ski-sanctioned tournaments
- Serve as Safety Director at three (3) USA Water Ski-sanctioned Regional (Conference) or National tournaments in three (3) **SEPARATE** years (in addition to the previous two requirements)
- Successfully pass a closed book written test taken under the supervision of an instructor/trainer (once the above requirements are met and verified by USA Water Ski)

Rating Renewal Requirements – All USA Water Ski-rated safety officials must attend one (1) USA Water Ski-sanctioned Safety Clinic once every four (4) years. In addition, State, Regional and National Safety Directors must work four (4) USA Water Ski-sanctioned events or show ski exhibitions every two (2) years (i.e., work performed January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 counts for renewal for 2016). An event may be of any type from any sport discipline. Regional and National Safety Directors must work two (2) of the four events as Chief. Serving as an instructor at a sanctioned Safety Clinic may be used to replace the Chief requirements.

It is *recommended* that First Aid and CPR certification be kept current. Upon renewal, send proof of certification to USA Water Ski Headquarters, Attention Officials' Programs.