



# Coaches Program Description

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## LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

USA-WSWS provides training and certification for aspiring instructors and coaches to teach students the necessary skills to safely and successfully participate in the various USA-WSWS sport disciplines.

In an effort to ensure USA-WSWS certified instructors and coaches are well versed in the importance of the health and safety of all students, especially minors, USA-WSWS requires all instructors and coaches to submit to and pass Background Screening and SafeSport Training. Please see below for more information on the three components required to attain Level 1 Instructor certification.

### Minimum Requirements:

- current USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Active member (*does not include GrassRoots or Guest members*)
- age 18 or above
- valid social security number

**Note: Foreign instructors/coaches and those under the age of 18 are not eligible for this program.**

### 1) Background Screening – \$30

- Log into your Members-Only page on USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Web Site using your membership number and password
- Select **Background Screening** from the menu
- Follow the applicable instructions to complete your application, acknowledge disqualification criteria and purchase the screening
- USA Water Ski & Wake Sports will notify you via email of your pass/fail status

### 2) SafeSport Training – FREE

- Log into your Members-Only page on USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Web Site using your membership number and password
- Select **SafeSport Certification** from the menu
- Follow the applicable instructions to complete the training
- You must use **Google Chrome** to access the SafeSport Training
- Email your certificate of completion to [compliance@usawaterski.org](mailto:compliance@usawaterski.org)

### 3) Level 1 Instructor's Online Training – \$35

Level 1 introduces beginning teaching techniques for introducing two-ski, one-ski and tricks skiing; teaching methods for beginning wakeboard, kneeboard and barefoot skills, plus a section on water toys. Upon completion of the training, you will be required to answer a series of multiple choice questions based on each chapter of the Level 1 course.

- Log into your Members-Only page on USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Web Site using your membership number and password
- Select **Instructor/Coach Programs** from the menu
- Follow the applicable instructions to purchase and complete the training

Upon successful completion of all three of the above components, USA-WSWS will issue your Level 1 Instructor certification and send an email confirmation of same. You will then be able to log into the **Members-Only** section of our Web site and print your official's qualification card.

**MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:** In order to maintain a Level 1 Instructor/Coach rating, an individual must maintain:

1. USA-WSWS *Active* membership (*does not include GrassRoots or Guest members*).
2. Background Screening (once every two years)
3. SafeSport certification (annually)

USA Water Ski & Wake Sports will notify you via e-mail when your Background Screening and/or SafeSport Certification is due for renewal.

**LEVEL 1 ADAPTIVE INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION:** For more information on this program, email [coaching@usawaterski.org](mailto:coaching@usawaterski.org).

**OPTIONAL COACHES LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM - \$60**

USA-WSWS offers certified instructors/coaches who have completed the required Criminal Background Screening and SafeSport Training the option of participating in our Coaches Liability Insurance Program. This program provides General Liability and Professional Liability coverage to USA-WSWS certified instructors/coaches. For more information regarding this insurance program, please refer to the ***Coaches Liability Insurance Program*** link located under ***Insurance Resources*** on USA-WSWS Web site. Please email [coaching@usawaterski.org](mailto:coaching@usawaterski.org) to purchase coverage.