



Coaches Development Program Description

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USA Water Ski's Coaching Development Program provides a structure for the certification of water ski instructors and coaches through a three-step process of education, participation and evaluation. The goal of the program is to improve the quality and consistency of water ski instruction in the United States.

Refer to the [Coaches Development Program Quantitative Requirements for Advancement and Renewal](#) for more information.

USA WATER SKI LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR (ages 18 and up): USA Water Ski provides training and certification for aspiring instructors and coaches to teach students the necessary skills to safely and successfully participate in the various USA Water Ski sport disciplines.

In an effort to ensure that USA Water Ski certified instructors and coaches are well versed in the importance of the health and safety of all students, especially minors, USA Water Ski requires all instructors and coaches to submit to and pass a Criminal Background Screening and SafeSport training program. The cost of the course is **\$70.00** or **\$110.00** if you elect to purchase the optional coaches liability insurance coverage. Please see below for more information on the three components of the Level 1 Instructor's Course.

Minimum Requirements:

- current USA Water Ski 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) Criminal Background Screening:** This process includes the investigation and review of various consumer reports and law enforcement/public records including, but not limited to, the items listed below. Results are returned within, on average, three (3) business days.
 - Criminal History Check
 - Sex Offender Registry Check
 - Social Security Number Check
 - Address Checks
 - Employment Checks
 - Reference Checks
- 2) SafeSport Training:** This training, originally created by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), and adapted by USA Water Ski, focuses on recognizing and reducing circumstances for potential abuse to occur, the availability and procedures for any person to report suspected abuse or misconduct (including protections from any retaliation or repercussions for such reporting) and procedures and means by which a coach should respond to allegations of abuse and misconduct. Upon completion of the training, you will be required to answer a series of 20 multiple choice or true/false questions. The test results are graded and presented immediately. **Passing = 90%**
- 3) Level 1 Instructor's Training:** The Level 1 training is an introduction to the sport of water skiing and the first rung on the ladder of USA Water Ski's Coaches Certification Program. 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. **Passing = 80%**

OPTIONAL COACHES LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM: USA Water Ski offers certified instructors/coaches who have completed the required Criminal Background Screening and SafeSport Training the option of participating in the our Coaches Liability Insurance Program. This program provides General Liability and Professional Liability coverage to USA Water Ski 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 Water Ski's Web site.

USA WATER SKI JUNIOR LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR (*ages 16 and 17*): The Junior Level 1 course is the same as the Level 1 Instructor Certification Course, except that applicants are not required to submit to and pass the Criminal Background Screening nor are they eligible to purchase the optional coaches liability insurance coverage. The cost of the course is **\$45**.

HOW TO BECOME A LEVEL 1 OR JUNIOR LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR:

- [Click here](#) to log into your "Members-Only" section of USA Water Ski's Web site using your membership number and password.
- Click on the "[Instructor/Coach Programs](#)" link from the menu on the left-hand side of the page.
- Click on the applicable link from the submenu and follow the instructions to register for and purchase the course.

Upon successful completion of the Level 1 course, you will be added to the officials' database. You will then be able to log into the "Members-Only" section of USA Water Ski's Web site and print your official's qualification card. If you purchased the optional coaches liability insurance, you will receive your insurance certificate via email. Junior Level 1 Instructors can download a certificate of completion once the course is completed.

OTHER COACHING PROGRAMS: For more information on the American Water Ski Association's (AWSA) and Water Skiers with Disabilities' (WSDA) instructor/coach programs, contact USA Water Ski Headquarters.

RATING MAINTENANCE: In order to maintain an Instructor/Coach rating, an individual must:

1. Maintain USA Water Ski Active membership (*does not include GrassRoots or Guest members*).
2. Successfully complete a Criminal Background Screening and SafeSport Training once every two (2) years by following the instructions below:
 - [Click here](#) to log into your "Members-Only" section of USA Water Ski's Web site using your membership number and password.
 - Click on the "[Instructor/Coach Programs](#)" link from the menu on the left-hand side of the page.
 - Click on the "[Purchase Instructor/Coach Certification Renewal](#)" link from the submenu and follow the instructions to register for and purchase the renewal course. The cost of the renewal is **\$45** or **\$85** if you elect to purchase the optional coaches liability insurance coverage.

USA Water Ski will notify you via e-mail when your rating is due for renewal.