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USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Tournament Organizer's Safety Checklist

This agreement must be completed for each sanctioned tournament and returned to USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Headquarters (USA-WSWS) prior to sanction approval. The Tournament Organizer, Chief Judge, Chief Driver and Safety Director are responsible for the implementation of the following checklist.

Club Name: _____ Club Membership # _____

Tournament Name: _____ Date: _____

Tournament Location (site/city/state): _____ Sanction # _____

The following safety preparations and equipment are recommended as the minimum standards for the safe operation of a tournament. It is the responsibility of the tournament sponsor to supply the following.

A. MEDICAL LIAISON WITH OFF-SITE MEDICAL FACILITIES:

1. There must be a phone or radio/telephone communication on-site for direct communication to an emergency facility or emergency services.
2. Licensed or certified EMT or medical assistance available on-site or within reasonable response time.
3. Emergency route maps and phone numbers available on the tournament site.

B. SAFETY OF ON-SITE FACILITIES:

1. The event site and competition areas should be inspected prior to the event in an effort to identify and address any obvious safety hazards and in an effort to ensure the safety of the competitors, officials, and spectators. This should include removing all trash from the water areas that could injure the competitors, officials, and spectators.
2. Hidden, immovable hazards that pose a danger to participants should be marked.
3. Docks, and take off and landing areas should be maintained in a safe condition for skiers and swimmers.
4. Jump ramps should be checked and inspected for to ensure the following:
 - i. Properly secured (lines & anchors)
 - ii. Surface area and aprons smooth with no protruding nails/screws.
 - iii. A good contrast of colors between the surface, side curtains and water.
 - iv. All algae and scum should be removed at the water line so that skiers/riders can differentiate between the jump/kicker/slider surface and the water.
5. Towers: The towers/scaffolding provided for the Officials and Announcers for the tournament shall meet the following criteria:
 - i. Stable and securely anchored.
 - ii. Ladders secured at the top and no loose foot/hand holds.
 - iii. Floors, handrails in place and in good repair.
6. Refueling area:
 - i. Appropriate fire extinguisher in close proximity.
 - ii. NO SMOKING and FLAMMABLE signs posted and visible.
 - iii. Area cordoned off.
7. Requirements for Safety Boat(s) and Crews and Swimmers:
 - i. One (1) Type III PFD for each person and a spare.
 - ii. Two-way radio to Safety Director.
 - iii. Water rescue personnel in adequate numbers to cover all events (to be trained by the Safety Director.)
 - iv. Adequate safety boats where needed.

8. Shore Safety Facilities:

- i. Designated safety/first aid area.
- ii. Appropriate first aid equipment and supplies should be on hand suitable for the level of training and care to be provided, including Rigid spine board, Universal type C.I.D. and First Aid kit of adequate size.

I hereby acknowledge and certify that compliance with these minimum recommendations will be in place prior to the tournament and available for the inspection of the Safety Director before the tournament begins.

Tournament Organizer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tournament Organizer's Printed Name: _____