

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

SAFETY DIRECTOR

A Safety Director needs to be appointed at every event. This person is in charge of overseeing the safety of all participants on site throughout the event.

Requirements: Appropriate level of certification for event

Arrive prepared with equipment and supplies

Fulfill role in collaboration with the Chief of Competition

- Enforce official tournament rules as they pertain to safety
- Report to chief of competition and tournament director
- Oversees safe conditions of equipment, facilities, weather, and event operation.
Including but not limited to:
 - Ropes, handles, cables, releases and other equipment used to tow the athlete.
 - Personal flotation devices (PFD), helmets, vests and other personal water safety equipment.
 - Skis, boards, adaptive equipment, and any other equipment.
 - All watercraft including tow boats, safety crafts, etc.
 - Docks and water access areas.
 - Ramps, features, buoys and all other materials on the water.
 - Medical equipment including First Aid Kits, spinal boards, etc.
 - On-land structures such as tents, towers, fencing or scaffolding, buildings, etc.
- Has the authority in conjunction with the chief of competition to stop the event if unsafe conditions arise.
 - The Chief Judge has the final say and can overturn what the Safety Director has suggested if there is a majority vote with the event judges.
- Have a safety person ready either on shore or in a pick up boat for each event

Prior to start of event:

- Make sure the event is in compliance with all applicable requirements of the WSWC and any Safety Checklist;
- Review the WSWC Event Risk Registries and any Post Mortems or documents related to past incidents at the tournament site;
- Establish the event Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in consultation with the Event Chair, and review it regularly;
- Survey the tournament site repeatedly to identify potential safety risks or hazards and take the necessary steps to avoid, reduce or transfer those risks or hazards;
- Meet with the all of the Appointed Officials and go over the emergency procedures established in the event of an injury;
- Make sure there are adequate safety personnel, safety boats and equipment appropriate for the event;
- Conduct an inspection of the jump ramp, sliders, kickers, and/or other obstacles for damaged surfaces, aprons, exposed nails/bolts, and sharp edges;



- Coordinate all aspects of medical staff and equipment provision for the event; make sure that adequate medical care is provided on site or can be accessed within a reasonable period of time;
- Notify local emergency and regulatory authorities of the event and its location, if appropriate for the specific event, including what will occur and what will be needed if an emergency occurs; and
- Establish, manage and oversee Safety Crew and all safety crafts.