

Diver Medical Statement and Questionnaire

Please read this Medical Statement carefully before completing the Diver Medical Questionnaire. This Medical Statement informs you of some potential risks involved in Freediving/Breath-Hold, Recreational Scuba and Extended Range ("XR") Technical Diving. You must complete and sign the Medical Questionnaire to enroll in and participate in the dive training program. If you are a minor, your parent or guardian must sign the Medical Questionnaire.

Diving is an exciting and demanding activity. When performed cautiously, applying correct techniques, and using proper equipment, diving is relatively safe. When proper diving procedures are not followed the risk of an accident resulting in potentially serious injury, illness and even death increases. To dive comfortably and confidently you need to be reasonably fit and not extremely overweight. Diving can be strenuous even under the best conditions. Your respiratory and circulatory systems must be in good health. All your body's air spaces must be normal and healthy. A person with severe coronary disease, epilepsy, a current cold or congestion, or other medical contraindications should not dive. Do NOT dive if under the influence of alcohol, marijuana (or any substance containing THC), amphetamines, cocaine, methamphetamines, opioids of any type (oxycodone, sufentanil, heroin, fentanyl), hallucinogens (LSD, psilocybin mushrooms), flunitrazepam (roofies), GHB (liquid ecstasy) or Ketamine. If you have asthma, heart disease, other chronic medical conditions or you are taking medications on a regular basis, you should consult your physician before participating in this program. If your future medical condition changes such that you would answer "YES" to any of the medical questions in the future, then you should consult your physician before diving. You are responsible for maintaining appropriate health and fitness to dive.

During dive training you will learn important rules and techniques regarding breathing and equalization while diving. It is essential you follow those rules and techniques for your well-being. Improper dive technique, improper use of dive equipment and improper breathing may cause serious injury or death. You must be thoroughly instructed in how to dive under the direct supervision of a qualified instructor before attempting to dive in the absence of an instructor.

If you have any questions regarding this Medical Statement or the Medical Questionnaire, review them with your instructor and physician before signing. If at any time during your dive training, you do not feel well or your medical condition has changed since you completed the Medical Questionnaire, then you should inform your instructor and refrain from diving.

Many divers have common conditions that benefit from specialized equipment such as masks with corrective lenses for those who wear glasses or contacts, and custom fit mouthpieces for those who have dental issues or TMJ (temporomandibular joint) issues. Ask your instructor if you think you would be more comfortable diving with these types of specialized dive equipment.

Many private and corporate personal medical policies, and even international travel insurance policies, consider diving a hazardous recreational activity, and will not provide coverage or reimburse hyperbaric chamber, outpatient expenses, or emergency transportation related to injuries while diving. These treatments can be expensive and time-consuming, and often have large out-of-pocket deductibles, co-pays, or no coverage at all. For this reason, SSI strongly recommends purchasing an additional insurance plan that specifically covers diving-related emergencies, emergency transport, and medical treatments. These policies are available through a variety of third-party providers, and should be obtained prior to any in-water training or travel related to diving.

Emergency Contact

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name	Cell Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Relationship	Email



Diver Medical | Participant Questionnaire

Recreational scuba diving and freediving requires good physical and mental health. There are a few medical conditions which can be hazardous while diving, listed below. Those who have, or are predisposed to, any of these conditions, should be evaluated by a physician. This Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire provides a basis to determine if you should seek out that evaluation. If you have any concerns about your diving fitness not represented on this form, consult with your physician before diving. If you are feeling ill, avoid diving. If you think you may have a contagious disease, protect yourself and others by not participating in dive training and/or dive activities. References to "diving" on this form encompass both recreational scuba diving and freediving. This form is principally designed as an initial medical screen for new divers, but is also appropriate for divers taking continuing education. For your safety, and that of others who may dive with you, answer all questions honestly.

Directions

Complete this questionnaire as a prerequisite to a recreational scuba diving or freediving course.

Note to women: If you are pregnant, or attempting to become pregnant, *do not dive*.

1. I have had problems with my lungs/breathing, heart, blood, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box A	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I am over 45 years of age.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box B	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I struggle to perform moderate exercise (for example, walk 1.6 kilometer/one mile in 14 minutes or swim 200 meters/yards without resting), OR I have been unable to participate in a normal physical activity due to fitness or health reasons within the past 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have had problems with my eyes, ears, or nasal passages/sinuses.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box C	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. I have had surgery within the last 12 months, OR I have ongoing problems related to past surgery.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. I have lost consciousness, had migraine headaches, seizures, stroke, significant head injury, or suffer from persistent neurologic injury or disease.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box D	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. I am currently undergoing treatment (or have required treatment within the last five years) for psychological problems, personality disorder, panic attacks, or an addiction to drugs or alcohol; or, I have been diagnosed with a learning disability.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box E	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. I have had back problems, hernia, ulcers, or diabetes.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box F	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9. I have had stomach or intestine problems, including recent diarrhea.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box G	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10. I am taking prescription medications (with the exception of birth control or anti-malarial drugs other than mefloquine/Lariam).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Participant Signature

If you answered **NO** to all 10 questions above, a medical evaluation is not required. Please read and agree to the participant statement below by signing and dating it.

Participant Statement: I have answered all questions honestly, and understand that I accept responsibility for any consequences resulting from any questions I may have answered inaccurately or for my failure to disclose any existing or past health conditions.

_____	_____
Participant Signature (or, if a minor, participant's parent/guardian signature required.)	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)
_____	_____
Participant Name (Print)	Birthdate (dd/mm/yyyy)
_____	_____
Instructor Name (Print)	Facility Name (Print)

* If you answered **YES** to questions 3, 5 or 10 above **OR** to any of the questions on page 2, please read and agree to the statement above by signing and dating it **AND take all three pages of this form (Participant Questionnaire and the Physician's Evaluation Form) to your physician** for a medical evaluation. Participation in a diving course requires your physician's approval.

Participant Name _____

(Print)

Birthdate _____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Diver Medical | Participant Questionnaire Continued**Box A – I have/have had:**

Chest surgery, heart surgery, heart valve surgery, stent placement, or a pneumothorax (collapsed lung).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Asthma, wheezing, severe allergies, hay fever or congested airways within the last 12 months that limits my physical activity/exercise.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
A problem or illness involving my heart such as: angina, chest pain on exertion, heart failure, immersion pulmonary edema, heart attack or stroke, OR am taking medication for any heart condition.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Recurrent bronchitis and currently coughing within the past 12 months, OR have been diagnosed with emphysema.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
A diagnosis of COVID-19.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Box B – I am over 45 years of age AND:

I currently smoke or inhale nicotine by other means.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I have a high cholesterol level.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I have high blood pressure.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I have had a close blood relative die suddenly or of cardiac disease or stroke before the age of 50, OR have a family history of heart disease before age 50 (including abnormal heart rhythms, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathy).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Box C – I have/have had:

Sinus surgery within the last 6 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Ear disease or ear surgery, hearing loss, or problems with balance.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Recurrent sinusitis within the past 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Eye surgery within the past 3 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Box D – I have/have had:

Head injury with loss of consciousness within the past 5 years.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Persistent neurologic injury or disease.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Recurring migraine headaches within the past 12 months, or take medications to prevent them.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Blackouts or fainting (full/partial loss of consciousness) within the last 5 years.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Epilepsy, seizures, or convulsions, OR take medications to prevent them.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Box E – I have/have had:

Behavioral health, mental or psychological problems requiring medical/psychiatric treatment.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Major depression, suicidal ideation, panic attacks, uncontrolled bipolar disorder requiring medication/psychiatric treatment.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Been diagnosed with a mental health condition or a learning/developmental disorder that requires ongoing care.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
An addiction to drugs or alcohol requiring treatment within the last 5 years.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Box F – I have/have had:

Recurrent back problems in the last 6 months that limit my everyday activity.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Back or spinal surgery within the last 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes, either insulin- or diet-controlled, OR gestational diabetes within the last 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
An uncorrected hernia that limits my physical abilities.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active or untreated ulcers, problem wounds, or ulcer surgery within the last 6 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Box G – I have had:

Ostomy surgery and do not have medical clearance to swim or engage in physical activity.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Dehydration requiring medical intervention within the last 7 days.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active or untreated stomach or intestinal ulcers or ulcer surgery within the last 6 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Frequent heartburn, regurgitation, or gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active or uncontrolled ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Bariatric surgery within the last 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Diver Medical | Physician's Evaluation Form

Participant Name _____ Birthdate _____
(Print) Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

The above-named person requests your opinion of his/her medical suitability to participate in recreational scuba diving or freediving training or activity. Please visit uhms.org for medical guidance on medical conditions as they relate to diving. Review the areas relevant to your patient as part of your evaluation.

Evaluation Result

- Approved – I find no conditions that I consider incompatible with recreational scuba diving or freediving.
- Not approved – I find conditions that I consider incompatible with recreational scuba diving or freediving.

Physician's Signature Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Physician's Name _____ Specialty _____
(Print)

Clinic/Hospital _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Physician/Clinic Stamp (optional)

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