



## **USMS Open Water Committee Safety Director Test**

### **Personal Information**

**1. About you:**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Primary Phone:

**2. Open Water Experience: Briefly describe your experience in event management, event support, event participation, etc.:**

**Test: Passing Grade is 20 out of 25 (80%) – may be taken “open book”  
[circle the correct answer]**

1. The Safety Director position is defined by:
  - a. USMS Rule 303.8.1B
  - b. The USMS National Office Open Water Compliance Officer.
  - c. The Open Water Event Director.
  - d. LMSC Open Water Policies and Procedures.
2. True False A USMS-trained Safety Director is required to be at each USMS-sanctioned open water event.
3. True False Safety Directors are chosen by the event host and approved by the USMS Open Water Compliance Officer upon successful completion of this test.
4. True False Safety Directors should be familiar with current water safety standards and practices.
5. True False The position of Safety Director may be combined with the duties of another other staff member or official.



6. True False The Safety Director has the authority to delay the start and/or stop a swim in progress if circumstances warrant.
7. True False Safety Directors can disqualify a swimmer if they swim in a manner in which personal safety is jeopardized.
8. True False The Safety Director may swim in the event once the pre-race checklist has been completed.
9. True False The safety plan is the foundation for planning a safe event, and safety plans for all USMS-sanctioned events must be reviewed and approved by both the LMSC Sanctions Chair and the USMS Open Water Compliance Coordinator.
10. True False All officials and safety staff should attend a pre-race meeting to discuss swim safety, but attendance is optional.
11. True False All swimmers must attend to pre-race meeting to discuss course, conditions, & hazards, as well as safety procedures.
12. True False If exceptional weather such as heavy rain or flooding affects the water quality, the event host may need to postpone or cancel the event.
13. True False The safety plan includes the number & positioning of medical personnel & first responders.
14. True False At least one ambulance must be on site.
15. True False Written directions must be available to participants listing the name, location, and approximate travel time to the closest medical facility(s).
16. True False Motorized watercraft operated by Coast Guard, local police, fire & rescue, or other government agencies trained in the safe use of that watercraft for monitoring or rescue are not exempt from USMS propeller/swimmer monitor restrictions.
17. True False Boats owned by private volunteers or commercial operators used for monitoring & rescue must meet all safety requirements, and complete the safety checklist.
18. True False Boats with outboard motors must have either a propeller guard or dedicated Swim Monitor on board.
19. True False There must be a method for accounting for swimmers before, during, and after each swim, including a method for accounting for swimmers who drop out or do not finish.
20. True False Safety spotters are optional during warm-up and warm-down times.



21. True False There should be a procedure for adjusting the safety plan and number of monitors on the course if there is a significant increase in swimmers on race day.
22. True False The safety plan must include procedures for managing severe weather and course evacuation.
23. True False There is a standard USMS water temperature measurement procedure.
24. True False USMS-sanctioned swims have no restrictions on water temperatures on the day of the swim(s).
25. True False The Safety Director must complete & sign the Safety Director's checklist and submit a copy of that checklist to the Event Host.