



THE PADI SCUBA DIVER STATEMENT

The PADI Scuba Diver rating allows you to gain experience under direct professional supervision. This agreement defines the limitations of your pre-entry level certification and describes the diving practices necessary for your comfort and safety.

I, _____, understand that as a PADI Scuba Diver, I should:
(Print Name)

1. Dive under the direct inwater supervision of a PADI Divemaster, Assistant Instructor or Instructor. Listen carefully to dive briefings and respect the advice of those supervising my dive activities. Adhere to the buddy system on every dive.
2. Dive in conditions better than or similar to those in which I was trained. This includes limiting maximum dive depth to 12 metres/40 feet, or receiving additional instruction before diving deeper.
3. Maintain a reasonable fitness level for diving and dive within personal limitations. Avoid overexertion while diving and not dive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
4. Obtain air fills and dive equipment only from a reputable source, such as a PADI Dive Center or Resort, to avoid contaminated air. Check that the cylinder used is not marked for enriched air (nitrox).
5. Maintain proper buoyancy while diving. Adjust weight for neutral buoyancy at the surface with no air in the BCD and take into account buoyancy changes due to air use during the dive. Establish positive buoyancy by ditching the weight belt and/or inflating the BCD when in distress on the surface.
6. Continue dive education to ensure appropriate training and experience before exceeding the limits of the PADI Scuba Diver rating. Review skills under supervision in a controlled environment after periods of diving inactivity.
7. Breathe properly for diving. Never breath hold or skip breathe when using compressed air.
8. Ascend at a rate of 18 metres/60 feet per minute or slower from every dive and make a safety stop at the end of every dive.
9. Use complete, properly fitting, well-maintained and familiar scuba equipment. Consult a dive professional for advice about and orientation to any unfamiliar equipment.
10. Know and obey local laws and regulations relevant to recreational diving.
11. Understand that I may upgrade to Open Water Diver to dive without professional supervision anytime after my PADI Scuba Diver certification date.
12. Understand that deviating from safe diving practices will increase the risk of decompression illness, other injury or death and recognize that for safety and well being PADI Scuba Divers should abide by these recommendations and seek additional information or advice before diving in unfamiliar situations.

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the importance and purposes of these established practices. I recognize they are for my own safety and well being, and that failure to adhere to them can place me in jeopardy when diving.

Participant's Signature _____

Date (Day/Month/Year) _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (where applicable) _____

Date (Day/Month/Year) _____



STANDARD SAFE DIVING PRACTICES STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Please read carefully before signing.

This is a statement in which you are informed of the established safe diving practices for skin and scuba diving. These practices have been compiled for your review and acknowledgement and are intended to increase your comfort and safety in diving. Your signature on this statement is required as proof that you are aware of these safe diving practices. Read and discuss the statement prior to signing it. If you are a minor, this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

I, _____, understand that as a diver I should:
(Print Name)

1. Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving. Avoid being under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs when diving. Keep proficient in diving skills, striving to increase them through continuing education and reviewing them in controlled conditions after a period of diving inactivity, and refer to my course materials to stay current and refresh myself on important information.
2. Be familiar with my dive sites. If not, obtain a formal diving orientation from a knowledgeable, local source. If diving conditions are worse than those in which I am experienced, postpone diving or select an alternate site with better conditions. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my training and experience. Do not engage in cave or technical diving unless specifically trained to do so.
3. Use complete, well-maintained, reliable equipment with which I am familiar; and inspect it for correct fit and function prior to each dive. Have a buoyancy control device, low-pressure buoyancy control inflation system, submersible pressure gauge and alternate air source and dive planning/monitoring device (dive computer, RDP/dive tables—whichever you are trained to use) when scuba diving. Deny use of my equipment to uncertified divers.
4. Listen carefully to dive briefings and directions and respect the advice of those supervising my diving activities. Recognize that additional training is recommended for participation in specialty diving activities, in other geographic areas and after periods of inactivity that exceed six months.
5. Adhere to the buddy system throughout every dive. Plan dives – including communications, procedures for reuniting in case of separation and emergency procedures – with my buddy.
6. Be proficient in dive planning (dive computer or dive table use). Make all dives no decompression dives and allow a margin of safety. Have a means to monitor depth and time underwater. Limit maximum depth to my level of training and experience. Ascend at a rate of not more than 18 metres/60 feet per minute. Be a **SAFE** diver – **S**lowly **A**scend **F**rom **E**very dive. Make a safety stop as an added precaution, usually at 5 metres/15 feet for three minutes or longer.
7. Maintain proper buoyancy. Adjust weighting at the surface for neutral buoyancy with no air in my buoyancy control device. Maintain neutral buoyancy while underwater. Be buoyant for surface swimming and resting. Have weights clear for easy removal, and establish buoyancy when in distress while diving. Carry at least one surface signaling device (such as signal tube, whistle, mirror).
8. Breathe properly for diving. Never breath-hold or skip-breathe when breathing compressed air, and avoid excessive hyperventilation when breath-hold diving. Avoid overexertion while in and underwater and dive within my limitations.
9. Use a boat, float or other surface support station, whenever feasible.
10. Know and obey local dive laws and regulations, including fish and game and dive flag laws.

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the importance and purposes of these established practices. I recognize they are for my own safety and well-being, and that failure to adhere to them can place me in jeopardy when diving.

Participant's Signature

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Youth Diving: Responsibility and Risks Acknowledgment

(Please read carefully, fill in all blanks, and sign and date below.)

I/we, _____, and my/our child, _____, have viewed and understand the Youth Diving: Responsibility and Risks video or flip chart. We affirm we have been advised and thoroughly informed that diving is an adventure sport with inherent risks to the participant. These risks may include, but are not limited to, pressure related injuries affecting the lungs, sinuses and ears, drowning, panic and other serious injury or death. We also understand our responsibilities, as parent and participant (child), in participating in scuba activities and agree to accept those responsibilities.

As the parent/guardian of the minor child, I/we understand and agree it is solely my/our responsibility to evaluate whether my/our child should participate in scuba activities. Our decision is based upon our knowledge of the mental, physical and emotional abilities of our child, as well as his/her medical history. I/we understand and agree it is my/our responsibility to discuss with a physician any questions I/we have regarding my/our child's medical history and participation in this activity.

I/we understand and agree that it is my/our responsibility to continue to monitor the abilities and health of my/our child to determine whether he/she should continue in this program and continue to dive after the program.

I/we agree to abide by all supervisory and depth limitations that may accompany my/our child's PADI certification.

I/we understand that PADI certifies instructors/dive centers and provides materials for programs developed by PADI.

I/we understand that the dive center/resort and the instructor are responsible for the conduct and supervision of this activity

I/we understand my responsibilities and those of my child as set forth in the Youth Diving Responsibilities and Risk video or flip chart.

I/we have read this Acknowledgment, understand and agree to the terms and conditions, and understand and agree that this Acknowledgment is a binding contract between us, the dive professional, the dive facility and PADI.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

(Day/Month/Year)

Participant/Minor Name

Participant/Minor Signature

(Day/Month/Year)

Welcome –

Exploring the underwater world is both fun and serious.

Scuba diving is enjoyed by millions of people all over the world.

Scuba Diving requires:

- Some physical fitness
- Ability to solve problems that come up
- Emotional maturity

You should have good general health and be comfortable in and around the water to scuba dive.



Like any adventurous activity, there are potential risks in scuba diving. However, these are well known and easy to avoid by following some simple rules.

Possible risks specific to scuba diving include:

- **Problems with your ears**
- **Drowning and breathing-in water**
- **Getting cold in the water**
- **Lung over-expansion injury**

It is important to follow some simple rules to avoid injury, which, although unlikely, could be serious, even fatal.

You will learn these rules during your scuba diving program.

When you follow these rules and suggestions, scuba diving is a reasonably safe and fun activity.

Roles and Responsibilities

PADI's Role: to provide the best training materials and educational support possible.

PADI Instructor's Role: to supervise your training, follow PADI's guidelines and provide as safe a diving experience as possible.

Parent's Responsibility: to help evaluate your medical, physical and emotional readiness to participate in scuba diving.

- If you or your parents know of any medical problems you may have, you'll need to see a medical doctor before scuba diving.
- The PADI Medical Statement will help you, your parents and the doctor review your medical fitness to participate.

Your Responsibility: to understand and put to use the following six **ACTION** steps during your scuba diving adventure.



ATTENTION

- Pay attention, listen and follow the rules.
- Diving is exciting and you can become distracted, but stay focused on your instructor and the assistants.
- Be sure to follow the rules covered by your instructor to help lower your risks and increase your fun.
- Failure to follow these rules can lead to serious injury, even fatality.



COMMUNICATION

- If you don't understand something, or get confused, ask your instructor.
- Your instructor is there to help and to answer your questions.
- Don't be shy, it's important for you to understand.
- You may find that other people have the same questions you have!



TAKE CARE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT

- **We were not born to live underwater. That's why we have to use scuba equipment.**
- **Without properly cared for equipment, you increase your risks and make it harder to dive safely and comfortably.**
- **It's very important that all your equipment is designed for scuba diving and fits you properly.**
- **Be sure to take care of your equipment every time you use it.**



INFORM

- Inform your instructor of how you feel.
- Tell your instructor if you're cold, tired, having a problem or don't understand something.
- You'll learn hand signals so you can "talk" with your instructor underwater.



OBSERVE

- **Observe how your instructor does things and follow the example.**
- **Watch where your instructor is and be sure to watch for signals and direction.**



NOW HAVE FUN!

- Don't forget to have fun!
- Scuba diving is a serious activity and there are risks involved. But you can manage these risks and avoid injury by following the simple **ACTION** steps.
- Paying careful attention to proper training and instruction will teach you how to avoid injury and reduce the risk of hurting yourself.
- So take **ACTION** and have a great time. The fun has just begun!



GENERAL TRAINING

Please read carefully and fill in all blanks before signing.

Non-Agency Disclosure and Acknowledgment Agreement

I understand and agree that PADI Members ("Members"), including Salisbury Scuba / The Boy Scouts of America and/or any individual PADI Instructors and Divemasters associated with the program in which I am participating, are licensed to use various PADI Trademarks and to conduct PADI training, but are not agents, employees or franchisees of PADI Americas, Inc, or its parent, subsidiary and affiliated corporations ("PADI"). I further understand that Member business activities are independent, and are neither owned nor operated by PADI, and that while PADI establishes the standards for PADI diver training programs, it is not responsible for, nor does it have the right to control, the operation of the Members' business activities and the day-to-day conduct of PADI programs and supervision of divers by the Members or their associated staff. I further understand and agree on behalf of myself, my heirs and my estate that in the event of an injury or death during this activity, neither I nor my estate shall seek to hold PADI liable for the actions, inactions or negligence of Salisbury Scuba / The Boy Scouts of America and/or the instructors and divemasters associated with the activity.

Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement

I, _____, hereby affirm that I am aware that skin and scuba diving have inherent risks which may result in serious injury or death.

I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; including but not limited to decompression sickness, embolism or other hyperbaric/air expansion injury that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that the open water diving trips which are necessary for training and for certification may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such instructional dives in spite of the possible absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site.

I understand and agree that neither my instructor(s), Garrett Van Dreel, the facility through which I receive my instruction, Salisbury Scuba / The Boy Scouts of America, nor PADI Americas, Inc., nor its affiliate and subsidiary corporations, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents, contractors or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties") may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in this diving program or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this course (and optional Adventure Dive), hereinafter referred to as "program," I hereby personally assume all risks of this program, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall me while I am a participant in this program including, but not limited to, the academics, confined water and/or open water activities.

I further release, exempt and hold harmless said program and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in this program including both claims arising during the program or after I receive my certification.

I also understand that skin diving and scuba diving are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during this program, and that if I am injured as a result of heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, drowning or any other cause, that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for the same.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian. I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this Agreement of my own free act and with the knowledge that I hereby agree to waive my legal rights. I further agree that if any provision of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be severed from this Agreement. The remainder of this Agreement will then be construed as though the unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

I understand and agree that I am not only giving up my right to sue the Released Parties but also any rights my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries may have to sue the Released Parties resulting from my death. I further represent I have the authority to do so and that my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries will be estopped from claiming otherwise because of my representations to the Released Parties.

I, Garrett Van Dreel, BY THIS INSTRUMENT AGREE TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE MY INSTRUCTORS, Salisbury Scuba / The Boy Scouts of America, THE FACILITY THROUGH WHICH I RECEIVE MY INSTRUCTION, Salisbury Scuba / The Boy Scouts of America, AND PADI AMERICAS, INC. AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS DEFINED ABOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF AND MY HEIRS OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS NON-AGENCY DISCLOSURE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT BY READING BOTH BEFORE SIGNING BELOW ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

Participant Signature

Date (Day/Month/Year)

Signature of Parent or Guardian (where applicable)

Date (Day/Month/Year)



UNDERSEA & HYPERBARIC MEDICAL SOCIETY

MEDICAL STATEMENT

Participant Record (Confidential Information)

Please read carefully before signing.

This is a statement in which you are informed of some potential risks involved in scuba diving and of the conduct required of you during the scuba training program. Your signature on this statement is required for you to participate in the scuba training program offered

by Garrett Van Dreef and _____
Instructor

Salisbury Scuba/ The Boy Scouts of America located in the
Facility

city of Salisbury, state/province of North Carolina

Read this statement prior to signing it. You must complete this Medical Statement, which includes the medical questionnaire section, to enroll in the scuba training program. If you are a minor, you must have this Statement signed by a parent or guardian.

Diving is an exciting and demanding activity. When performed correctly, applying correct techniques, it is relatively safe. When

established safety procedures are not followed, however, there are increased risks.

To scuba dive safely, you should not be extremely overweight or out of condition. Diving can be strenuous under certain conditions. Your respiratory and circulatory systems must be in good health. All body air spaces must be normal and healthy. A person with coronary disease, a current cold or congestion, epilepsy, a severe medical problem or who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs should not dive. If you have asthma, heart disease, other chronic medical conditions or you are taking medications on a regular basis, you should consult your doctor and the instructor before participating in this program, and on a regular basis thereafter upon completion. You will also learn from the instructor the important safety rules regarding breathing and equalization while scuba diving. Improper use of scuba equipment can result in serious injury. You must be thoroughly instructed in its use under direct supervision of a qualified instructor to use it safely.

If you have any additional questions regarding this Medical Statement or the Medical Questionnaire section, review them with your instructor before signing.

Divers Medical Questionnaire

To the Participant:

The purpose of this Medical Questionnaire is to find out if you should be examined by your doctor before participating in recreational diver training. A positive response to a question does not necessarily disqualify you from diving. A positive response means that there is a preexisting condition that may affect your safety while diving and you must seek the advice of your physician prior to engaging in dive activities.

- Could you be pregnant, or are you attempting to become pregnant?
- Are you presently taking prescription medications? (with the exception of birth control or anti-malarial)
- Are you over 45 years of age and can answer YES to one or more of the following?
 - currently smoke a pipe, cigars or cigarettes
 - have a high cholesterol level
 - have a family history of heart attack or stroke
 - are currently receiving medical care
 - high blood pressure
 - diabetes mellitus, even if controlled by diet alone

Have you ever had or do you currently have...

- Asthma, or wheezing with breathing, or wheezing with exercise?
- Frequent or severe attacks of hayfever or allergy?
- Frequent colds, sinusitis or bronchitis?
- Any form of lung disease?
- Pneumothorax (collapsed lung)?
- Other chest disease or chest surgery?
- Behavioral health, mental or psychological problems (Panic attack, fear of closed or open spaces)?
- Epilepsy, seizures, convulsions or take medications to prevent them?
- Recurring complicated migraine headaches or take medications to prevent them?
- Blackouts or fainting (full/partial loss of consciousness)?
- Frequent or severe suffering from motion sickness (seasick, carsick, etc.)?

Please answer the following questions on your past or present medical history with a YES or NO. If you are not sure, answer YES. If any of these items apply to you, we must request that you consult with a physician prior to participating in scuba diving. Your instructor will supply you with an RSTC Medical Statement and Guidelines for Recreational Scuba Diver's Physical Examination to take to your physician.

- Dysentery or dehydration requiring medical intervention?
- Any dive accidents or decompression sickness?
- Inability to perform moderate exercise (example: walk 1.6 km/one mile within 12 mins.)?
- Head injury with loss of consciousness in the past five years?
- Recurrent back problems?
- Back or spinal surgery?
- Diabetes?
- Back, arm or leg problems following surgery, injury or fracture?
- High blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure?
- Heart disease?
- Heart attack?
- Angina, heart surgery or blood vessel surgery?
- Sinus surgery?
- Ear disease or surgery, hearing loss or problems with balance?
- Recurrent ear problems?
- Bleeding or other blood disorders?
- Hernia?
- Ulcers or ulcer surgery ?
- A colostomy or ileostomy?
- Recreational drug use or treatment for, or alcoholism in the past five years?

The information I have provided about my medical history is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to accept responsibility for omissions regarding my failure to disclose any existing or past health condition.

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date



PIEDMONT DIVING AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND WAIVER FOR STUDENTS

**FOR STUDENT GUESTS ACCOMPANIED BY AN APPROVED INSTRUCTOR
IN THE MATTER OF:**

PIEDMONT DIVING AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC. AND

PRINT FULL NAME OF STUDENT _____

As a condition of my acceptance for membership in the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc., and/or my use of Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc. property. I subscribe, accept and acknowledge the following statement of understanding: **INHERENT HAZARDS:** There are hazards in skin and scuba diving, as in all activities on or near the water, some of those hazards include, but are not limited to, drowning and air embolism and/or death. I hereby affirm that I am aware of and understand the inherent hazards of skin and scuba diving. I am adequately prepared to dive in the rock quarries owned or leased by the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc. I am aware that I must abide by safe diving practices. At no time will I dive under the influence of alcohol or drugs or with questionable equipment or conduct any dive without (1) a buoyancy control device, (2) a submersible pressure gauge, (3) an alternate air source as a permanent and functioning part of my scuba equipment and (4) a certified buddy or dive partner. I will always have a means to monitor depth and time underwater and will make all my dives no decompression dives and will limit my maximum depth to my level of training and experience. I understand scuba diving is dangerous and can result in serious injury or death. My personal safety is my responsibility, not others' responsibility. My certification card reflects that I have received training in scuba diving; and should I neglect to maintain my skills in scuba, I know that I should seek adequate refresher instruction to bring my skills to a level that will prepare me for safe scuba diving. I will exercise reasonable care in scuba diving, the selection of my equipment, the use of that equipment and the maintenance of that equipment. I confirm that I have been properly trained and certified to the level indicated on my certification card and same is presently current. I understand and agree that the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, its' officers, agents, members, or affiliated clubs shall not be held liable in any way for any occurrence in connection with my future scuba or skin diving, which may result in injury, death, or other damages to me, my family, heirs, executors, administrators and/or assigns, as evidence by my signature affixed hereto, and in consideration of which I am being allowed membership in the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc., and/or the use of Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc., property as the guest of a member. I hereby assume all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and I agree to save, indemnify and hold harmless said above parties from any claim by me, my family, heirs, executors, administrators and/or assigns, arising out of my participation in scuba diving or skin diving. I warrant that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this statement of understanding, or that my parent or legal guardian understands and agrees to all terms contained herein, as evidence by my parent's or guardian's signature; that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital; and that I have signed this document as my own free act and upon my own volition. It is my intention as a member or as a guest of a member of the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc., by this instrument, to exempt and release the above listed corporation, its' officers, agents, members, and affiliated clubs from any and all liability whatsoever for personal injury, property damage and/or wrongful death, arising from my membership in the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc. and/or use of PDRA's facilities. I have fully read and understand the contents of this statement of understanding and acknowledge and same.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

As a member or guest of the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc., and notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in consideration of promises made, it is agreed that the undersigned shall conform to the constitution and By- laws of the Piedmont Diving and Rescue Association, Inc., as well as the following rules and regulations:

- *Keep the gate **LOCKED** / Take all action possible to remove trespassers / Do not lend your key to non-members.
- *All divers **MUST** be accompanied by a diving buddy equipped with substantially the same type of equipment.
- *Spear guns shall not be taken into or used in PDRA waters (unless officially sanctioned). *There is to be no display or discharge of FIREARMS, FIREWORKS OR DYNAMITE on the property.
- *Do not jump or dive from quarry walls.
- *Swimmers & Divers must wear an operable PFD/safety device. Must be USCG approved or 7MM wetsuit capable of providing floatation.
- *All guests **MUST** be accompanied by a PDRA member with a release for each guest properly signed and in the member's possession. All members are responsible for actions of their guests. No more than 10 guests per member are allowed at any time unless authorized in writing by the Board. This number does not apply to authorized instructors with classes. A non-member may be the guest of a PDRA Member two times per year. If the guest wished to return after the second visit, he or she must be a PDRA Member.
- *Do not remove items or parts of items put in quarries for your diving diversity.
- *Do not remove gravel or equipment from quarry belonging to a property owner.
- *ABSOLUTELY NO FISHING ON PDRA PROPERTY. PADDLE FISH ARE FEDERALLY PROTECTED.**
- *No hunting allowed at any time.
- *No boats with gasoline motors permitted. Electric motors with weed guards permitted only when there are no other persons in the water. *PDRA members & guests shall take their litter, trash & garbage with them when leaving PDRA property.
- *Children shall be kept under strict supervision at all times for their safety and safety of others.
- *ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ON PDRA PROPERTY.**
- *Keys are the property of the PDRA and shall not be duplicated.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____ 20_____.

_____(Seal)_____(Date)_____(Seal)_____Key#
STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

_____(Seal)_____(Date) INSTRUCTOR (PRINT NAME)_____

(Signature of Parent if under 18)

This form must be used without exception by all PDRA Instructors bringing students to PDRA owned properties. The completed form must be filled out and the names legible. Place one copy in the release box at the gate and keep the other copy in your possession while on PDRA property. **Failure to abide by the above Rules and Regulations and the PDRA Requirements (5/01) for PDRA Instructors may result in fines and disciplinary action.**

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- *All guests **MUST** be accompanied by a PDRA member with a release for each guest properly signed and in the member's possession. All members are responsible for actions of their guests. No more than 10 guests per member are allowed at any time unless authorized in writing by the Board. This number does not apply to authorized instructors with classes. A non-member may be the guest of a PDRA Member two times per year. If the guest wished to return after the second visit, he or she must be a PDRA Member.
- *Do not remove items or parts of items put in quarries for your diving diversity.
- *Do not remove gravel or equipment from quarry belonging to a property owner.
- ***ABSOLUTELY NO FISHING ON PDRA PROPERTY. PADDLE FISH ARE FEDERALLY PROTECTED.**
- *No hunting allowed at any time.
- *No boats with gasoline motors permitted. Electric motors with weed guards permitted only when there are no other persons in the water. *PDRA members & guests shall take their litter, trash& garbage with them when leaving PDRA property.
- *Children shall be kept under strict supervision at all times for their safety and safety of others.
- ***ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ON PDRA PROPERTY.**
- *Keys are the property of the PDRA and shall not be duplicated.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Student _____ (Seal) _____ (Date) Instructor _____ (Seal) _____ Key#

_____(Seal) _____(Date) INSTRUCTOR (PRINT NAME)_____

(Signature of Parent if under 18)

This form must be used without exception by all PDRA Instructors bringing students to PDRA owned properties. The completed form must be filled out and the names legible. Place one copy in the release box at the gate and keep the other copy in your possession while on PDRA property. **Failure to abide by the above Rules and Regulations and the PDRA Requirements (5/01) for PDRA Instructors may result in fines and disciplinary action.**

INSTRUCTOR COPY

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