



General Course Standards

These standards apply to all TDI Diver Courses and Specialties

1 Administrative

Instructors must ensure that all students complete the following forms for each course and specialty the student participates in.

1. *TDI Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk Form*
2. *TDI Medical Release Form*

If a student writes a yes to any question in the medical release Form under the section marked "Have you ever had a history of or do you currently have" then the student must provide written permission from a doctor before participating in confined or open water training or any course or specialty training.

3. TDI Diver Registration Form or register the student online in the member's section of the TDI website (upon completion of the specified course)
4. TDI Diver Training Record; these training records must be kept for a minimum of 7 years
5. All courses must be completed in 12 months

2 Accidents

Hopefully a member will never have to do this, however, if a member, were involved in an accident or simply witnessed an accident the TDI Accident Report Form must be completed by the member/witness, and faxed to TDI Headquarters immediately after the accident happened.

3 Confined Water Training

Confined water training must be conducted in a swimming pool or a confined body of water with the following conditions:

1. Approximately 3 metres / 10 feet of visibility
2. Calm surface conditions
3. Easy access to depths that allow students to stand with their head above water
4. Depths that allow skills to be adequately demonstrated
5. Equipment appropriate for the training site
6. Confined water training sites other than pools, must be approved by TDI Headquarters

4 Open Water Training

The instructor, with the following considerations, must carefully choose an open water training site:

1. Body of water similar to the regional diving conditions (ocean, lake, etc.)
Note; swimming pools are not considered an open water environment
2. Water clarity
3. Temperature above and below the water
4. Weather conditions



5. Water access
6. Equipment adequate for the conditions
7. Thermal protection appropriate for the conditions
8. A complete briefing that includes:
 - a. The dive site
 - b. Water conditions
 - c. Skills to be performed
 - d. Entry/Exit to be used
 - e. Emergency procedures
9. A complete debriefing that includes:
 - a. Performance of divers as a whole
 - b. Areas that need improvement
 - c. Environmental observations
 - d. Question and answers

5 Conducting Courses Using Closed Circuit Rebreather (CCR)

The following TDI Diver level courses may be conducted using CCR subject to the requirements below:

Advanced Nitrox, Cavern, Introductory Cave, Full Cave

1. Both instructor(s) and student(s) must be diving on the same CCR unit
2. Course student(s) must meet all course prerequisites and be fully certified on the CCR unit being used (Unless combining advanced nitrox training with CCR training)
3. Course instructor(s) must be a TDI Instructor for the CCR unit being used

Note: Cylinder capacities used in the TDI Standards are based on manufacturer values or generalized conversions and are NOT exact conversions from metric to imperial due to variance in cylinder volume and working pressures. If you use metric cylinders, please use the metric size cylinder listed; likewise, if you use imperial cylinders, please use the imperial size cylinder listed, I.E. 3 litres / 18 cubic ft.