

## XR Foundations Course Learning Agreement

Diver training courses are meant to be fun, but with any form of learning, you will need to invest some time and effort into the course. Successful completion of the XR Foundations course is a prerequisite to any XR program offering through Underwater Connection, including the Recreational Sidemount course. This learning agreement is between you (the student) and Underwater Connection, regarding our mutual responsibilities in this program.

The following information is designed to make your experience with UWC enjoyable and to prevent possible confusion throughout the course. Please read each item carefully and initial each item for your acknowledgement and understanding. If you do not understand one or more items, or if you have any questions, please be sure to ask Drew or Nathi for clarification.

### **Course Requirements**

\_\_\_\_\_ Must be 16 years of age or older

\_\_\_\_\_ Must have a minimum of 24 logged dives

\_\_\_\_\_ Must be physically fit for diving as per the Scuba Medical Questionnaire.

**A doctor's note is NOT acceptable.**

**A physician's signature is REQUIRED, it must be signed or co-signed by a DO or MD within 12 months prior to the start of the course, and valid throughout the entirety of the course.**

\_\_\_\_\_ As with all scuba courses, this course is performance-based. I understand and agree that Underwater Connection makes no guarantee that I will pass.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that the instructor has sole-discretion in student competency decisions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that in the event that I do not pass the course, make-up time with the instructor will be at a rate of \$30/hour, with a minimum of 2 hours. I do have the ability to utilize pool practice times outside of make up sessions with the instructor. A minimum of one make-up session with the instructor will be required for final skill evaluation.

\_\_\_\_\_ The equipment configuration for this course is limited to a back-mounted single tank only.

A long hose regulator configuration is recommended but not mandatory. I can request to dive a different gear configuration, UWC Staff will evaluate my request on a case by case basis. UWC staff have sole discretion in approving any exceptions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that this course has criteria for passing at both recreational and technical levels.

A recreational pass includes: Demonstrate the ability to maintain trim at +/- 30 degrees throughout the entire program; Demonstrate the ability to perform all skills adequately with little shift in buoyancy or trim; Demonstrate basic awareness of buoyancy, trim, stability, propulsion, and teamwork.

A technical pass includes: Demonstrate the ability to maintain trim at +/- 15 degrees throughout the entire program; Demonstrate the ability to perform all skills perfectly with almost no shift in buoyancy or trim; Demonstrate basic awareness of buoyancy, trim, stability, propulsion, and teamwork.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that a technical pass is required for any future technical course, and that my technical passing of this course is valid for 24 calendar months from the successful completion of the course. Successful completion of subsequent technical courses extends the time an additional 24 months.

### **Payment Schedule & Refund Policy**

Full payment is required to reserve your spot in the class. **Rescheduling or cancellation within 14 days of the start of the class incurs a \$100 cancellation fee.**

### **Student Responsibilities**

- Show up for all sessions on time and prepared
- Follow all course procedures as set forth by the instructor
- Ask questions about anything not understood

### **Instructor/Staff Responsibilities**

Underwater Connection Staff agree to:

- Start the class as scheduled
- Provide a positive learning environment
- Answer the student's questions to the best of their abilities
- Assist the student through learning challenges.

**Other Disclaimers and Important Information**

- There are no refunds once you have started the course
- There are no transfers to another class once you have started the course
- The use of drugs or alcohol are not permitted when diving; this includes the use of medicinal or recreational marijuana. Underwater Connection reserves the right to discontinue any training if such practices are used. There will be NO REFUND in such cases.
- Underwater Connection is not responsible for any lost or stolen items (this also means that renters assume responsibility in these cases).

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
UWC Staff Signature