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## **PADI Discover Scuba® Diving Participant Statement**

Read the following paragraphs carefully.

This statement, which includes a Medical Questionnaire, a Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement (Statement of Risks and Liability), Non-Agency Disclosure and Acknowledgment and the Discover Scuba Diving Knowledge and Safety Review, informs you of some potential risks involved in scuba diving and of the conduct required of you during the PADI Discover Scuba Diving program. If you are a minor, your parent or guardian must read this Guide and sign on the back panel.

You will also need to learn important safety rules regarding breathing and equalization while scuba diving from the PADI Professional. Scuba diving and the use of scuba equipment without proper supervision or instruction can result in serious injury or death. You must be instructed in its use under the direct supervision of a qualified instructor.

## **Non-Agency Disclosure and Acknowledgment Agreement**

Lunderstand and agree that PADI Members ("Members"), including Dive Connections and/or any individual PADI Instructors and Diversaters 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 **Dive Connections** and/or the instructors and diversasters associated with the activity.

# **Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement**

| I (participant name),  | , hereby affirm that I aware that skin   |
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| and scuba diving have inherent risks which may resul   | t in serious injury or death.  |
| I understand that diving with compressed air involvances, embolism or other hyperbaric injuries recompression chamber. I further understand that this remote, either by time or distance or both, from su to proceed with this program in spite of the absence facility in proximity to the dive site. | can occur that require treatment in a<br>s program may be conducted at a site that<br>ch a recompression chamber. I still choose |

The information I have provided about my medical history on the Medical Questionnaire 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 conditions.

I understand and agree that neither the dive professionals conducting this program, nor the facility through which this program is offered. Dive Connections Americas, Inc., nor its affiliate or subsidiary corporations, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents 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 program or as a result of the negligence of the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this program, I hereby personally assume all risks for any harm, injury or damage, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall me while participating in this program, including but not limited to the knowledge development, confined water and/or open water activities.

I further release and hold harmless the Discover Scuba Diving program and the Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns, arising out of my participation in this program.

I further 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, etc., 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 and Assumption of Risk Agreement, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.

I understand that 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 that I have the authority to do so and that my heirs, assigns and beneficiaries will be estopped from claiming otherwise because of my representations to the Released Parties.

| I (PARTICIPANT NAME),                                 | , BY THIS INSTRUMEN          |
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| DO EXEMPT AND RELEASE THE DIVE PROFESSIONALS CON      | DUCTING THIS PROGRAM, THI    |
| FACILITY THROUGH WHICH THE PROGRAM IS CONDUCTED, A    | AND PADI AMERICAS, INC., AND |
| ALL RELATED ENTITIES AND RELEASED PARTIES AS DEFINED. | ABOVE FROM ALL LIABILITY OF  |
| RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROP   | PERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFU      |
| DEATH, HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED      | TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE     |
| RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.          |                              |
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I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND NON-AGENCY DISCLOSURE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AGREEMENT BY READING BOTH BEFORE SIGNING BELOW ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS AND AFFIRM THE MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE IS ACCURATE.

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| Participant Signature                        | Date (Day/Month/Year) |
| Parent/Guardian Signature (where applicable) | Date (Day/Month/Year) |

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# Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire

(Confidential Information)









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.

| I have had problems with my lungs, breathing, heart and/or blood affecting my normal physical or mental performance.   | Yes ☐<br>Go to Box A* | No 🗆 |
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| 2. I am over 45 years of age.  | Yes ☐<br>Go to Box B* | No 🗆 |
| 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 □*                | No □ |
| 4. I have had problems with my eyes, ears, or nasal passages/ sinuses.   | Yes ☐<br>Go to Box C* | No 🗆 |
| 5. I have had surgery within the last 12 months, OR I have ongoing problems related to past surgery.   | Yes □*                | No 🗆 |

(Questionnaire continues next page)

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| 6.                        | I have lost consciousness, had migraine headaches, seizures, stroke, significant head injury, or suffer from persistent neurologic injury or disease.  | Yes ☐<br>Go to Box D*                             | No 🗆            |
| 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 or developmental disability.   | Yes ☐<br>Go to Box E*                             | No 🗆            |
| 8.                        | I have had back problems, hernia, ulcers, or diabetes.   | Yes ☐<br>Go to Box F*                             | No □            |
| 9.                        | I have had stomach or intestine problems, including recent diarrhea.   | Yes ☐<br>Go to Box G*                             | No 🗆            |
| 10                        | I am taking prescription medications (with the exception of birth control or anti-malarial drugs other than mefloquine/Lariam).  | Yes □*  | No 🗆            |
| f yo<br>eac<br>art<br>esp | rticipant Signature ou answered NO to all 10 questions above, a medical evaluand agree to the participant statement below by signing and icipant Statement: I have answered all questions honestly, onsibility for any consequences resulting from any questions for my failure to disclose any existing or past healt | I dating it.<br>and understand<br>stions I may ha | that I accep    |
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|                           | Participant name (print)   | Date (Day   | / Month / Year) |
|                           | Staff of Dive Connections Instructor name (print)  | Date (Dav   | / Month / Year) |

Note: If you answered YES to any of the questions above, please ask us to provide you with a complete document including pages 2 & 3.

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<sup>\*</sup> If you answered YES to questions 3, 5 or 10 above OR to any of the questions on page 2 [after obtaining the complete 3 page Diver Medical form from your instructor], 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.