



Rules for Lifesaving Training Centres

1. Lifesaving Training Centres (LTCs) may only be established with the prior approval of the local Water Safety Area Committee (WSAC)
2. The WSAC will oversee the setting up of the training Centre.
3. All financial transactions of a Lifesaving Training Centre must be carried out by the Treasurer of the WSAC.
4. A Lifesaving Training Centre may not hold a bank account.
5. The WSAC will appoint a local organiser to oversee the running of a Lifesaving Training Centre.
6. All Organisers, Coaches, Helpers and Instructors of a Lifesaving Training Centre must be fully paid up Voluntary members of Irish Water Safety
7. Membership applications should be registered on the IWS website and the Secretary of the local WSAC shall be notified of same.
8. All IWS members over 18 must be Garda vetted.
9. The WSAC must keep an inventory of all equipment in a Lifesaving Training Centre for Insurance records as per WSAC Rules and Regulations.
10. Lifesaving Training Centres must comply with Irish Water Safety current Rules and Regulations.
11. Lifesaving Training Centres must submit a yearly budget to the WSAC by the 1st November.
12. All equipment procured and used by Lifesaving Training Centres will remain the property of the WSAC which in turn is the property of IWS.
13. All premises used as Lifesaving Training Centres will remain the property of the WSAC which in turn is the property of IWS.
14. Those who compete in IWS Competitions must hold Competition Membership if not already a Voluntary Member.
15. Competitors must be registered with IWS two weeks prior to any competition in order for them to compete.
16. All entries for competitions must be submitted via the Water Safety Area Committee

Definitions:

Lifesaving Training Centre:

Lifesaving Training Centre is a location where one or more of the following disciplines are taught by the Volunteers of Irish Water Safety: swimming, lifesaving, basic life support, pool lifeguard, beach lifeguard, inland open water or the sport of lifesaving.

Competitor:

Those who compete in IWS Still and Open Water, Nippers, Juniors, Seniors and Masters Competitions.

Coach:

Qualified Person in charge of training session. Must be a member of IWS.

Assistant Coach:

Person assisting the coach in implementing the training session. Must be a member of IWS.

Helper:

Person helping in the running of training session whose roles may include taking roll call, collecting membership fees etc. These people must be members of IWS.

Note:

If a Lifesaving Training Centre has persons participating in activities (other than meetings) who are not members of Irish Water Safety, then they have no IWS insurance cover.

Note on Dual Membership

- Master competitors can be members of their own county and the Hibernian team.
- The Hibernian member will only compete at international meets.