

IRO Events & Training Grounds

Safety note

The participant respectively user of the IRO Training Grounds agrees to comply with the prerequisites for attending / terms of use and with the liability commitment outlined below for the entire duration of the participation in an event or of the use of the training facility of the International Search and Rescue Dog Organisation, hereinafter referred to as IRO. The following regulations for participants equally apply to the users of the training facility.

Eligible for participation are all dog handlers of an age of over 14 years that are registered in due time and who fulfil the requirements for the event. Participants under 18 years of age require a declaration of consent from their legal guardian.

The participant uses the training area, which includes the available constructions and training equipment, for himself and his dog and/or dogs and takes part in the event at his own risk. IRO is not liable for damage caused to participants, their dogs, staff, helpers or visitors during use of the training area – also through available constructions and training equipment and the participation at the event itself. This also applies to objects and valuables that went missing.

The participant takes part in the event voluntarily and at his own risk and exempts IRO from all claims that might be made by relatives to the IRO, the assigned trainer, participants or third parties. The participant principally carries out all training activities on his own free will and by choice also if he has been asked to do so by the assigned trainer.

The participant takes part in the event wearing adequate personal safety equipment (PSE) and is aware that the participation is associated with risks and dangers of injury, which can include in particular:

General	Dangers arising from animals		
Tracking	Slipping, tripping, falling Wet surfaces	Uneven surfaces Mud, water	Objects on the ground Hidden voids
Area Search	Slipping, tripping, falling Wet surfaces Low hanging branches (eyes)	Uneven surfaces Mud, water	Objects on the ground Hidden voids

Rubble Search	Moving rubble Protruding building parts Uneven surfaces Low ceiling heights Mud, water, dust	Slipping, tripping, falling Confined working areas Working at height Concrete iron Glass, splinters	Loose building parts Poor visibility (darkness) Hidden voids Leaking liquids
Avalanche Search	Snow cave collapse Smoking in the snow cave Dehydration	Bad weather conditions Low temperatures	Claustrophobia in the snow cave Intense solar radiation
Water Rescue	Drowning hazard Intense solar radiation	Bad weather conditions Risk of slipping and falling in the boat	Low water temperature Dehydration
Risks for the dog	Infections Abseiling without handler	Abseiling with handler Interaction with human/dog	Contamination of the worksite
All risks of injury listed above for the respective search discipline.			

The participant makes the binding statement that there are no health concerns against the participation of himself and his dog.

The participant has to have met provision for medical treatment and clinical care for himself and his dog through insurance and exempts IRO from all claims that might be made in this regard by third parties. For all dogs (also for those that do not participate in the actual training) liability insurance has to exist.

The participant is obliged to carry out the exercise in such a way that no danger is caused. The liability for grossly negligent and intentional violations remains unaffected. The IRO as organiser is entitled to exclude participants from the event who endanger other persons or dogs by their behaviour.

The participant expressly releases the IRO from all liability claims which arise in conjunction with the event, regardless of whether they are due to own or third party fault or for any other reason, against the IRO, its representatives, assistants and auxiliary persons. Furthermore, the participant releases the IRO from any liability towards third parties for damages caused during his participation.

By registering, the participant consents to the automatic storage and processing of personal data for the purpose of the event. The participant further agrees that the photos, film recordings, videos and interviews taken during the event may be distributed, published or otherwise used in radio, television, commercials, books, photomechanical copies and DVDs for advertising purposes of the IRO without any claims for compensation as well as the data and participation results mentioned in the registration.

Altering start numbers or passing them on to third parties will lead to exclusion from the respective event.

Participants must follow the instructions of the organiser. The event will take place in all weather conditions. The organiser is entitled to modify the event for whatever reason or to cancel it due to force majeure or regulatory requirements in particular.

In case of cancellation of the event due to circumstances beyond the control of the organiser, the registration fee will not be refunded to the participants. In case of hindrance or non-participation in the event, there is also no claim for reimbursement.

If the signing of this safety note is done by the representative of an association or organisation, the representative expressly declares to inform all participating members of the contents of this document and to indemnify and hold the IRO harmless in case claims are nevertheless made against the IRO by members of the association or organisation.

Austrian law applies, place of jurisdiction is Salzburg.