

# IRO Safety and Risk Assessment

## Requirements for participation and exclusion of liability

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The participant respectively user of the training grounds of the International Rescue Dog Organisation (IRO) 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 IRO training grounds. The regulations for participants stated below apply to users of IRO training ground analogously.

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 younger than 18 years old do need a declaration of approval of the parents.

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 vent 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 voluntary and at his own risk and exempts IRO from all claims that might be made by members of 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 with the respectively adequate personal safety equipment (PSE) and is aware that the participation is connected with risks and risk of injury, which can include in particular:

<b>General</b>	dangers through animals		
<b>Tracking search</b>	Slips, trips, falls Wet slippy surfaces	Uneven surfaces Mud, water, dust	Uneven surfaces Unseen voids
<b>Area search</b>	Slips, trips, falls Wet slippy surfaces Low hanging branches (eyes)	Uneven surfaces Mud, water	Obstacles on the ground Unseen voids
<b>Rubble search</b>	Live rubble (moving) Protruding building parts Uneven surfaces Low ceiling heights Mud, water, dust	Slips, trips, falls Confined working areas Working at height Reinforcement steel Glass and splinters	loose building parts Poor visibility (darkness) Unseen voids Liquids (other than water)
<b>Avalanche search</b>	Collapse snow cave Smoking in snow cave Dehydration	Bad weather conditions Low temperatures	Low water temperature Dehydration

<b>Water rescue</b>	Drowning Intense solar radiation	Bad weather conditions Slipping and falling in boat	Niedrige Wassertemperatur Dehydrierung
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<b>Risks for the dog</b>	Infections Roping without handler	Roping with handler Interaction (human/dog)	Contamination of worksite
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**All risks of injury above that are mentioned for the search disciplines**

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 commits himself to carry out the exercise in a way so that no danger is caused. Liability in case of gross negligence and intentional violations is unaffected hereby. The IRO as organiser is entitled to exclude participant from the event that endanger other persons or dogs through their behaviour. The participant explicitly exempts IRO from any liability claims that are made in context with the event, no matter if due to own or third party fault or for other reasons, against IRO, her representatives, assistants or auxiliary persons. Further the participant exempts IRO from any liability against third parties for damage that has been caused within his participation.

With the registration the participant agrees with the mechanical storage and processing of his personal data for the purpose of the event. Further the participant agrees that any photos, movie shots, videos and interviews that were made in context of the participation are being used for promotion of IRO without any remuneration right in radio, television, advertising, books, photomechanical copies and DVDs. Likewise the provided registration data and the participation result can be spread, published or used otherwise. An alteration of start numbers or passing them on to third parties leads to exclusion at the respective event. The participants have to follow the instructions of the organiser. The event takes place at any weather conditions. The organiser is entitled, for any reason, to modify the event and to cancel it, particularly in case of act of nature beyond control or authorities' requirements and orders.

In case of cancellation of the event due to reasons that are beyond the control of the organiser the participation fee is not refunded. In case of prevention of participation or non-attendance at the event there is no claim for restitution.

In case, a representative is signing this Safety and Risk Assessment Note on behalf of their association or an organization, he or she explicitly confirms to inform participating members about the content of this document as well as to indemnify the IRO from all liability, damage, expense and cost, should members of the Organisation/association raise a complaint against the IRO.

Austrian law applies, Place of jurisdiction is Salzburg.