

Instructor notes: Standards & procedures

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Instructor note: Safety and other standards for an instructor

- The instructor uses this presentation at his/her own risk. The sport develops with enormous speed and authors do not ensure that anything said in here is correct at the time this presentation is used.
- It is highly recommended to have a liability insurance both by the students and the instructors
- Never instruct on higher winds than 6m/s maximum and choose a kite well below the suggested wind range for the beginners
- When working with several students, after the initial briefing organise the students in groups of 2 (or three) within a safety distance from each other and move between the student groups by giving tasks and feedback
- Give them feedback and a new task, let them to work on the issue and then provide feedback and steer towards desired outcome so that all the performance requirements are fulfilled.
- Always be ready to intervene for any safety reason
- Carry a first aid kit on spot
- Carry a mobile phone (in a watertight bag if needed) with emergency numbers in it
- Know exact location for emergency purposes
- Keep updated with your Emergency First Aid training
- Have a clear emergency and evacuation plan ready before starting and communicate that to your students.

Instructor note: Evaluation criterias for skills

- To become a registered as a snowkiter all the below is required
 - Listen the full academics briefing
 - Participate to the practical application module for all the skills scoring at least 3 average and no skill below 2. Required skills are presented on instructor cars.
- For skills evaluation the instructor should use the following criterias
 - 1 = student did not manage to perform the skill
 - 2 = student performed the skill with difficulty
 - 3 = student performed the skill at least once with only minor difficulty
 - 4 = student performed the skill at least once without any difficulty
 - 5 = student can repeat the skill several times without any difficulty
- It is recommended that the student has at least 10 hours of independent skiing between basic and advance levels

Instructor note: Evaluation criterias for instructors

- To act as an instructor you need to have
 - Have at least of 35 hours of riding time in various environment and with different kite types
 - Own and having read a copy of Ian Curver, Kiteboarding manual
 - Score 4 or 5 for snowkiter level skill and ability to demonstrate all the advanced level skills
 - Evaluation of skills performance to be done by a registered kite instructor (or a professional snowkiter)
 - In addition to the basic level skills, also some advanced and other skills are required for instructor to become a basic level instructor
 - Experience with different styles of kites
 - Experience and control in deep snow
 - Ability to move up and downhill
 - Ability to demonstrate student control
 - It is suggested that an instructor can become an advanced level instructor having taught at least 10 basic level students
 - It is suggested that an instructor can become an instructor evaluator having certified 10 basic level and 10 advanced level students.

Instructor note: keeping up with other instructors

- You can download all the latest instructional materials from:
www.kitesystems.net/instructor