



USOA Safety Statement

USOA understands that, as with all sports, there are inherent risks involved in participating in underwater sports. Safety is of utmost importance to USOA and strict guidelines are in place to minimize risk in underwater sports training or competition.

USOA has adopted Safety Guidelines which all USOA members are required to acknowledge and adhere to. The Guidelines include required protective equipment, training and sports protocol, and reporting requirements.

Underwater Hockey has been played in the U.S. since 1976 and Underwater Rugby since 1979. In the nearly fifty years of these sports' histories in the U.S., there have been no reported incidents of hypoxic blackout in any USOA sanctioned event.

Additionally, USOA has provided liability insurance to a large number of the Underwater Hockey and Rugby clubs in the U.S. for over 25 years. There have been no claims made against the policy or legal action taken against USOA for death or injury from underwater hockey.