



# General Training Standards, Policies, and Procedures

## Change Log

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- 1.4 General Diving Standards

Added underlined text:

- e. Proper cylinder marking
  - v. In countries where the metric system is used in diving, stage/decompression cylinders should be marked in METERS.
  - vi. In countries where the imperial system is used in diving, stage/decompression cylinders should be marked in FEET.

- 1.6 Quality Control

Added / changed underlined text:

The primary goal of GUE's quality management program is to ensure that GUE instructors, GUE staff, and members abide by GUE standards before, during, and after training and apply continuous improvement initiatives to ensure that a commitment to excellence is realized in all GUE activities. The core personnel involved in the Quality Management processes are:

- Board of Directors (BOD)
- Quality Management Department
- Designated Trustee of Standards and Procedures
- Quality Control Board

- 1.6.4. Instructor Requalification

Removed crossed out text:

(...)

Requalification may also be required at any time the safety or effectiveness of an instructor's training is in question. In such an event, ~~GUE's Director of Training or~~ GUE's Board of Directors may immediately suspend an instructor's teaching privileges.

- **1.8 Complaints**

Added / changed underlined text:

GUE's Quality Management Department, and Quality Control Board are responsible for handling complaints promptly and thoroughly. Following an investigation of a complaint, the Quality Management Department and Quality Control Board will decide whether or not disciplinary or remedial action is warranted. If there is a potential conflict of interest, or an independent position is needed, the Quality Control Board will take control of the issue.

- **1.8.1 Complaint Submission**

Changed underlined text:

(...)

Formal complaints must be sent to GUE's Quality Management Department at GUE HQ and must include:

(...)

- **1.8.2 Complaint Procedure**

Added underlined text:

- a. Following a review of the complaint, if warranted, GUE's Quality Management Department/Quality Control Board will send a summary of the complaint to the charged member by regular and/or electronic mail.
- d. Charged members who respond to a written complaint are able to maintain their membership privileges until a final determination is reached by GUE's Quality Management Department/Quality Control Board.
- e. GUE's Quality Management Department/Quality Control Board will reach its determination within thirty days of receiving a complete response from the charged member. The Quality Management Department/Quality Control Board can determine to dismiss the complaint, resolve the matter by negotiation, or sanction a disciplinary or remedial action.

- **1.8.3 Disciplinary and Remedial Actions**

Added underlined text:

GUE's Quality Management Department/Quality Control Board is empowered to render the following decisions: (...)

- **1.8.4 Rights of Appeal**

Added / changed underlined text:

Determinations made by GUE's Quality Management Department/Quality Control Board may be appealed to GUE's Board of Directors no later than thirty days from the time the determination is made. Such an appeal must be lodged in writing by certified mail or by email; the latter of these requires a response from a BOD representative to acknowledge receipt. (...)

- 1.9 Conduct Policies and Procedures

Added underlined text:

- c. GUE instructors and instructor candidates must abide by GUE safety protocols at all times.

- 1.10 Records

Added text:

(...) This requirement may be fulfilled by use of GUE’s electronic signature system. In this case, the instructor is responsible for verifying and storing all appropriate electronic files.

(...)

- i. Instructor Candidate Agreement
- q. Course Prerequisite Waivers
- r. Parental Waiver Forms

- 2.2.12 Scientific Diver

- 2.2.12.3 Course Content

Changed underlined text:

The Scientific Diver course is normally conducted over five days. It requires a minimum of six dives and at least forty hours of instruction, encompassing classroom lectures, land drills, and in-water work.

- 2.3.1 Technical Diver Level 1

- 2.3.1.2 Prerequisites

Changed underlined text:

- g. Be a certified GUE Fundamentals diver with a Technical rating.

- 2.3.4 Passive Semi-Closed Circuit Rebreather Diver

- 2.3.4.2 Prerequisites

Added underlined text:

- g. Be a certified GUE Technical Diver Level 2 diver or a certified GUE Closed-Circuit Rebreather Diver Level 2 diver.
- h. Have completed at least 25 non-training Tech 2 or CCR 2 dives beyond GUE Technical Diver Level 2 or GUE Closed-Circuit Rebreather Diver Level 2 certification, whichever is applicable.

- Added section

- 2.3.7 Closed-Circuit Rebreather Diver Level 2 “Plus” Upgrade

- 2.4.1 Cave Diver Level 1

- 2.4.1.2 Prerequisites

Changed underlined text:

- g. Be a certified GUE Fundamentals diver with a Technical rating.

- 2.4.1.8 Required Dive Skills and Drills

Changed underlined text:

- i. Demonstrate proficiency in cave navigation, including visual references, guideline use, limited and simulated zero visibility, and the use of a penetration reel for a prolonged distance from open water until the team ties into the main line.

- k. Demonstrate proficiency during gas-sharing scenarios in limited and/or simulated zero visibility, over a distance that supports student experience with travel, line crossing, and navigation of line wraps.

- **3.1.2 Dive Leader Candidate Development**

- 3.1.2.1 Dive Leader Candidate Prerequisites

Added underlined text:

- f. (...) However, all fundamental skills, excluding those requiring a double cylinder configuration, must be at the Fundamentals - Technical rating level.  
(...)

- **3.2.2 Assistant Instructor Candidate Development**

- 3.2.2.1 Assistant Instructor Candidate Prerequisites

Added underlined text:

- b. (...) However, all fundamental skills, excluding those requiring a double cylinder configuration, must be at the Fundamentals - Technical rating level.  
(...)

- **3.3.4 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific and Progression Prerequisites**

- 3.3.4.1.1 Recreational Diver Level 1 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites

Added underlined text:

- b. (...) However, all fundamental skills, excluding those requiring a double cylinder configuration, must be at the Fundamentals - Technical rating level.  
(...)

- 3.3.4.2.1 GUE Fundamentals Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites

Changed underlined text:

- b. Be certified as a GUE Fundamentals diver with a Technical rating before registering as an instructor candidate.

- 3.3.4.3.1 Technical Diver Level 1 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites

Added underlined text:

- a. Have conducted at least 300 dives, 50 of which must be at the Tech 2 or CCR 2 level.
- b. Be certified as a GUE Tech 2 or GUE CCR 2 diver, and as a GUE Cave 1 diver.
- f. Provide proof of at least 15 non-training technical dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their first observation (form to be submitted to an IT/IE). Dives must be conducted in an environment with sea-like conditions.
- i. Provide proof of at least 15 non-training technical dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their final IE (form to be submitted to an IE). Dives must be conducted in sea-like conditions.

- 3.3.4.3.2 Technical Diver Level 2 Instructor Progression

Added underlined text:

- b. Have taught ten actual, complete, and uninterrupted GUE Tech 1 classes.
    - c. Be certified as a GUE Tech 2 or GUE CCR 2 diver with at least 150 Tech 2 or CCR 2 level dives beyond Tech 2 or CCR 2 certification.
    - g. Provide proof of at least 15 non-training Tech 2 level dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their final IE (form to be submitted to an IE). Dives must be conducted in an environment with sea-like conditions.
    - h. Prior to their final IE, have participated in at least one project requiring technical dives in open water.
    - j. Have their instructor fitness test witnessed by the qualifying IE, no more than six months prior to instructor activation.
  - 3.3.4.3.3 Passive Semi-Closed Circuit Rebreather Diver Instructor Progression  
Changed underlined text:
    - c. Be certified as a GUE PSCR diver.
  - 3.3.4.4.1 Cave Diver Level 1 Instructor Candidate Curriculum-Specific Prerequisites  
Added text:
    - f. Provide proof of at least 15 non-training cave dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their first observation (form to be submitted to an IT/IE).
    - i. Provide proof of at least 15 non-training cave dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their final IE (form to be submitted to an IE).
    - j. Prior to their final IE, intern with at least two different IT/IEs, in geologically different regions.
  - 3.3.4.4.2 Cave Diver Level 2 Instructor Progression  
Added underlined text:
    - b. Have taught a minimum of ten actual, complete, and uninterrupted GUE Cave 1 classes.
    - h. Provide proof of at least 15 non-training Cave 2 level dives conducted within the 12 months prior to their final IE (form to be submitted to an IE).
    - i. Provide proof of diving experience in at least two geologically different regions within the 12 months prior to their final IE.
    - j. Prior to their final IE, have participated in at least one cave project.
    - l. Have their instructor fitness test witnessed by the qualifying IE, no more than six months prior to instructor activation.
- **Removed section**  
Appendix B - Advanced Cave Navigation