

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
Please Read Carefully

I am going to participate at the 2009 USA Underwater Hockey Nationals located at the University of Minnesota, and hosted by the Minnesota Underwater Hockey Club.

By signing this form, I show that I recognize and fully accept the following:

- Life-sustaining air, without which Underwater Hockey (UWH) players cannot survive, does not exist at the pool bottom where the puck is located and play occurs;
- UWH is physically strenuous; Tournament organizers lack the ability to judge cardiac fitness and rely **exclusively on attendance** for indication of my medical fitness to survive the rigors of tournament play.
- UWH players at tournaments are likely more competitive than in regular practice. Some are very fit and some may engage in single minded pursuit of tournament objectives, and in doing so may kick, scrape, foul or otherwise injure themselves and others;
- The tournament provides referees to police the game, but they are merely volunteers, some are untrained, and they are not effective in policing players' safety. The referees' purpose is not to guard an individual's safety;
- Lifeguards if present would be unlikely to see through the churning water of an UWH game to detect individuals in distress, therefore attempted rescue is likely to be untimely and would be begun by in-water players;
- The tournament fee paid by me and my UWH club is pay for pool rental, referees, and other tournament expenses. Tournament personnel and the Minnesota Underwater Hockey Club are not insurers of me, my health, or my property. It is my responsibility to carry full and complete health and casualty insurance for myself and my property; and
- I am participating in this tournament voluntarily and for fun. I enjoy underwater hockey, but I know it is not a public or essential service.

Therefore I agree as follows:

I, my heirs, successors and assigns, release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue all tournament personnel, including the Minnesota Underwater Hockey Club, the Underwater Society of America, and volunteer officials and referees ("Releasees") from all liability to me for any and all loss or damage, and any and all claims or demands (including claims based on contract) on account of injury to my person or property, even if caused by Releasees' negligence. I assume full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage arising from my participation and presence at the UWH tournament, even if the injury or damage is caused by Releasees' negligence. This release and waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of Minnesota, and if any part of it is held invalid, the rest of it shall continue to be of full legal force and effect.

I understand this means that I cannot sue for wrongful death or personal injury even if arising out of negligence of the tournament personnel and other persons or entities released. This release does not apply to claims against those who cause injury or damage to me through their own willful or wanton recklessness or intentional torts.

Dated: _____

Participant Witness

Dated: _____

Guardian's Witness

Participant's Signature

Print Name

Minor's Guardian Signature

Print Name