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CMAS Cave Diving Instructor 3 (Staff Instructor) Standard

1 Aim of the training programme

The CMAS Cave Diving Staff Instructor is the most proficient and experienced cave diving instructor on the highest competence level, who must have been previously certified as a CMAS Cave Diving Instructor 2 and CMAS Instructor 2 (or equivalent) and who can show proof of all required activities. The candidate has all required knowledge, skills, and experience to develop, organise, execute, direct, coordinate and control the training of cave divers and of cave diving instructors on all levels, nationally and internationally.

2 Classification

2.1 The CMAS Cave Diving Staff Instructor Training Programme is classified as a high technical -level leadership diver training programme.

2.2 The corresponding commission of the national federation is responsible for nomination.

3 Formal qualifications

3.1 The Cave Diving Staff Instructor monitors, supervises, trains and evaluates all candidates for any Cave Diving Instructors.

3.2 Maintain up-to-date behaviour regarding equipment and skills and introduces this to all Instructors.

4 Prerequisites for a potential nomination

4.1 Requirements for nomination as a *candidate* (admission)

4.1.1 Membership in the national federation for at least 5 years (must be in good standing!) There are NO cross-over courses at that level I;

4.1.2 Minimum 30 years old;

4.1.3 Certification as two star CMAS or equivalent for at least 2 years in active teaching status;

4.1.4 Certification as CMAS Cave Diving Instructor 2 for at least 2 years in active teaching status;

4.1.5 Minimum 1000 open water dives in total;

4.1.6 Minimum 200 cave dives in total, of which min. 100 in Zone 2 and Zone 3, in min. 10 different caves.

4.1.7 Minimum 20 cave dives in Zone 3 since certification as CMAS Cave Diving Instructor 2, of which at least 5 dives in the 40m depth range (written confirmation by another CMAS Cave Diving Instructor 2 or 3);

4.1.8 Valid First Aid and CPR certification from a nationally recognized organisation;

4.1.9 Valid medical attest for diving fitness according to the respective requirements of the national federation (≤ 1 year);

4.1.10 Teaching/training experience:

4.1.10.1 Minimum 3 years of proven training experience on CMAS Cave Diver level 1 to 3.

4.1.10.2 Support as a course assistant and as an expert during at least 2 CMAS Cave Diving Instructor 1 courses under supervision and control of a CMAS Cave Diving Staff Instructor.

4.1.10.3 Candidate must be familiar with the structures and cave diving training schemes of other federations on an international level.

4.2 Requirements to be fulfilled during activities in candidate status

4.3 Recommended Specialty Certificates

4.3.1 Advanced Nitrox Instructor

4.4 Compulsory Specialty Certificates

4.4.1 CMAS Technical Skills Instructor or equivalent;

4.4.2 Valid First Aid and CPR certification from a nationally recognized organisation;

4.4.3 Advanced Nitrox Diver CMAS or equivalent.

4.5 Promotion

4.5.1 The corresponding commission of the national federation will perform nomination and promotion.

5 Certification

5.1 Upon successful completion of the training programme the participant shall be awarded with a CMAS Cave Diving Instructor III. C-card.

5.2 This certification level corresponds to the level of a course director / instructor trainer in organisations such as NACD, NSS, and CDAA.

NB: In the case in which a Cave instructor has a CCR qualification, it is possible to extend the formation of the cave diver to a student that has a CCR Diver qualification. The Cave course can also be open to a CCR diver if the Cave instructor has a CCR qualification. It is also possible to follow the course with different CCR models.