

## GUIDELINES FOR SKILLS ASSESSMENT

### ASSESSMENT OF SKILLS IN OPEN WATER

Candidates will spend a minimum of 1 hour in open water to demonstrate that they possess the level of skill and competence necessary to qualify as a Cenote Dive Guide. This session includes an evaluation of:

- Suitable equipment as described in the manual equipment and configuration section
- Safe entry and exit
- Pre-dive safety checks
- Buoyancy/posture
- Propulsion techniques
- Hovering
- Equipment handling
- Gas/valve management
- Gas sharing techniques
- Use of reels/guideline
- Stress circuit that includes but is not limited to:
  - No mask
  - No visibility
  - Gas sharing
  - Gas sharing/no visibility/touch contact

### RESCUE SCENARIO

This session in open water is designed to teach rescue skills that are not normally practiced during a cave course. The session will include

- Swimming underwater with an unconscious diver
- Ascend to the surface with the victim

### GUIDED CENOTE DIVE ORIENTATION

Candidates will visit and dive a minimum of 2 different sites in the cenotes diving area under the supervision of an evaluator. Candidates will review and demonstrate:

- General briefing
- Site briefing
- Equipment check and pre-dive procedures
- Cenote dive simulation
- Reel handling in the cenote area that does not have a permanent line (if a line exists, a line should be placed next to it).

### EVALUATION OF THE CENOTE DIVE SIMULATION

Candidates will be evaluated on their ability to perform various aspects of a simulated cenote dive. This will include

- General Briefing
- Site Briefing
- Equipment check and pre-dive procedures
- Cenote dive simulation
- Control of participants
- Emergency procedures

### DIVE LOG

All dives and in-water training sessions must be documented and signed by the instructor(s) conducting the evaluation.