



# CFES Aquafit Instructor National Recertification Application Form (RCAF)

The CFES Recertification Application Form (RCAF) is the record of completion for your national Aquafit Instructor recertification requirements.

## RCAF Directions

1. **Section 1:** Fill in candidate contact information
2. **Section 2:** Check off (✓) and fill in each recertification requirement and submit all documents to CFES via scan/email or mail.
3. **Section 3:** Read, agree to and sign Code of Honour
4. **Section 4:** Certification Fees  
*Please copy documents for your own files before mailing.*

## Section 1: Candidate Contact Info

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (w): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing CFES Certified Aquafit Instructor Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: CFES Aquafit Instructor National Recertification Requirements Record of Completions

### Submit to CFES

- i. One year recertification option: 12 verified aquatic fitness class instructional hours form (IHF) or two year recertification option: 24 verified aquatic fitness class instructional hours form (IHF);
- ii. One year recertification option: record of eight (8) recertification continuing education credits (CECs) or two year recertification option: record of 16 recertification CECs;
- iii. National Evaluation Form (NEF).

## Section 3: CFES Aquafit Instructor Professional Code of Honour (COH)

*I, the undersigned, have read, clearly understand and agree to uphold CFES Code of Honour for Aquafit Instructor certification and recertification requirements, Professional Ethics and Conduct Guidelines, Scope of Practice and liability requirements. If I allow any of CFES Aquafit Instructor certification and recertification requirements lapse, my certification/recertification will be considered instantly null and void.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 4: CFES Aquafit Instructor Recertification Fees

Complete CFES recertification requirements. Receive certification verification.

<b>Annual Fees:</b>	\$73.50	Fee	*Two year renewal option	\$147.00	Fee
	\$3.68	GST		\$7.35	GST
	\$77.18	Total <input type="checkbox"/>		\$154.35	Total <input type="checkbox"/>

Tick One (✓):  Cheque or Money Order  Visa  MasterCard

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CFES National Aquafit Instructor Recertification Evaluation Form (NEF)**

This form is required for recertification completion and is confidential. Please submit with all required recertification forms as directed on Recertification Application Form.

The CFES program goal is to provide professional excellence and national consistency for all involved. CFES appreciates your time and honest feedback about CFES recognized re-cert programs you attended and re-cert requirements regarding delivery, leadership skill, knowledge advancement and recertification experience overall. In the box beside each statement below, please provide a numbered ranking on a scale from 1 to 4 [1 = Unacceptable to 4 = Excellent, beyond professional expectations], the name of your educator or skills assessment evaluator and provide comments. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Rank Course and Requirements Below 1 to 4**

1 = Unacceptable      2 = Needs Improvement      3 = Good

### **Add Comments**

4 = Excellent

### **CFES recognized re-cert program (provide name of facilitator, program and add comments)**

Program \_\_\_\_\_  
 Facilitator \_\_\_\_\_

### **CFES national re-cert requirements**

Forms, directions understandable \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effectiveness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fees \_\_\_\_\_  
 CFES staff and office services \_\_\_\_\_

### **CFES Services**

Meet needs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fees appropriate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fees \_\_\_\_\_  
 CFES staff and office services \_\_\_\_\_

**What other benefits would you like to see?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What re-cert programs would you like CFES to offer?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How may we service your instructor certification professional needs more effectively?** \_\_\_\_\_

## CFES National Aquafit Instructor Recertification Instructional Hours Form (IHF)

Please fill in and copy this required form for CFES instructor recertification. Submit to CFES office by scan/email, fax or mail. To retain your CFES Certification please teach 12 complete (45 - 60 minutes) aquafit programs per year and have your supervisor sign as your witness declaring you did teach the program. Signature and contact info required. Your signed Professional Code of Honour is your word.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (w): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Location	Program Name	Class Date	Supervisor Signature and Contact #
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## Certification Requirements

Successfully complete (80% +) of the following CFES program steps or present an equivalent.\*

- 1 CFES Fitness Knowledge Classroom or Home Study Course;\*
- 2 Aquafit Instructor Classroom Course;\*
3. AFI Practicum Classroom Course or Mentorship Program;\*
4. National AFI Exam\*;
5. National AFI Skills Assessment\*;
6. Maintain current CPR-A minimum and Emergency or Standard First Aid Certifications;
7. Maintain annual liability insurance (if required);
8. Submit to CFES: CFES Certification Application Form, collateral documents and certification fee;
9. Receive CFES Aquafit Instructor Certification.

## Recertification Requirements

Successfully complete (80% +) of the following or present an equivalent\*.

1. Attend eight (8) hours CFES recognized recertification workshop CECs\*;
2. Submit twelve (12) verified instructional hours\*;
3. Maintain CPR; First Aid and annual liability insurance (if insurance required);
4. Submit to CFES: CFES Recertification Application Form, collateral documents and certification fee;
5. Receive CFES Aquafit Instructor Recertification.

Two year recertification option available

## Professional Ethics and Conduct Guidelines

As a CFES Certified Aquafit Instructor (AFI) I will be expected to meet the following guidelines:

### Personal Attributes

- Have an interest, enthusiasm and commitment to excellence in educating, instructing and mentoring;
- Develop and maintain credibility, sincerity with the participants, peers and managers;
- Demonstrate self-motivation and be able to motivate others;
- Maintain good records;
- Possess good time management skills;
- Perform instruction without bias, conflict of interest, self-gains or vested interest in the instruction outcome;
- Have dedicated time to carry out my instructor role, including availability to students outside class time;
- Be a realistic role model, aiming to demonstrate balance; express honesty, integrity and core values.

### Communication Skills

- Possess the skill, knowledge, and ability to communicate well with all involved in the program;
- Clarify and present the Aquafit instruction in a succinct and meaningful manner;
- Interpret and explain Aquafit exercise results to the student;
- Provide an atmosphere that is participant centered, welcoming, caring, supportive and professional;
- Respect privacy and confidentiality during and following your classes and programs;
- Respect professional boundaries regarding appropriate and acceptable language, touching, overall conduct and promotion of programs;
- Understand that swearing, sexual oriented body or verbal language; being untruthful; encouraging gossip; economic maneuvering in sales and copyright infringements are examples of unprofessional or inappropriate conduct.

### Participant Success:

- Design, market and present Aquafit programs and classes for apparently healthy teens and adults;
- When an individual registers they will fill in the basic health screening forms using CSEP's GAQ / PARmed-X and PARmed-X for Pregnancy forms<sup>1</sup> and we will refer clients to the appropriate health/fitness professionals where indicated and to maintain best practices as outlined by the Canadian Fitness Safety Standards<sup>2</sup>;
- Programs and classes will inspire, educate and activate participants to foster a lifelong commitment to active living, fitness and healthy lifestyle;
- Instruction will foster personal participant success based on their realistic personal goals;
- Provide recognition of client at completion of their class set or program — in paper, in word, kind deeds.

## **Technical Skills**

- Understand and instruct within professional scope of practice (see below);
- Have the Aquafit skill, knowledge, confidence, and ability in instruction;
- Demonstrate a working knowledge and understanding of the CFES model, mission, direction, and focus, follow CFES professional ethics and conduct guidelines for every Aquafit class or program;
- Design and instruct a proper warm-up, a work-out (cardio, strength, endurance) and cool down (flexibility) components for each Aquafit class;
- Provide safe, progressive, balanced, technically proficient program components;
- Possess the ability to determine and work with differing styles of participant learning and abilities;
- Be able to make a judgment whether the participant fitness level is appropriate for class level;
- Provide exercise modifications, alternatives meeting the levels and conditions of participants;
- Provide instruction and modifications for the safe use of common group exercise equipment;
- Provide feedback and encouragement that enhances and promotes participant advancement.

## **Program Effectiveness:**

- Promotion provides clear program descriptions, health benefits and variety of progressive choices for ages and health stages, beginners to advanced Aquafit participants;
- Conduct group exercise and facility orientation sessions for participants;
- Design progressive Aquafit programs for apparently healthy teens and adults that are modifiable for fitness levels and abilities;
- Programs are to produce effective measurable results for the participant;
- Educate regularly with a variety of information for all — in class tips, handouts, bulletins, newsletters;
- Respond to individual inquiries and group education on Canada's Food Guide and professionally recognized, credible nutrition resources available on-line and in the community;
- To avoid conflict of interest, it is professional to provide more than one, ideally three, recognized professionals or organizations in answer to participant requests;
- Provide ample opportunity for participants to give feedback on instructor, program, facility. Where deemed reasonable act upon their feedback and let them know they are appreciated for their ideas and interest;
- Keep records of the participant progress and program evaluations; document results for future review.

## **For Safety:**

- Have an emergency procedures plan in place where I am teaching at the pool, posted in a visible spot with staff, instructor(s) and participants educated in procedures;
- Have or be able to recommend an accredited fitness assessment for interested individuals;
- Participants are asked to sign an informed consent form before entering any program;
- An excellent target heart rate or perceived exertion chart is on the wall, visible for all to read and ideally provides beats in a 10-second count for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels;
- Participants are shown where water stations, washrooms and emergency exits are. Participants are encouraged to bring water bottles.

## **For Professional Credibility:**

- Respect individuality; equality; provide support, include and recognize participants and professionals;
- Promote honesty of feedback, originality of the candidate, and give credit where credit is due;
- Uphold a professional image through conduct and appearance;
- Maintain CFES Aquafit Instructor recertification requirements;
- Advance Aquafit Instructor certification — add credentials, attend programs, events, network professionals;
- Keep up to date with exercise trends, safety, new programs, techniques, and current research;
- Have regular evaluations of leadership skills, abilities and conduct from participants, peers and supervisors.

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## CFES Aquafit Instructor Scope of Practice

The CFES Aquafit Instructor Certification is meant to provide individuals with the competencies necessary to provide individuals with safe, effective, and appropriate Aquafit programs. These programs will be based on the CFES Performance Standards of a CFES Aquafit Instructor. The CFES Aquafit Instructor will:

- Provide appropriate Aquafit programs to apparently healthy adults. Apparently healthy adults are (a) those individuals with a clear GAQ or (b) those individuals who have been cleared by a qualified health professional (e.g. medical doctor) for unrestricted physical activity using PAR Med-X, PARmed-X for Pregnancy screening tools;
- Provide programs for participants who have been appropriately screened using the GAQ (apparently healthy adults). The GAQ must be administered each time someone registers for a new semester or program at the front desk or by the instructor;
- Aquafit programs can be provided for participants that answer 'Yes' on the GAQ, as long as they have been medically cleared by a health care professional to participate in 'unrestricted physical activity'.
- Provide on-going screening and monitoring of the participants for the duration of the program and provide modifications to accommodate all levels of ability;
- Design, modify, and lead a safe, effective, and appropriate Aquafit program to include — a warm-up, work-out with equipment (cardio, strength, endurance) and cool down (flexibility) components for each class;
- Provide appropriate exercises in order to meet the needs of the client(s);
- Incorporate the use of appropriate portable equipment based on the client's needs and fitness goals;
- Answer general healthy eating inquiries based on the Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating and Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living. Provide clients with information and support regarding credible online support tools (Dieticians of Canada). Client requests for advanced nutritional information are to be referred to a Registered Dietician;
- The Aquafit Instructor will NOT provide individualized eating plans or recommendations for supplementation to clients. Clients who indicate interest in these areas are to be referred to a Registered Dietician;
- Follow the CFES Professional Ethics and Conduct Guidelines, Scope of Practice, liability education and protection and signed Professional Code of Honour at all times;
- The Aquafit Instructor will not provide information to participants to assist them with the treatment or management of any existing chronic disease or physical ailment. These clients are referred to individuals with advanced knowledge, training and specialized certifications;
- The Aquafit Instructor will provide BASIC individualized, programs or exercises. Clients who request, or graduate to more advanced training are to be referred to more qualified health professionals.

## Liability Insurance and the Fitness Professional

### **Who needs liability insurance?**

As a Aquafit Instructor, you have a professional responsibility to teach within your scope of practice and to protect yourself from the possibility of a law suit from a participant who is injured in a program. While a law suit is only credible if there is intentional misconduct or negligence on the part of the instructor which results in damage or loss to the participant, it is prudent for instructors to be covered personally, or through their employer.

## Procedures to Protect Against a Negligence Suit

### **Liability**

- Refers to the responsibility to provide services in a reasonable, prudent manner in accordance with current professional standards.

### **Negligence**

- Refers to the failure to act as a reasonable and prudent person would under similar circumstances. Negligence is carelessness, inattention, disregard, inadvertence or oversight that was accidental but avoidable.

### **Certification**

- Become certified as an instructor through a provincially and nationally recognized organization like CFES;
- Become certified in CPR and Fitness First Aid. Know emergency procedures for the facility and where the first aid kit is kept;
- Stay current and up to date through continuing education;
- Subscribe to a professionally recognized magazine or journal to keep up on current literature.

## **Liability Insurance**

- Study and understand legal liability and types of insurance coverage (see info on CFES website);
- Be educated on the differences between group and individual insurance policies;
- Ask questions to clearly understand when and where you need coverage and what happens when ... ;
- Ensure that employers carry facility and third party liability coverage, which cover employees and also includes physical dangers (e.g. slippery floors). It is important to ask your employer what coverage is in place and obtain a copy of the policy for your records;
- Purchase personal liability insurance privately or through CFES liability provider Hub Insurance.
- Hub Insurance offers CFES certified instructors and personal trainers an individual liability policy from one million to five million dollars coverage. Please be clear when purchasing this policy Hub recommends specific professional conduct and recommends you to follow basic health screening protocols by use of CSEP's GAQ / PARmed-X and PARmed-X for Pregnancy and to refer clients to the appropriate health/fitness professionals where indicated to receive coverage. For further information and application visit our website.

## **Documentation**

- Document efforts to provide a consistently high quality of programming by: preparing and keeping individual program plans and documenting any negative situations with a participant; administering and retaining Health Screening Forms, Accident Report Forms, Needs Assessments, Evaluation Forms and keeping a journal.

## **Potential Negligence**

If you are knowledgeable and competent in planning and conducting safe Aquafit exercise sessions and programs, you will not knowingly cause damage or loss to participants; however, the following are examples of potential negligence situations:

- The Aquafit Instructor fails to give instructions in progressive steps <sup>4, 5</sup>;
- Aquafit exercise activities are prescribed that could be considered beyond the physical working capabilities of the participant (e.g. activities that are not appropriate for the participant's age, gender or physical or emotional health);
- A Aquafit exercise session/program is allowed to proceed when a reasonably foreseeable dangerous condition exists;
- A Aquafit Instructor fails to provide adequate on-site supervision of a program (e.g. an improper supervisor-to-participant ratio exists) or fails to advise the participant of restrictions or modifications that should be followed in an unsupervised period;
- The health history screening identifies a participant who possesses a health risk and either 1) the participant is allowed to enter the Aquafit program, or 2) if participation in the Aquafit program is deemed to be acceptable for that person, an extended level of care is not provided;
- The Aquafit Instructor or program supervisor acts beyond his or her responsibilities, as defined by the terms of his or her employment;
- The participant is not made fully aware of any potential risks or dangers associated with a program;
- Any component of the Aquafit exercise program is structured or delivered in such a way that it does not meet the reasonable standard of safety that could be expected for such a program;
- The facility fails to meet accepted industry standards for safety;
- In an emergency, appropriate medical treatment is withheld, or treatment is administered that is deemed to worsen the injured person's condition;
- Faulty or damaged equipment is used;
- The Aquafit Instructor fails to terminate an exercise session when a participant exhibits signs or symptoms of physical distress.

## **References:**

1. Canadian Society of Exercise Physiology (CSEP) Forms are available to download on their Website: <http://www.csep.ca> or call Tel.: 613-234-3755
2. Canada Safety Council Canadian Fitness Safety Standards; website: <http://archive.safety-council.org/info/sport/standards.html>
3. National Fitness Leadership Advisory Committee (NFLAC) , “Legal Liability Considerations for the Fitness Leader”; Report of the National Fitness Leadership Advisory Committee (NFLAC), Ottawa, 1990.
4. CFES Group Exercise Instructor Student Resource Manual 5th Edition., “Liability Insurance: Who needs liability insurance?”, April, 2005: 9-6 to 9-7.

For further safety information for the fitness professional visit: Canada Safety Council Canadian Fitness Safety Standards; Website: <http://archive.safety-council.org/info/sport/standards.html>