

## **WMTC Standard Course Indemnity & Release**

Courses offered by the Wilderness Medicine Training Center International (WMTC) are rigorous and require your full attendance and participation. You may find them mentally, physically, and emotionally demanding. While we have made every effort to provide the materials and instruction required for you to complete the course, WMTC does not assume responsibility for or guarantee your success. You must be present and engaged during the entire course to be eligible for certification; if for any reason what-so-ever you miss a portion of the class, you will not receive a 3-year certification. Depending on the time and content of the missed session(s) and your demonstrated skill level, you may receive a shorter or lower-level certification or no certification.

Class time may exceed ten hours per day plus homework. You should be comfortable reading technical information, be able to write clearly, and communicate easily with other people. You should be physically capable of lifting and carrying a minimum of 50 pounds without injury and moving safely in the outdoors in rough, challenging terrain and environments without supervision. Simulations may take place in water, on rocks, on uneven terrain, on steep slopes, on snow and in the rain, snow, wind, or bright sun. You are responsible for wearing functional outdoor clothing that will protect you from the environment while participating in simulations. If you believe a simulation places your health at risk, STOP the simulation and bring your concerns to the course instructor(s). Make a plan to address your concerns and resume the simulation once you feel safe. You are responsible for your emotional and physical safety at all times.

During simulations, skills practice, and some demonstrations, you will be acting as a patient and as a rescuer; this requires you to touch and be touched by others during a patient exam and subsequent treatment. To protect your personal space, you must wear a bathing suit—or jog bra if applicable— and shorts under your simulation clothing for all labs and simulations.

The potential for contracting COVID-19 or other infectious diseases from respiratory droplets, person-to-person contact, fecal-oral transmission, or other transmission routes exists despite mitigation strategies. By attending the course or practical session, you agree to accept these risks.

Courses taught by WMTC may be sponsored or hosted by organizations, both foreign and domestic, in diverse geographical regions. Skills practice, demonstrations, and simulations typically require you to be outdoors for significant portions of time; some courses may be held partially or entirely in a field setting. As a consequence of global warming, many areas have experienced or will experience changes in seasonal temperatures or deviations from historical climate and weather patterns. These environmental changes may contribute to unforeseeable migration, movement, or changes in the habitat and behavior of animals and insects carrying an infectious disease. You may be near people during your course who are carriers of an infectious disease. Take steps to inform yourself of any potential risk of exposure to animal or insect vectors and pathogens in the course area. It is your responsibility to take the necessary precautions to ensure your health and safety.

If you have any medical concerns, report them to your instructor, the course sponsor, and the WMTC office. You are responsible for your on-going health during a course. Should you become ill or injured, you grant permission to your instructor(s) to provide first aid and emergency treatment until EMS arrives, and you agree to bear financial responsibility for your treatment, including transport to a medical facility. You agree to release WMTC, its sponsors, instructors, and agents from all liability associated with any injuries or illnesses contracted before, during, or after a course.

WMTC agrees to present skills and techniques based on position papers published by the Wilderness Medical Society and Certification Standards documents published by the Wilderness Medicine Education Collaborative. WMTC is not liable if you do not adhere to those standards in a field situation. Nor does

WMTC authorize you to use the skills presented. Authorization typically comes directly from your state or via a state-licensed physician.

Once you have completed a course, you will receive a certification card via email. This card confirms that you have successfully demonstrated the skills presented during your course according to the above practice guidelines; it does not certify that you will be able to continue to perform at that level. It is your responsibility to stay current with both your understanding and practice. Most medical control personnel require certification as a baseline for authorization.

If you have participated in a contract course, you will receive a certificate of completion from WMTC. A WMTC certificate of completion attests that you were present and engaged during the entire workshop but does not certify that you are proficient in the skills presented.

By checking Indemnity & Release form box in the course registration form, you affirm that you have read and understood the above statements, meet the minimum course requirements and that you are willing to abide by them. You also agree that you will not hold WMTC, its sponsors, instructors, or agents responsible or liable for your use of the material taught during your course OR for your emotional or physical health and safety before, during, or after your course. You also agree to be financially responsible for equipment and supplies damaged beyond normal wear and tear, as determined by your instructors and the course sponsor. Finally, you agree that WMTC may use any photos or videos in which you appear or written statements made by you in your course evaluation for marketing, training, or educational purposes. Such use may include but is not limited to WMTC books and publications, posters, training videos, the WMTC website, WMTC social pages, etc. and that no fee will be paid to you by WMTC for such use.