2027 TD CERTIFICATION GUIDE

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1. Familiarize yourself with the rules/guidelines:

You can find the TD Handbook here.

2. Navigating resources

Your Regional Series Director (RSD) and Regional Head TD (RHTD) are excellent points of contact for all questions. Find contact information and all IFSA-related information, including all policies you should be familiar with, on the IFSA website.

TD Advisory Board Chair: Jeff Holden

3. Membership

Membership through Liveheats is required. You need to attain **two** memberships, one IFSA and one Regional: Memberships. Both are free of charge.

Your Liveheats membership is required to register for events for logistics and insurance purposes. It also gives you access to IFSA Rope Drop emails with important series updates, plus the Pro Portal, where athletes, coaches, TDs, and judges can access exclusive sponsor deals. To log in, you'll just need your Liveheats account email and date of birth.

4. Code of Conduct

Please sign your name on the code of conduct form indicating that you understand the materials.

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5. Complete the online TD exam:

You can find the **2027 TD exam** here.

Expectations for TDs are high, and each TD must have in-depth knowledge of IFSA policies and manuals. Multiple attempts are allowed, and TD candidates may use access reference materials during the test. The passing grade is a 100%.

Once you have passed the test, send an email to training@ifsafreeride.org and copy your Regional Series Director and your RHTD into the email.

The TD Chair and the TD Advisory Board monitor progress of TD candidates who are in the credentialing process.

6. In person shadow

The RHTD and RSD will oversee the shadowing and sign-off process that is required to become a credentialed IFSA TD if there is a need for more TDs in your region.

Following the shadow activity the TD Trainer may sign off the TD candidate or may provide feedback to work on, and then require an additional shadow activity. Once the shadow activity requirement is successfully completed the TD Trainer signs off the TD candidate as a credentialed TD.

7. Email upon completion

When a candidate has completed the sign-off process, the RHTD will send an email to training@ifsafreeride.org and the IFSA TD Chair, and you will be sent your certificate, added to the IFSA TD Directory, approved on Liveheats, and can register for events. Please allow 3 days from when the email is received for this process to be completed.

8. Seasonal TD schedule

A TD who is interested in working events within their region should contact the RSD and the RHTD. They are responsible for building the TD schedule within the series.

Once you have been scheduled to TD an event, **please remember that you must register for the event as a TD during the event's registration window.**

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If you have any questions about the process, please reach out to training@ifsafreeride.org .

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Thank you!

IFSA team

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