

# Experience Programs

# Try Scuba

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## I. Intent

The SSI Try Scuba program provides students with an introductory scuba experience with an SSI Professional in a pool/confined water environment.

*Note | This is a recognition program. The SSI Professional should focus on the students' safety and enjoyment, avoiding over-teaching.*

## II. Minimum Instructor Rating

An active status Assistant Instructor may conduct the Try Scuba program.

## III. Administrative Requirements

Prior to beginning training, they must complete the:

- Try Scuba Participant Registration Form
- SSI Introductory Fit To Dive Screening and Responsible Diver Code
- SSI Introductory Scuba Assumption of Risk, Liability Release & Hold Harmless Agreement | Where required
- Youth Addendum | Where required

## IV. Student Prerequisites

- Minimum age | 8 years old.

## V. Duration

- There is no recommended duration for the Try Scuba program.

## VI. Depth Limitations

- Maximum pool/confined water depth limit | 5 meters.

## VII. In-Water Ratios

### a. Pool

#### **10 years and older:**

- The student-to-instructor ratio is 8:1.
- Certified assistants cannot be used to increase ratios.

#### **8- and 9-years old:**

- The student-to-instructor ratio is 4:1.
- The ratio may increase to 6:2 with one (1) certified assistant.

### b. Confined Water

#### **10 years and older:**

- The student-to-instructor ratio is 4:1.
- The ratio may increase to 6:2 with one (1) certified assistant.

#### **8- and 9-years old:**

- The student-to-instructor ratio is 2:1.
- The ratio may increase to 4:2 with one (1) certified assistant.

*Note | Each SSI Professional must comply with local regulations and insurance requirements applicable to introductory scuba programs.*

## VIII. Minimum Supervision

- An active status Assistant Instructor or higher must directly supervise all academic and pool/confined water

activities.

## **IX. Proximity**

- During in-water skill evaluations, the students must remain under direct supervision of the SSI Professional so that physical contact can be made at any time.
- Students must remain under the direct supervision of the instructor so that physical contact can be made at all times during any in-water training.

## **X. Requirements For Completion**

- Complete all academic and in-water sessions and assessments as outlined in the instructor manual for Try Scuba.
- Skill demonstration and evaluations are only required if the students will continue with the Basic Diver open water training dive.

## **XI. Issuing a Recognition Card**

- Try Scuba is a recognition program only.
- Upon completion, process all students in MySSI so they may receive their digital recognition card.