



AORSI Instructor Guide

Course Title: Legal Responsibilities in Off-Road (LEG)

Duration: 4 Hours

Audience: Off-road operators, club leaders, and organizational staff

Course Overview

This course introduces legal responsibilities for off-road operators and organizations, covering liability, waivers, insurance, and proper reporting of accidents. Students will learn how to minimize risk exposure while maintaining compliance with legal requirements.

Learning Objectives (Instructor Notes)

- Explain legal liability in recreational and organizational settings. (Tip: Provide real-life case studies).
- Understand the role of insurance in risk management. (Tip: Bring in guest expert if possible).
- Draft and implement incident reporting protocols. (Tip: Use templates and role-play).
- Apply knowledge of waivers and legal documentation. (Tip: Review real-world waiver examples).

Module 1: Legal Foundations of Liability in Off-Road (1 hour)

- Explain personal vs organizational liability, third-party claims, and negligence.
- Course Design Suggestion: Group discussion on landmark cases.
- Exercise: Create flowchart showing liability transfer.
- Reflection: How does liability awareness influence decision-making?

Module 2: Insurance Types & Coverage Options (1 hour)

- Discuss liability, property, event, and vehicle insurance.
- Course Design Suggestion: Invite insurance professional for Q&A.;
- Exercise: List three types of insurance for an off-road club and explain.
- Reflection: How does insurance reduce financial risk?

Module 3: Waivers and Assumption of Risk Agreements (1 hour)

- Teach best practices for enforceable waivers (clear language, risks listed, voluntary).
- Course Design Suggestion: Review and improve a sample waiver.
- Exercise: Draft a simple waiver clause covering injury and vehicle damage.
- Reflection: Why might waivers be unenforceable?

Module 4: Incident Documentation & Reporting Standards (1 hour)

- Teach accident documentation essentials (who, what, when, where, actions).
- Course Design Suggestion: Role-play an accident and complete incident report.
- Exercise: Identify five essential pieces of information in reports.
- Reflection: How does accurate documentation protect operators and organizations?

Final Assessment

Task: Analyze a case study of an off-road event with injuries and property damage. Identify liability issues, evaluate waivers and insurance, and propose recommendations to reduce exposure. Additionally, complete a sample incident report for the scenario.

Instructor Preparation Checklist

- Prepare case studies of liability lawsuits.
- Provide sample insurance policies and waiver documents.
- Bring incident report templates for classroom role-play.
- Consider inviting a legal/insurance professional guest speaker.

Suggested Timing

- Introduction – 10 min
- Module 1 – 60 min
- Module 2 – 60 min
- Module 3 – 60 min
- Module 4 – 60 min
- Final Assessment – 30 min
- Wrap-up & Questions – 10 min