

Dear Chief Officials,

The Rules Committee would like to make a clarification regarding scoring below minimum speeds in slalom.

The newest rule change states that, if a skier does not make it to the minimum slalom speed, he or she is to be scored under class F. This will help with any insurance issues that might arise during that tournament and will ensure that the ranking list scores include the correct scores for those divisions.

### **3.06 Performance Rankings**

Within each age division, each skier is ranked in each event and overall. The ability levels are 3 through 8 with 8 being the highest level. The ranking list is continually updated.

Scores for inclusion in the ranking list may be obtained in any sanctioned tournament, in any of the first three rounds (see Rule 1.02); exceptions include certain instances in elimination based competitions (see 13.02). A class **F** (Grass Roots) score **above zero** may be included in the Ranking calculations if it does not exceed the Level 5 Cut-Off Average from the previous Ski Year Rankings. Those class **F** scores which "exceed" the Level 5 Cut-Off Average from the previous Ski Year Rankings may be included but the score will be reduced to equal the Level 5 Cut Off Average for the purposes of inclusion in the Rankings calculations.

The scoring program has not incorporated "F" yet, so please use "N" as the two classifications are synonymous. This can be done when the skier is actually on the water. If the skier doesn't make it to 15mph/25kph, then change the class to F. If the skier makes it to 15mph/25kph, then it becomes a class C or above.

Some Regional tournaments might let skiers start at lower than minimum speed even if they are qualified, which our rules allow now as an LOC or Regional Council choice. If those skiers are qualified for Nationals at Level 8 but do not make the pass below minimum, their performance will still meet the requirement for having skied at Regionals; If they are not already qualified and do not make the minimum at Regionals, they have not met the requirement of skiing above zero for that event and are therefore not qualified for Nationals.