

AWSA WESTERN REGION WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2024

Meeting Minutes

El Dorado Hotel Reno, NV

1. Brad Corbin EVP presiding. Meeting called to order at 9:00am
2. Introductions/Roll Call: Those present were, Judy Stanford, Don Stanford, Richelle Muhlitner, John Crivello, Ty Vaio, Mark Timm, Mark Roske, Connie Bergmark, Sam Lee, Brad Hartwell, Terry Selsor, Russ Selsor, Jeff Rush, Mike Hayes, Jeanne Rohrer, Scott Larson, Christine Gulley, Ryan Nason, Mike Parsons, Brandy Nagle.
3. Council approval to allow substitutes
 - a. Ryan moves to allow Jeanne Rohrer for Brett Streitfeld. Brad seconds, motion carries
 - b. Establishment of a quorum (12 of 13 voting members)
4. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Mike Hayes
5. Review and Approval of Minutes from 7/19/2023 Summer Council Meeting Ryan moves to approve minutes as posted Second by Scott motion carries
6. EVP Report – Brad Corbin - we have 96 tournaments entered into the sanction system with an anticipated total for 2024 of 115. This is down from last year and may be the lowest in a decade. We are developing a plan for helping newly graduated skiers to remain connected and engaged in the sport.
7. AWSA Presidents Report – Lyman Hardy - report attached
8. Executive Director USA WS - Report attached
9. Treasurer's Report 2023 –Russ Selsor - report attached
10. National Executive: Brad Corbin - report attached
11. Council Area Reports
 - a. Area 1 - area hosting regional and nationals this year. 20 tournaments last year, 18 in the system with 2 more potential to come. Its and exciting year for Area 1
 - b. Area 2 - 3 tournaments, same as last year. Matt Brandt continues to find success in the weeknight ski league
 - c. Area 3 - 22 tournaments last year, 17 in the system with 1 or 2 more to come.
 - d. Area 4 - 14 tournaments this year with 1 more possible. Down 3 from last year.
 - e. Area 5 - will have 4 tournaments in Oregon. Cris has been unable to find a replacement for area council and has floated the idea of combining areas 4 & 5 into one.
 - f. Area 6 - 8 scheduled in 2023 this year we will have 8 this year. 2 jr development this year great attendance 24 total participants.
 - g. Area 7 - 10 tournaments in with 4 more to come.
 - h. Area 8 - 6 tournaments last year 5 for this year.
 - i. Area 9 - 12 tournaments this year down 2 from last year. Hosting Best of the west this year at Winlock Lakes.
12. Regional Committee Reports (committee reports come as a motion for approval – second needed)
 - a. Regional Awards – Rachel Washburn - no report
 - b. Regional Drivers – Mark Roske - Report attached
 - c. Regional Junior Development - Mike Maxson - plan for Best of the west will include 2 possibly 3 camps based on site availability and participants. Sites will be selected once we know who is coming to camp and where they are from. Very successful in fund raising this past year. 2023 camps were self funded.
 - d. Regional Guide—Ty Vaio - 2023 Advertising income was over \$2000. We hope to achieve the same level in 2024. Cutoff date for inclusion in the guide is 1/26/2024.
 - e. Regional Nominating - Owen Letcher - report attached

- f. Regional Records-Terry Selsor - Report attached - comes as a motion to approve second by Ryan Nason motion carries.
 - g. Regional Webmaster – Cris Converse - no report
 - h. Regional Social Media - Ty Vaio, Cris Converse, Mallory Staley - no new news. Hoping to do more social media work around the regional tournament
13. 2024 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Frank Harrison
- a. Officials are:
 - i. Chief Judge: Brad Corbin
 - ii. Assistant Chief Judge: Russ Selsor
 - iii. Appointed Judges: Denise Goldman
Cathi Hartwell
Mike Hayes
Richelle Muhlitner
Ryan Nason
 - iv. Chief Scorer: Kim Larson
 - v. Assistant Chief Scorer: Joe Perez
 - vi. Appointed Scorers: Brad Hartwell, Judy Stanford
 - vii. Chief Driver: Scott Larson
 - viii. Assistant Chief Driver: John Jacobson
 - ix. Appointed Drivers: Connie Bergmark, Tom Nathan, Bill Barrett,
Mike Parsons, Randy Hocking, Jeff Goldman
 - b. Official Recommendations as listed above comes as a motion. Second by Brad Hartwell. Motion Carries.
14. Western Regional Tournament Bids
- a. 2025 Regional Tournament Bid - Ski West - Bid attached
14. 2024 National Tournament –Ski West, Arvin, CA
- a. attached list of officials come as a motion. Second Ryan Nason. Motion carries
 - b. Official Recommendations:
 - i. Drivers, Barry Young/Will Bush and Jeff Goldman/Tom Nathan
 - ii. Appointed Judges, Brandy Nagle, Janie Fausold
 - iii. Assigned Judges, Joe Perez, John Crivello
 - iv. Alternate Judges, Ryan Nason, Richelle Muhlitner, Mike Hayes, Russ Selsor,
Brad Hartwell
15. 2025 National Tournament Bid – Ski West - First right of refusal
16. National Committee Reports
- a) National Announcers: Ryan Nason - Jim Powell is now National Chair.
 - b) National Awards: Randy Hocking - Report attached
 - c) National Boat Drivers: Cris Ellers - no report
 - d) National Bylaws: Cris Converse - nothing to report
 - e) National Grassroots: Matt Brandt - no report
 - f) National IAC: Brandy Nagle & Connie Bergmark - Report attached
 - g) National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan - Report attached
 - h) National Junior Development: Mike Maxson - no report
 - i) National Nominating – Kate Knafla - no report
 - j) National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/ Ryan Nason
 - a. Proposal 1 comes as a motion second Ryan motion carries
 - b. Proposal 2 come as a motion second by Ryan motion carries

- c. Proposal 3 come as a motion second by Scott motion carries
- d. Proposal 4 comes as a motion second by Ryan motion carries
- e. Proposal 5 as modified by Richelle comes as a motion second by Ryan motion carries
- f. Proposal 6 comes as a motion second by Ryan motion carries
- g. Proposal 7 comes as a motion second by Sam motion carries
- h. Proposal 8 & 9 comes as a motion second by Ryan motion fails
- i. Proposal 10 comes as a motion second by Ryan motion carries
- j. Proposal 11 comes as a motion second by John Crivello motion carries
- k. Proposal 12 comes as a motion second by Ryan motion carries
- l. Proposal 13 comes as a motion second by Ryan motion carries
- k) National Safety: Harley Wallace - no report
- l) National Seeding: Judy Stanford - Report attached
- m) National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle - no report
- n) National Technical: Will Bush - Report attached
- o) National Towboat: Will Bush - Report attached
- p) USA WS- Connie Bergmark - Getting close to selecting a new Executive Director

18. Other Sports Divisions

- National Collegiate - Jeff Rush & Ty Vaio - working on bringing national collegiate events here in the west. The Educational Foundation will be creating an endowment for team grants. We have 10 active teams ASU broke the top 5 at nationals. Should have the same number of tournaments this year as last. A big push to get participants to get their judges and scorers rating. Very successful alumni tournament sponsored this year by Berkley Water Ski Club. Proceeds were donated the various collegiate teams. Having difficulties finding drivers for collegiate tournaments. All Stars May 18 & 19 and Nationals October 10 - 12 at San Marcos TX will be looking for volunteer officials and drivers.
- Disabled Skiers – Matt Oberholtz - no report
- Wakeboard - no report
- Show Ski- no report
- Hydrofoil - no report
- Kneeboard - no report
- Barefoot - no report

19. Old Business

- a) Regional Guide Advertisers - Thank you Russ Selsor for reaching out to our advertisers soliciting their continued support of the western region. He will do this again for this year's guide. The area council members were encouraged to reach out to possible new advertisers in their area
- b) We were reminded that we are supposed to include links for each advertiser on the Western Region website. Ty will work with Cris Converse to make this happen on the website as well as including a link in the on line guide to the advertiser links on the website.

20. New Business

- a) Treasurers Budget Report 2024– Russ Selsor - amended report attached - 2024 budget as amended at meeting comes as a motion to accept second by Brad Hartwell. motion carries.

- b) AWSA Western region website hosting - Cris Converse is working with Louie Vidmar to establish a cost for hosting and a regular means of reimbursing Louie for that cost.
 - c) Winter Council meetings - live vs virtual - Sam Lee makes a motion to hold a virtual winter council meeting in odd years beginning 2025, in person meetings in even years beginning in 2026. Second by Brad Hartwell, motion passes.
 - d) Emeritus Scorer Applications -
 - a. Jim Grew judge and scorer emeritus approved via email last month.
 - b. Bob Hardeman for Jump driver emeritus comes as a motion from the drivers committee, second by Brad Hartwell, motion carries.
 - c. Dave Vogt for judge emeritus comes as a motion from judges and scorers committee second by Brad Hartwell, motion carries.
 - e) Nationals Qualifications edit or ski fest- The Western Region prefers a larger more inclusive nationals. We feel that higher levels of participation have a better chance of success than limiting it to elite levels only. We feel that elite qualifications will loose skiers and/or drive more people out of the sport.
 - f) TWBC broadcast of Nationals - Overall support the idea of live stream as a means of keeping the sport in the public eye. Do not support charging competitors a fee for this. We need to find new or more sponsors to cover this cost.
 - g) National Winter BOD meeting attendees Brad Corbin, Mark Roske, Richelle Muhlitner, Brad Hartwell
 - 1) Committee Chairs Attending – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules)
 - g) Date and Place of Western Region Summer Council Meeting
 - 1) July 22, 2024 (12:00pm) Wet Set Village, Newberry Springs, CA
22. No recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Summer Meeting on January 27, 2024
23. Motion to adjourn by Mike Hayes second by Sam Lee. Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

AWSA WESTERN REGION SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING
July 19, 2023
Meeting Minutes
Bell Acqua Lakes Rio Linda, CA
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 12:25pm. Brad Corbin EVP presiding.
2. Roll Call -Connie Bergmark, Owen Letcher, Randy Grubbs, Russ Selsor, Terry Selsor, Tom Nathan, Brad Jamison, Judy Stanford, Mark Timm, Sam Lee, Scott Larson, Richelle Muhlitner, Ryan Nason, Mark Roske, Brad Hartwell, John Crivello, Christine Gulley, Mike Hayes, Barry Young
3. Council approval to allow substitutes - Brad Jamison for Mike Parsons, Randy Grubbs for Cris Converse. Hartwell moves to approve Second Ryan passes
 - a. Establishment of a quorum (8 of 13 voting members)
4. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Mike Hayes
5. Review and Approval of Minutes from 1/7/2023 Winter Council Meeting - Motion to approve as posted, second Scott motion passes
6. EVP Report – Brad Corbin - Verbal Tournament count is good this year we expect another successful tournament season.
7. AWSA Presidents Report – Lyman Hardy - no report
8. Executive Director USA WS - Nate - no report
9. Treasurer’s Report 2023 –Russ Selsor presented copies of ytd budget performance. At a high level we are forecasting a minor loss in revenue this year. The loss of revenue was more than made up for by advertising in the regional guide. There was some discussion regarding the reimbursement of clinic fees for Regular and Senior officials. Should we expand to include Assistant. Russ moves to leave program as is Second by Brad Hartwall motion passes
10. National Executive: Brad Corbin - no report
11. Council Area Reports
 - a. Area 1 - Lost 2 tournaments due to lake pump malfunction at Paradise. In spite of this there were still the same number of tournaments as last year. There was no Jr Development clinic this year we need to find someone to take the lead for DATA junior development programs
 - b. Area 2 - No water at the pond.
 - c. Area 3 - one tournament cancelled in June low attendance in general
 - d. Area 4 - mixed numbers this year some very low some higher than normal. Winlock had difficulty pulling off the 3 event record but are committed to making it work in the future
 - e. Area 5 - nothing to report
 - f. Area 6 - overall down 5 tournaments this year over last year. Attendance has been very poorly attended so far this year. Jr Development was awesome this year with great turnout.
 - g. Area 7 - No report
 - h. Area 8 - Tournament Attendance mixed this year. Some new people joining this year which is good.
 - i. Area 9 - Number of tournament stable over last year. Attendance is down over last couple of years. Boats are becoming an issue this year. Not any promo boats and very few personal boats available.
12. Regional Committee Reports (committee reports come as a motion for approval – second needed)
 - a. Regional Awards – Rachel Washburn - no report
 - b. Regional Drivers – Mark Roske - report attached - two things in driving working on standardizing the rating levels with IWWF rating levels. Sure path implementation is the major effort and challenge.

- c. Regional Junior Development - Mike Maxson - report attached - Best of the West in Sacramento was outstanding. Great Coaches each participant got 4 rides per day with great coaching. Student fee was \$400. Similar camp in Idaho this year as well was very successful.
 - d. Regional Guide—Ty Vaio - no report - Ty once again did an excellent job of putting the guide together!
 - e. Regional Nominating----Owen Letcher - 10% increase in number of votes received this year. 4 write in votes this year.
 - f. Regional Records-Terry Selsor - report attached - the council voted to allow surveys for a period of only 2 years when setting a western region record. Motion to approve records submitted by Terry second by Richelle motion carries.
 - g. Regional Webmaster – Cris Converse - no report -
 - h. Regional Social Media - Ty Vaio, Cris Converse, Mallory Staley - no report
13. 2023 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Richelle Muhlitner its going to be hot. Slalom only tomorrow, all three events for that rest of the week. Attendance has increased in the last week which brings the total close to last year’s level.
14. Western Regional Tournament Bids
- 2024 Regional Tournament Bids - Wet Set has submitted a letter of intention and will present formal bid at winter meeting.
 - 2025 Regional Tournament Bids - Ski West - letter of intent attached
14. 2023 National Tournament –West Palm Beach, Fl
15. 2024 & 2025 National Tournament Bid – Ski West
16. National Committee Reports
- a) National Announcers: Ryan Nason - no report
 - b) National Awards: Randy Hocking - no report
 - c) National Boat Drivers: Cris Ellers - report attached
 - d) National Bylaws: Cris Converse - no report
 - e) National Grassroots: Matt Brandt - no report
 - f) National IAC: Brandy Nagle & Connie Bergmark - picking the teams for pa am sr pan am world pan am
 - g) National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan - report attached - scorer training needed for the new sure path policy and procedures
 - h) National Junior Development: Mike Maxson - report attached
 - i) National Nominating – Kate Knafla - all current board running for reelection
 - j) National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/ Ryan Nason - report attached nothing to vote on.
 - k) National Safety: Harley Wallace - report attached
 - l) National Seeding: Judy Stanford - report attached
 - m) National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle - no report
 - n) National Technical: Will Bush - no report
 - o) National Towboat: Will Bush - no report
 - p) USA WS- Connie Bergmark - We have a drug and alcohol policy at AWSA other disciplines are looking to create theirs patterned on ours.
18. Other Sports Divisions
- National Collegiate - Jeff Rush & Ty Vaio - bright spot in the sport continues to grow. Nationals this year will be at Bennetts. BWSC is organizing a Collegiate Reunion tournament September 15 & 16 this year. The hope is to get former skiers reengaged.
19. Old Business
- a) Regional Guide Advertisers - Council

20. New Business

- a) Treasurers Budget Report 2024– Russ Selsor - report attached.
 - a. Mark Roske motions that we reimburse a national worker for travel even if they are skiing in the tournament. Second by Ryan. Motion fails Brad J motions that we reimburse their entry fee only. Second by Brad H. Motion passes.
- b) Regional Tournament Support amount \$4000 or 5000 to be determined based on budget and reserve account levels
- c) Council meetings - live vs virtual - there was discussion to consider holding the winter council meeting virtually every other year to save money. Subjected tabled to be further discussed at the winter meeting.
- d) Sanction Fee refunds for cancelled tournaments. Barry Young motions that we establish a policy that all regional tournament sanction fees are non refundable. Brad J, second. Motion passes.
- e) National Summer BOD meeting attendees Brad Corbin, virtually, Mark Roske, Richelle Muhlitner and Brad Hartwell
 - 1) Committee Chairs Attending – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules)
- g) Date and Place of Western Region Winter Council Meeting
 - 1) January 6, 2024 (9:00am) El Dorado Hotel Reno, NV

22. There were no recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Summer Meeting on August 7, 2023.

23. Adjourn. Sam motions to adjourn Brad Second. Meeting adjourned 3:05pm



AWSA President's Report to the AWSA Board

Winter 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President in 2023. As you all know, this has been a busy year with the U.S. Team winning the Elite Worlds in Florida, along with Erika Lang winning the Open Women Trick title for the first time, congratulations Erika. A well-deserved round of applause to the Ski Club of the Palm Beaches for hosting a great 2023 Nationals. Good luck to the Western Region, and ski West Village on hosting the 2024 and 2025 National Championships in Bakersfield. Once again we will go to the San Marcos Ski Ranch for the Jr U.S. Open in June. Starting with the fall of 2023, USAWSWS has started issuing AWSA checks on money derived from the AWSA boat test. This should greatly increase our ability to fund our US Teams.

Things of note:

- 1) The athlete makeup of our committees continues to be a challenge.
- 2) The adoption of our board approved Nationals contract gives AWSA the right of first refusal on second year contracts, something we haven't had in the past. The new contract should make this event very attractive to new LOC's.
- 3) Dana Garcia our Pan AM rep continues to work hard on keeping water skiing in the Pan AM games, we should know soon.
- 4) The USAWSWS Executive Director search is coming to a close and we have several great candidates, a short list is coming and they will be at the Board meeting in January.
- 5) I still am not sold on USAWSWS staff remote work, what are your thoughts, please email me.
- 6) Development of a ski club tournament program to encourage and support new member growth.
- 7) Establishing a follow up program with headquarters on members that drop out.
- 8) Suggesting to USAWSWS they hire a marketing person.

Thank you for your time and all you do for water skiing

Sincerely,

Lyman H. Hardy

President, American Water Ski Association

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AS OF 10/31/2023 BY SPORT DISCIPLINE AND TYPE (via Integress)

Sport Discipline	TOTAL MEMBERS	Individual Active *	Family Active HOH (FA0)	Family Active Dep's (FA1-9)	Under 25 Active (U25)	GR Active (GRA)	Amb/Life Active	TOTAL ACTIVE	Individual Supp. **	Amb/Life Supp.	TOTAL SUPP.	TOTAL ACTIVE & SUPP. MEMBERS
ABC	330	160	26	51	34	16	10	297	24	9	33	330
AKA	28	10	0	6	4	4	0	24	4	0	4	28
AWS	6524	2546	507	1328	1147	319	131	5978	257	289	546	6524
NCW	1043	54	5	10	965	4	2	1040	1	2	3	1043
NP	10	0	0	1	9	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
NSS	5506	1268	785	2149	1102	145	7	5456	41	9	50	5506
NWR	146	91	4	10	21	15	1	142	3	1	4	146
USH	32	4	4	10	4	5	0	27	2	3	5	32
USW	221	45	15	34	97	17	1	209	8	4	12	221
WSD	109	69	7	11	8	9	1	105	2	2	4	109
TOTALS	14003	4256	1355	3616	3403	556	153	13339	345	319	664	14003

*Wakesurf affiliates are included in the totals above but shown below; **Supporting counts above include 37 FREE digital memberships.

Wakesurf **54** **9** **2** **6** **12** **22** **0** **51** **3** **0** **3** **54**

	2023	2022	Difference
Camps	5	15	-10
Clubs	418	432	-14
Ski Schools	4	5	-1

DIFFERENCES IN CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 2023 to 2022

Sport Discipline	TOTAL MEMBERS	Individual Active *	Family Active HOH (FA0)	Family Active Dep's (FA1-9)	Under 25 Active (U25)	GR Active (GRA)	Amb/Life Active	TOTAL ACTIVE	Individual Supp.	Amb/Life Supp.	TOTAL SUPP.	TOTAL ACTIVE & SUPP. MEMBERS	Total Memb. % + / -	Active Memb. % + / -
ABC	4	15	3	-9	-1	0	-3	5	0	-1	-1	4	1.23%	1.71%
AKA	-3	-4	-1	-1	0	2	0	-4	1	0	1	-3	-9.68%	-14.29%
AWS	-182	-6	-29	-95	-20	7	-1	-144	-34	-4	-38	-182	-2.71%	-2.35%
NCW	220	-3	-2	-7	233	0	1	222	-3	1	-2	220	26.73%	27.14%
NP	-16	-6	0	-1	8	0	0	1	-5	-12	-17	-16	-61.54%	11.11%
NSS	72	33	-1	-20	67	-13	0	66	7	-1	6	72	1.32%	1.22%
NWR	-9	-4	0	-6	3	0	0	-7	-2	0	-2	-9	-5.81%	-4.70%
USH	4	-1	2	2	2	1	0	6	-2	0	-2	4	14.29%	28.57%
USW	-28	0	2	0	-21	3	0	-16	-12	0	-12	-28	-11.24%	-7.11%
WSD	-35	-10	-5	-9	-5	-3	0	-32	-3	0	-3	-35	-24.31%	-23.36%
TOTALS	19	10	-31	-145	267	13	-3	111	-75	-17	-92	19	0.14%	0.84%

Wakesurf **-8** **-4** **0** **1** **1** **16** **0** **14** **-22** **0** **-22** **-8**

USA WATER SKI WAKE SPORTS - October 2023 (thru Sept 30, 2023)

Membership	Members	Members as of Dec. 31, 2022	Pct of Goal	Sponsorship	Total	Goal	Pct of Goal	
Individual - Active (4,300)	4,256	4,230	99%	Total \$\$ under contract	\$172,000	\$164,500	105%	
Family Active - HOH (1,400)	1,355	1,387	97%					
Family - dependents (3,800)	3,616	3,764	95%	Looking to pitch/In Pipeline:				
Under 25 - Active (3,200)	3,403	3,126	106%	RV companies + Extreme Sports Spenders				
GR Active (600)	556	541	93%					
Ambassador Life/Active (165)	153	156	93%					
Supporting - \$20 (500)	345	423	69%					
Ambassador Life/Supp (350)	319	336	91%					
Digital Supporting - FREE (1,000)	37	137	4%	SafeSport	Total Completions (10/31/22 - 10/31/23)	This Month (October)	Last Month (September)	% 18+ Trained
Total (goal - 14,500)	14,003	13,963	97%	SafeSport Core Course	2,209	95	422	75%
Guest (1,500)	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refresher Training	5,735	106	348	
Clubs (450)	418	432	93%	Total Active Trained Members	7,944	201	770	
Sanctioned Events	Events	Events as of Dec. 31, 2022	Pct of Goal	Social Media	Total	YTD New	As of Jan 1, 2022	YTD Increase
SD Tournaments (500)	487	483	97%	Twitter/X	5,338	-22	5,360	-0.41%
Grassroots Events (35)	30	29	86%	Instagram	13,209	252	12,957	1.94%
Basic Skills Clinics (80)	118	80	148%	Facebook	33,132	1,063	32,069	3.31%
Get on Water Clinics (50)	97	56	194%	YouTube	1,505	99	1,406	7.04%
Veterans Clinics (5)	14	13	280%	LinkedIn	548	57	491	11.61%
Website Unique Visitors		E-newsletter Opens		Finances/Accounting			Balances as of 11-1-23	
January (10,000 in '22)	9,600	January	49.2%	UBS Investment Account	\$ 406,438		A/R Report	\$ 36,372
February (10,000 in '22)	9,100	February	49.8%	Bank First Operating Account	\$ 97,477			
March (11,000 in '22)	9,900	March	45.8%	Bank First Sweep (ISC) Account	\$ 753,049			
April (11,000 in '22)	11,000	April	52.2%	Operating \$\$ on Hand				
May (14,000 in '22)	14,000	May	47.7%	Revenue/Income:				
June (18,000 in '22)	12,000	June	48.6%	Projected income- membership	\$ 1,500	For Nov		
July (27,000 in '22)	21,000	July	47.77%	Projected income - sponsorship	\$ 5,000	For Nov		
August (38,000 in '22)	7,731	August	51.74%	PROJECTED CASH ON HAND	\$ 103,977			
September (15,000 in '22)	10,987	September	53.84%	Key Expenses this month:				
October (15,000 in '22)	10,600	October	51.11%	Fixed Monthly Costs	\$ 75,000	Payroll, monthly bills		
November (9,000 in '22)		November		EXPENSE	\$ 75,000			
December (8,400 in '22)		December		Projected EOM Operating Acct Balance:	\$ 28,977			
Unique Visitors- YTD	115,918	Avg. Open %- YTD	49.60%					
Goal (187,500)	62%	Goal - 40.0% open rate						

**USA-WSWS Departmental Updates (top 3 things / recent accomplishments)
November 3, 2023**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (Nate)

- Updating Executive Director SOP document
- Creating budget sheets for 2024 budget
- Following up on unpaid A/R
- Staff performance reviews and 2024 workplans
- Insurance renewals (Florida Blue and all policies that EPIC manages – GL, PA, D&O, etc.)
- Operation Gold payment submissions to USOPC from Pan Am Games (all 6 athletes made a podium and we earned 9 total medals – 5 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze)

Recent Accomplishments:

- End of month/3Q financial reports for Altruic sent to BOD
- AWSA event settlement for Nationals
- EC meeting minutes and September financials sent
- IWWF payments to hotels and caterer for IWWF Worlds in Groveland, FL
- Met with MyCase (case management software company) about potential partnership
- Finalized USOPC 2024 grant - \$89,100 total (\$64,100 administrative for compliance and finance and \$25,000 for digital media agreement)

MEMBERSHIP MARKETING (Chris)

- Working with Emily on a release date for AWSA Nationals Documentary in November 2023. Continuing work on the Junior Development video editing with TWBC.
- Researching event text alert software for event communications
- Working to finalize 2024 Event, Marketing, and Travel budgets
- Continuing to finalize layout, menu, and details for the 2024 Annual Awards Banquet. Huge shout out to Molly for assisting with the site-visit!
- Creating 2024 Membership Marketing plans

Recent Accomplishments:

- Secured the 2024 IWWF Pan Am Wakeboard Championships presented by Visit Central Florida for October 2024 at Champions Lake at Lake Myrtle
- Completed Graphics: Bronze, Silver, & Gold Pan American Championships social media graphics
- NCWSA Nationals Livestream email sent to all AWSA and NCWSA members
- Finalized the AWSA Water Ski National Championships mini documentary

COMMUNICATIONS/CONTENT (Scott)

- *The Water Skier* – Working on Winter 2024 and Spring 2024 issues; editing photos from various nationals/events
- E-Newsletters – Working on November and December issues
- Podcast – Planning upcoming guests and talking points; 2024 guests
- Website – Daily News/Content updates

Recent Accomplishments:

- Fall 2023 TWS Completed, Mailed and Digimag link e-mailed
- October e-Newsletters sent
- Website updates; IWWF Worlds coverage; Pan American Games coverage

- Press Releases Sent: Collegiate Nationals Results; U.S. Team Wins 9 Medals At Pan American Games; U.S. Wins Gold At IWWF Worlds; U.S. Open Water Ski Racing Nationals Results/Recap
- Immigration/Visa support letters for Jack Critchley, Cole Grant, Edoardo Marenzi, Arno de Ryck, Patricio Zohar
- Podcast "Episode 23: Connor Poggetto/Brian Detrick (USA Adaptive Team) launched Nov. 2; Nate Smith scheduled for December
- 2024 Budget-Publications

SPONSORSHIP SALES (Nate)

- Working on contract extension for Polk County Sports Marketing (expires Dec 2023) as well as other renewals for Nautique, California Ski Ranch, Goode (marketing), Indmar and Lake On Company.

Recent Accomplishments:

- Completed renewals with Discount Inboard Marine and Radar
- 2024 sponsor invoice creation forms with distribution for Altruic
- Bob A., Doug R. and I met with Dick's Sporting Goods regarding a partnership opportunity

PARTNERSHIP MARKETING (Molly)

- Instructor Course Update – Received updated content from April Coble Eller in mid-October. Editing April's Learn to Ski Video into sections and building the course in the LMS. Rewriting the manual.
- Adaptive Sports Grant – contacted all host clubs from summer 2022 to give them the first opportunity at hosting an event in summer 2024. Recruited 2 new host clubs for summer 2024 (Webster Water Ski Collective & Virginia Beach Adaptive Watersports). Verbal commitments secured for 13 events. Have not heard back from one previous host to confirm commitment but I am following up. Working on an agreement all hosts with sign. Goal is to get these events scheduled with registration pages and marketing materials built early so we have a lot of time to spread the word to veterans with disabilities in each community. Working with Scott on a press release announcing the grant.
- Working with sponsors to finish out remaining items in contracts.
- Planning for Annual Banquet Raffle. Will be using Rafflebox to hold both a 50/50 and a prize raffle.
- Met with Joe Biafora to begin planning for 2024 Goode Nationals. Beginning process to create the event logo.
- Tow Boat Testing preparation.

Recent Accomplishments:

- Virtual Video Contest complete. Winning video is the 5 Man Front Flip video submitted by Randy Patrick. Coordinating prize delivery.
- Attended Water Ski Worlds. It was an excellent event. Great to see sponsors.
- Email sent for Rafflebox to clubs in States where online raffles can be conducted.

MEMBERSHIP (Melanie)

- Officials – working with Dave Allen to gain access and restore functionality to the officials application. Once available, there is a backlog of three + months' worth of emails, requests, upgrades, event credits, renewals to catch up on.
- Integrass:
 - Learning Management System (LMS) - Working on adding/editing AWSA officials testing and continuing education clinic modules while the officials application is offline.
 - Membership Management System (MMS) – support ticket management, including:
 - Membership upgrade functionality for supporting, grassroots active, ambassador supporting memberships
 - Join/renew membership verbiage additions and clarifications
 - Update opt-in functionality and verbiage for auto-renewals to cut down on refund requests and
 - 2024 Camp/ski school renewals
 - Client SFTP with PerkSpot to provide automated member eligibility for discounts
- Working with AWSA volunteer developers and Integrass on new AWS server, officials and MbrTrak applications, official directory, officials dashboards and club officials rosters in MMS, domains/pointer renewals
- Budgeting and technology planning
- Working with Sandy and Ski West to renew club's membership for 2024 and get 2024 Goode Nationals sanctioned so Level 8 cut-off averages can be created.

Recent Accomplishments:

- 2023 AWSA Nationals administrative/post-event skier refunds and LOC/AWSA settlement
- Created criteria in MMS for the magazine mailing list, new/renewing membership list for PerkSpot, and quarterly donations report.
- Fall 2023 magazine mailing list upload
- Laptop setup for Scott

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES / SANCTIONING (Sandy)

- Working with Mel on various Integrass things
- Phones are down (normal for this time of year) Still a lot of emails
- Will be working with Molly on the beginning of getting ready for banquet awards

Recent Accomplishments:

- End of month reporting is done
- Sanction report is done
- AWSA Nationals winner certifications are done and emailed to all winners
- Sanctions are current

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES / COMPLIANCE / BUSINESS OPERATIONS (Fallon)

- Online and join/renew merchandise sales are up-to-date
- Old pop-up store merchandise is added to Integrass
- Working on compliance for NWSRA Worlds
- August/September scorecards were completed once the system was back up. Working on October
- Control Sheet is done and uploaded, credit card statements to be sent today

Recent Accomplishments:

- Safe Sport Audit has been closed out. All corrective measures were put into effect.

- Follow up in January after USAWS board meeting to vote on USAWS SS Handbook verbiage
- Closing out merchandise event sales for 2023. Last event was collegiate nationals. Awaiting invoice from Fine Designs
- MyCase – Met with Nate and MyCase representative for the potential of using this system for future allegation investigations
- USADA portal launched for our elite athletes this month

USA WS American Water Ski Association Budget vs Actual November 30, 2023

	AWSA General		35 + Fund (RTF)		Elite Team Fund (RTF)		**U14 (RTF)		U17 Fund (RTF)		U21 Fund (RTF)		**Other Team Restricted Fun		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Begin Balance 1/1/23	120549.13	120549.13		1694.79		167.19		2820.54		3645.70		2731.88	0.00		131609.23
Income															
														0.00	0.00
Contributions				397.00		200.00		160.00		280.00		230.00	1024.14	0.00	2291.14
General Support	27720.00	27225.00											0.00	27720.00	27225.00
Towboat Licensing	5000.00	0.00													
Interest Income	50.00	67.67											0.00	50.00	67.67
National Entry Fee	15750.00	12167.41											0.00	15750.00	12167.41
Regional Support	1500.00	1500.00											0.00	1500.00	1500.00
Team Support - Auction Items	0.00	0.00											1134.00	0.00	1134.00
Total Team Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	50020.00	40960.08	0.00	397.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	160.00	0.00	280.00	0.00	230.00	2158.14	50020.00	44385.22
Expense															
Awards / U.S. Open	7000.00	106.05											0.00	7000.00	106.05
Membership/USAWS	2000.00	2100.00											0.00	2000.00	2100.00
Directors Insurance	1250.00	1175.45											0.00	1250.00	1175.45
Officials Maintenance	500.00	-60.00											0.00	500.00	-60.00
Meeting Expenses (includes Pink Sheet Inventory)	2500.00	1977.27											0.00	2500.00	1977.27
Travel	1500.00	0.00											0.00	1500.00	0.00
Scoring Website	3000.00	50.00											0.00	3000.00	50.00
Bank Service	0.00	0.00											0.00	0.00	0.00
Uniforms (paydown of Inventory)	0.00	180.00											0.00	0.00	180.00
Nationals Webcast	5000.00	0.00											0.00	5000.00	0.00
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00											0.00	0.00	0.00
Team Expenses	0.00	0.00								1922.35		2961.88	1080.08	0.00	5964.31
Elite PA World Team ****	20000.00	18333.21				367.19							0.00	20000.00	18700.40
Programming	4500.00	4500.00											0.00	4500.00	4500.00
Junior Development	0.00	0.00											0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	47250.00	28361.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	367.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	1922.35	0.00	2961.88	1080.08	47250.00	34693.48
Net Income	2770.00	12598.10	0.00	397.00	0.00	-167.19	0.00	160.00	0.00	-1642.35	0.00	-2731.88	1078.06	2770.00	9691.74
Ending Balance 11/30/23		133147.23		2091.79		0.00		2980.54		2003.35		0.00	1078.06		141300.97
Notes:															
Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 11/30/23				Accounts Receivable				**Junior Development Funds held in AWSA Bank Accounts							
Physician	982.58				USAWS-WS	\$	-	Balance Jan 01, 2023							
Can Am Team	-				Regional Support:			Income							
MW Genl Team	-							Expenses							
World Games	-							Bal-Nov 30, 2023							
Unallocated Team Funds	-				Total A/R	\$	-								
PanAm Funds	-														
Total	982.58														
				NOTE**Accured Exp - Membership \$6930				NOTE - Assets in Bank = 148,790.18							

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USA WS American Water Ski Association Budget vs Actual November 30, 2023

	Physician Restricted Funds		*Unallocated Team Restricted Funds		Junior Development Restricted Funds		
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	
Begin Balance 1/1/23		2062.66		0.00		11553.89	B/S check 145225.78
Income							
Contributions				1024.14		8527.90	
General Support							
Towboat Licensing							
Interest Income							
National Entry Fee							
Regional Support							
Team Support - Auction Items				1134.00			
Total Team Support	<i>0.00</i>	0.00	<i>0.00</i>	0.00	<i>0.00</i>	0.00	
Total Income	<i>0.00</i>	0.00	<i>0.00</i>	2158.14	<i>0.00</i>	8527.90	
Expense							
Awards / U.S. Open							
Membership/USAWS							
Directors Insurance							
Officials Maintenance							
Meeting Expenses (includes Pink Sheet Inventory)							
Travel							
Scoring Website							
Bank Service							
Uniforms (paydown of Inventory)							
Nationals Webcast							
Fundraising Expenses							
Team Expenses		1080.08				14655.24	
Elite PA World Team ****							
Programming							
Junior Development							
Total Expense	<i>0.00</i>	1080.08	<i>0.00</i>	0.00	<i>0.00</i>	14655.24	
Net Income	<i>0.00</i>	-1080.08	<i>0.00</i>	2158.14	<i>0.00</i>	-6127.34	
Ending Balance 11/30/23		982.58		2158.14		5426.55	B/S check 148790.18
Notes:							
**Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 11/30/23							148790.18
Physician							0.00
Can Am Team							
MW Genl Team							
World Games							
Unallocated Team Funds							
PanAm Funds							
Total							

2023 AWSA Awards Committee Report

To Western Region Council by Randy Hocking

The AWSA Awards Committee has limited activity during the year. In late Fall we select AWSA award candidates for recognition at the annual awards presentation held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Board of Directors Meeting. We submit our award winners to the USA-WS Awards Committee who in turn selects USA-WS award winners from the various Sports Divisions.

The AWSA Award Winners we selected are:

Athlete of the year: Erica Lang

Jr. Athlete of the Year: Jaeden Eade

Male Slalom Skier of the Year: Nate Smith

Female Slalom Skier of the Year: Regina Jaquess

Male Trick Skier of the Year: Jake Abelson

Female Trick Skier of the Year: Erika Lang

Male Jump Skier of the Year: Freddy Krueger

Female Jump Skier of the Year: Regina Jaquess

Male Overall Skier of the Year: Jake Abelson

Female Overall Skier of the Year: Regina Jaquess

Team of the Year: USA Elite Team - *1st World Team Title since 2017 – Team members were: Anna Gay, Kennedy Hansen, Regina Jaquess, Freddy Krueger, Erika Lang, and Nate Smith. Lori Krueger was coach and Kerri Lee team manager.*

Volunteer of the Year: Chip Shand - *Much work on Video Judging aspects of all three events at no cost to AWSA and programs are now used world-wide*

Way to Go Erica!

Blaze was also nominated for Male Overall Skier of the Year.

Hello Drivers,

The IWWF Drivers Portal is ready for your use. Please login to your account and see your driving data.

Watch the Help Videos (links below) and explore how to search and analyze your personal data.

HELP LINKS:

- [Selecting Data - All Options](#)
- [Selecting Data - Quick Find](#)
- [Interpreting the Full Graphical Results](#)
- [Interpreting the Minimal Results](#)

We will be hosting several online live / interactive clinics to demonstrate the features of the Portal. Watch for an email invitation in the coming weeks. Encourage drivers you know to register for the Portal at www.drivers.ski. They must be a registered user to participate in the clinic and receive attendance credit.

Please reach out if you have any questions to info@drivers.ski

Thanks,
IWWF Drivers Portal Team

Remember when you drive – Always login into the Rover with your Name and Unique PIN

2024 AWSA WESTERN REGION BALLOT

On line or **mail to Ballot Box, 2113 Venus Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864**
Votes from households with two active adult members will be counted as two votes.
Ballots must be received by July 15, 2024 to be counted.

Vote online via Survey Monkey link can be found at AWSA West Website or at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>

Regional Council Representative

One year term representing your council area at the regional level.

Vote for your council area only

Area 1 Southern California & Hawaii (includes Bakersfield Area) () Scott Larson () write in _____	Area 2 Northern California Bay Area (Does not include Bakersfield Area) () John Crivello () write in _____	Area 3 Northern California () Ryan Nason () write in _____
Area 4 Washington, Alaska () Mark Timm () write in _____	Area 5 Oregon () TBD () write in _____	Area 6 Colorado () Christine Gulley () write in _____
Area 7 Arizona & New Mexico () Jeanne Rohrer () write in _____	Area 8 Nevada & Utah () Mike Parsons () write in _____	Area 9 Idaho, Montana & Wyoming () Sam Lee () write in _____

Executive Vice President

One year term presiding over regional council, serving as a National Director and working with national administration. All council areas vote.

() Connie Bergmark () write in _____

National Director

Three-year term representing our region at the AWSA national level. All areas vote. In addition to the Executive Vice President there are three Western Director seats. One per year comes due for election. Brad Hartwell and Mark Roske fill two of these director seats.

You will be voting for the third, currently held by Barry Young.

() Richelle Muhlitner () write in _____

USA-WS Director

2-year term and is a representative for the Western Regional of AWSA on the USA-WS Board.

Position held by Connie Bergmark currently completing a 2-year term.

Election only in even number years

() TBD () write in _____

To Vote by mail complete the following and mail to 2113 Venus Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 by July 15th:

Name: _____

USAWS # _____ **# of Adults** _____

Address _____

Regionals								
	Nancy Congleton	w9	4.5 @ 14.25 43k	2023 Western Regionals	Bell Acqua Lakes	july 20-23	26 mph	
	Nancy Congleton	W9	400 points	2023 Western Regionals				
	jaxen Stabel	B2	1 @ 12m 52k	2023 Western Regionals				
	Natalie Gustafson	G3	4 @12m 52k	2023 Western Regionals				
	Bob Hardeman	M9	2 @ 11.25m 49k	2023 Western Regionals			tie	
	Tad Scharpf	M9	1740 pts	2023 Western Regionals				
	Blaze Grubbs	OM	8100 pts	2023 Western Regionals				
	Renae Townsend	W3	5050 pts	2023 Western Regionals				
	Randy Sterba	M6	135 ft 41.1 m	2023 Western Regionals				
Pacific								
	Blaze Grubbs	OM	9340 pts	Rotten Roberts Trick Syndrome	Liberty Lake	7/12/23	ok	
	Randy Sterba	M6	135 ft 41.1 m	2023 Western regionals		7/21/23	ok	
	Jeff Howery	M7	129 ft 39.3m	Shortline Lake Labor Day Record	Shortline Lake	9/4/23	ok	
	Jim Kinney	M10	2 @ 12m 49k	CA Ski Ranch Cash Prize	Redwood Shores	8/19/23	ok	
	Blaze Grubbs	M1	9650 pts	BAHA Sept 3 event	Bell Acqua Lake 2	9/10/23	ok	
	Paul Donett	M8	1 @ 10.75m 52k	Imperial Friday T & B	Imperial Lakes	10/6/23	ok	
	Renae Townsend	W3	5670 pts	Imperial Lakes 3 Event	Imperial Lakes	10/7/23	ok	
	Steve Ware	M7	1 @ 52k 10.25 (103)	Desert Oasis	Lakeside Ski Village	10/14/23	no, has current record of 3@39, 55k (105 bu	
RMT								
	Sue Hopper	W8	2 @ 13m 49k	Colorado State Champs at Laku	Laku Landing	7/15/23	ok	
	Christine Gulley	MW	4 @ 13m 55k	LAKU Top Dawg	Laku Landing	9/3/23	ok	
PNW								
	Nancy Congleton	W9	2 @ 14.25 46k	36th Mint Lake Open	Mint Lake	7/8/23	ok	
	Paul Donett	M8	4.5 @ 11.25m 52k	Hilltop Record	Hilltop Lake	8/19/23	ok	
	Cathy Gibson	w7	1 @ 12m 52k	Hilltop Record	Hilltop Lake	8/20/23	ok	
	Tad Scharpf	M9	2080 pts	NW Water Ski Championships	Mint Lake	9/2/23	ok	
	Mary Thompson	W9	2 @ 14.25 49k	NW Water Ski Championships	Mint Lake	9/2/34	ok 68 buoys	
	Remi Lee	B2	32' 9.7m	Last Blast of Heat	Tate Lake	9/8/23	ok	
	Nancy Congleton	W9	47' 14.2m	Last Blast of Heat	Tate Lake	9/8/23	probable; discussion	
	Robert Hodge	M10	3 @ 16m 49k	Sabrina Showdown	Sabrina Lake	8/27/23	? discussion	
BOW								
	Sue Hopper	W8	2 @ 13m 49k	Colorado State Champs at Laku	Laku Landing	7/15/23	tie ok	
	Blaze Grubbs	OM	9340 pts	Rotten Roberts Trick Syndrome	Liberty Lake	7/12/23	ok	
	Randy Sterba	M6	135 ft 41.1 m	2023 Western Regionals	Bell Acqua Lakes	7/20/23	ok	
	Paul Donett	M8	4.5 @ 11.25m 52k	Hilltop Record sp?	Hilltop Lake	8/19/23	ok	
	Tad Scharpf	M9	2080 pts	NW Water Ski Championships	Mint Lake	9/2/23	ok	
	Jeff Howery	M7	129 ft 39.3m	Shortline Lake Labor Day Record	Shortline Lake	9/4/23	ok	
	Jim Kinney	M10	2 @ 12m 49k	CA Ski Ranch Cash Prize	Redwood Shores	8/19/23	ok	

	Nancy Congleton	W9	47' 14.2m	Last Blast of Heat	Tate Lake	9/8/23	probable; discussion	
	Paul Donett	M8	1 @ 10.75m 52k	Imperial Lakes T & B	Imperial Lakes	10/6/23	ok	
	Renae Townsend	W3	5670 pts	Imperial Lakes 3 Event	Imperial Lakes	10/7/23	ok	
	Steve Ware	M7	1 @ 52k 10.25 (103)	Desert Oasis	Lakeside Ski Village	10/14/23	no, has current record of 3@39, 55k (105 bu	



Wet Set Village Presents

REGIONALS 2024

AWSA Western Region's Water Ski Championships
July 23-27, 2024 • Wet Set Village, Newberry Springs, CA
wetsetvillage.com

Location

20 miles East of Barstow on Interstate 40 to Newberry Springs exit. Turn north & follow signs.

Entry Requirements

Level 6 ranking in all divisions
Level 5 ranking in overall divisions

Skiers must be a competitive member of USA-Waterski, a US citizen and qualified to ski in the Western region per rule 4.03. Note: scores from collegiate class C and above can be used for qualification.

Entry & Registration

Online Registration: Register online at www.usawaterski.org. Online registration deadline is midnight eastern time July 16th, 2024. Online entries received after the deadline will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

Mailed Registration: Entries must be received by 7/17/24. Late post marked entries will be subject to \$100 late fee.

Mailed Registrations Must Include the following:

- Official Entry Form
- Check for Full Entry Fee
- Proof of Competitive USA-WS Membership
- All checks must be made payable to Wet Set, Inc.

Entry Fee:

- One Event \$ 155
- Two Events \$ 160
- Three Events \$ 165
- Family (up to 3) \$ 360*

*Includes G1-W1 B1-M1. Each additional family member over 3 add \$ 140

\$5 per entry goes to Western Region Junior Development

Non-qualifiers must mail a request to receive a refund (less \$10.00) postmarked by July 21st, 2024

For entry verification check on line at: www.usawaterski.org

Send Entries & Questions to:

Western Regionals/Wet Set
c/o Jackie Horton
44505 Silver Valley Road, Newberry Springs, CA 92365

Email: jackiehorton85@gmail.com

Pets

Must be on leash and under control at all times. Please be courteous and bring your poop scooper.

Site Check-In

Site check-in is not necessary if you have completed all the requirements of registration. It is the skier's responsibility to check posted list to verify registration is complete! List will be posted at starting dock and registration.

Check-In Hours are:

- Sunday, July 23rd: 1:00 - 5:00 pm
- Monday July 24th - Friday, July 28th: 8:00 - 5:00 pm
- Saturday, July 29th: 8:00 - Noon

Site Briefing

Monday, July 22nd: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Briefing tickets on practice portal. Skiers must purchase their own tickets. One ride per qualified, entered event. Cost is \$30 per ride. A ride is: 2 slalom passes; 2 jumps; 1 trick pass each way. A fall equals 1 pass.

Practice/Site Briefing: Please check the practice reservation portal available at Wetsetvillage.com starting July 1st 2024 for availability and payments

Official Practice

Saturday, July 20th, Sunday July 21st on site: All 3 events from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Cost is \$35.00 per ride. Officials will have preference. A ride is: 4 slalom passes; 2 jumps; 2 trick passes each way.

Unofficial practice will be available at nearby lakes. Details available at Registration.

Food and Ice

Concessions on site Monday, July 22nd - Saturday, July 27th. Store in Newberry Springs (5 miles) and Barstow (20 miles).

Official Hotel

Ramada Inn Barstow • (760) 256-5673
1511 East Main Street
Barstow, CA 92311

Special Group Rates apply until July 10th, 2024. To reserve rooms mention Western Regionals

- Single Room \$93.00 + tax
- Double Room \$119.00 + tax:

RV's and Camping

Dry camping is available on site: \$25.00 per day. Limited 30 amp power may be available for an additional \$50.00 per day. Pre-paid reservations are required. Site opens Saturday, July 20th. Water, ice, and septic pump out available on site.

Send reservations with checks payable to:

Wet Set, Inc.
c/o Frank Harrison
83295 North Shore Drive, Indio, CA 92203

After July 13th, call Frank at (760) 250-2398 at the lake.

Meetings and Dinners at Site

Monday, July 22rd

Regional Council Meeting and lunch: Noon at Harrison's
Judges & Drivers Meeting: 2:30 pm at Harrison's

Wednesday, July 24th

General Membership Meeting ½ hour after tournament.
Dinner available during membership meeting.

Junior Water Ski Team Banquet

7:30 pm Friday, July 26th

WETSET VILLAGE

Attire: Appropriate Dress

No Charge to Junior Team members or Appointed Officials.

Additional information will be available at Registration during check-in hours.

To purchase tickets or make reservations check at the Junior Development booth on site
Deadline: Noon, Wednesday, July 24th, 2017

Regional Officials

Chief Judge: Brad Corbin

Asst. Chief Judges: Russ Selser

Appointed Judges:

Chief Scorer: Kim Larson

Asst. Chief Scorer:

Appointed Scorers:

Chief Driver: Scott Larson

Asst. Chief Driver: John Jacobson

Appointed Drivers:

Chief Registrar: Jackie Horton

Chief Announcer: Tod Cowan

Safety Director: Jeff Gaastra Dave Ohara

Technical Controller: Dee Johnson

Asst. T.C.: Don Strategier

Tournament Chairman: Frank Harrison

Saturday, July 27th

Officials Appreciation meal 1 hour after tournament at Harrison's "Hilton".

Awards

1st through 5th Place Event: All divisions

1st through 3rd Place Overall: All divisions

Tournament Ratings

Will follow National Tournament classification

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events start at 7:30 am; may start 1/2 hour earlier if necessary.
Events not completed will be moved to the first event group the next day.

TUESDAY JULY 23	WEDNESDAY JULY 24	THURSDAY JULY 25	FRIDAY JULY 26	SATURDAY JULY 27	
<u>Slalom</u> Men 6 Men 8 Women 6 Men 9-11 Women 8 Women 9-11 Women 5 MM MW Women 7 Men 5	<u>Jump</u> Men 7-11 Women 6-11 Women 4- 5 Men 6 MM MW Women 1-3 IM IW Men 4 Men 5 <u>Tricks</u> Same division order as Jump (above)	<u>Jump</u> Girls 2-5 Boys 2-5 Men 1-2 Men 3-4 OW OM MM MW <u>Tricks</u> Same division order as Jump (above)	<u>Slalom</u> Men-1 Girls 1-5 Boys 1-5 Men -2 Men-3	<u>Slalom</u> Men-4 Women-4 Women- 2 Women-3 Women-1 OW OM IM IW Men-7	

WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOURNAMENT BID SUBMITTAL PACKAGE

January 4, 2014 Revision

General Overview

Ski West Village Ski Club would like to submit a formal bid to host the 2025 Western Regional Waterski Championships at Ski West Village in Arvin California.

Ski West has hosted the Nationals in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006 and 2007. We have also hosted many Record tournaments over the years.

Ski West is a three Lake site and Regionals could be scheduled as a 4- or 5-day tournament, in July 2025 (dates to be confirmed).

Practice may be held before and during the event, after the tournament each day using an online booking system.

It would be our intent to host a Record 3 event Tournament prior to Regionals as a warmup for Regionals and Nationals, since Ski West is also hosting Nationals in 2024 and 2025.

Ski West is located a few miles south of Bakersfield Ca. where the host hotels would be located, along with several restaurants, fast food outlets and markets. Arvin, Lamont and Tejon also have hotels, outlets, gas station and restaurants. RV parking would be available on site.

Food will be available on site for all, and Officials will have lunch included as part of their package.

There will be an official's area with snacks and drinks and a place to get out of the heat for all officials.

Ski West is honored and excited to host the Western Regional Championships. We look forward to having all our ski community come back to our amazing ski site.

General Requirements

Ski West village hosted several nationals and many tournaments, including record 3 events with 50+ skiers.

Location

We made arrangements with local hotels within 20 min of the site, south and north of the lakes.

Entry Requirements

Entry and registration requirements will be in line with previous regionals and approved by the western region's council.

Officials and Schedule

Chief officials picked by Ski West will be communicated with the next few weeks.

Schedule of events, including official meetings, Junior development banquet and other awards will be communicated closer to the date or when required by the Western Region committee.

Judges & Scorers Committee Report

December 2023

The status of testing materials:

The LMS portion of the Integrass database is now accessible and Melanie has entered the current written portion of the testing which is being evaluated and considered for a totally online process. This should reduce the time and complexity of the testing and upgrading of officials. Online clinic modules continue to be upgraded and include an assessment for credit toward officials' requirements. Creation of a post-clinic assessment, specifically for online clinics, has been developed and requires an 80% score on each module and will allow multiple retakes. These TestMoz modules are administered by Floyd McCreight and Debbie Kern. Confirmation of information presented and digested is the expectation and ensure more universal expectations for what a judge or scorer gleans from the clinic.

Currently, the Integrass system hasn't been available for including the practical testing for slalom or trick officials. The committee is considering a single test for both regular and senior judges that will differentiate required scores to achieve the upgrade. This is based on the criteria that identifying a buoy count at any level is consistent in complexity and unlike tricks, doesn't warrant different expectations except for consistent application of the rules. The new slalom video test should be finalized by the end of January 2024 and available via a monitored Dropbox login.

Renewal testing continues to be a topic but has been tabled as the numbers of available current officials dwindle and new official applications are still below expectations. Consistency in expectations however is the focus of most conversations.

Foreign officials:

Non-USA officials that were tested via the PanAm program are now included in the AWSA directory if they are current AWSA active members including completion of the SafeSport requirements. This documentation has been updated to allow inclusion on sanction applications and in tournament records. Ratings information outside those AWSA identified PanAm officials still creates challenges as several federations only update data on an annual basis or use alternatives to EMS for tracking their current rated officials. The ratings information may still need to be confirmed by the tournament contact involved in the application or scorebook by the LOC.

The effort to include all re-tested PanAm Judges, Scorers and Drivers from AWSA in the EMS database system with accurate testing dates and re-test dates continues. This project was implemented to allow and track AWSA officials working in IWWF administered events. This data is entered by hand and is a continuous work in progress. The list of recognized Level 1 TCs should be complete by the end of January 2024.

Tournament expectations:

Accurate entry of officials assigned to events continues to be expected at all events, especially class E or higher. This information is often the logged information that comes to play when questions or concerns create a need to review events. The challenge identified shows that grouping, moving entries around and schedule changes are the inherent challenge for those tracking this information especially in small tournaments with lots of moving and transition of officials. The information of driving records that reflect SurePath data being part of the submitted scorebook continues to be a goal. This information is for data analysis and confirms expected tolerances are being met for the drivers' and technical committee's review. Multiple drivers can be assigned in a division (or group) and WSTIMS allows for selecting a specific driver for the individual skier, helping simplify the documenting process. The jump event SurePath data is still being assessed for possible updates in the rulebook. Including data from all classes is appropriate and ensures rules are appropriate for a broad range of events.

The consensus of the committee is that live scoring is a component of WSTIMS that should be used at all events **when** possible. Trick scores and trick videos via the WSTIMS Live Scoring component is an ongoing desire for C, E, L or R events. Many class C events are utilizing video timing, and the process of accurate file naming and uploading is a strong foundation for officials upgrading or maintaining skills for all levels of events and should be included **when** possible. Trick videos uploaded to the Live Scoring system help confirm essential information related to scores, credit for officials and assessment for future testing.

The variety and range of scores associated with this information allows for a resource for conversation and review when the committees assess future expectations and proposals to rule, technical or policy manuals.

Fast track:

The quantitative requirements are clear cut, but numerous skiers don't realize that the program isn't restricted to just senior upgrades and the committee is recommending a regular rating option be more visible. The focus is for a top-level judge to be cognizant of the rules as well as administrative tasks related to the rating. The committee continues to review practical, written and experience minimums for all fast-track officials. A topic still being reviewed is for a Fast Track judge being allowed to only work as an event judge for a period of time or number of events before working as a chief or appointed judge. The concept is to ensure that administrative experience and expectations are being met. Further conversation is needed on this topic.

Officials Applications.

The committee investigated an application form maintained as part of a person's AWSA profile so that paper applications are no longer needed. The challenge identified that multiple signatures, dates, and event recognition add a complexity that was not as easy to implement as hoped. This question has been relayed to Integrass but is not a priority at this time. Even using a Google or PDF form application still opens doors for overwriting, deletion on missing information that doesn't offer a solution to eliminate lost paperwork.

Emeritus Request:

Jim Grew requested consideration for Emeritus for Judge and Scorer. Approval by the region and committee is complete. Request to add approval to the board agenda.

Judges & Scorers Committee

Robert Howerton – chair
Ray Crenshaw
Jane Greenwood
Jim Grew - Consultant
Kate Knafla
Melanie Hanson - Consultant

Alex Lauretano - AAC
Tom Nathan
TG Powell

AWSA INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

November 7, 2023

The AWSA International Activities Committee (IAC) met by Zoom on November 7, 2023. In attendance were Hutch Haines (East), Doug Robbins (East), April Coble Eller (South), Lyman Hardy (South), Kerri Lee (South Central), Sam Greenwood (South Central), Connie Bergmark (West), Larry Downs (Midwest), Jeff Smith (Chair, Midwest), Jeffry Armstrong (consultant), Scot Ellis (AAC), Cory Vaughn (AAC), and Lori Krueger (AAC). Absent were Lauren Morgan (AAC) and Brandi Nagle (West). Chris Eller attended part of the meeting regarding the driver selection process, as discussed below.

The first item on the agenda was the review and approval of the minutes from the November 2022 meeting, and the board reports for January and August 2023. The minutes and board reports were approved.

A general discussion was then held regarding our team and Pan Am Games results from 2023. Our athletes performed very well, and we are very appreciative and proud of the efforts and commitments made by all of our athletes. The committee also discussed the increasing administrative burden placed on our team staff (entry requirements, etc.), with special thanks to our 2023 team managers and coaches, and to Jill Smith (35+ sub-committee chair).

Next discussed were the ongoing challenges resulting from the small number of overall (three event) athletes in the Open and U21 divisions, and how this impacts the team selection process (and will continue to do so going forward). Among other factors, April noted the importance of maintaining the involvement and support of parents on an ongoing basis, including getting them involved to support team and athlete activities. After a discussion about the causes of this situation, and whether there are any meaningful solutions, it was agreed that each committee member would make an outreach effort to our athletes and coaches to enquire about whether any program or other changes would promote the continuing participation of overall athletes in the U21 and Open divisions. Kerri Lee will prepare an online form for committee members to input their ideas, and the committee will hold another Zoom meeting in January devoted specifically to this issue. This report will be supplemented at the January AWSA Board meeting to reflect any ideas coming out of that meeting.

The committee then discussed the ongoing budget challenges faced in funding our teams, and team staff. As a part of the overall funding effort, we would like to provide our independent athletes with t-shirts. Lyman agreed to submit a funding request for our 2024 teams, to be included as a part of the proposed 2024 AWSA budget.

Next was a discussion of the events to be held during 2024. These include the 2024 U17 World Championships (proposed Team Selection Q&P attached), the 35+ World Championships, and the Pan American Championships (Open, U21, U17 and U14). The 2024 35+ World Championships will be held September 4-8, 2024, in Sesena, Spain. Tournament information is not yet available for the Pan American Championships. Team Selection Q&Ps will be published for the 35+ World Championships, and for the 2024 Pan American Championships, once the

tournament details have been announced. There should not be a need to update the Athlete Agreements, and Code of Conduct for 2024, as those were updated (with assistance from USOPC) for the 2023 Pan Am Games.

Lyman then presented a draft International Event Driver Selection Criteria, which was discussed at length by the committee. The committee was very supportive of the presentation, and agreed that (with some minor modifications) this criteria should be adopted as a part of the 2024 driver selection/nomination process. Lyman agreed to make some updates to reflect the committee's discussion, and the proposed Driver Selection Criteria will be presented for discussion and adoption at the January Board meeting. The committee discussed the need to update the selection criteria for judges and scorers, as well, and the Chair agreed to work on a draft for further discussion going forward.

The meeting was then adjourned.

**2024 U.S. TEAM SELECTION
and
INDEPENDENT SKIER
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES
Under 17 World Championships**

A. Team Description

A six-member team will be selected to compete at the 2024 Under 17 World Championships. The tournament will be held July 27-August 3, in Predator Bay, Calgary, Canada. The team will be announced on or about **MAY 21, 2024**.

B. Team and Independent Athlete Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for selection to the U.S. Team shall be:

1. U.S. citizen;
2. Active member of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports in good standing, born in 2002 or later (per IWWF eligibility rules). Age qualification rules are set forth in IWWF Rules 2.03, 16.01. The maximum age of any skier participating is 16 years as of December 31, 2023.

C. Notice of Interest Requirements and Procedures

To be considered for a position on this team, *or to compete as an independent athlete (see IWWF eligibility rules for independent athletes at IWWF Rule 14.15)*, ALL ATHLETES MUST FULLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS BY **APRIL 19, 2024**:

1. **Notice of Interest to be selected as a *member of the U.S. Team* (athletes must indicate the event(s) in which they are interested in competing) must be submitted;**
2. **Notice of Interest to participate as an *independent athlete or a request to be considered as a wild card athlete* must be submitted (independent and wild card athletes can only participate in the tournament through this process; athletes not completing this process will not be entered).**
3. **These notice forms are online at _____.**
4. In completing these forms, all athletes (and the parent/guardian of minor athletes) **must acknowledge and agree to the USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement**. Those documents are available for review online at USA-WSWS' website. All athletes must also complete all applicable SafeSport requirements.
5. **Full payment of all entry and team fees must be received by the official U.S. team manager, *not later than the Notice of Interest deadline*. All athletes filing a Notice of intent to participate will be advised of the entry and team fees in advance of the payment deadline.** All fees are non-refundable (for any reason) except: (a) full or partial refunds will be made to athletes selected as team members in the event/to the extent that team funding is available; and (b) refunds will be made to athletes who only express interest in being selected to the team, i.e., no refund will be made to athletes submitting a Notice of Interest and also indicating an intent to participate as an independent athlete. Forfeited fees will be used to fund team expenses, as determined by the IAC and Team Manager.
6. All completed athlete Notices of Interest will be acknowledged.

7. A list of all submitted athlete Notices of Interest (who have filed a Notice of Interest and paid all fees) will be available online beginning approximately four (4) weeks before the Notice of Interest deadline. Notices of Interest will not be considered as received unless the Notice of Interest form has been completed and payment of all fees has been received.
8. **Primary consideration will be given to those individuals who have completed this process on a timely basis, but the IAC reserves the right to consider other individuals for the team.**
9. Questions regarding this process should be addressed to IAC members _____ (_____) or _____ (_____).
10. Wild Card Entries. "Wild card" entries may also be submitted by the IAC per IWWF Rule 14.14, allowing the entry of skiers who may not otherwise be qualified to ski in this tournament (or who may be qualified to ski in some, but not all, events). These entries will be selected by the IAC in its sole discretion. Athletes who wish to be considered for a "wild card" entry should complete the Notice of Interest process described above, and should also submit information supporting their request for consideration.

D. Team Selection Considerations

The AWSA International Activities Committee (IAC) is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on the Water Ski Teams that will represent the United States in International Competitions. The committee's primary goal in this process is to select teams that will have the greatest opportunity to win each of the international competitions. In this selection process there are numerous considerations that the committee will utilize in the effort to select the best combination of athletes for each tournament, with the ultimate goal to win the team title. These elements include, but are not limited to:

1. Numerical Division of Male / Female athletes to make up the team;
2. Numerical scores from selected tournaments that precede the event and are close enough in time to the event to produce the most viable team (see Team Selection Score procedures below). These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced;
3. Each individual skier's past performance in recent premier tournaments, to include any issues that may or could possibly affect anticipated scores in the target international competition;
4. The ability of any skier to function in a team atmosphere, contribute to a team effort, and other positive or negative factors that may exist.

The IAC reserves the right to rely on all of these factors in selecting this team. In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the judgment of the IAC, render these considerations and procedures clearly ineffective, the IAC may (by a two-thirds vote of the full IAC committee) amend these qualifications and procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program.

E. Team Selection Procedures and Score Calculations (Team Athletes Only)

1. The team will be selected based on the above requirements and criteria. No team trials will be held.
2. Sex distribution for the team shall be 3/3 or 4/2.
3. Each athlete's "Team Selection Score" shall be determined. The Team Selection Score shall be the average of each skier's **two** best tournament scores in each event (the "events" being

slalom, tricks, and jump) which shall be extracted from USA Water Ski & Wake Sports ranking list performances (Class E, L and R only) during the period beginning June 1, 2023 and ending on May 19, 2024 (inclusive). The IAC reserves the right to give preference to scores achieved in calendar year 2023. Each round score must be from a different site. To be considered, all scores must be reported (through each tournament's local organizing committee or scorer) to USA Water Ski & Wake Sports not later than Monday, May 20, 2024 at 11:59 PM (PDT). It is each athlete's responsibility to ensure that all eligible scores are submitted in a timely manner.

4. Team Selection Scores shall be based on the 1,000 point system where 1,000 points is the **greater of the average of the top two** Ranking Values on the most recent "officially posted as final" IWWF Rankings List and the highest score among U.S. scores posted for this selection process, excluding those who have aged out. The Team Selection Scores shall be computed in accordance with IWWF U17 Competition Rules. The scores resulting from these calculations (including an overall score computed based on the sum of these Team Selection Scores (from each event), in accordance with applicable IWWF Rules) shall be used in the numerical score evaluation process.
5. The top male and female skiers based on "overall score" will be selected first provided that the skier contributes to the team score in at least one event. "Overall score" is computed as the sum of the Team Selection scores from each of the three events.
6. The next skier will be the male or female skier with the next highest "overall score" provided that the skier contributes to the team score in at least one event.
7. The fourth and fifth skiers will be the male and/or female skiers with the highest "two event score" not already selected on the team, provided that the skier contributes to the team score. "Two event score" is defined as the sum of the two highest "event scores" for a skier.
8. The sixth skier will be the male or female skier with the highest "one event score" not already selected on the team, provided that the skier contributes to the team score.
9. The six skiers chosen following the above criteria will be Team 1. Then other combinations of six U.S. skiers will be identified and shall be hereafter referred to as "Team X." Each Team X shall meet the gender requirements above, and shall have at least three skiers in each event (slalom, tricks and jump). The Team Score for Team X will be calculated by summing the best three individual Team Selection Scores from each gender in each division (3 slalom, 3 tricks, and 3 jump). Consideration will be given to the number of scores per event, with the preference of at least four scores in each event (4 slalom, 4 tricks, and 4 jump). The Team having the highest Team Score will be named the U.S. Junior World Championships Team.
10. If there are no qualifying overall scores meeting some or all of the criteria (male and/or female) set forth in any of the above steps, the IAC will consider alternative criteria and procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program.
11. The IAC reserves the right to choose another combination of athletes who create a higher team overall score than chosen using the above steps.
12. The team selected through this process will be designated as the official 2024 Under 17 World Championships Team.

F. Other Information

1. The selection of wild card athletes (up to five [5] event entries) is solely at the discretion of the IAC, including consideration of athlete performances during the 2022 ski year. It is anticipated that wild card athletes will be selected at the same time as the team.
2. The IAC may (but may not) designate alternates to the U.S. Team. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and will not necessarily be based on any fixed formula.
2. Partial funding may be available for team members, but all skiers are responsible for all unfunded costs.
4. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor in making any U.S. Team. The policy of the IAC is always to send the best possible team.

IAC DRIVER SELECTION CRITERIA

IAC Driver Selection:

The goal of the IAC Committee is to create a standardized process whereby aspiring Three Event/Pan Am Rated Senior Drivers have an opportunity to participate in International Events.

CALL FOR INTEREST

The IAC will notify all qualified drivers about the availability of positions for upcoming international events. It is the responsibility of each qualified driver to submit to the IAC Chairman or the designated IAC representative a personal performance resume containing information that fulfills the criteria as listed below. All interested parties that have completed this task by the designated date will be placed onto an IAC list of viable candidates for each event. It will then be the responsibility of the IAC to select suitable candidates for all listed events from this list. The IAC will publish the selections as soon as reasonably possible.

The goal of the IAC selection process should be defined as: Fair, equitable, and objective to all drivers involved. This should not be considered a popularity contest and selection should be based on the abilities of the candidates.

THE PROCESS

- The IAC shall issue an annual email to all three event Senior/Pan Am rated drivers requesting notice of their interest in participating as an appointed driver at IWWF International events at which the Pan AM region provides officials.
- When a list has been compiled by IAC, it will be the duty of the IAC to review each resume, applicable Sure Path data (depending on the event, the driver should have pulled similar divisions as listed in his resume as to what he or she will drive at the event), the provided data should indicate the driver is in sync with the skier and the use of stated tolerances and boat path are acceptable to IWWF stipulations for that event.
- Progressive Selection Process: To participate as a driver at the IWWF premier events: A driver needs to demonstrate he or she is competent in a progressive process which requires the following. Each driver wishing to drive a Level 1 elite event must first participate as a driver in Level 3 events, then Level 2 events to qualify to participate in Level 1 events.

LEVEL 3 (Must be AWSA Senior Driver / IWWF D2 Driver):

May be selected to participate as a driver at one of the following: Jr. US Open, Can Am Championships, U17 World Championships.

Qualifications:

- Must be 21 years of age or older.
- Have been an AWSA Three Event Senior Driver for a minimum of three years.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must have driven at a minimum of 3 tournaments in each of the three prior years.
- Must have participated in 3 Record Capability tournaments in the last three years.
- Must have shown experience in all three brands of boats in different conditions at different sites.
- Must have driven the following in a sanctioned tournament:
 - Slalom: 4 @ 38 off at 34 MPH or 36 MPH
 - Jump: 180 feet- 6-foot ramp
 - Jump: 165 feet- 5.5 ramp
 - Jump: 150 feet- 5 ramp
 - Tricks: 5500 Pts

LEVEL 2 (Must be AWSA Senior Driver / IWWF D2 Driver):

May be selected to participate as a driver at the Pan American Championships and/or Pan American Titled Events. A driver may also be nominated, by the IAC and with approval of the IWWF Tournament Council, to participate as an appointed driver at the 35+ Worlds Championships or the U21 World Championships, provided they meet all qualifications as set forth by the IAC and IWWF.

Qualifications:

- Must be 21 years of age or older.
- A AWSA Three Event Senior Driver for a minimum of three years.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must have driven at a minimum of 5 tournaments in each of the three prior years.
- Must have participated in 6-Record Capability tournaments in the last three years.
- Must have shown experience in all three brands of boats in different conditions at different sites.
- Must have driven at least 2 tournaments in at least one of the three following categories: Regionals, Nationals, or Cash Prize Pro event in the last three years.
- Must have driven the following in a sanctioned tournament.
 - Slalom: 4 @ 39 off at 34 MPH or 36 MPH
 - Jump: 190 feet- 6' ramp
 - Jump: 170 feet- 5.5 ramp
 - Jump: 160 feet- 5 ramp
 - Tricks: 6000 Pts

LEVEL 1 (Must be AWSA Senior Driver / IWWF D1 Driver - Pan American):

Having progressed from Level 3 and Level 2, a driver may be selected to drive Pan Am Games, or Pan Am Championships. A driver may be nominated by the IAC and with approval of the IWWF Tournament Council participate as an appointed driver at the World Games, Under 21 World Championships, or the Open World Championships, provided they meet all qualifications as set forth by the IAC and IWWF.

Qualifications:

- Be recognized as a D1 / Pan American driver by the Pan American Federation.
- Must be 21 years of age or older.
- Been an AWSA Three Event Senior Driver for a minimum of three years.
- Must be a Pan Am Rated D1 Driver.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must have driven at a minimum of 6 tournaments in each of the three prior years.
- Must have participated in 9-Record Capability tournaments in the last three years.
- Must have shown experience in all three brands of boats in different conditions at different sites.
- Must have driven at least 4 tournaments in at least one of the three following categories: Regionals, Nationals, or Cash Prize Pro event in the last two years.
- Must have driven the following in a sanctioned tournament.
 - Slalom: 4 @ 39 off at 34 MPH and 4 at 39 off at 36 MPH
 - Jump: 190 feet- 6' ramp
 - Jump: 185 feet- 5.5 ramp
 - Jump: 175 feet- 5 ramp
 - Tricks: 7000 Pts

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The annual Rules Committee meeting was held Nov. 6, 2023 via Zoom.

Members Present

Richelle Muhlitner, Chair

Ryan Nason, West

Kathy Ives, SC

Danielle Dlugosh, SC

Lori Covington, Ath Rep

Cyndi Benzal, South

Scott Snape, South

Gary Noll, East

Dave Allen, East

Corey Vaughn, Ath Rep

Mason Mechler, MW

Members Not Present

Erin Kalkbrenner, MW

Alex Lauretano, Ath Rep

Guest

Darren Janzig, EVP MW

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Rule Proposals

Proposal 1

1.01 Application A. The rules set forth here govern all sanctioned tournaments. ~~B. Except as noted in Rule 1.06, no deviations are permitted from these rules for National Tournaments with the exception of a onetime experimental change in the protocol, approved by the AWSA Board of Directors that would be announced at least three months prior to the tournament.~~

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Rationale: This statement always bites us in the butt when we do have a rules violation or change, just not sure this added wording helps. Any rules exception would require rules approval anyways. Jeff Surdej

Motion Ryan, Cyndi second - Approved

Proposal 2

Move 1.14 to 7.08. No change in wording but a better fit for the intent of the rule.

With this change rule 1.15 becomes 1.14.

Proposal 3

2.06 Order of Contestants

A. Nationals: For the National Tournament, entry shall be closed as noted in Rule 2.04.A, and the order of contestants in each event shall be determined and posted ~~a Seeding Committee composed of one member from each Region, appointed by the AWSA President. The committee shall rank the contestants in each event according to ability, with the highest seeded skier skiing last. The committee shall be guided by performances during the year preceding the Nationals, and other factors at its discretion, and its decisions shall be final. No change in this order is permitted. without the authorization of the Seeding Committee, except that a contestant may withdraw his name, in person or by proxy, before the event starts.~~ ***by the AWSA National Rankings before the start of the contestant's event. The contestants in each event will be ordered according to their ranking, with the highest seeded skier skiing last, and shall be guided by the performances during the year preceding the National Tournament.***

Rationale: Just not sure this is accurate. The seeding committee does not do this so just reword to be more accurate? Jeff Surdej

Motion with changes Dave A, Ryan second - Approved

Proposal 4

Add the following highlighted wording to the first sentence of 2.03:

Changes in the schedule during the tournament shall be made only for weather, water conditions, safety, ***technological delays, or to avoid having one division compete in two or more events at the same time on separate lakes,*** ~~or a similar reason~~ and not for the convenience of any skier. A majority of the Appointed Judges must approve the change, and all affected contestants or their representatives shall be notified. Although schedule

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changes are discouraged, the judges should not hesitate to make adjustments required for safety.

Rationale: Clears up reasons to change the schedule. Happens frequently on multi-lake sites. Ryan Nason

Motion Ryan, Lori second - Approved

Proposal 5

4.02 National Tournament Qualifications

A. Placement Qualifications:

3. Overall: For those qualified by placement in overall ~~without level 8 rankings~~, scores for all events required for overall for the applicable division at the current Regionals or immediate past Nationals, must be above zero unless the skier has a current level 7 ranking in that respective ***all*** events. (Also see 5.01-overall qualification)

Rationale:

At several regional tournaments and 2023 Nationals, there were several skiers who had overall scores that would qualify for nationals, but had no or only zero scores in 1 event, usually jump, in the last 12 months. A skier should not qualify for Nationals in overall if he has not competed in or scored in that event. This wording clarifies what is currently a confusing situation.

Motion Lori, Ryan second - Approved

Proposal 6

4.03B2 Add the following wording:

An EVP's excuse may only be granted for events a skier is qualified to compete in at Nationals.

Rationale: Clears up the intent of the excuses rule. Ryan Nason

Motion Kathy, Gary second - Approved

Proposal 7

6.01 Add the following wording somewhere in 6.01**K**:

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When a Chief Official is competing in an event, that official has the option to appoint a qualified person from the pool of Appointed Officials to take his place until the event is over.

Rationale: Allows the Chief Officials to focus on their own rides and not be involved in issues that pertain to their division. Ryan Nason

Motion Kathy, Gary second - Approved

Proposal 8

6.02H ADD: It is recommended to appoint one announcer per lake for Regional tournaments.

Proposal 9

6.03J ADD: It is recommended that the LOC appoint one announcer for all tournaments.

Rationale:

Announcing is critical to tournaments and should be at least suggested in the official's section of rules. LOCs will be aware that announcing is needed.

James Powell

Motion Corey, Gary second - Approved

Proposal 10

7.07 Disqualification change B and Add F.

B. Disqualification Procedures: Contestants may be disqualified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges for any one of the reasons listed in Sections C-~~E~~**F** below. The Chief Judge shall submit a written report to the AWSA Board of Directors regarding any such disqualification.

F. Threatening a tournament official: Making or implying a threat to an official, whether physical, verbal, legal, or otherwise, is grounds for disqualification. If the person making threats is a skier's representative, the represented skier shall be disqualified. Threats made before, during, or after a tournament could subject the person(s) involved to disqualification procedures.

Rationale: Please see requested change for rule 7.07 for consideration by

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the rules committee. This should be self-explanatory and a clarification beyond "unsportsmanlike conduct".

Thanks,

Bruce

Motion Gary, Corey second - Approved

Proposal 11

AWSA 2.06.D. For any division in which skiers request a lower ramp height, these skiers shall be grouped together and, at seeded tournaments, shall ski prior to those using the standard **higher** ramp height for that division.

AWSA 9.16.C.3. The following ramp ratios shall apply: Masters Men, Open Women, Men 1, 2 and 3, jumpers will have the option of choosing either the .255 or .235 ramp; Boys 4 & 5 shall use the .235 ramp unless they can show a certified result of a jump of 38 m (125 feet) on the .235 ramp, in which case they may opt to jump on a .255 ramp; Open Men will have the option of choosing either the .266, .255 or .235 ramp; and all other divisions will be set at .235. At the option of the sponsoring club, any division may jump at a ramp ratio of less than .235.

Rationale:

Hi all. I'd like for committee to consider a wording change regarding 2.06.D.2. That rule refers to standard ramp height for a division. 9.16.C.3 states that certain divisions have the option of different ramp heights but doesn't state that any one of them is the standard. The jump running orders for the southern regionals had too many changes in some divisions. In M1 there were 4 ramp height changes.

Thanks,
Bob Harris

Motion Ryan, Corey second - Approved

Proposal 12

11.08 Officials

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F. There will be a maximum of 3 persons in the boat: driver, who normally acts as boat judge, a camera operator, and the skier's quick-release operator.

Motion Ryan, Kathy second - Approved

Proposal 13

11.16 Tricking Equipment and Definitions

B. Quick-Release Operator: A skier will be allowed the option of a ***one*** person of his choice, excluding the official boat judge or driver, to act as a quick-release operator. The release person may not adjust or move the rope in any way to take up slack or allow extra length once the skier begins his trick run. He must hold it in one position or release it. Using the rope to intentionally aid the skier will subject the skier to disqualification. This person will be considered a part of the skier's equipment and be subject to Rule 7.07A.

Rationale:

At the 2023 National tournament, a B1 skier had his parent AND young sibling ride in the boat. This was initially thought to violate the 3 people in the boat IWWF rule, but that division was Class E. The situation was chaotic, potentially unsafe, and not representative of a National tournament. The parent (release operator) correctly asserted that there is no rule that says a skier CANNOT have more than 1 release operator in the boat. This is a clarification that limits other personnel in the boat.

At this same occurrence, the parent also held the rope to assist the skier in a deepwater start. This is also NOT explicitly violating the rules, but should not be allowed. If a skier cannot perform an unassisted deepwater start, he should not be skiing Nationals.

Bruce Butterfield

Discussion regarding safety, drivers need to assure that everyone in the boat is seated before starting.

Motion Ryan, Scott second - Approved

Not Approved or No Action:

Proposal 14

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Should this be Class F or GR?? We have both as choices in WSTIMS but is there a difference?

1.02B3. CLASS F (Grass Roots), primarily for beginning skiers, which allow wide variations from the requirements of the other classifications. To add jumping to a Class F (Grass Roots) classification a minimum of a State Safety Director and Regular Driver is required.

F/GR Stand Alone Grassroots Fun Day or Grassroots Tournament- primarily for beginners and available to all sport disciplines 40 0 30

No Action

Proposal 15

3.03 Elite Division Competition

E. Elite Overall Provisions:

~~3.TOURNAMENTS WITH PLACEMENT: Skiers with a level 9 qualification in one or two events and skiing in a tournament with placement, such as Regional or National tournaments, and skiing for age division Overall may ski in the 11 Elite division for placement and must also ski a second time in their age division event, for Overall score purposes only, if desiring to compete for age division Overall placement. If skiing for Elite division Overall, skiers may ski in age division for placement in any event and, also ski a second time in the skiers' Elite division in that event for overall score purposes only.~~

Rationale: Time to get rid of the ski twice rule, it has led to 2 grievances, is confusing to everyone and is only being used by 4-5 skiers across the nation. If you keep it we need 4/02 and 4.06 to chive together. Jeff Surdej

Much discussion in how to allow skiers to either ski Open for overall.

Allow to ski if not qualified,

Ski and drag the other event,

Even though there are not that many who use this option the potential to have many skiers (Jr through M/W1&2 along with M/W3 skiing Elite or Masters. Holding the tournament for those dual skiers might not be an option. The committee was not ready to give up this option.

Motion Corey, Ryan second – Not Approved

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Proposal 16

4.02 National Tournament Qualifications

A skier who enters the Open division at the Nationals in any event is not required to ski in his Regional Tournament ~~except if skiing for age division overall (See Rule 4.06).~~

Rationale: Time to get rid of the ski twice rule, it has led to 2 grievances, is confusing to everyone and is only being used by 4-5 skiers across the nation. If you keep it we need 4/02 and 4.06 to chive together. Jeff Surdej

No Action since other proposal not approved

Proposal 17

~~**4.06 Event and Division Limitations**~~

~~The division that a skier competes in at the Regional Tournament in any event shall be the division that said skier competes in, in the same event, at the National Tournament except that a skier not currently qualified may qualify for the Open or Masters division of the Nationals by meeting the requirements for that division at or after the Regional Tournament.~~

Rationale: I see no reason to require this, who cares if you enter age vs open in one or the other, in fact I would debate some skiers would like to ski elite at regionals as to not take medals away but age at nationals with more competition, in the end skiers will know the competition based on running order not based on where they skied at regionals. Jeff Surdej

Discussion regarding skiers who could be impacted by the Elite skiers moving from division to division.

Motion Corey, Mason second – Not Approved

Proposal 18

6.03 Other Tournaments

A. A Chief Judge and at least two other judges (~~all Senior or Regular in the events being held~~) shall be appointed by the sponsoring affiliated club with the approval of the Regional Executive Vice President. An Assistant Chief Judge, holding not less than an Assistant Judge's rating, may also be appointed.

Rationale: If it only takes assistants to run the event no need to require 3 regulars on site, let the chief be regulars and run the show and allow assistant to be appointed. Jeff Surdej

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No Action-Sending to Judge and Scorers Committee once we have guidance from them we can change the wording.

Proposal 19

Boat Judge only in Class C slalom

Rationale: I did not quote a rule on this b/c I feel it would be in many places but I really think this would be a huge help to the sport of dying officials and hardships on running events and I really do not think it would affect the integrity of the sport. Maybe make the boat judge have to be a regular. But I really think for class C we could get away with one judge. Cheaters will always cheat. Non one is going to miss the gates by enough to really effect overall scores. And in the end rankings is only used for qualifications and lets face it, 60% of the nation is qualified for Nationals and half don't go, i.e I promise you will not see any chance in average scores if this happened. The one down side would be missed judges scores, it is often that the 3 judges disagree and therefore skiers may get screwed just as much as they might have an advantage at the gates. If anything try it for 1 year, literally what's the worse that can happen? Jeff Surdej

No Action-Sending to Judge and Scorers Committee once we have guidance, we can put into rules.

Proposal 20

Move all TC stuff to a separate TC manual and out of rulebook?

Rationale: Shortens rulebook and gives TC a nice manual with all these need to know, we don't need buoys heights and rope specs in rulebook etc. Jeff Surdej

No Action-Most already done

Proposal 21

10.03 A Miss or Riding Over

A. Skier Turn Buoys. It is a miss to ride inside a turn buoy or to ride over, straddle, or jump over a turn buoy. But there is no penalty for grazing a turn buoy with the ski or part of the body. Riding over shall be defined as hitting a turn buoy with the ski so as to move it significantly from its position or temporarily sink it. Hitting a turn buoy less severely shall be considered as grazing.

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B. Entrance and Exit Gates. It is a miss to ride outside the entrance or exit gate, but there is no penalty for grazing a gate buoy with the ski or part of the body. A skier shall be judged as missing the entry or exit gate when the center of the ski passes to the outside of the center of the gate buoy as shown in the diagram below. ***There shall be no penalty for passing on the far side of the left-hand entrance gate or inside the right-hand exit gate, i.e., missing either entrance or exit gates "on the hard side."***

C. In a Class C or below tournament a skier who misses their entry gate on their first pass, but goes on to complete the remainder of the pass, may continue to the next pass or accept a score of zero. If the skier completes the next sequential pass (or opt-up pass), then he shall receive credit for both passes and be allowed to continue. However, if the second pass is not fully complete, then the score shall be zero.

Rationale:

Missing the entrance gates "on the hard side" puts the skier at his own disadvantage and should not be penalized. I have seen collegiate and beginning skiers miss the gates on the hard side, continue to score several buoys, but get scored zero. Some more advanced tournament skiers could miss the gates on the hard side and still make the full pass, but would get scored zero. For example, the second pass in a strong tailwind.

The right-hand exit gate is proposed for consistency with similar rationale – the skier should not be penalized for making the pass more difficult. If the rules committee desires, the entrance and exit gates could be considered as separate requests. Bruce Butterfield

Lots of discussion but the committee still felt that gates were part of the sport.

No Action

Proposal 21 As proposed

C

1 point when the skier has crossed the line of the gate buoys before passing the level of the next buoy ~~with a tight line under the power of the boat~~ ***in skiing position as defined in 8.07.***

1. ~~The intent of the tight line is to ensure the safety of the skier and boat crew. This means that if the skier can only cross the line of~~

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~~the buoys with a slack line, even if he successfully manages the sudden tightening of the rope, he will not get the full point. ***If the skier reaches the line of gate buoys ahead of, or in close proximity to the towboat, or in the opinion of the majority of event judges creates an excessively dangerous situation, he shall be disqualified for that round and receive a score of zero.***~~

- ~~2. The end gate case is different because of the spacing and thus if the skier can cross the gate line before the end gate buoy he will be awarded the full buoy.~~
 - ~~a. This specifically means that the skier is permitted to have slack going through the exit gates. If the skier skis away then he may continue.~~
 - ~~b. If the skier does not ski away, the turn ends and the skier scores 6 provided they crossed the line of the boat buoys before the end gate with or without a slack line.~~

How it would read with changes taken out.

B. 1/2 point when the skier has re-crossed the C-D line in skiing position before the level of the next buoy or end gate.

C. 1 point when the skier has crossed the line of the gate buoys before passing the level of the next buoy in skiing position as defined in 8.07.

1. If the skier reaches the line of gate buoys ahead of, or in close proximity to the towboat, or in the opinion of the majority of event judges creates an excessively dangerous situation, he shall be disqualified for that round and receive a score of zero.

D. For judging purposes, the front foot of the skier shall be used to determine the point at which the skier crosses the quarter, half, and full point buoy lines (or the end gate in case of the final buoy).

Rationale:

It is my understanding that the "tight line" rule was originally implemented to address short line skiers getting dangerously close to the boat while attempting to return to the line of boat guides in skiing position. In practice,

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the "tight line" rule does address its original goal, but is applied very inconsistently by judges and unnecessarily penalizes skiers.

For example, a 30mph, 15 off skier rounds a buoy and gets back to the line of boat guides with a line that "is not tight" but is easily able to ski away. With a strict interpretation of the current rule, the skier would receive ½, but many judges would score a full buoy.

Under the proposed wording, the dangerous situation is addressed much more clearly, similar to a jumper passing between the boat and ramp, can be applied consistently and does not unnecessarily penalize skiers.

Examples:

- 1) A 38 off skier rounds a buoy and gets back to the line of boat guides in skiing position with a very slack rope. He has the handle in hand at the line of guides but simply lets go to avoid the slack hit. He scores a full buoy.
- 2) A 38 off skier rounds a buoy and gets back to the line of boat guides in skiing position with a very slack rope. He has the handle in hand at the line of guides, attempts to hold on, but can't and pops the handle and the rope goes around the driver's neck. The event judges could reasonably vote that the skier created an excessively dangerous situation and disqualify him.

Bruce Butterfield

More discussion about potentially injuring officials. If adopted then there would need to be two judging standards for Class C and L & R.

No Action

Recommendations to Rules Committee from BOD:

Midwest:

1. Re-evaluate and reduce "C" tournament official's requirements and size of rule book for C. Relook at the requirements to put on a class C event. ***See our comments in proposals where we have sent this to Judges and Scorers Committee. We also need direction from BOD.***

2. Assemble Task Force and set up a meeting with IWWF to re-evaluate and reduce the requirements for L level tournaments. Current L requirements are very challenging to meet in our region. Lack of rated officials is the biggest issue and make it near impossible to find enough people. Can we maintain a high level of officiating with less or lower rated officials? ***See the proposals under IWWF.***

Southern:

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Reduce the size of the rule book for Class "C" events. ***We have been trying with TC Committees help. There actually is information that many chiefs want without having to go to other manuals.***

South Central:

1. Review the age structure for AWSA and IWWF to reduce the number of divisions/age groups in both the juniors and adults. It would be good to discuss this with the Junior Development Committee as they also had comments regarding reducing the number of Junior divisions. ***Have not heard back from Junior Development committee yet.***

2. Recommendation to allow skiing "inside" the slalom gates to be acceptable. ***There was not support within the rules committee to change.***

3. Nationals qualifications - rankings and Regional placements. ***See proposal 5***

4. Review rankings list criteria and make sure the system is properly qualifying the skiers and scores. ***Skiers' qualification.***

IWWF Proposals

Class L rules submitted to Dana by Jeff Surdej (Dana's comments enclosed).

Require only 1 VJ operator "have been places where I would not have wanted to give the green light to only one jump plotter
the Midwest might be all honest folks but the rest of the world can be really slippery- especially when money is on the line"

No more water watchers in Jump "I am ok without water watchers"

Allow all regular in slalom towers in L "Only Level 3 judges necessary for slalom- I don't know many level 3 judges that understand the international rules- do we really want to go that far??"

"Please remind your crew that these rules protect our skiers around the world from unfair ranking list submissions to flat out cheating in other countries. Think big picture please- you can tell them I said this"

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TC Committee Recommendations/Discussions

There continue to be discussions and recommendations from the TC Committee, which I can't get into the report before the deadline. We will have the most updated information at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
Richelle Muhlitner, AWSA Rules Chair

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Here are the recent rule proposals which will be submitted to the BOD. There are still some changes in the works regarding language regarding officials' definitions. We will get that information to you for the meeting. Any other proposals which were not approved are included in the larger BOD report.

Rule Proposals

Proposal 1

1.01 Application A. The rules set forth here govern all sanctioned tournaments. ~~B. Except as noted in Rule 1.06, no deviations are permitted from these rules for National Tournaments with the exception of a onetime experimental change in the protocol, approved by the AWSA Board of Directors that would be announced at least three months prior to the tournament.~~

Rationale: This statement always bites us in the butt when we do have a rules violation or change, just not sure this added wording helps. Any rules exception would require rules approval anyways. Jeff Surdej

Proposal 2

Move 1.14 to 7.08. No change in wording but a better fit for the intent of the rule.

With this change rule 1.15 becomes 1.14.

Proposal 3

2.06 Order of Contestants

A. Nationals: For the National Tournament, entry shall be closed as noted in Rule 2.04.A, and the order of contestants in each event shall be determined and posted ~~a Seeding Committee composed of one member from each Region, appointed by the AWSA President. The committee shall rank the contestants in each event according to ability, with the highest seeded skier skiing last. The committee shall be guided by performances during the year preceding the Nationals, and other factors at its discretion, and its decisions shall be final. No change in this order is permitted. without the authorization~~

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~~of the Seeding Committee, except that a contestant may withdraw his name, in person or by proxy, before the event starts.~~ **by the AWSA National Rankings before the start of the contestant's event. The contestants in each event will be ordered according to their ranking, with the highest seeded skier skiing last, and shall be guided by the performances during the year preceding the National Tournament.**

Rationale: Just not sure this is accurate. The seeding committee does not do this so just reword to be more accurate? Jeff Surdej

Proposal 4

Add the following highlighted wording to the first sentence of 2.03:

Changes in the schedule during the tournament shall be made only for weather, water conditions, safety, **technological delays, or to avoid having one division compete in two or more events at the same time on separate lakes**, ~~or a similar reason~~ and not for the convenience of any skier. A majority of the Appointed Judges must approve the change, and all affected contestants or their representatives shall be notified. Although schedule changes are discouraged, the judges should not hesitate to make adjustments required for safety.

Rationale: Clears up reasons to change the schedule. Happens frequently on multi-lake sites. Ryan Nason

Proposal 5

4.02 National Tournament Qualifications

A. Placement Qualifications:

3. Overall: For those qualified by placement in overall ~~without level 8 rankings~~, scores for all events required for overall for the applicable division at the current Regionals or immediate past Nationals, must be above zero ~~unless the skier has a current level 7 ranking in that respective~~ **all** events. (Also see 5.01-overall qualification)

Rationale:

At several regional tournaments and 2023 Nationals, there were several skiers who had overall scores that would qualify for nationals, but had no or only zero scores in 1 event, usually jump, in the last 12 months. A skier

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should not qualify for Nationals in overall if he has not competed in or scored in that event. This wording clarifies what is currently a confusing situation.

Proposal 6

4.03B2 Add the following wording:

An EVP's excuse may only be granted for events a skier is qualified to compete in at Nationals.

Rationale: Clears up the intent of the excuses rule. Ryan Nason

Proposal 7

6.01 Add the following wording somewhere in 6.01**K**:

When a Chief Official is competing in an event, that official has the option to appoint a qualified person from the pool of Appointed Officials to take his place until the event is over.

Rationale: Allows the Chief Officials to focus on their own rides and not be involved in issues that pertain to their division. Ryan Nason

Proposal 8

6.02H ADD: It is recommended to appoint one announcer per lake for Regional tournaments.

Proposal 9

6.03J ADD: It is recommended that the LOC appoint one announcer for all tournaments.

Rationale:

Announcing is critical to tournaments and should be at least suggested in the official's section of rules. LOCs will be aware that announcing is needed.

James Powell

Proposal 10

7.07 Disqualification change B and Add F.

B. Disqualification Procedures: Contestants may be disqualified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges for any one of the reasons

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listed in Sections C-~~E~~**F** below. The Chief Judge shall submit a written report to the AWSA Board of Directors regarding any such disqualification.

F. Threatening a tournament official: Making or implying a threat to an official, whether physical, verbal, legal, or otherwise, is grounds for disqualification. If the person making threats is a skier's representative, the represented skier shall be disqualified. Threats made before, during, or after a tournament could subject the person(s) involved to disqualification procedures.

Rationale: Please see requested change for rule 7.07 for consideration by the rules committee. This should be self-explanatory and a clarification beyond "unsportsmanlike conduct".

Thanks,

Bruce

Proposal 11

AWSA 2.06.D. For any division in which skiers request a lower ramp height, these skiers shall be grouped together and, at seeded tournaments, shall ski prior to those using the standard **higher** ramp height for that division.

AWSA 9.16.C.3. The following ramp ratios shall apply: Masters Men, Open Women, Men 1, 2 and 3, jumpers will have the option of choosing either the .255 or .235 ramp; Boys 4 & 5 shall use the .235 ramp unless they can show a certified result of a jump of 38 m (125 feet) on the .235 ramp, in which case they may opt to jump on a .255 ramp; Open Men will have the option of choosing either the .266, .255 or .235 ramp; and all other divisions will be set at .235. At the option of the sponsoring club, any division may jump at a ramp ratio of less than .235.

Rationale:

Hi all. I'd like for committee to consider a wording change regarding 2.06.D.2. That rule refers to standard ramp height for a division. 9.16.C.3 states that certain divisions have the option of different ramp heights but doesn't state that any one of them is the standard. The jump running orders for the southern regionals had too many changes in some divisions. In M1 there were 4 ramp height changes.

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Thanks,
Bob Harris

Proposal 12

11.08 Officials

F. There will be a maximum of 3 persons in the boat: driver, who normally acts as boat judge, a camera operator, and the skier's quick-release operator.

Proposal 13

11.16 Tricking Equipment and Definitions

B. Quick-Release Operator: A skier will be allowed the option of a ***one*** person of his choice, excluding the official boat judge or driver, to act as a quick-release operator. The release person may not adjust or move the rope in any way to take up slack or allow extra length once the skier begins his trick run. He must hold it in one position or release it. Using the rope to intentionally aid the skier will subject the skier to disqualification. This person will be considered a part of the skier's equipment and be subject to Rule 7.07A.

Rationale:

At the 2023 National tournament, a B1 skier had his parent AND young sibling ride in the boat. This was initially thought to violate the 3 people in the boat IWWF rule, but that division was Class E. The situation was chaotic, potentially unsafe, and not representative of a National tournament. The parent (release operator) correctly asserted that there is no rule that says a skier CANNOT have more than 1 release operator in the boat. This is a clarification that limits other personnel in the boat.

At this same occurrence, the parent also held the rope to assist the skier in a deepwater start. This is also NOT explicitly violating the rules, but should not be allowed. If a skier cannot perform an unassisted deepwater start, he should not be skiing Nationals.

Bruce Butterfield

Discussion regarding safety, drivers need to assure that everyone in the boat is seated before starting.

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There continue to be discussions and recommendations from the TC Committee, which I can't get into the report before the deadline. We will have the most updated information at a later date.

Thanks for letting us represent our region.

Respectfully submitted,
Richelle Muhlitner and Ryan Nason

Western Region Seeding Report
January 2024

First, I big thank you to all scorers and their efforts in getting the tournaments to me in a timely fashion. A difficult task this year.

I would like to remind all scorers if they add a new skier to make sure they are a member of AWSA. The new member can sign up online and show you the receipt from their cell phone. If a skier chooses to ski L, they must have a current IWWF license otherwise they should ski E or C. They can purchase it before they ski and it should update in the system. Also, remember that credit for officials can be made and sent to me at any time. We want to make sure officials get all the credit due. Also, when someone gets their rating after the download, their rating can be edited by clicking on the official work record then edit. Another screen pops up and you can make any changes there.

Sure Path and Live Web have added new features and that is helping with the flow of information. There have been a few tournaments that have been missing the boat path report. This happens when run all reports is not used. Please remember that the boat path report also exports the timing which is needed in the zip file.

This year presented many problems with the AWSA website being down for an extended period of time. This made it difficult to access skiers for the tournaments and making sure all things were current. It has taken quite a bit of time to get all the tournaments posted and the skiers' information corrected. There still may be some issues with the ranking list. If you notice anything, please bring it to my attention or to Dave Allen. He has spent countless hours working on this.

As always, Dave Allen and Jeff Clark are responsive in any issues that arise with the scoring program, making my job easier when it comes to posting all the western region tournaments.

If there are any issues or problems that you see or think need to be addressed, please be sure to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Stanford
Western Region Seeding

Technical Controller Winter Report Jan 2024 12/9/23

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Jerry Jackson

AWSA TC Chairmen

ACTION #1 TC Application Forms

Revised TC Application Forms to reference IWWF Level 2 (H2) on the AWSA Senior TC Application Form and IWWF Level 3 (H3) on the AWSA Regular TC Application. Updated the AWSA TC Policy to include IWWF Levels. (ATTACHED)

ACTION #2.

Change the Jump Course Diagram and tolerance chart in AWSA Rule Book to match IWWF. Only changing the course measurements from the Jump CL to the 15MT. This has no impact on the existing course. Did not change tolerance. (ATTACHED)

INFORMATION ONLY

Last Winter BOD Meeting Action- Action from Eastern Regional to evaluate and reduce the requirements to become a Tech Controller. The AWSA TC Committee voted NOT to change the AWSA Aspiring TC requirements for Regular (H3) or Senior (H2).

IWWF is in the process of establishing a Homologation Policy that will identify the minimum requirements for H1/H2. Currently AWSA meets and does not exceed those requirements.

2023 AWSA VOLUNTEER OF YEAR - CHIP SHAND – As you know, has developed several high-quality, high video resolution programs which are available, without cost, on the USAWS-WS web site. These programs are simple to install and user friendly. In 2022 he developed a Video Gate Program that anyone can setup and operate without instructions. This eliminated the need for DVRs (where each one is different, and judges find difficult to operate).

In 2023 Chip Shand took the Video Gate platform and developed a Boat Video Capture program (ONE screen) that can be used for Live Boat Video (Live Tricks/Slalom). This makes it easier for judges to replay boat video. Again, eliminating the need for DVRs/NVRs that judges find difficult to operate. He's currently working on updating the video jump measuring program (Video Tape Measure).

JUMP- IWWF Homologation Committee approved to change the Jump Dimension Chart. The Y axis from the jump CL to the 15MT, which all the USA older survey programs were based on. This does not change any tolerance. It just keeps the course X/Y coordinates the same when the JUMP slightly moves.

BPMS/SURE-PATH- There were two methods to verify BPMS. Most all AWSA TC were using the Sure Path Self Validation vs the COMPARING method (Land Survey vs Sure Path GPS). The IWWF Homologation Committee voted to remove the COMPARING method. You shall only verify by using the SP Self Validation.

Homologation/TC DOSSIER Report- IWWF Homologation Committee revised the Dossier. Added back in the JUMP dimensions – that the TC must record. Added back in the BPMS dimensions – that the TC must record; this eliminates the requirement of having to transfer/add the SP Rover Survey file to the dossier, which takes more time.

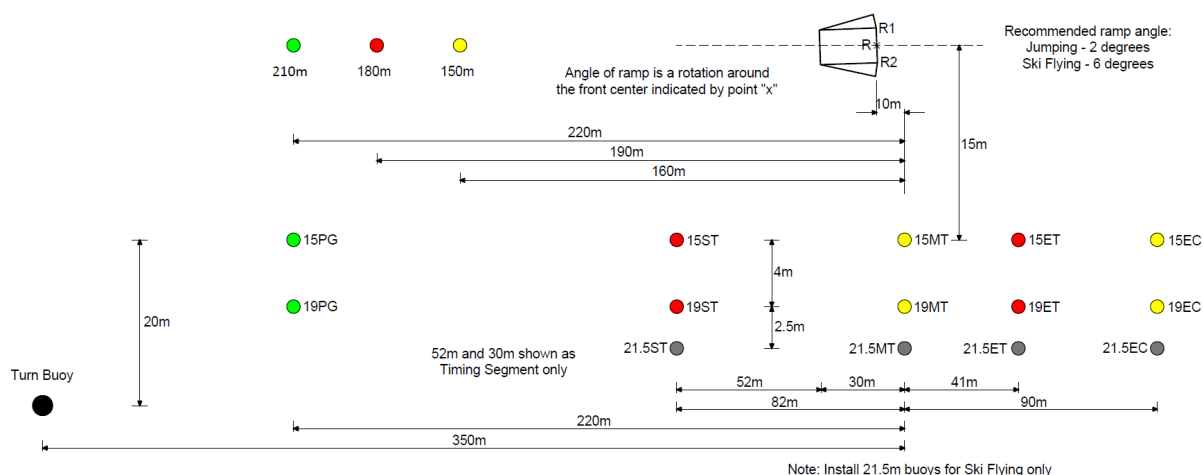
Slalom T-Handle – Jason Peckham has a T-Handle design for which the IWWF Homologation Committee has been working on the wording in the IWWF Rule Book to allow this handle design to be used. Most of the IWWF Homologation Committee has embraced this design. Currently we have not finalized the wording. It was discussed to get a rule exception to allow the handle to be used, if we cannot get the wording in the 2024 Rule book.

Technical Controller/Homologator Exam- IWWF has a test/exam and is available online in E&A and AAO. We are currently revising/updating the exam. It is based on Moodle Platform, colleges in E&A and AAO University use this platform for student exams. We may be duplicating the test/exam and put it on the AWSA Training program as we do for AWSA Judge Test. This will be determined as we finalize what IWWF going to do.

AWSA TC Manual: Still needs to be updated.

TC Clinic- There will be a TC Clinic in March (Maintenance and UPDATES).

Official Jump Course



The ramp must be parallel to the jump course and slightly open.

The tolerance for standard jumping is between +1.00° and +2.50° open.

The tolerance for ski flying is between +5.00° and +7.00° open.

Open means that the low end of the ramp is turned toward the jump course.

Any marker buoys used for video distance measurement or spectator reference buoys must be a minimum of 8m from the ramp centreline for safety purposes so that they will not interfere with the skier while landing.

JUMP COURSE DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES

Buoy	Color	Length from Y Axis	Tolerance	Width from X Axis	Tolerance
15PG	Green or Yellow	220m (721.8ft)	+/- 30m (1ft)	0m	+/- 10cm*(3.9in)
19PG	Green or Yellow	220m (721.8ft)	+/- 30m (1ft)	4m (13.1ft)	+/- 10cm*(3.9in)
210m	Green	220m (721.8ft)	+/- 2m (6.6ft)	15m (49.2ft)	+/- 0.5m (1.6ft)
180m	Red	190m (623.4ft)	+/- 2m (6.6ft)	15m (49.2ft)	+/- 0.5m (1.6ft)
150m	Yellow	160m (524.9)	+/- 2m (6.6ft)	15m (49.2ft)	+/- 0.5m (1.6ft)
15ST	Red	82m (269ft)	+/- 40cm (1.3ft)	0m	NA
19ST	Red	82m (269ft)	+/- 40cm (1.3ft)	4m (13.1ft)	+/- 10cm*(3.9in)
15MT	Yellow	0m	N/A	0m	N/A
19MT	Yellow	0m	+/- 20cm (0.7ft)	4m (13.1ft)	+/- 10cm*(3.9in)
15ET	Red	41m (134.5ft)	+/- 20cm (0.7ft)	0m	+/- 10cm*(3.9in)
19ET	Red	41m (134.5ft)	+/- 20cm (0.7ft)	4m (13.1ft)	+/- 10cm*(3.9in)
15EC	Yellow	90m (295.3ft)	+5m(16.4ft)/-10m(32.8ft)	0m	+/- 10cm*(3.9in)
19EC	Yellow	90m (295.3ft)	+5m(16.4ft)/-10m(32.8ft)	4m (13.1ft)	+/- 10cm*(3.9in)
Ramp R		10m (32.8ft)	+/- 20cm (0.7ft)	15m (49.2ft)	+/- 15cm(5.9in)

The X AXIS is a straight line that runs through the 15ST and 15MT buoys. All width dimensions are from the X AXIS. The Y AXIS is a perpendicular line to the Course X Axis passing through the 15MT buoy (0,0). All length dimensions are from the Y AXIS.

It is recommended that all course buoys to be within +/- 5 cm vs +/- 10 cm to ensure course is visually straight.

For Class L/R Pre-Gate boat guide buoys are required unless the Chief Judge with the concurrence of the Chief Technical Controller determines that pre-gate buoys are not feasible, in which case, the Technical Controller shall note such in the homologation dossier.

Placement of the Pre-Gate Buoys should be taken into consideration and not interfere with the skier's counter cut.

An optional turn buoy is recommended at approximately 350m from the Y Axis and 20m from the X Axis.



Technical Controller Policy Manual

Revised 01-01-24.

PURPOSE

The AWSA Technical Controllers' (TC) Development Program is designed to provide each individual with the experience and knowledge necessary to create the best possible environment for competitive water skiers. It is the goal of this program to improve the skill levels of these officials while ensuring consistency of expertise

Level 3 Homologator (H3 National/Federation) (AWSA Regular TC)

Level 2 Homologator (H2 National/Federation) (AWSA Senior TC).

Level 1 Homologator (H1 International) (AWSA Senior TC).

Advancement to all rating levels (AWSA REGULAR, SENIOR and AMBASSADOR) is achieved through the three steps of education, participation, and evaluation, common to all AWSA officials' development programs.

All Record Tournament (Class E/L/R) must have a Technical Controller (Homologator) that certify the site/tournament under both AWSA and International Water Ski Federation (IWWF). IWWF Rule book reference Homologator and AWSA rule book reference Technical Controller (TC) (both names mean the same and have the same responsibilities. IWWF Rule Book identifies the Homologator Levels (H3, H2, H1) and what each level may work.

DEFINITIONS

Level 3 Homologator (IWWF H3 National/Federation) (AWSA Regular TC): A Level 3 Homologator (Regular TC /NATIONAL TC) may serve as Chief TC at a Class E or C tournament. For Class L/R where the Level 2 Homologator (Senior TC) had to leave in case of emergency, the Level 3 Homologator (Regular TC) may fill in his/her duties to allow the tournament to continue. In areas where a Level 2 Homologator (Senior TC) is not available, the Regional Executive Vice President may approve, along with the Regional TC Committee Member and AWSA TC Chairmen the use of a Level 3 (Regular TC) as the Level 2 Homologator (Senior TC) for a Class L or E tournament (NOT Class R).

Level 2 Homologator (IWWF H2 National/Federation) (AWSA Senior TC): IWWF rule book identifies what a Level 2 Homologator may work. A Level 2 Homologator (Senior TC) may chief or work at any USA Class L or R sanction tournament. May work under Level 1 Homologator (H1) at IWWF Word or Federation Championship.

Level 1 Homologator (IWWF H1 International): IWWF rule book identifies what a Level 1 Homologator may work. A Level 1 Homologator (H1) may Chief or homologate any tournament. A Level 1 Homologator may chief a IWWF Word or Confederation Championship.

Ambassador Technical Controller (AWSA): The highest rating in AWSA as a Technical Controller. Someone who has served more than 20 years and has made significant and lasting contribution towards technology in water skiing, and continue to be a mentor to other TCs. An Ambassador TC may serve as a Chief TC at any USA Water Ski/AWSA-sanctioned tournaments or IWWF Sanction tournament in the world.

Homologation (from the verb homologate, meaning to approve or confirm officially) is the certification of a product or specification to indicate that it meets regulatory standards.

STEP ONE - EDUCATION

Education is provided through USA Water Ski & Wake Sports (USA-WSWS) -sanctioned AWSA Technical Controller Clinics. The classroom provides a more comfortable environment than that of the fast-paced tournament setting, but for TC Clinic, portion must be performed on the lake.

Clinics are conducted by Level 1 or 2 Homologator (Senior TC) selected by the Regional TC Committee representatives. Clinic instructors may be located by going to the “Officials’ Resources” section of USA-WSWS Web site and selecting “Officials’ Directory.” Select the applicable checkboxes for the area to be searched and select the following options:

- Sport Discipline = “AWS”

There is a USA-WSWS clinic registration fee for each clinic participant. A clinic may also count as one of the required tournament maintenance credits.

Clinic Maintenance Requirements: In order to maintain their rating, all Level 3 (H3) (AWSA Regular) and Level 1(H1) and Level 2(H2) (AWSA Senior TC) must attend an Officials’ Clinic once every four (4) years. USA-WSWS will notify all officials that they must attend a clinic early in the last year of this time frame. If an official need to attend a clinic, it is his/her responsibility to contact his Regional Committee representative. Officials may apply with their Regional Committee representative to complete an online clinic for maintenance credit, where a formal Officials' Clinic is not available in their area.

Single or two-event officials must attend those portions of the clinic specifically dealing with their rating, as well as all general presentations or modules.

Failure to comply with clinic maintenance requirements will result in an automatic downgrade to the next lower rating.

Clinic Upgrade Requirements: (Level 3/Regular to Level 1 or 2/Senior) Attendance at a hands-on (at the lake) clinic is required to upgrade to Senior status. This clinic must occur after having been a Regular for one year.

Clinic Credit for Instructors and Participants: Clinic instructors are not required to pay a clinic registration fee but receive full credit toward clinic maintenance requirements.

Clinic Duration: It is recommended that a on line clinic for maintenance on all three events include at least 6 hours. Clinic for Regular or Senior Rating for all three events include at least 1 and ½ days (12 hours).

STEP TWO – PARTICIPATION

There are quantitative requirements to be met to attain, maintain or upgrade a TC rating. Typically, these requirements are attained by working in a variety of capacities at tournaments, sanctioned by USA-WSWS / AWSA, to gain experience. AWSA publishes “[TC Quantitative Requirements](#)” for all levels.

Three, Two or Single Event Ratings: An individual working to acquire, maintain, or upgrade a rating must complete the quantitative requirements for each event for which he is seeking/maintaining the rating. For Trick Maintenance only, if slalom or jump quantitative requirements were met, the trick event credit can be carried over. You will need to contact AWSA to have the trick credit updated in the data base.

Rating Maintenance: Level 3 (H3) (AWSA Regular) and Level 1(H1) or 2 (H2) (AWSA Senior TC) need to complete the four year tournament requirements published in AWSA’s “[TC Quantitative Requirements](#)” to maintain their ratings. For Trick, see statement above. It is not required to maintain your Judge’s Rating once you have obtained the Regular/Senior TC Rating.

Rating Upgrade: There are quantitative requirements to be met to advance from a Level 3 (H3) (AWSA Regular) to a Level 1(H1) or 2(H2) (AWSA Senior TC). Work performed is recorded on the scoring computer’s data file at each tournament, and should also be recorded by the official on the Tournament Officials' Record sheet, as a backup. It is the responsibility of the official to ensure that his work is accurately recorded, and for verifying that their work credits are posted to the online official's system. Need to have a Level 3(J3) (AWSA Regular) Judge’s Rating in one of the events (slalom/jump/trick) to upgrade from Regular to Senior TC.

Aspiring Level 3(H3) Homologator (AWSA REGULAR TC): Individuals seeking a Level 3 (REGULAR TC) rating use an “[Application for Level 3 Homologation \(H3\) \(AWSA Regular TC\)](#)” TC form, available on the USA-WSWS Web site, which lists the duties to be performed to acquire the rating.

An Aspiring Level 3(H3) (AWSA Regular TC) shall meet the following:

- Minimum Age 21.
- Minimum An Assistant Judges Rating in one of the events (Slalom/Jump/Tricks) and should maintained it to hold the H3 rating.
- Work minimum of 3 tournaments under a Level 2 or 1 Homologator and obtain his/her approval.
- Coordinate with the Chief Scorer to ensure work credits are reported in the scorebook.
- Complete the Level 3 Homologation (AWSA Regular) Application Form within 3 years.

Once the completed form is sent to USA-WSWS and verified, the aspiring TC will receive an e-mail notification with instructions on how to print a TC qualification card indicating a Level 3 Homologator (REGULAR TC) rating. The purpose of a Level 3 Homologator (H3) (AWSA REGULAR TC) rating is to ensure that all duties required as a Technical Controller are performed under the supervision of a Level 1 or 2 (H1/H2) Homologator (AWSA Senior TC) prior to achieving a Level 2 (H2) (AWSA Senior TC rating).

Aspiring Level 2 (H2) Homologator (AWSA SENIOR TC): – Individuals seeking a Level 2 (H2) Homologator (AWSA REGULAR TC) rating use an [“Application for Level 2 Homologation \(H3\) \(AWSA Senior TC\)”](#) TC form, available on USA-WSWS Web site, which lists the duties to be performed to acquire the rating.

Aspiring Level 2 (H2) (AWSA Senior TC) shall meet the following:

- Minimum Age 22 (Age 21 required for Level 3).
- Hold Level 3 (H2) (AWSA Regular TC) for a minimum of 1 year.
- Hold a Level 3 (J3) (AWSA Regular) Judges Rating in one of the events (Slalom/Jump/Tricks). He/She must demonstrate that they understand the rules for the event applying for.
- Perform ALL duties as a Level 2 (H2) under a Level 1 or 2 (H1/H2) at three (3) different sites, under 3 different Level 1 (H1) or Level 2 (H2) Homologator. This provides more relevant experience.
- Obtain Approval from Chief Judges and Chief Homologator (H1/H2) that all duties were completed without any issues.
- Complete an UPGRADE Homologation Test.

Aspiring Level 1 (H1) Homologator: Level 1 (H1) is required to Chief an IWWF Worlds or Confederation Championship. Aspiring Level 1 (H1) shall meet the following:

- Minimum age 25.
- Must hold a 3 Event H2 for minimum of 5 years.
- Worked 3 Major Events as Homologator or Chief Homologator (example- their Country Championship, Confederation, Elite-Pro Event, etc)
- Pass an H1 examination test (80%) written in English and approved by the IWWF Homologation Committee. This test will be administrated and graded by their country.
- Approved by AWSA TC Committee
- AWSA TC Chairmen update the EMS Program.

Tournament Credit

Officials should hold the necessary rating (senior, regular) to work each class of tournament (R, L, E, C or F) as set forth in the AWSA Rule Book. To receive credit for slalom or jump at a Class C Tournament, a Barefoot Tournament or Disable Tournament, the TC must have performed the same duties as if it was a Class R/L/E tournament (setup/verify) and ensure that it is recorded in the SCORE BOOK as performing those duties. Need to contact AWSA HQ for Disable/Barefoot to get credit, since the computer does not auto cross reference the different disciplines to get Tournament Credits.

Regional/National Tournament Credit for Aspiring TC: Credit may be obtained by work performed at either a Regional or National (NCWSA All-Stars and Nationals, Barefoot Regional/National, Disable Regional/National), USA Team Trail, Major ELITE tournament, including work at both tournaments during the same year. This shall count toward fulfilling the quantitative requirement of Regional/National Tournament attendance for upgrading to Senior. The Regional and National Tournament for Regular TC may be waived if all the tournaments credit were obtained at a Record Tournament.

Work Abroad: Work performed according to our guidelines in non- USA-WSWS /AWSA-sanctioned Record Capability tournaments taking place outside of the country will be credited upon submission of proof of performance to USA-WSWS.

STEP THREE - EVALUATION (TESTING FOR UPGRADE)

The program offers single event, two-event or three-event as well as cross-over ratings (i.e., Senior rating in one event, Regular in the other two).

Testing Procedures: Once **ALL** quantitative requirements (including a clinic) are complete for a given rating level, officials should contact USA-WSWS Headquarters' Officials' Coordinator to request that their work be verified. USA-WSWS will do so, and explain what is necessary to complete the written exams. Currently there is not a written test for aspiring Regular TC.

The Level 1 or 2 Homologator (H1/H2) (AWSA Senior TC) written tests are emailed from USA-WSWS Headquarters or the TC Chairman, completed at home as open-book and sent back to USA-WSWS /TC Chairmen for grading. Upon passing the written test, aspiring TC will be Senior TC.

Written Test Format: The open book tests for Level 2 Homologator (H2) (AWSA Senior TCs) consist of questions relating to the slalom, tricks and jump events, along with questions of general application. Passing percentages are:

- Level 2 (H2) (AWSA Senior TC): 85% for each event, plus 85% for general considerations section

Practical Test Format: There is not a formal practical exam for Level 3 or 2 Homologator (TC), the clinic instructor is to ensure before signing off for Clinic, that you have demonstrated that you can complete the necessary duties of TC.

HARDSHIP

The TC Committee has the responsibility of ensuring that all officials have the skills necessary to guarantee skiers the best possible environment and that these skills have not eroded because of a lack of practice. There are, however, exceptional situations that prevent an official from meeting the renewal requirements. An excusable hardship involves an event or condition over which an official has no control. In other words, the event or condition is not self-imposed and personal choice has not been exercised.

Each request for hardship will be considered on its own merits. Hardships will not be granted for ability, prior qualifications, personality or length of service. Hardships are not renewable.

The following are hardship examples and are not all inclusive:

- Excusable Conditions:
 1. Medical problems - major injury or illness, surgery, etc.
 2. Military Duty
 3. Temporary job assignments lasting two months or more over which the official has no control
 4. Pregnancy
- Inexcusable Conditions:
 1. Non-awareness of renewal requirements
 2. Personal error in record keeping
 3. Lack of tournament attendance due to other personal activities

An individual applying for hardship may obtain the hardship petition form from USA-WSWS (officials@usawaterski.org) "[HARDSHIP RENEWAL PETITION](#)" and should complete and return it to their Regional TCs' Committee Representative. The representative will in turn forward the form with a recommendation (yes or no) to the TC Chairmen. The TC Chairmen will obtain approval/disapproval from all the TC Committee Members, then the final recommendation will be forward to USA-WSWS. The petitioner will be informed via email from USA-WSWS on the approval or denial of his request. In most cases, a make-up clinic (online or in person) will be required in lieu of missing tournament credits. The deadline for submission is May 31 of the year following downgrade or 60 days after official USA-WSWS notification of the downgrade, whichever is later.

REINSTATEMENT

Any official who is not granted renewal due to his lack of work in a given calendar year (for example, 2018) loses his rating as of January 1 of the next year (2019 in this example), although a "grace period" to complete any clinic requirements is given through May 31st of the following year. Any official seeking reinstatement after being downgraded must apply for reinstatement within five (5) years.

TC applying for reinstatement must have held the rating applied for within the last three (3) years as verified by USA-WSWS Headquarters. Those applicants not meeting this requirement must start over again. Once an TC is reinstated at a given rating, unless he is reinstated as a Senior, he regains all credit he had originally obtained toward advancement to the next rating.

RETIRED STATUS

Senior TCs may retire at their present rating levels provided they have held a Senior rating for a minimum of five (5) years. Retirement means that no further officiating is allowed. If during the next five (5) years, they wish to work tournaments again, they will be awarded their former ratings upon attending a clinic and successfully completing written exams. This procedure permits all TCs to retire with dignity if they are no longer able to work at tournaments and have not met the requirements for Ambassador.

To apply, the official must send a letter requesting "Retired" status to USA-WSWS, Attention Officials' Programs (officials@usawaterski.org), their regional Judges' and Scorers' Committee representative and their Regional Executive Vice President. USA-WSWS Headquarters will send the candidate a letter of confirmation and a certificate honoring their years of service.

AMBASSADOR (EMERITUS)

A Senior Tech Controller may be recognized as a Senior Tech Controller Ambassador if he/she has made a significant and lasting contribution to the sport of water skiing during many years of service. Although there is no application form, certain requirements, listed below, must be met. The intent is to honor these individuals, prevent forced retirement and allow them to stay in the ranks to use and share their expertise and experience.

TC Ambassador Requirements

1. The applicant must have been an active Technical Controller/Homologator for twenty (20) years or more (need not be active at time of submission).
2. Technical Controller/Homologator must have acted in some capacity on the National or World level, for example, Technical Controller at the Nationals/Worlds (appointed or assigned); member of a National/IWWF Committee; Regional TC Chairmen; Chief Technical Controller at a Regional tournament;
3. The applicant may send a written request to his Regional TC Committee/AWSA TC Chairmen representative that he/she be allowed to move to this position if he meets the above requirements OR the TC Committee may elect a person that meets these are requirements.
4. The 5 regional TC Committee members, plus TC Chairmen(s) representative must vote on the request (majority vote - 3/5).
5. Upon receiving the TC Committee approval, at the request of the committee chairperson, the candidate will be presented to the AWSA Board of Directors for final approval (majority vote).
6. After final approval, USA-WSWS will notify the applicant and provide instructions on how to print an updated official's qualification card which allows the official to serve as Chief Technical Controller or as an Assistant in any tournament up to and including Class R event.
7. The Ambassador Technical Controller should remain active in the technical changes and keep up with the latest technical changes; and becomes a mentor to the new/up- coming technical controllers.
8. There are no maintenance requirements (tournaments/clinics) for this rating other than maintaining a current USA-WSWS membership (minimum of supporting membership; Active membership required to officiate).



TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS' PROGRAM **QUANTITATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT & RENEWAL** *Revised 1/2024*

TECHNICAL CONTROLLER RATING LEVEL	APPLICATION AND ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS						RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS	
	Min. Age	Min. Years	Clinics	Tournaments	Written Test	Practical Test	C, L, E or R Tournaments/ 4 years	Clinics/ 4 years
Level H3 (Regular (National))	21		1	Use Application	1	0	4	1
Level H2 (Senior)	22	2	1	Use Application	1	0	4	1
Ambassador	N/A	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Three, Two or Single Event Ratings – An individual working toward obtaining or upgrading a rating must complete the quantitative requirements for each event (i.e., slalom, tricks and/or jumping) for which he is seeking a rating or upgrade.

Level 3 (H3) Regular (National) Technical Controller – Applicants must successfully complete all required tasks on the ***Application for Regular (National) Technical Controller*** at AWSA record capability tournaments. Regular (National) Technical Controllers may serve as Chief Technical Controller at Class C or E tournaments only or serve as assistant to the Chief Technical Controller at Class L or R tournaments. Must have an Assistant Judge's Rating in one of the events (Slalom/Jump or Tricks) (2019)

Level 2 (H2) Senior Technical Controller – Applicants must have held a Regular (National) Technical Controller rating for a minimum of one year prior to beginning work on a Senior level and successfully complete all required tasks on the ***Application for Senior Technical Controller*** at AWSA record capability tournaments. Senior Technical Controllers may serve as Chief Technical Controller at any Class E, L or R tournament. Must have a Regular Judge's Rating in one of the events (Slalom/Jump or Tricks) (2019) Must be Level 1 Homologator (H1) to chief an IWWF World or Confederation Championship. Referene IWWF Homologoiin/AWSA Homologation Polical.

Ambassador Technical Controller – Applicants must have participated as a technical controller on a National or World level for a minimum of 20 years. Applicants must be voted on and approved by the AWSA Technical Controller Committee and Board of Directors. Ambassador Technical Controllers may serve as Chief Technical Controller at any Class E, L or R tournament. There are no renewal requirements for this rating.

Renewal Requirements

- Serving as Technical Controller or Chief Technical Controller at any (Class C, E, L or R) tournament counts toward tournament renewal requirements.
- 3-event Technical Controllers who satisfy renewal requirements for slalom and jump will automatically meet renewal requirements for tricks as well.**
- Technical Controllers must attend an in-person clinic or complete online clinic modules once every **four-year renewal period** to renew their rating. One clinic may be used in place of one tournament credit per renewal period. At the beginning of year in which **their rating expires**, USA Water Ski & Wake Sports (USA-WSWS) will send email notifications to technical controllers who will be required to attend a clinic before the end of **that** calendar year.

Tracking Your Officials Credits for Renewal: An official can view the tournaments/clinics for which he receives TC credit by logging into his "Members-Only" section of USA-WSWS Web site using his membership number and password and clicking on ***"My Official Ratings."*** Credit for events worked can be viewed under ***"Events."*** In the case of discrepancies, the official should contact the applicable Chief Official so that he may email the USA-WSWS Officials' Coordinator with the pertinent tournament information and rating/events for which the official should have received credit.

USA Water Ski & Wake Sports (USA-WSWS) ★ 1251 Holy Cow Road ★ Polk City, FL 33868-8200 ★ Phone: (863) 324-4341 ★ Fax: (863) 325-8259 ★ Email: officials@usawaterski.org

Towboat Committee Report January 2024

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Will Bush
George Lindy

INFORMATION ITEMS ONLY:

Request to Modify Reimbursement for Towboat Use Costs Incurred

Background

The current AWSA Policy requires that a LOC reimburse a boat owner for use of a boat for any event (excluding Regionals and Nationals), on an hourly basis.

Request

One of the AWSA Towboat Manufacturers requested the Policy be revised to include reimbursement for Regionals and the US Nationals.

Action

The Committee did not approve the request.

AWSA Towboat Tests - 2024 Model Year

Towboat testing occurred on November 20, 2024. All boats remain unchanged other than additional propellers approved for the Malibu TXi.

Approved Towboats are posted [HERE](#)

USA/AWSA Towboat Manual 2023/24

The AWSA Towboat Manual has been updated as posted to the website. We are missing the Quantitative Qualification for Regional Participation (i.e., 20% rule) – the number of events required to pull each Regional Tournament. Staff are currently working to restore the systems from our prior server outage.

Subject: DAVE VOGT SENIOR JUDGE EMERITUS APPLICATION

Hi Tom,

I hope it is not too late to get this in for the next meeting. I had planned on being at the meeting but the past month has been consumed with my mom's illness and I will be at her funeral this weekend instead of Reno. I appreciate all you do for the sport.

I would like to apply for Emeritus Status in all 3 events. It has been a pleasure serving the Western Region as a senior judge at various events. I am not quitting but I am finding it difficult to maintain the quantitative requirements the past couple years.

According to AWSA records I have been a Senior Judge in all 3 events since December 2000.

Served as Western Region Counsel Person approximately 5 years.

Served as Western Region member of the National Rules Committee approximately 9 years

Chief Judge 2019 National Championships

Assistant Chief Judge 2020 National Championships

Appointed Judge 2014 National Championships Received the Tommy Dorwin Award

Chief Judge numerous Laku Western Regional Championships

Served as appointed or Assistant Chief Judge at various Western Regional Tournaments.

Respectfully,

Dave Vogt

#600043834

I have attached the requirements from the judging manual and believe I have met them.

SENIOR JUDGE OR SENIOR SCORER EMERITUS A Senior Judge or Scorer may be recognized as a Senior Emeritus if he has made a significant and lasting contribution to the sport of water skiing during many years of service. Although there is no application form, certain requirements, listed below, must be met. The intent is to honor these individuals, prevent forced retirement and allow them to stay in the ranks to use and share their expertise and experience. Emeritus Requirements

1. The applicant must have been an active Senior Judge or Senior Scorer for ten years or more (need not be active at time of submission).
2. Official must have acted in some capacity on the National level, for example, as judge or scorer at the Nationals (appointed or assigned); member of a National Committee; Regional Councilperson; National Director; Chief Judge or Assistant Chief Judge at a Regional tournament or Tournament Director for a Regional or National tournament, etc. WSDA Nationals work is also eligible for consideration.
3. The applicant must send a written request to his regional Judges and Scorers Committee representative, that he be allowed to move to this position if he meets the above requirements.
4. The regional Judges and Scorers Committee representative must bring the application before the Regional Council of the candidate's home region to be voted on.
5. Upon receiving regional approval, at the request of the committee chairperson, the candidate will be presented to the National Judges and Scorers Committee for approval (2/3 vote necessary) then on to the AWSA Board of Directors for final approval (majority vote).

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6. After final approval, USA-WSWS will notify the applicant and provide instructions on how to print an updated official's qualification card which allows the official to serve as Chief, Assistant Chief or Judge or Scorer in any tournament up to and including Class C,

or as an event judge (as the equivalent as an Assistant Judge) at a Class E event. 7. There are no maintenance requirements for these ratings other than maintaining a current USA-WSWS membership (minimum of Supporting membership; Active membership required to officiate). Emeritus Reinstatement: Emeriti are eligible for reinstatement under these same guidelines.

From: mroske@jps.net
Subject: Bob Hardeman Emeritus Jump Driver request
Date: December 4, 2023 at 10:06 AM
To: bradjcorbin@aol.com
Cc: Christopher Eller chris.eller@cobleskisschool.com

RM

Brad,

See request below from Bob Hardeman to be accepted as Emeritus Status Driver for Jump. (He will remain a Senior Driver for Slalom and Trick)

I have reviewed his driving history and he meets all of the requirements below:

Regionals Driven: (Requires 5, Drove 7)

1991, 1993, 1997, 2000, 2014, 2017, 2018

Nationals Driven: (Requires 2, Drove 3)

1993 Destin, 1997 West Palm Beach, 2001 Bakersfield.

Senior 3 event rated driver for over 40 years. (Requires 10 years, Rated for 40+)

Per the Drivers Policy Manual:

1. Western Regional Drivers Committee representative has reviewed and recommend approval and submit to the Western Regional Council for approval.
2. Upon Regional Council Approval, I will submit to Chris Eller Driver Committee Chair, who will forward to entire Drivers Committee for a 2/3 majority vote
3. Upon Drivers Committee 2/3 Approval, the request will be sent to the Board of Directors for Final Approval.

Upon your approval of the request:

1. Add to the Agenda for the Mid-Winter Meeting for Council Approval
2. Upon Council Approval, we will forward to Drivers Chair for his Approval. (Copied)
3. Hopefully we can get this approved and forwarded to the Board for Approval at the January meetings.

Thanks,

Mark Roske

Western Region Drivers Committee

From: Iris Hardeman [mailto:irishardeman@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2023 10:11 AM
To: Mark Roske
Subject: Emeritus Driver request

Hello Mark and committee,

I hereby am formally requesting that my Senior Driver's rating in Jump be accepted as Emeritus status.

I have been a Senior 3 Event driver for over 40 years. I have driven Seven Regional tournaments and 3 National Tournaments as well as Pro and International events.

Because there are so few jumpers, I am finding it difficult to maintain my Senior rating in Jump.

Thank you,
Bob Hardeman

