

Agenda

**American Water Ski Association
Board of Directors Meeting
2701 Lake Myrtle Park Road, Auburndale, Florida 33823
Saturday, January 27, 2018 8:00 a.m.**

- 1) Opening & Call to Order
- 2) Introduction & Roll Call
- 3) Announcement of Quorum
- 4) Opening Administrative Motions
- 5) Appointment of Parliamentarian
- 6) Confirmation of Voting Roll *
- 7) Adoption of Agenda
- 8) Presentation of Service Awards
- 9) Review and Approval of Aug. 8, 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes *
- 10) Ratification of BOD Electronic Ballots since last Meeting *
- 11) Nominating Committee Report *
- 12) USA-WS Board Elections: *
 - a) Election of two available Director seats
 - b) Election of two Alternate Directors
- 13) AWSA President's Report & AWSA Executive Committee Report *
- 14) AWSA Treasurer's Report *
- 15) USA-WS MTF Committee Report
- 16) USA-WS Executive Director's Report
- 17) Pan Am Confederation IWWF Report *
- 18) International Activities Committee Report *
- 19) Athlete Advisory Council Report *
- 20) USOC Report
- 21) Other Standing Committee Reports
 - a) Announcers Committee
 - b) Awards Committee *
 - c) Boat Driver's Committee *
 - d) Bylaws Committee *
 - e) Judges & Scorers Committee *
 - f) Junior Development Committee *
 - g) Rules Committee *
 - h) Safety Committee *
 - i) Seeding Committee
 - j) Skier's Qualification Committee
 - k) Technical Committee *
 - l) Towboat Committee
- 22) Regional Recommendations
 - a) East
 - b) Midwest
 - c) South
 - d) South Central
 - e) West
- 23) Old Business
- 24) New Business
- 25) Date & Time of Next Meeting
- 26) Adjourn

* Supplemental information provided in Board Package

VOTING ROLL

AWSA BOD

Board of Directors

As-of:

16-Dec-17

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Votes allowed</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC			
Nate Smith	Ath Rep	AAC			
Freddy Krueger, IV	Ath Rep	AAC			
Ellie Horton	Ath Rep	AAC			
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC			
Jim Powell	EVP	E			
Hutch Haines	Dir	E			
Jonathan Thacher	Dir	E			
Gary Noll	Dir	E			
Dean Chappell	EVP	MW			
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW			
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW			
Dennis Downes	Dir	MW			
Bob Archambeau	EVP	S			
Leon Larson	Dir	S			
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S			
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S			
Gordon Hall	EVP/COB ¹	SC			
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC			
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC			
Bob Mayhew	Dir	SC			
Owen Letcher	EVP	W			
Barry Young	Dir/VP ²	W			
Richelle Muhlitner	Dir	W			
Brad Hartwell	Dir	W			
Jeff Surdej	Pres ²				
Delaina Downes	Sec ²				
Robert Rhyne, III	Treas ²				

Total votes possible:

Majority:

¹ non-voting, unless vote could change outcome (tie-breaker)

² non-voting position

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

American Water Ski Association

Board of Directors Meeting

218 Rustic River Rd., Martindale, TX 78655

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.

- 1) Opening & Call to Order
 - a) 8:30 a.m.
- 2) Introduction & Roll Call
 - a) Gordon Hall
 - b) Delaina Downes
 - c) Elaine Bush for Owen Letcher
 - d) Jim Jaquess
 - e) Lyman Hardy
 - f) Bob Archambeau
 - g) Keith Lindemulder
 - h) Jim Babcock
 - i) Peter Dahl
 - j) Dennis Downes
 - k) Bob Mayhew
 - l) Jim Powell
 - m) Jonathan Thacher
 - n) Gary Noll
 - o) Hutch Haines
 - p) Barry Young
 - q) Richelle Muhlitner
 - r) Dean Chappell
 - s) Brad Hartwell
 - t) Jeff Surdej
 - u) Jim DeVito
 - v) Bob Crowley
 - w) Kirby Whetsel
 - x) Mike Hayes
 - y) Julie Krueger
 - z) Robert Rhyne
 - aa) Tom Nathan
 - bb) Hank Longo
 - cc) Jerry Bautsch
 - dd) Kelvin Kelm
 - ee) Doug Robbins
 - ff) Floyd McCreight
 - gg) Dennis Longo
 - hh) Mark and Joy Bozicevic
 - ii) Leon Larson
- 3) Announcement of Quorum
 - a) Quorum Present
- 4) Opening Administrative Motions
 - a) Motion to let committee chairs and other to stay Bob / Barry. Carries, none opposed
 - b) Motion to treat all action items from committee reports as motions with automatic seconds Dean / Bob Mayhew Carries, none opposed
- 5) Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - a) Jon Thacher
- 6) Confirmation of Voting Roll *
 - a) No athletes present (first 5 on list)
 - b) 20 present /required majority: 11
- 7) Adoption of Agenda
 - a) Motion to move item #15 down to #22. Jim J / Bob A– Fails 5 / 13
 - b) Motion to approve agenda. Bob M/ Bob A – carries.

- 8) Presentation of Service Awards
 - a) Kate Knafla, outgoing EVP- Midwest region– Thank you for service & HND Motion Barry / Dennis – Carries
 - b) Pat Byrne – outgoing EVP- East, thank you for service
- 9) Review and Approval of Jan. 28, 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes *
 - a) Jim J / Lyman – Carries
- 10) Ratification of BOD Electronic Ballots since last Meeting *
 - a) Motion to approve Dean / Richelle – Carries
- 11) Nominating Committee Report – Barry
 - a) Change – Keith L to step in for Barry Julie / Bob A – carries
- 12) Election of Officers for next year – slate proposed by Barry approved. Same officers as last year, except Keith Lindemulder is now Vice President
- 13) AWSA President's Report & AWSA Executive Committee Report *
 - a) Exec Report
 - Conference call, level 10, next meeting Dec 2, 2017
 - Jr US Open – set for a couple of years.
 - Nationals – Going to Kansas in 2018 and West Palm Beach has bid for 2019 & 2020.
 - CanAm's in September at Melenuk's – 25 Americans going
 - US Open – no luck to find sponsors
 - b) WPB Nationals proposal *
 - Looking to get numbers back up to 1000
 - Open to hosting US Open during National's
 - Motion to accept WPB bid for 2019-20 Bob S/ Jim J – carries 18 / 0
 - c) Presidents Report *
 - Interesting, busy 12 months. Lot of TC changes, Zero Based scoring, Level 10, Ball of Spray event....hoping issues are in the past and we are back on track with 11 point plan.
 - 321Kampaign
 - 3 hashtags
 - Ski schools – referral program – 3 digit code
 - Ball of Spray – ambassador program
 - Communication – Please make sure communication is getting down to the members.
 - New features on app
 - Mapping of your site
 - Ability to email tournament attendees.
 - Instagram, Facebook, Twitter
 - Inside the numbers
 - 491 sanctions and low on Grassroots
 - Membership numbers
 - Qualified 29 more people for Nationals
 - Emails to people who qualify
 - Need a way to get people to register earlier; incentive, etc.

- New programmer from Milton, FL – Steve Hansen to step in to help Dave Clark
- Team skiing – working very well. Need every region to get behind the team concept. The trend to go to fewer teams is not the direction we want to go. West went from 9 teams to 4. Do not want this to be an elite concept....idea is to get more people involved
- NCWSA / AWSA liaison and team fund raising – info to come later
- Regional / Committee action / agenda items – working to get all caught up
- Jr skiing, open ski nights, mini course – on the agenda for the winter
- Better membership package
- WSIA gave out grants to anyone who dedicated that time to get people on the water; \$200. AWSA would like to see the date moved
- Distributing emails is sometimes difficult...could use a dummy sanction if we could get something setup with the OLR. Instagram and Facebook is a great way to do so...email is the new snail mail! Include being able to send email in the membership renewal.
 - Every EVP should have an email to be sending from; south@usawaterski.org.
 - Privacy issues – solution could be the ability to opt out of 2 categories; information and advertisements.
 - Moderator group with a gatekeeper?
 - Motion to give EVP right to everyone's email in his region for AWSA purposes only; Jon T / Lyman – carries
 - What needs to go back to Jeff Smith and legal is HOW we do this, not can we do this.
 - Need to be cautious of the minors in our sport.
 - How to take one more step forward and get each state rep his list

14) AWSA Treasurer's Report *

- Flaw in the calculations from USA Water Ski in counting Lifetime memberships so they redid the sports funding.
- General support is up, Jr Development and regional invoices went out, thank you for the quick response.

BREAK

15) USA-WS Marketing Task Force (MTF) Committee - Presentation of Recommendations – Doug Robbins

- MTF Committee members: Larry Meddock (WSIA), Doug, Tim Collin, Jeff Surdej, Samantha Pinkerton, Gordon Hall, Jim Grew, Bob Crowley, Michael Newth
- 4 pillars in the proposal
- Cannot be acted upon until January 2018 meeting (requires bylaws change)
- Purpose to address the consistent loss of membership
- Relevant – Declining relevance in Water Sports Industry
- Roadblocks – inability to get to databases
- USAWS Responsibilities
 - Membership org
 - Volunteer based org
 - Competition based org
 - Supporting 9 disciplines
 - National governing body
- Declining membership – 32% decline in past 10 yrs. across all disciplines

- i) Declining sponsorship – 27% over last 7 yrs. less members makes us less attractive
- j) Bonnier Publishing / Water Ski magazine – No Nautique or MC paid ads
- k) WSIA (Water Sports Industry Association) – Summit Presentation Recap
 - Couldn't get people to come
- l) Pillar 1
 - Provide strong membership value
 - Offer one new affordable membership – \$19.95
 - Industry product discounts
 - Magazine subscription
 - Access to educational resources & certification programs
- m) Pillar 2 - Update name – USA Water Ski & Wake Sports
 - Emphasize being more inclusive
- n) Pillar 3 – Update Mission & Vision Statement
 - Increase emphasis on Life on the Water
 - Appeal to recreational participants
 - Increase emphasis on driving business to participating manufacturers.
 - Mission Statement and Vision Statement require bylaws change
- o) Pillar 4 – Update membership structure
 - Increase membership base with new affordable membership and benefits package
 - Increase sponsor relevance
 - Provide a sport discipline feeder system
 - Establish more affordable entry point for members
 - Everyone is an equal member
- p) Access to insurance and sanctioned activities through “upgrade” system
 - Right to participation in sanctioned activities
 - Insurance coverage for licensed participants.
 - A few of the license categories
 - Active (both 25+ and U-25)
 - Officials
 - Guest Pass
 - Learn to Ski Clinics
 - Practices
 - Tournament Guest Pass
 - First time tournament pass (New!)
- q) Package deal – one pillar does not work alone.
 - Needs a liaison to facilitate – someone not on USAWS staff already.
 - Have industry support for this initiative
 - Reinventing organization without disrupting competitive structure
- r) Same presentation going to NSSA board, Hydrofoil and others
- s) Discussion
- t) Motion to endorse the special committees' proposal Bob Mayhew / Jim Babcock – Carries 18 / 1

- Discussion
 - Need a marketing plan before we fully accept.
 - Need to let the membership know what is planned.
 - Have to get the same info out to our members, what are our talking points?

16) USA-WS Executive Director's Report

- a) Membership taskforce
 - Making changes in responsibilities in September.
- b) Safe sport brochure available on the site.
- c) Change to tech
- d) Sponsorship
 - Ski Safe back in the fold
 - Reflex
- e) Merchandise Sales – Melanie
- f) Social Media & - Michael Newth
- g) Masters 2018 Operation Gold

17) Pan Am Confederation IWWF Report *

- a) Motion to have Jeff Surdej and Nikki Lee to vote for Jose Antonio Perez for IWWF President; Jim J / Bob A - Carries

18) International Activities Committee Report *

- a) Motion to accept; Bob A / Dean - Carries

19) Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) Report *

20) USOC Report

21) Standing Committee Reports

- a) Announcers Committee
 - Only appointed announcer for Nationals, thanks to newsletter to get volunteers.
 - Foundation work going on for new facility, cable park started at Lake Myrtle, 3 event lake, trick lake
- b) Awards Committee
 - No report
 - Remind Awards that we voted to go back to the previous number of awards.
- c) Boat Driver's Committee * – Ham Wallace
 - Discussion on both Technical side and Drivers side on how to monitor boat path.
 - Idea of doing end course video is for being more instructional.
 - Dropbox for drivers to upload their video.
- d) By Laws Committee *
- e) Judges & Scorers Committee - Tom Nathan
 - Policy manual, etc. available online.
 - New PowerPoint presentation from Deb Kern
 - Officials retention – “Pass the Clipboard”
 - Road block for advancement – Chief Judge not an option down south due to lack of
 - Chief Judge has power to use a Level 8 at a tournament without them going to HQ first.
- f) Junior Development Committee * - Jim DeVito

- Winners from each jr event last year will have a bib to wear this year to show everyone.

g) Rules Committee * - Richelle

- Lots of communication – 4 main things, Level 10, Zero based scoring, mini course, skier's qualification...
- Level 10
 - Motion rescind the Level 10 rule. Bob A / Lyman –
 - Discussion
 - Call to question Dean 12 / – Fails
 - Further discussion
 - Vote on motion: Motion Fails 7 / 11 / 1 Abstain
 - Discussion of possible changes to the Level 10 rule
 - In the State, Regional and National the skier should make a 1 yr. declaration of how they are going to ski.
 - Should jumpers be forced to jump above their ability?
- Zero based scoring – lots of skiers unhappy with being able to go above max speed, but skiing below and shortening is very popular.
- Mini-Course – Jeff will present on.
- Skiers Qualifications – Nationals last chance qualifier – move the cutoff date up.
 - Using after Nationals as the cutoff score would it be higher?
 - West – Use the first day of nationals as the cutoff date.
- Motion: All proposed rules changes shall be presented to the AWSA membership in some form by Dec 1 Jim J / Bob A – Carries 14 /
 - website is:
<http://www.usawaterski.org/pages/divisions/3event/rulescommittee/awсарulescommittee.htm>

h) Safety Committee * - Jim Babcock

i) Seeding Committee * - Kirby Wetzel

- Change of SC seeding rep – now Danny LeBourgeois

j) Skier's Qualification Committee *

- Proposal for Level 8 cutoff – new percentages – Carries
- Nationals Qualification Cut-off Date –
 - Alternative 1 (move the cut-off date to the Thursday following the close of Nationals) – passes 16 / 0

k) Technical Committee *

- REVISE AWSA TRICK RECORD APPLICATION: Remove the block were the TC has to measure/record the trick ski length//width. Carries – non opposed

l) Towboat Committee *

22) Special Committee Reports

a) Team Skiing

- Trophies this year for all 10 teams
- Taking ideas as we evolve this

b) NCWSA/AWSA Liaison *

- Emily Dammeyer and Christy Kingsmill working on this. Working on finding all the old collegiate skiers and getting them back in the sport.

c) Team fundraising – Ron Koenig

- McCormick skiing for Canada – sad when \$\$ make that happen.

- 70% of funding is done through direct mail, 20% internet, 10% foundations.
- Fundraising Plan
 - First 20 to donate \$500 are invited for a weekend to ski with the team and are presented to the team as sponsors.
 - 4500 letters went out last week
 - 4x touch throughout the year
 - T-shirts sales to encourage team participation and USA
 - Gofunding.com
 - Foundations from Central Florida
 - Wills, Estates and Family Trusts
 - Twitter, Facebook, etc.
 - Nationals to showcase the team, encourage your skiers.

23) Regional Recommendations

a) East

- Rules committee - C Tournaments – Allow for only a Reg or Sr judge in the boat. – Motion to forward recommendation to Rules Cmte: Fails

b) Midwest

- Towboat – Allow old boats that have been approved in the past as long as they have ZO. – Motion to fwd to cmte: Carries. Already on the agenda for Towboat committee
- Rules – Add juniors on the level 10 rule. – Motion to fwd to cmte: Fails

c) South

- None

d) South Central

- None

e) West

- West Region prefers to have a score set on a date prior to the current year Nationals, which will allow a skier to ski at the current year Nationals and know if a performance qualifies them for the next year's Nationals – Recommendation to National Meeting

24) Old Business

a) None

25) New Business

a) Look into Amazon Smile for USA Water Ski.

b) App for purchasing Guest Memberships – nothing done with

26) Date & Time of Next Meeting

a) Lake Myrtle – Jan 27, 2018

27) Adjourn Lyman / Bob A. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ELECTRONIC VOTING RECORD

AWSA BOD Electronic Ballot Voting Record

As-of: 12/13/2017
Final tally; for
ratification

Ballot #2018-1
IAC P&P

Voting Members and

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abst</u>	<u>No Vote</u>
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC				X
Nate Smith	Ath Rep	AAC				X
Freddy Krueger, IV	Ath Rep	AAC		X		
Scot Ellis	Ath Rep	AAC		X		
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC				X
Jim Powell	EVP	E	X			
Hutch Haines	Dir	E	X			
Jonathan Thacher	Dir	E	X			
Gary Noll	Dir	E	X			
Dean Chappell	EVP	MW	X			
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW				X
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW		X		
Dennis Downes	Dir	MW	X			
Bob Archambeau	EVP	S		X		
Leon Larson	Dir	S		X		
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S		X		
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S		X		
Gordon Hall	EVP/COB ¹	SC				X
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC	X			
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC				X
Bob Mayhew	Dir	SC	X			
Owen Letcher	EVP	W	X			
Barry Young	Dir/VP ²	W	X			
Richelle Muhlitner	Dir	W	X			
Brad Hartwell	Dir	W				X
Jeff Surdej	Pres ²					
Delaina Downes	Sec ²					
Robert Rhyne, III	Treas ²					

Total votes possible: 25
Required to pass: 13

Result: 11 7 0 7
MOTION FAILS

¹ non-voting, unless vote could change outcome (tie-breaker)

² non-voting position

Ballot #2018-1 2/22/2017 Approve IAP P&P
Motion by: Jeffrey Smith
Second by: Jeff Surdej

NOMINATING

Nominations Report 2018 Winter BOD meeting 1/27/17

The current slate of officers for AWSA until the 2018 Nationals remain as voted at the 2017 BOD meeting:

President: Jeff Surdej

VP: Keith Lindmulder

Treasure: Robert Rhyne

Secretary: Delaina Downs

COB: Gordon Hall

At this time I've heard no suggestions or nominations for anyone who might be on the ballot for the 2018 Summer BOD meeting.

HND recognition and personal certificates for service through the 2018 summer BOD meeting will be presented at that meeting.

Thank you,

Barry Young (VP)

USA-WS DIRECTOR SEATING

October 13, 2017

To: Gordon Hall, AWSA Chairman of Board and Jeff Surdej, AWSA President

From: Jeff Clark, Chair USA-WS Bylaws Committee and AWSA Bylaws Committee

CC: AWSA Bylaws Committee

Re: Ten Year Review of AWSA Director Seating on USA-WS Board of Directors

The attached Membership report from USA Water Ski, dated September 30, shows AWSA membership 6678 plus the No Preference adjustment (73) will give you 6751. This is well below the required 50% of the AWSA inaugural membership number of 9051 ($18101 / 2 = 9051$).

This means that AWSA will lose its 5 guaranteed seats on the USA-WS Board of Directors and will be allocated two seats, unless there is a radical change to the membership numbers by December 31 of this year.

You will need to plan on using the following procedures at your 2018 winter board meeting.

In Article VIII section A 2 the Bylaws state that the Board of Directors of AWSA shall elect the official number of directors from the current, elected directors from each of the regions. This will happen at the 2018 AWSA board meeting, the day before the USA-WS meeting.

The elected directors will take their seats at the USA-WS meeting the following day for a period of two years. The seating cycle for directors is reviewed at the end of December in the odd year for the next two year period and the voting allocations are reviewed at the same time.

AWSA Bylaws Rev 7.0

ARTICLE VIII USA-WATER SKI REPRESENTATION

A As a Sport Discipline of USA-WS, AWSA is guaranteed representation and voting power on the USA-WS Board as defined in USA-WS Bylaws Article VI Section A2(a).

- 1) Should the allocated number of USA-WS Directors be equal to the number of Regions, these seats shall be allocated one (1) to each Region.
- 2) Should the allocated number of USA-WS Directors be less than the number of Regions, the Board shall elect the allocated number of Director(s) from the Regional delegates.

Section A 2 means that the candidates for the AWSA Board of Directors to consider and elect the newly required number of directors from, shall be the current USA-WS

Directors elected by each of the regions. This will be a closed slate of candidates for the board to select from.

After the board elects the Directors that will represent AWSA on the USA-WS board, the remaining Directors from the regions would be the alternates available to attend if one of the selected USA-WS Directors cannot attend the USA-WS board meeting.

The alternates may attend the USA-WS board meeting, but will not have voice nor vote on any issues being considered by the USA-WS board.

If you have any questions or need my assistance in working through this, please do not hesitate to email or call me or the committee.

Thanks, Jeff

863-670-6405

PRESIDENTS

AWSA PRESIDENTS REPORT WINTER 2018

SUMMARY

2017 was a great year for AWSA. We saw our first membership increase in 2 decades. We also had an increase in unique tournament skiers, GR events, and a 16% increase in active membership. It's a huge milestone for us compared to the year over year 5% decline we were used to. All the little things we are working on are starting to pay off. We have a lot to go yet and 2018 will look to be an important year as we launch a new membership structure at USAWS and continue to work through implementing the 2nd half of the 11-point strategic plan. I want to thank everyone; board members, committee members, and our own membership for collectively working together to turn our sport around. Let's keep the momentum going.

SURVEYS

-Survey went out post Nationals, mission was to gain insight as to why Nationals attendance was up. #

https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/zxu_2FOv03I_2F6RM9d_2B2_2FPFy8WetKW7IORzk1G1H4uGN8k_3D

-Another survey went out to all AWSA members concerning all proposed rule changes

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

	2016	2017	%
Total Pulls	43363	43045	-0.73%
Total Skiers	3372	3438	1.96%
Class C events	399	396	-0.75%
Class L events	137	121	-11.68%
GR events	119	129	8.40%
Total events	501	492	-1.80%
Active members competing	54%	55%	1.85%
Active members	2375	2765	16.42%
Family HOH	628	585	-6.85%
Family Dependents	1405	1264	-10.04%
Under 25	997	1139	14.24%
GR members	309	337	9.06%
Total Members	6664	6693	0.44%

1059 of our unique skiers only skied 1 event. RETENTION PROBLEM: We had 1543 AWSA members that did not renew in 2017 that were members in 2016. A detailed report was sent to board with more stats on regions, states, divisions, etc.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook- up 200 followers from May. 963-1133
- Instagram-started this in May. 360 followers
- Twitter-started this in May-not doing very well
- Need someone to take all these over.

321k UPDATE

-A successful launch last spring, but really want to up the ante on this in 2018, this is a member driven initiative, get 3k members, teach 2k how to ski, get 1k to their first waterski event. Post on AWSA social media using hashtags #321kampaign, #getamemberchallenge, #imawaterskier, #tryitloveitliveit.

TEAM FUNDRAISING

Ron Koenig spearheaded an effort to help fund our athletes at international events. Ron has had great success in the first year raising close to \$23,000 as of 11/30/17. See below. With these funds, we are going to be able to fund a good majority of the Junior Worlds Team, fully fund the elite pan am team, and give our 6-member elite pan am team a stipend close to \$2,000. We will also have funds to help off-set expenses to our many teams attending the Pan American Championships. Ron's goal in 2018 is \$40,000.

2017 AWSA DONATIONS 1/1/2017 - 11/30/2017

Description	Method Received	Donation
3-Event (AWSA) 35+ Team Fund Total	Membership	\$260.00
3-Event (AWSA) Under 14 Team Fund Total	Membership	\$631.00
3-Event (AWSA) Under 17 Team Fund Total	Membership	\$110.00
3-Event (AWSA) Under 21 Team Fund Total	Membership	\$125.00
AWSA Elite Team Fund (AWSA Nationals) Total	AWSA Nationals	\$1,185.00
AWSA Elite Team Fund (Shopify) Total	Donation Campaign	\$2,010.00
AWSA General Team Fund (Shopify) Total	Donation Campaign	\$9,455.00
AWSA Junior Pan Am Team Fund (Shopify) Total	Donation Campaign	\$550.00
AWSA Junior Team Fund (Shopify) Total	Donation Campaign	\$7,138.00
AWSA U17 Team Fund (Shopify) Total	Donation Campaign	\$150.00
AWSA U21 Pan Am Team Fund (Shopify) Total	Donation Campaign	\$260.00
Grand Total		\$21,874.00
Donation Breakdown		
AWSA Donations through Membership Join/Renewal		1,126.00
AWSA Donations via AWSA Nationals		1,185.00
AWSA Donations via Mail Campaign		19,563.00
		21,874.00

NCWSA/AWSA LIASION

-Christy Kingsmill and Emily Dammeyer are making headway on this initiative. Email marketing went out to ex-college water-skiers going back over a decade. The goal is to build a database of these former members with their current information and gather analytics on where they live, if they are skiing, if they want to find a place to ski. The goal of this committee is to connect these former skiers with places to get back on the water.

ELITE TOURNEY SANCTIONS

-Sanctioning of IWWF elite points events are now handled initially through AWSA President rather than the LOC

PROGRAMMERS

-Transition of Steven Hansen has been slow as he learns the nuances of our system. If things do not pick up we may be forced to find additional programming help in 2018

REGIONAL GUIDE As we continue to analyze the demand for the printed regional guide we have decided to upgrade the 10 national pages with more relevant information

AWSA 11 POINT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

1. MAKE TOURNAMENTS FUN AGAIN

- Continue promotion by LOC's to try alternate fun formats such as team skiing, handicapped events, ability based divisions, head to head, prelims, finals, etc.
- Continue to work with Dave Allen on making these formats more readily available and easy to use
- Working with programmers to make alternate downloadable rankings averages without penalties

2. BETTER MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE DONE

- New \$19.95 membership structure with industry (HO, D3, Radar, MC, Airhead, Obrien, and Connelly) discounts is set to launch by 2Q 2018. This should open our doors to non-competitive members finally!

3. BETTER MARKETING OF AWSA

Now that we have this new value membership we can now go after this part of the strategic plan.

- Launch ski school partnership where they can easily sign up new members and Institute 10% referral program for each member they sign up.
- Target X-members more personally (go after those 1543)
- Take 321k to next level
- Club contest-earn points for hosting GR events, bringing in new members, mini course, etc?

4. JUNIOR SKIING

- Funding junior team to worlds
- Need to continue to promote LOC's to make events fun for kids with big trophies and off water activities.
- Accessing U10,U12,U14,U17,U21 age groups
- ZBS promotion for those not ready for faster speeds.
- Digital skier coins-earn digital coins for PB's, skiing events, jumping 100, running the course, etc.

5. OPEN SKI NIGHTS/PUBLIC ACCESS

- Working with Ball of Spray on an Ambassador program
- Work with wakeboarders on moving date of #passthehandle so we can collaborate on this effort
- Get more involved with Nautique Swerving Weekends
- Work with LOC's on open ski night initiative across the nation such as waterski Wednesday

~~6. THE MINI COURSE DONE?~~

- Being proposed in rules, if passed need to encourage LOC to offer it

~~7. REGIONALS/NATIONALS FORMATS- DONE~~

- We have bids for 3 years, attendance at these events are up 25%.

8. PRO SKIING

- continued promotion of these athletes so our juniors have someone and something to aspire to
- Mini US Open at 2018 Nationals

9. ABILITY BASED SKIING

Survey results were not in favor of this, and combined with L10 I have less and less confidence that our membership will ever accept this. I still strongly feel we need ABD in some format in our events, mainly at the Level 5 and below group. 2 key components in the survey showed that skiers L1-L5 and more importantly members who do not ski events were strongly in favor of ABD.

- Right now, looking to test ABD on rankings and provide LOC some ABD formats to easily use at local events

~~10. OFFICIALS PROGRAMS- DONE~~

Always a work in progress but J and S committee has made some great strides in the past 2 years to iron out some of the complexity with this program. Addition of CE is a great digital tool in our adaption of technology

~~11. TEAM SKIING-DONE~~

-Heading into year 3, successful but still has more potential. Team Captains are ironing out details such as # of skiers per event and gender and more promotion is needed of Team skiing at Regionals and Nationals.

EXECUTIVE

AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT WINTER 2018

The exec committee met Dec 2nd, 2017 at Lake Myrtle. We had 100% attendance and a great meeting. We could have used 2 full days. Below is a summary. All other related material will be covered verbally and/or in the president report.

Action Items Update from last exec meeting

1. ~~-Start social media group-STARTED BUT ONGOING~~
2. ~~-AWSA should set guideline on what type appointed officials should be when regions turn in appointed, they should supply volunteers list too-FINISHED~~
3. ~~-Start Fundraising Committee for team funding-FINISHED~~
4. ~~-Get connected with ski schools to promote AWSA-STARTED BUT ONGOING~~
5. ~~-Get with TC and rules to implement mini course standards and dimensions FINISHED~~
6. -Send letters to ex-members trying to get them to rejoin
7. -Connect with state programs to see if our trained driver program can be something they would like help in using or promoting on their waterways
8. -Start featuring pro athletes on websites
9. ~~-Need trophies/awards for team skiing this year-FINISHED~~
10. Start ability based division testing-make easy for LOC, display online

New Motions Passed:

1. Accept bids for 2021 Nationals by 11/30/18 to be voted on at winter 2019 meeting
2. Release 100% of restricted funds to be used in 2018 towards each team, with the unallocated funds to be distributed to teams at the discretion of the president.
3. Divide up whatever money, as a stipend, is left in elite donation fund at 12/31/18 to the 6-member elite pan am team provided they attend Pan Am's, payment will be made after the event.
4. Motion to not release \$7500 given to HQ in 2017 for auto renewal and digital guest membership until product is finished.
5. Motion Approved to increase membership budget to \$25,000 for 2018.

New Action Items

1. Broaden the base of the fund raising "rally me" and communicate it better
2. Let Ron Koenig know if National Boat Auction is a good idea
3. Fix donation mailing list for Ron Koenig
4. USAWS Director Seats- Clarify when regional 2 year cycles are and clarify how this will work regionally, i.e. will regions elect a USAWS still and we send 2 of them each year:
5. Need to continue to work on giving evp's email access to improve our communication to our members. Move up priority list at HQ.
6. Have a dedicated team scorer and team announcer at Nationals
7. Look into a webcast of Nationals
8. Decided to accept nominations for this spot before our summer meeting where an election will take place to vote in our USA rep on the Pan Am Tournament Council. Get job description of this spot
9. Find out what the \$2300 MW restricted fund is to be used for.
10. Get back to HQ on fine tuning the names of each team donation category.
11. Regions revisit if they want guide going forward. Replace 10 Nationals pages with more updated info such as fun formats, 321k. Get a price per page from HQ.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. Junior US Open-
 - a. 2018- Ski Chaste June 23/24, 2018-
 - b. 2019- Tommy Neumans Place
2. US Open-no contract
3. Nationals
 - a. 2018 – Mystic Lakes 3 lake site,
 - b. 2019/2020 - West Palm
 - c. 2021? **Motion Approved to accept bids by 11/30/18 to be voted on at winter**

2019 meeting.

4. 2017 IWWF major event results
 1. **Elite worlds** - team gold and 7 medals
 2. **World games** - no 3 event medals
 3. **Under 21 worlds** - second place plus 7 medals
 4. **Can ams** - won both team events
5. 2018 IWWF Events
 - a. Jr Worlds-Spain-August 3-5
 - b. Pan American Championships-Chile Nov 12-18
 - c. Senior Worlds-Chile November 26-December 2

Insurance Task Force- the 2 years is up for a re-look at ITF, exec committed decided to postpone it 1 more year and form an ITF for next year to re-access our insurance policies and programs

Pan Am TC (tournament council) Spot-Bob Corson term as the USA rep on the Pan am tournament council is up this November at the Pan American Championships. Exec committee decided to accept nominations for this spot before our summer meeting where an election will take place to vote in our USA rep on the Pan Am Tournament Council. Action Item: Get job description of this spot

FINANCIAL REVIEW – See Treasurer Report

AWSA 11 POINT STRATEGIC PLAN- covered in the Presidents report

2018 Exec meeting dates and location are TBD

	AWSA		35 + Fund		Elite Team Fund		U17 Fund		U21 Fund		Physician		**Other Team			
	General		(RTF)		(RTF)		(RTF)		(RTF)				Restricted Funds			
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Begin Balance 12/31/16		59403.08		1313.25		4704.54		901.17		568.00		5672.74		7777.48		80340.26
Income																
															0.00	0.00
Contributions				235.00		2995.00		160.00		125.00				11134.00	0.00	14649.00
Gen Support - Prior Yrs		3064.52													0.00	3064.52
General Support	23000.00	27082.14													23000.00	27082.14
Interest Income	100.00	47.92													100.00	47.92
Indy Entry/Practice															0.00	0.00
National Entry Fee	11500.00	13755.00													11500.00	13755.00
Regional Support	1500.00	1500.00													1500.00	1500.00
Team Consolidation															0.00	0.00
U17 & Junior World															0.00	0.00
Can Am Team															0.00	0.00
Elite World															0.00	0.00
Juniors															0.00	0.00
Pan Am															0.00	0.00
U21 Worlds															0.00	0.00
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	0.00
Total Income	36100.00	45449.58	0.00	235.00	0.00	2995.00	0.00	160.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11134.00	36100.00	60098.58
Expense																
Awards	5500.00	4139.16													5500.00	4139.16
Membership/USAWS	5000.00	799.07													5000.00	799.07
Directors Insurance	600.00	522.36													600.00	522.36
Officials Maintenance	2000.00														2000.00	0.00
Meeting Expenses	1600.00	800.00													1600.00	800.00
Travel	2000.00	1500.00												562.29	2000.00	2062.29
Scoring Website	1000.00	765.00													1000.00	765.00
Grassroots Basic Skill	0.00														0.00	0.00
****Team Exp - ZeroBalance	0.00														0.00	0.00
Fundraising Expenses	0.00													3234.25	0.00	3234.25
World Team Doctor	0.00										1500.00	1500.00			1500.00	1500.00
Elite PA World Team	21660.00	22388.73				4704.54									21660.00	27093.27
Total Expense	39360.00	30914.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	4704.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1500.00	1500.00	0.00	3796.54	40860.00	40915.40
Net Income	-3260.00	14535.26	0.00	235.00	0.00	-1709.54	0.00	160.00	0.00	125.00	-1500.00	-1500.00	0.00	7337.46	-3260.00	19183.18
Ending Balance 11/30/17		73938.34		1548.25		2995.00		1061.17		693.00		4172.74		15114.94		99523.44
Notes:																
Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 11/30/17									** Junior Development Funds held in AWSA Bank Accounts					****Accounts Receivable:		
Can Am Team	2,745.01								Balance Dec 31, 2016	21,554.62				Elite Team Practice Money \$1356.00		
MW Genl Team	2,300.00				Fundraising costs \$410 cc fees/ Mailing \$1897.66/T-Shirts \$926.59											
World Games	549.13								Income	10,595.00				**CanAm exp \$562.29		
U14 Fund	2,252.05				Notes:				Expenses	(6,632.93)				**U14 World Donation \$631.00		
Junior Worlds	2,088.00				**Accured Exp - Membership \$7500									**PanAm Funds \$660.00		

		AWSA	35 + Fund	Elite Team Fund	U17 Fund	U21 Fund	Physician	**Other Team		
		General	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)		Restricted Funds		
Unallocated Team Funds	4,520.75		****Amounts here will be -0-		Balance Nov 30. 2017	25,516.69		**Junior Worlds \$2088.00		
PanAm Funds	660.00		once the event is final							

	AWSA	35+ Team	Can Am	Elite Team	MW Gen	U14 Team	World Games	Junior Worlds	Unallocated	Physician	U21 Team	
	General	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	TOTAL
Bal 11/30/17	73,938.34	1,548.25	2,745.01	11,000.00	2,300.00	2,252.05	549.13	7,138.00	4,520.75	4,172.74	850.00	111,014.27
Income												
Clinic Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Support	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00
Interest Income	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Junior Dev Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
National Entry Fee	13,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00
Regional Support	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Team Support												0.00
Open Worlds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Can Am Team	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elite World	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Juniors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pan Am	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
U21 Worlds	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 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
Total Income	42,550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,550.00
Expense												
Awards	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00
Membership	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Directors Insurance	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Officials Maintenance	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Meeting Expenses	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
Travel	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Scoring Website	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Grassroots Basic Skill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
World Team - Doctor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sanction Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elite PA/World Team	25,530.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,530.00
Total Expense	63,230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	64,730.00
Net Income	-20,680.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,500.00	0.00	-22,180.00

		AWSA	35+ Team	Can Am	Elite Team	MW Gen	U14 Team	World Games	Junior Worlds	Unallocated	Physician	U21 Team	
		General	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	(RTF)	TOTAL
Ending Balance		53,258.34	1,548.25	2,745.01	11,000.00	2,300.00	2,252.05	549.13	7,138.00	4,520.75	2,672.74	850.00	88,834.27

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To: The AWSA Board of Directors

Report from the Pan Am Confederation of IWWF

Since the last reporting, the officers of Pan Am have changed. Jose Antonio Prego of Mexico ran for the presidency of IWWF in Paris back in September and gained that new position. Pan Am has not had a IWWF President since Andres Botero in 2001. In doing so I was moved into the Presidency slot of Pan Am with Karen McClintock of Canada moving into the Secretary General's position. Isa Mancheno of Colombia is the Vice-President of Pan Am.

At present the new slate of officers is conducting a survey of the Federations of the Confederations to determine the makeup of the Federations of Pan Am and give the Federations an opportunity to give input on what they believe the Confederation needs to be doing and how we can be of service to our member Federations.

The IOC offered IWWF Development Funds back in June. At that point, the Confederation asked all of the Councils to put together a program where by we could collect the money offered, which is about \$6000USD. We are pleased to report that Wakeboard Boat and Cable Wakeboard Councils succeeded in putting together great projects and it is believed that the Confederation will be awarded that money for Development. Other Councils did not participate, which was disappointing.

The Tournament Council is working on several important items. Since I am no longer Chair of that Council, I don't have specifics on their work at this time, but I do know that they are working on whether the U13 will stay at that age level or move to U14. I have set a deadline of December 31st for that to be finished. I don't know the status of the End Course Video reporting, as Pan Am can not change the World Rulebook on its own. This has to be done by the whole World Tournament Council. I know that Jerry Jackson has done a great job in presenting the case of the USA. Hopefully, that will be worked out soon.

I received just yesterday the Policy Manual for the Pan Am Games 2019. This is actually the rules for those Games. It identifies how the Federations will get into the Games. While it is not much different than past Games, this time a female Wakeboard rider will be included, which we are very pleased about. This manual will be sent out once it is checked carefully.

Should AWSA or any other Federation in Pan Am have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincere Best Regards,

Jeffry Armstrong

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE **AWSA Board Report** **January 2018**

The AWSA International Activities Committee met on November 4, 2017. Minutes of the committee meeting are attached.

Action items are:

1. Approval of the 2018 National Junior Team
2. Approval of the 2019 National Junior Team Qualifications & Procedures
3. Approval of the 2018 Junior World Team Qualifications and Procedures
4. Approval of the 2018 35+ World Team Qualifications and Procedures
5. Approval of the 2018 Pan American Championships Qualifications and Procedures
6. Approval of the revised IAC Officials Selection Process
7. Approval of the 2018 Officials and Team Staff Member selections/nominations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Smith
Chair

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 4, 2017

A meeting of the AWSA International Activities Committee was held on November 4, 2016 in Auburndale, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeff Smith, at 8 AM.

Present: Lisa Steiner, Stan Switzer, Jeffry Armstrong (by telephone), Mike Hayes (by telephone), Kerri Lee, Brandy Nagle, Larry Downes, Jeff Smith, Hutch Haines, Ralph Hall, and Jim Grew.

Absent: Scot Ellis, Jimmy Siemers, Brenda Baldwin, Jerry Bautsch, and Lori Krueger.

The first item before the committee was the approval of the minutes from the November 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved.

The next item on the agenda was a review of general committee issues. This included a discussion of committee succession planning and the need for active AAC participation on the committee. Jeff Smith will contact the AAC chair about the need for increased athlete participation in this committee.

The committee then discussed general issues arising out of the 2017 international competition season, including:

1. How can we generally increase athlete interest in being on our international teams? It was agreed that each of the Q&P sub-committees will review the “notices of interest” received 2-3 weeks before the submission deadline, and an effort will be made to contact athletes who may be qualified for the team (starting with a review of the top 15 skiers on the relevant ranking lists vis-à-vis the notices received and the potential for any missing skiers to be on the team) but who haven’t submitted a notice of interest.
2. How can we increase athlete interest in the World Games? Athlete participation in the 2017 World Games was discussed, specifically the challenges in getting athletes interested in participating in this event, and fulfilling their commitment once they have confirmed their selection. It was suggested that we request IWWF to consider giving “elite points” for this tournament, as a way of making it more appealing to our high end athletes. The chair also agreed to inquire as to whether the World Games might be considered as a “Masters Qualifying Event” for the Masters Tournament. Funding (transportation is self-funded by the athletes, but “on the ground” expenses are covered) remains a problem, and we need to look at options to provide athlete funding for this event. Kerri will look into the availability of sport grants that might be available.

A general discussion was then held as to our team selection Q&Ps. It was agreed that we should seek to publish the Q&Ps earlier (we have typically done so after the January board meeting). It was agreed that we would ask the AWSA board to consider approving the Q&Ps by e-mail ballot, once they are finalized, so they could be posted sooner.

Team funding for 2018 was then discussed. Jim Grew indicated that we should have more information available after the December Executive Committee meeting. It was also noted that AWSA has made an effort to raise funds for our team, with some success. It was agreed that we should ask that those “extra” funds be added to the AWSA team funding budget, so that there would be an increase in the funds available.

It was next noted that the USOC has already started the process of reviewing NGB procedures for the 2019 Pan Am Games. Bob Crowley has started the process. It is anticipated that all of the 2019 Pan Am Games Q&Ps will be due before the IAC’s next annual meeting (November 2018), so the committee will work through those issues via email. Jeffry and Jeff will work with Bob Crowley on updating these documents as necessary.

A brief discussion was then held as to the current Team Agreement, Team Staff Manual and Code of Conduct. No updates were felt to be necessary at this time. The chair noted that all team staff will now have to go through SafeSport training, in addition to completing criminal background screening.

Mike Hayes and Ralph Hall then introduced the 2018 National Junior Team, and the proposed 2019 National Junior Team Q&Ps (see attached). After a discussion, both were approved. The proposed 2018 National Junior Team is:

Brooke Baldwin
Taylor Grathwohl
Kennedy Hansen
Kristen Baldwin
Garrett Stallings
Brett Stackpole
Zachary Butterfield
Blake Keller
William Roberts
Ryan Gay
Jonathan Leutz
Garrett Reese
Sean Hunter

Last year’s team was offered several potential benefits (ski school and equipment discounts), but no team members used these benefits. Hutch will review this with the sponsors to get any feedback as to whether to try this again. The question was also raised as to whether it makes sense for the IAC to pick this team, separately from the Junior Development Committee. Hutch will follow up with Jim Devito to see if we should be transferring the selection of this team (and team activities) to the Junior Development Committee, in an effort to coordinate the activities of

this team with other junior activities, and to make sure that membership on this team is adequately recognized and meaningful.

The Q&Ps for the 2018 Pan American Challenge were then discussed. It was noted that the youngest team was still a U13 team, but that there are ongoing discussions as to whether this should be changed to a U14 team. The Q&P will be updated if the age division changes. It was also noted that the junior team has been increased to 6 members, and that a 55+ division has now been added. These Q&Ps were edited and worked on following the meeting, and have been approved (see attached).

The Q&Ps for the Junior World Championships and 35+ World Championships were also worked on following the meeting, and have been approved (see attached).

The committee then discussed the 2018 international officials selection process. The names of all persons expressing interest in working at the 2018 U.S. Junior Open were forwarded to Jeff Surdej, AWSA President (the IAC neither selects nor makes representations as to the officials for this event; the IAC merely collects the names of those interested, and forwards them to AWSA's President).

The committee began by reviewing the IAC Officials Selection Process. Concerns were noted that the "Category A" stepping stone was becoming increasingly hard to achieve because we are not holding team trials events at this time, and the Can Am Challenge is now an every two year event. After a discussion, it was agreed that work as Chief Judge, Chief Scorer or Chief Driver at a Regional Championship would be considered a "Category A" qualifying event. The IAC Officials Selection Process was modified to reflect that change.

Officials nominations (Judge, Scorer, Driver) were then considered. The nominees are reflected in the attached schedule. It should be noted that certain team staff positions remain open, specifically Jr. Worlds (no coach), 35+ Worlds (no manager), and Pan Am Championships (no coach).

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

2019 NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM Qualifications & Procedures (Revised 9/20/17)

Qualifications:

To be eligible for the National Junior Ski Team, a skier must:

1. be a U.S. Citizen,
2. be a member of USA Water Ski in good standing,
3. competed in the Boys 2, Boys 3, Girls 2, or Girls 3 division in at least (3) separate Class "C" or higher tournaments **in the 2018 Ski Year**, excluding those skiers who have aged up into M1/W1.

Selection Procedures:

1. A team of at least (12) individuals will be selected to be designated as the National Junior Team. This Team may train together, but will not necessarily represent the U.S. at any time in international competition.
2. "Ranking List Score" shall be the average of the best three slalom, tricks and jump tournament performances (as calculated in the National Rankings List using one score per tournament) in **the 2018 Ski Year**. "Event Score" shall be calculated using the 1000 point system for Boys 3 and Girls 3 as shown in the examples below. "Overall Score" shall be the sum of all 3 "Event Scores". "2 Event Score" shall be the sum of the skier's two highest "Event Scores". The top seven skiers based on "Overall Score" will be selected first. The top seven overall skiers will be limited to four of one gender.

Examples:

$$\text{Susie's "Event Score" in Girls 2 Slalom} = \frac{\text{Susie's Slalom Ranking List Score} \times 1000}{\text{Top Skier's Slalom Score for Girls 3}}$$

$$\text{Joe's "Event Score" in Boys 3 Tricks} = \frac{\text{Joe's Trick Ranking List Score} \times 1000}{\text{Top Skier's Trick Score for Boys 3}}$$

$$\text{Jim's "Event Score" in Boys 3 Jump} = \frac{(\text{Jim's Jump Ranking List Score})^2 \times 1000}{(\text{Top Skier's Jump Score for Boys 3})^2}$$

Note: Since there is already a six buoy offset between G2/B2 and G3/B3 with the use of zero based scoring, it is no longer necessary to subtract buoys from the published scores for G2/B2 as was the case prior to ZBS.

3. The 8th through 12th skiers will be selected on the basis of the "2 Event Score" provided that there shall be at least one Boy and one Girl included among the five.
4. Any skier whose performance constitutes the highest "Event Score Standard" in any event (Boy or Girl) and is not already included in the 12 selected skiers will be selected as an additional Junior Team member.
5. The 1-member team **may be offered** a training camp. Every attempt will be made to assure that 12 skiers attend the camp. Alternates will be invited to the team camp as follows:
 - a. Any 2-event skiers being replaced by single event skiers
 - b. Any single event skier being eliminated through a tie.
 - c. The next highest two scoring 3-event skiers
 - d. The next highest scoring 2-event skier.

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**AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION
2018 U.S. PAN AM U13 WATER SKI TEAM
(for skiers 12 and under)
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

1. The 2018 U.S. Pan Am Championships U13 Team will be selected based on the AWSA National Ranking List (12-month average) as of nine weeks before the start of the tournament (September 11, 2018). Tournament dates and location site is Santiago, CHILE November 12-18, 2018.
2. Each skier must be 13 or under as of December 31, 2017, thus born in 2005 or later. Current junior world team members are not eligible for this team.
3. Gender distribution shall be 2/2.
4. Notification of interest should be sent to Nicole Baird, International Activities Committee U13 Development Subcommittee Chair, via email at njg_b@yahoo.com no later than August 31, 2018 in which at least one parent must agree to attend the event with the child and cover all costs including sharing in the cost of the two-person team staff, provide all necessary supervision and take full responsibility for the child's welfare.
5. The two eligible highest ranked Boys 2 and Girls 2 Overall skiers on the National Ranking List as of nine weeks before the start of the tournament that meet the above criteria will be selected to the 2018 U.S. Pan Am U13 Team. The selection committee will work down the National Ranking List until there are two skiers of each gender meeting the above criteria. If National Ranking List Overall scores are not available for the assessment of a skier's qualification, the individual event(s) National Ranking List scores for the same period will be used to determine a calculated NOPS value and the skier will be ranked accordingly.
6. USA-WS may provide team clothing. The skiers will be responsible for all other costs.
7. The IAC may designate alternates to the U.S. Pan Am U13 Water Ski Team at the recommendation of the Subcommittee. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and not based on any fixed formula.
8. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor for making any U.S. Team. The policy of the IAC is always to send the best possible team.
9. Disclaimer: In the event of unforeseen circumstances, which, in the unanimous opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may, with the approval of the President of AWSA, amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program.
10. The list of those who have shown interest will be posted on the USA-WS web page and sent out in a USA Waterski eBlast no later than twelve (12) weeks before the start of the tournament with a reminder of the deadline due for submission approximately four (4) weeks from the posting of the team selection.

11. The team will be announced approximately eight (8) weeks before the start of the tournament (September 17, 2018).

American Water Ski Association 2018 U.S. Junior Pan Am Team QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. **Team Description.** A six member team will be chosen to compete at the 2018 Junior Pan Am Championships to be held in **Santiago, CHILE on November 12-18, 2018**. The team will be selected approximately 8 weeks before the event.
2. **Qualifications to be considered for the Team:**
 - a. U.S. citizen or otherwise qualified to ski as a member of the U.S. Team (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events).
 - b. Member of USA Water Ski in good standing born in 2001 or later.
 - c. **Notification of interest should be sent to Lisa Steiner, International Activities Committee member, via email at lsteiner1@me.com and Larry Downes, International Activities Committee member, via email at larrydownes@miamioh.edu on or before August 31, 2018.**
3. The International Activities Committee (IAC) is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on the Waterski 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 target event. These elements include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Numerical Division of Male / Female athletes to make up the team,
 - b. Numerical scores from selected tournaments that precede the target event and are close enough in time to the target competition to produce the most viable team (see Team Selection Procedures below). These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced using the existing scores for comparison,
 - c. 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,
 - d. 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.
4. **Team Selection Procedures.** Selection procedures for the U.S. Junior World Team:
 - a. Gender distribution shall be 3/3 or 4/2.
 - b. "Team Selection Scores" shall be the average of the each skier's two best tournament scores from separate sites in each event (the "events" being slalom, trick, and jump) which shall be extracted from USA Water Ski and International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) sanctioned Class E, L and R tournaments performances from the 12-month Ranking List as of September 10, 2018 (reported by 9/11). If the skier has scores from overseas tournaments, it is the skier's responsibility to submit those scores with the notification of interest.
 - c. 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 Pan American Rankings List (excluding those who have aged out), **the highest score among US scores posted for this selection process, and any other known scores higher than those stated above of athletes from the Pan American Federation who may be on a team. This score will be the "1000 point base."** The goal is to use the best possible score as the base for 1,000 points. The Team Selection Scores shall be computed in accordance with IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules as follows:

Men's Tricks: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules

Women's Tricks: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules

Men's Slalom: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules

Women's Slalom: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules

Men's Jump: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules

Women's Jump: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior 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 IWWF Rule 5.03) shall be used to select the team.

d. 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 three event scores.

e. 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.

f. 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.

g. 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.

h. The six skiers chosen above will be Team 1. Then other combinations of six U.S. skiers will be identified (**TeamX**) and shall be hereafter referred to as **TeamX**. Each **TeamX** shall meet the gender requirements above, and shall have at least three skiers in each event (tricks, slalom, and jump). The **Team Score** for **TeamX** will be calculated (as per IWSF Technical Rule 5.05) by summing the best three **Individual Selection** scores, from either gender, in each event (3 slalom, 3 tricks, & 3 jump). **TeamX** having the highest **Team Score** with at least four team members in each event will be named the U.S. Junior World Team. Consideration will be given to the number of scores per event, with the preference of at least 4 scores in each event (4 slalom, 4 tricks, & 4 jump).

i. **The IAC reserves the right to choose another combination of athletes who create a higher team overall score than that chosen using the above steps 3a-h of this Q&P. This team shall be designated as the official U.S. Junior Pan Am Team.**

j. The IAC may designate alternates to the U.S. Junior Pan Am Team. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and will not be based on any fixed formula.

k. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor in making any U.S. Teams.

l. Disclaimer: In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program with two-thirds affirmative vote of the full committee.

5. The skiers will be responsible for all costs.

6. The team shall be designated as the U.S. Junior Pan Am Team until the next team selection has occurred.

American Water Ski Association

2018 U.S. Under 21 (17-20) Pan Am TEAM

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. **Team Description.** A four (4) member team will be chosen to compete at the 2018 Junior Pan Am Championships to be held **in Santiago, CHILE on November 12-18, 2018.** The team will be selected approximately 8 weeks before the event.
2. **Qualifications to be considered for the Team:**
 - a. U.S. citizen or otherwise qualified to ski as a member of the U.S. Team (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events).
 - b. Member of USA Water Ski in good standing born between 1997 and 2000, inclusive.
 - c. **Notification of interest should be sent to International Activities Committee members, Ralph Hall via email at ralphhall8@comcast.net and Larry Downes, via email at larrydownes@miamioh.edu on or before August 31, 2018.**
3. The International Activities Committee (IAC) is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on the Waterski 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 target event. These elements include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Numerical Division of Male / Female athletes to make up the team,
 - b. Numerical scores from selected tournaments that precede the target event and are close enough in time to the target competition to produce the most viable team. These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced using the existing scores for comparison,
 - c. 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,
 - d. 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.
4. **Team Selection Procedures.** Selection procedures for the U.S.17-20 Pan Am Team:
 - a. Gender distribution shall be 3/1 or 2/2.
 - b. "Team Selection Scores" shall be the average of the each skier's two best tournament scores from separate sites in each event (the "events" being slalom, trick, and jump) which shall be extracted from USA Water Ski and International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF)-sanctioned Class E, L and R tournaments performances from the 12-month Ranking List as of September 10, 2018 (reported by 9/11). If the skier has scores from overseas tournaments, it is the skier's responsibility to submit those scores with the notification of interest.
 - c. 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 **Pan Am** Rankings List (excluding those who have aged out), **the highest score among US scores posted for this selection process, and any other known scores higher than those stated above of athletes from the Pan Am Confederation who may be on a team. This score will be the "1000 point base."** The goal is to use the best possible score as the base for **1,000 points.** The Team Selection Scores shall be computed in accordance with IWWF Rule 5.01 as follows:

Men's Tricks: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03

Women's Tricks: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03

Men's Slalom: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03
Women's Slalom: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03
Men's Jump: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03
Women's Jump: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03

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 IWWF Rule 5.03) shall be used to select the team.

d. 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 three event scores.

e. 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.

f. The fourth skier will be the male or female skier with the highest "two event score" not already selected on the team. "Two event score" is defined as the sum of the two highest "event scores" for a skier.

g. If the fourth skier does not use tricks as one of his/her two events, then his/her "two event score including tricks" will be calculated. The skier with the highest "two event score including tricks", not already on the Team, will be substituted for the fourth skier provided that his substitution does not decrease the team score, as computed under IWWF Rule 5.05, by more than 50 points.

h. The IAC reserves the right to choose another combination of athletes who create a higher team overall score than that chosen using the above steps 3a-g of this Q&P. This team shall be designated as the official U.S. Junior Pan Am Team.

i. The IAC may designate alternates to the U.S. U21 Pan Am Team. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and will not be based on any fixed formula.

j. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor in making any U.S. Teams.

k. Disclaimer: In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program with two-thirds affirmative vote of the full committee.

5. The skiers will be responsible for all costs.

4. The team shall be designated as the U.S. U21 Pan Am Team until the next team selection has occurred.

American Water Ski Association

2018 U.S. ELITE PAN AM TEAM

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. **Team Description.** A six member team will be chosen to compete at the 2018 Elite Pan Am Championships to be held in **Santiago, Chile on November 12-18, 2018**. The team will be selected approximately 8 weeks before the event.
2. **Qualifications to be considered for the Team:**
 - a. U.S. citizen or otherwise qualified to ski as a member of the U.S. Team (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events),
 - b. Member of USA Water Ski in good standing and,
 - c. **Notification of interest should be sent to International Activities Committee members, Lisa Steiner, lsteiner1@me.com and Larry Downes, larrydownes@miamioh.edu on or before August 31, 2018.**
3. The International Activities Committee (IAC) is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on the Waterski 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 target event. These elements include, but are not limited to;
 - a. Numerical Division of Male / Female athletes to make up the team,
 - b. Numerical scores from selected tournaments that precede the target event and are close enough in time to the target competition to produce the most viable team. These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced using the existing scores for comparison,
 - c. 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,
 - d. 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.
4. **Team Selection Procedures.** Selection procedures for the U.S. Elite Pan Am Team:
 - a. Gender distribution shall be 3/3 or 4/2.
 - b. "Team Selection Scores" shall be the average of the each skier's two best tournament scores from separate sites in each event (the "events" being slalom, trick, and jump) which shall be extracted from USA Water Ski and International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF)-sanctioned Class E, L and R tournaments performances from the 12-month Ranking List as of September 10, 2018 (reported by 9/11) prior to the tournament. If the skier has scores from overseas tournaments, it is the skier's responsibility to submit those scores with the notification of interest. The team will be announced 8 weeks prior to the tournament.
 - c. 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 Pan Am Rankings List, the highest score among US scores posted for this selection process, and any other known scores higher than those stated above of athletes from the Pan Am Confederation who may be on a team. This score will be the "1000 point base."** The goal is to use the best possible score as the base for 1,000 points. The Team Selection Scores shall be computed in accordance with IWWF Rule 5.03 as follows:

Men's Tricks: per IWWF Rule 5.03
Women's Tricks: per IWWF Rule 5.03
Men's Slalom: per IWWF Rule 5.03
Women's Slalom: per IWWF Rule 5.03
Men's Jump: per IWWF Rule 5.03
Women's Jump: per IWWF Rule 5.03

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 IWWF Rule 5.03) shall be used to select the team.

d. 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 three event scores.

e. 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.

f. 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.

g. If the fourth & fifth skiers do not use tricks as one of his/her two events, then his/her "two event score including tricks" will be calculated. The skier with the highest "two event score including tricks", not already on the Team, will be substituted for the fourth skier provided that this substitution does not decrease the team score, as computed under IWWF Rule 5.05, by more than 50 points.

h. 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.

i. **The IAC reserves the right to choose another combination of athletes who create a higher team overall score than that chosen using the above steps 3a-g of this Q&P. This team shall be designated as the official U.S. Elite Team for the Pan Am Championships.**

j. The IAC may designate alternates to the U.S. Elite Team. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and will not be based on any fixed formula.

k. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor in making any U.S. Teams.

l. Disclaimer: In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program with two-thirds affirmative vote of the full committee.

5. The team selected shall be designated as the U.S. Pan Am Elite Team until the next team selection has occurred.

AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION
2018 35+ PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM
(For 35 year old skiers and above only)
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. The Team for the 2018 Pan American Championships (November 12-18, 2018, Santiago, Chile) will be selected by the AWSA International Activities Committee based on scores taken from the AWSA Data Base from the period May 1, 2017 to August 1, 2018, with a minimum of one score from calendar year 2018. We will announce the team approximately August 15, 2018.
2. Qualifications to be considered for the Team:
 - a. US citizen or otherwise qualified to ski as a member of the U.S. Team (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events).
 - b. Member of USA Water Ski.
 - c. Skiers must notify International Activities Committee Members Stan Switzer ds.switzer@verizon.net and Jill Smith bsmith32946@yahoo.com by e-mail no later than July 1, 2018 of their desire to compete to be considered in the team's selection process.
3. The IAC is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate in the Waterski 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 target event. These elements include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Numerical division of Male/Female athletes to make up the team,
 - b. Numerical scores from selected tournament that precede the target event and are close enough to the time of the target competition to produce the most viable team. These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced using the existing scores for comparison.
 - c. Each individual skier's past performance in recent premier tournaments, to include any issues that may or could possible affect anticipated scores in the target international competition,
 - d. 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 35+ subcommittee for 35+ international competition shall make recommendations to the IAC for the members of the 35+, 45+ and 55+ teams, based on the criteria set forth in this qualifications and procedures document. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor for making any U.S. Teams. The policy of the IAC is always to send the best possible team.

4. The skiers will be responsible for all expenses.
5. The Pan Am Championships will have 3 Veteran Teams selected as follows:
 - a. 2018 Pan Am Veteran Team 1 (Ages 35-44/ 4 member team)
 - b. 2018 Pan Am Veteran Team 2 (Ages 45-54 / 4 member team)
 - c. 2018 Pan Am Veteran Team 3 (Ages 55+ / 4 member team)

The skier's age division is determined by his age/her age as of December 31, 2017.

6. Gender Distribution will be 2/2 or 3/1 for each team.

7. Even though skiers of the same gender may be competing in different National age divisions, they will be considered as having skied in the same division of each of the three 35+ age divisions for selection scoring purposes. The scoring adjustments and process are explained below.
8. Disclaimer: In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the unanimous opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may, with the approval of the President of AWSA, amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program.
9. To adjust for different AWSA speed and ramp heights in slalom and jump the following adjustments will be made as necessary in selecting the teams:

Even though skiers of the same gender may be competing in different AWSA age groups they will be considered as having skied in the same division for selection purposes with the following adjustments:

Slalom

- 1) Scores run at 52 kph will be reduced by 6 buoys.
- 2) Scores run at 58 kph will be increased by 6 buoys.

Jump - unless jumping under the rules of the division the skier is attempting to qualify for:

- 1) All Men 2, Masters Men and Open Men will have their distances reduced based on the speed and ramp height used for their ranking list scores per the below:
 - a. 1.80 m @ 57 kph or slower – subtract 9.8m;
 - b. 1.65 m @ 57 kph or slower – subtract 6.1m;
 - c. 1.5 m @ 54 kph or slower – no reduction
 - 2) All Women 2 and Open women will have their distances reduced based on the speed and ramp height used for their ranking list scores as per the below:
 - a. 1.65 m @ 54 kph or slower – subtract 6.1m;
 - b. 1.5 m @ 54 kph or slower – subtract 2.4 m;
 - c. 1.5 m @ 51 kph or slower – no reduction.
 - 3) Men 3 vying for Division 2 will have their distances reduced by 2.4 m.
 - 4) Men 5 and above will have their distances increased by 2.4m.
10. Selection Process:
- a. The Veteran Teams will be selected by the AWSA International Activities Committee based on scores taken from the AWSA database from the period May 1, 2017 through August 1, 2018. The teams will be announced at least after all team selection scores have been determined and reviewed.
 - b. *Scoring: Scoring shall be based on a 1,000 point method. 1,000 points in each event shall be taken from the highest score in each event by the top ranked overall skier from the Pan American Federation on the latest IWWF Ranking List (Spring 2018).*

For Tricks: Event score = (average of skier's top 2 scores x 1000) / best overall skier's score

For Slalom: Event score = (average of skier's top 2 scores x 1000) / best overall skier's score
(score from 43/18,25 for Women; score from 46/18,25 for Men)

For Jump:

Men: Event score = 1000 X (average of skier's top 2 scores - 20m)/(best overall skier's score - 20m)

Women: Event score = 1000 X (average of skier's top 2 scores - 14m)/(best overall skier's score - 14m)

Event Scores must be from two Class E, L, or R tournaments, at two separate sites, with at least one score to be used in the calculation from calendar year 2018. The scores do not have to come from the same

tournament or the same round. "Total Score" is defined as the sum of each skier's slalom, trick, and jump scores.

- c. The top man and woman skiers based on "total score" in each of the two age divisions will be selected first. "Total score" is computed as the sum of one, two or three "event scores". A skier entered in one or two events may obtain a "total score". The "event score" is the score from tricks, from slalom and from jump separately.
 - d. The third and fourth skiers will be the skiers with the next two highest "total scores" in the two age divisions regardless of sex.
 - e. No alternates will be selected at this time. If team vacancies occur, replacements will be chosen from the original list of candidates, if possible, so as to maximize team scoring potential.
11. The team selected shall be designated as the U.S. Pan American 35+ Championship Team until the next selection.

American Water Ski Association

2018 U.S. JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. **Team Description.** A six-member team will be chosen to compete at the 2018 Junior World Championships to be held in Seseña Spain on August 2-5, 2018. The team will be announced on or about June 3, 2018.
2. **Qualifications to be considered for the Team:**
 - a. U.S. citizen or otherwise qualified to ski as a member of the U.S. Team (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events)
 - b. Member of USA Water Ski in good standing born in 2001 or later.
 - c. **Notification of interest should be sent to International Activities Committee members, via email Kerry Lee at kleeski@hotmail.com AND email Larry Downes at larrydownes@miamioh.edu on or before April 29, 2018. It is anticipated that the team will be announced at least sixty (60) days prior to the event.**
 - d. Independent (non-team) skiers are also required to be registered by USA Water Ski, and all independent (non-team) skiers should also notify Kerry Lee AND Larry Downes of their intent to ski by April 29, 2018.
3. The International Activities Committee (IAC) is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on the Waterski 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 target event. These elements include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Numerical Division of Male / Female athletes to make up the team,
 - b. Numerical scores from selected tournaments that precede the target event and are close enough in time to the target competition to produce the most viable team (see Team Selection Procedures below). These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced using the existing scores for comparison,
 - c. 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,
 - d. 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.
4. **Team Selection Procedures.** Selection procedures for the U.S. Junior World Team:
 - a. Gender distribution shall be 3/3 or 4/2.
 - b. "Team Selection Scores" shall be the average of the each skier's two best tournament scores from separate sites in each event (the "events" being slalom, trick, and jump) which shall be extracted from USA Water Ski and International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF)-sanctioned Class E, L and R tournaments performances from the 12-month Ranking List as of **May 27, 2018** (reported by 5/28). If the skier has scores from overseas tournaments, it is the skier's responsibility to submit those scores with the notification of interest.
 - c. 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-World Rankings List (excluding those who have aged out), **the highest score among US scores posted for this selection process, and any other known scores higher than those stated above of athletes from the World who may be on a team. This score will be the "1000 point base."** The goal is to use the best possible score as the base for 1,000 points. The Team Selection Scores shall be computed in accordance with IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules as follows:

Men's Tricks: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules
 Women's Tricks: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules
 Men's Slalom: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules
 Women's Slalom: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules
 Men's Jump: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior Competition Rules
 Women's Jump: Calculated from IWWF Rule 5.03 of the Junior 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 IWWF Rule 5.03) shall be used to select the team.

- d. 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 three event scores.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. The six skiers chosen above will be Team 1. Then other combinations of six U.S. skiers will be identified (**TeamX**) and shall be hereafter referred to as **TeamX**. Each **TeamX** shall meet the gender requirements above, and shall have at least three skiers in each event (tricks, slalom, and jump). The **Team Score** for **TeamX** will be calculated (as per IWSF Technical Rule 5.05) by summing the best three **Individual Selection** scores, from either gender, in each event (3 slalom, 3 tricks, & 3 jump). **TeamX** having the highest **Team Score** with at least four team members in each event will be named the U.S. Junior World Team. Consideration will be given to the number of scores per event, with the preference of at least 4 scores in each event (4 slalom, 4 tricks, & 4 jump).
- i. **The IAC reserves the right to choose another combination of athletes who create a higher team overall score than that chosen using the above steps 3a-h of this Q&P. This team shall be designated as the official U.S. Junior World Team.**
- j. The IAC may designate alternates to the **U.S. Junior World Team**. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and will not be based on any fixed formula.
- k. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor in making any U.S. Teams.
- l. Disclaimer: In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program with two-thirds affirmative vote of the full committee.

5. The skiers will be responsible for all costs.

6. The team selected shall be designated as the U.S. Junior World Team until the next team selection has occurred.

AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION
2018 35+ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM
(For 35 year old skiers and above only)
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. The Team for the 2018 World 35+ Championships (Santiago, Chile, November 26-December 2, 2018) will be selected by the AWSA International Activities Committee based on scores taken from the AWSA Data Base from the period May 1, 2017 to August 1, 2018, with a minimum of one score from calendar year 2018. Skiers must notify two members of the 35+ International sub committee no later than July 1, 2018 of their desire to be considered in the team's selection procedure. Stan Switzer at (ds.switzer@verizon.net) and Jill Smith at (bsmith32946@yahoo.com) must be notified by e-mail. The team will be announced on or about August 15, 2018.
2. Qualifications to be considered for the Team:
 - a. U.S. citizen or otherwise qualified to ski as a member of the U.S. Team (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events),
 - b. Member of USA Water Ski in good standing and qualified (by age) for the relevant age division,
 - c. Notification must be submitted to Stan Switzer at (ds.switzer@verizon.net) and Jill Smith at (bsmith32946@yahoo.com) via email by **July 1, 2018**.
3. The AWSA does not provide funding. Each team member is responsible for their expenses.
4. Even though skiers of the same gender may be competing in different National age divisions, they will be considered as having skied in the same division of each of the four 35+ World age divisions for selection scoring purposes. The scoring adjustments and process are explained below.
5. The IAC is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on waterski teams which will represent the United States in International Competitions. The IAC'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 the event, with the ultimate goal to win the event. These elements include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Numerical division of Male/Female athletes to make up the team,
 - b. Numerical scores from selected tournaments that precede the event and are close enough in time to the event to produce the most viable team. These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced using the existing scores for comparison.
 - c. Each individual skier's past performance in recent premier tournaments, to include any issues that may or could possibly affect anticipated scores in the event,
 - d. 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.
 - e. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor for making any U.S. Teams. The policy of the IAC is always to send the best possible team.
6. Disclaimer: In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the unanimous opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may, with the approval of the President of AWSA, amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program.
7. In the event that 2 skiers may have similar scores, a consideration will be given to the skier who skied in the 2017 US Water Ski Nationals.

8. Adjustments shall be made as necessary in selecting the teams:

Even though skiers of the same gender may be competing in different AWSA age groups they will be considered as having skied in the same division for selection purposes with the following adjustments:

Jump: Unless jumping under the rules of IWSF for the division the skier is attempting to qualify for, adjustments may be made:

1) All Men 2, Masters Men and Open Men attempting to be selected to the 35+ Division will have their distances reduced based on the speed and ramp height used for the selection list scores per the below:

A. 1.80 m @ 57 kph - subtract 9.8m;

2) All Men 3, Masters Men and Open Men attempting to be selected to the 45+ Division will have their distances reduced based on the speed and ramp height used for their ranking list scores per the below:

A. 1.80 m @ 57 kph or slower – subtract 9.8m;

B. 1.65 m @ 57 kph or slower – subtract 6.1m;

C. 1.50 m @ 57 kph – subtract 3.0m

3) All Women 2 and Open women attempting to be selected for the 35+ division will have their distances reduced based on the speed and ramp height used for their ranking list scores as per the below:

A. 1.65 m @ 54 kph – subtract 6.1m;

B. 1.5 m @ 54 kph – subtract 2.4 m;

9. The team selected shall be designated as the U.S. World 35+ Championship Team until the next selection.

10. Selection Process:

a. This Team is comprised of men and women in four age divisions. The skier's age division is determined by his/her age as of December 31, 2017.

Division 1 - 35-44 years inclusive

Division 2 - 45-54 years inclusive

Division 3 - 55-64 inclusive.

Division 4 - 65 and over

b. An "event score" is the score for the skier as computed in (c) below and not the points in the event.

c. Event scoring shall be based on a 1,000 point method published in the most current IWWF rule book. 1,000 points in each event shall be taken from the highest score in each event by the top ranked overall skier Federation on the latest IWWF Ranking List (Spring 2018).

Tentative scoring, subject to change based on IWWF 2018 rule book:

For Tricks: Event score = (average of skier's top 2 scores x 1000) / best overall skier's score

For Slalom: Event score = (average of skier's top 2 scores x 1000) / best overall skier's score
(score from 43/18,25 for Women; score from 46/18,25 for Men)

For Jump:

Men: Event score = 1000 X (average of skier's top 2 scores - 20m)/(best overall skier's score -20m)

Women: Event score = 1000 X (average of skier's top 2 scores - 14m)/(best overall skier's score-14m)

Event Scores must be from two Class E, L, or R tournaments at two separate sites with at least one score to be used in the calculation from calendar year 2018. The scores do not have to come from the same tournament or the same round. Scores will be from May 1, 2017 to August 1, 2018 and taken from the AWSA data base. Starting speeds for scoring slalom will be adjusted to confirm with the IWWF rules for the 35+ World Championships when calculating event scoring.

d. "Total score" is computed as the sum of one, two, or three "event scores". A skier entered in one or two events may obtain a "total score".

- e. The top man and woman skiers based on "total score" in each of the four age divisions (35+,45+,55+, 65+) will be selected first. "Total score" is computed as the sum of one, two, or three "event scores". A skier entered in one or two events may obtain a "total score". This will constitute 8 of the 10 members of the Team. There is a maximum of 4 skiers in any age category and a maximum of 3 skiers of the same sex in any category.
- f. The next two skiers will be the man or woman skiers with the next highest "total score" in the four age divisions. No alternates will be selected at this time. If team vacancies occur, replacements will be chosen from the original list of candidates so as to maximize team scoring potential. In an emergency situation, such as on site at the tournament, an alternate may be selected from the independents at the site. The Manager and the Captain shall make the decision.

IAC OFFICIALS SELECTION PROCESS

Expertise & Experience

January 2018

1. **Nationals, Team Trials and International Tournaments:** The IAC will continue to track and log work done by all officials at the nationals (as ass't chief & chief only), team trials and all international events.
2. **Additional Experience:** The IAC will be provided with information about all applicants as to their work in the last **five** (5) years at the (1) regionals, (2) nationals (other than as ass't chief/chief), (3) 3-event record tournaments, (4) cash prize events and (5) any other helpful info with the years of participation provided.

Explanation: The IAC will send out its annual letter to all 3-event senior officials a week earlier than in prior years. Once the names are compiled, they will be sent to their respective regional reps. The reps will then contact their regional applicants and log the information (all five areas) as set out above so that it is available as needed at the IAC meeting when relevant. This info, with emphasis placed on the more recent participation in this five year window, allows the IAC to make a more informed decision, esp. re those who have not worked at any of the events listed in #1 above. It does not guarantee quality, but does indicate experience and will serve as an additional tool for the IAC in making its selections.

Process

1. **Stepping Stones:** The IAC will follow a progressive selection system as outlined below, which will be given strong preference in the selection of officials for international events. The IAC will presumptively adhere to this policy in the absence of circumstances making its application inappropriate.

Explanation: The letter to officials needs to better set out the process and explain that an official should not put in for a category B tournament, for example, before having worked in a category A event.

Category A: Jr. Open, Jr. Team Trials, Can Am, US Nationals (CJ, ACJ, Appointed or Assigned Judge), US Regional Championships (CJ, CS, CD)

Category B: Junior Worlds, 35+ Worlds, U21 Worlds, Elite Team Trials, Pan Am Championship (Jr/U13/35+)

Category C: Elite Worlds, Pan Am Games, World Games, Pan Am Championship (Elite/U21)

An official need only participate in one event in each category before putting in for the next category.

Education

1. **Feedback:** The IAC will contact those who put in but were not selected, including those on the IAC, and discuss with them, in a constructive, helpful manner why they were not selected and what they need to do to improve their chances of being considered.

Explanation: The IAC seldom informs applicants who have put in why they were not chosen, not even its own committee members. It is important to communicate back to these interested officials on why they were not chosen, what they need to do to improve their chances and where they can get help to do what is recommended. Positive, more frequent communication is key, rather than our annual "thank you for putting in" form letter sent by email.

2. **Advance Information:** The IAC will contact those who have been selected, esp. those who have never worked such an event, to explain to them what to expect, how to behave, etc.

Explanation: This contact is necessary because the situation, esp. outside the country, will not be familiar. Different countries offer different challenges, and the organizers and chiefs may have a little different approach. There is also the language barrier among officials and the LOC to some extent. Our representatives, very visible in these assignments in other countries, need to behave with that in mind; and, since many of the IAC have traveled to such events, they are in a great position to share this information providing advice. It is important that the image projected by our nominated officials be a positive, gracious one, not only for them, but all for all skiers, not just ours, and for USA-WS and our country as trite as it sounds. Again communication is key.

Note: As to the above two items, not a lot of time and effort are required, just the time and effort it takes to show that the IAC cares, wants to encourage officials and is willing to help, combating to some extent its reputation as being self-serving.

- 3. Mentoring:** The IAC will work with one or two up and coming officials in their regions and mentor them.

Explanation: The IAC members are the best persons to recruit and encourage interested officials, esp. the next generation. Often, these newcomers are intimidated by the situation and even by you as a well-known, experienced official and will seem reluctant to accept advice when they are actually just uncomfortable. It is important to continue to support them in a positive fashion and not just to throw in the towel if they appear hesitant to accept your guidance.

Additional Issues

1. **Visibility:** One of the biggest issues is the answer to the question as to how an aspiring official gets known (gains visibility) not only among officials and the IAC but also by the skiers who represent us in international competition. In Florida, it is much easier than in Idaho. Again, we have to work to somehow make it easier for such individuals to get involved with tournaments where such skiers compete. It is a slow process, not easy. Communication and encouragement are again key.
2. **Mini Clinics:** There is much talk about the need to attend state and regional clinics and even participate in the Annual Senior Judges' Clinic, but local, mini-clinics can be very effective, even if not sanctioned, for education and training. In other words, one can hold a trick judging clinic for 3-5 people spending a mere four hours or so. A lot of experience is gained, much learned, and the costs are minimal because only those who live close by participate. Clinics can be hosted for any event at any level without involving excessive travel, expense or even time.

2018 OFFICIALS
NOMINATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Junior Worlds</u>	<u>35+ Worlds</u>	<u>Pan Am Champ</u>
Greg Badal			
Jerry Bautsch			
Matt Byrne			
Greg Chapman	D2	D2	D1
Kurt Grathwohl			P
Brad Harman	P		
Bob Harris			J3
Leon Larson			
Kerry Lee	CJ/ACJ/J1		
Nikki Lee	S	J2	CJ/J1
Keith Lindemulder	J2	J3	ACJ/J2
Cynthia Logan		S2	S1
Brent Overmire			
Ed Roberts			S2
Mark Rosek			
Bob Schouten	M		M
Jody Seal		D1	
Jeff Smith		CJ/ACJ/J1	
Les Todd	D1		D2
Chris Travers		C	
Gary Weidman			
Gordon West			
Kirby Whetsel		S1	
Barry Young			J4

Notes:

1. All nominations subject to AWSA Board approval

2. Upon board approval, all international appointments are sent to the Pan Am Federation which will make the final selections

Codes:

CJ = Chief Judge

ACJ = Ass't CJ

AJ = App't Judge

CS = Chief Scorer

AS - App't Scorer

CD = Chief Driver

AD = App't Driver

Appointments shown in numerical sequence

C = Coach

M = Manager

P = Physician



AWSA Board of Directors Meeting
AAC Report
January 27, 2018

1. Rules

- **PROPOSAL 1, 2, 7, 23, 24, 27, 28**

AAC – In favor of aligning with IWWF.

- **PROPOSAL 3: 4.02:** A skier who enters the ***Elite*** ~~Open~~ division at the Nationals in any event is not required to ski in his Regional Tournament.

AAC – Not supported. Concern expressed about how this would affect the LOC due to lack of entry fees.

- **PROPOSAL 16: 13.04 Mini Course**

AAC - In favor of testing various mini course formats, even those that incorporate Class C scoring – especially seeing the success in Australia.

- **PROPOSAL 30: 3.02A Junior Divisions**

AAC – In favor to change the junior divisions when and if IWWF decides to change.

2. Safe Sport Program

- Pending specifics and costs, AAC supports implementing a Safe Sport program that has been encouraged by the USOC. More details are necessary.

3. Committee Changes

- Due to USOC athlete criteria, there will be some upcoming AAC member changes to certain committees.

- As always, any Chairmen/women concerned with athlete participation on their committee, please let me know so I can reassign a new athlete.

Thank you,

Alex Lauretano

AWARDS

2017 USA-WS Award Winners

Male Athlete of the Year: Freddy Krueger

Female Athlete of the Year: Regina Jaquess

Jr. Athlete of the Year: Rex Helm

Coach of the Year: Landen Ehlers

Volunteer of the Year: Lauren St. Onge

Team of the Year: Elite Water Ski Team

Club of the Year: San Marcos River Ranch

Award of Merit: Dusty Schulz

2017 AWSA Award Winners

Athlete of the Year: Regina Jaquess

Slalom Skier of the Year: Regina Jaquess

Trick Skier of the Year: Adam Pickos

Jump Skier of the Year: Freddy Krueger

Overall Skier of the Year: Regina Jaquess

Jr. Athlete of the Year: Sean Hunter

Team of the Year: Elite Team

Volunteer of the Year: Dave Allen

Chair- Lori Krueger Covington

BOAT DRIVERS

2018 Winter Boat Driver Report

Committee

Ham Wallace- South- Chair

Greg Badal – West

Jerry Bautsch- South Central

Al Harris- East

Troy Zoellner- Midwest

The second half of 2017 did not have any eye opening events like the previous period. But, the changes resulting from some earlier events have increased driver awareness and I think the driving performance has gotten better.

Western Region chair, Greg Badal, initiated a drop box for driver EC Video. This, resulted in Technical committee Chair, Jerry Jackson and his committee, setting up a National drop box for all CD's and TC's to upload EC video. In the process, camera placement and angle has made the EC's way easier to watch. I really think that this has made a huge difference in driver performance. Getting proper critique and also being able to see yourself in a clear aligned boat path really benefits all.

The drivers committee is a great group to collaborate with on any issue. Each one brings their own perspective to the table. Will Bush is always a great help and has decades of experience to help shed light on any issue that needs it.

We had an issue arise in regards to non AWSA drivers. Different countries have different criteria for levels of drivers. I have been in touch with several out of country divers trying to align the ability of other drivers that may be wishing to drive in the U.S. I have been in touch with Ricardo Botas from Spain, Ian Campbell, G.B. And Gary Weidman, AUS. They are a great group of guys. Gary said that Will Bush helped AUS set up their qualitative and quantitative requirements for AUS. They are very close to the U.S with 4 levels of driving. Ian said that G.B has its own set of standards closely mirroring U.S. Ricardo, said the European countries are a bit different and they are trying to fix it now. A driver's Committee that does not exist is going to be created. For now they have 2

levels of drivers National and International. National is just that. They can drive National and ranking tournaments. They are 3 event drivers, not, 1 and 2 event drivers. Each country has their own procedures of getting a National designation. You must be a National driver for at least 1 year and drive at least 2 three event tournaments with homologation comps before taking the International Driver exam. They don't have chief drivers and the drivers are appointed by the TC, not the organizer that appoints the drivers.

We have plenty of out-of-country drivers capable of driving our tournaments. They all MUST have a MVR first.

Floyd worked hard on getting the CE module in place for drivers to be BJ for tricks. I don't think it is being utilized as intended. We will do a better job on this.

Proposals for the Board Meeting:

1. Allow any Senior or Regular 3 Event Driver that maintains their quantitative and qualitative requirements for Slalom and Jumping but may have a shortage for tricks, to automatically retain their trick rating at the level attained.
2. There are able and competent Senior and Regular drivers in numerous locations having a very difficult time acquiring enough set time to maintain their rating. Even requesting to drive, and being on site, they don't get utilized as a driver. They usually get used for judging and other assignments. I see both sides of this situation. A skier spending a large amount of money to travel, enter and participate in a R, E L tournament at a premier site, expects to have the drivers listed on the sanction pulling them. That is why they came. However, if the drivers on site pull practice with an EC video, they should get credit for driving. This is only at R,E,L tournaments. The skiers practicing will learn to have confidence in the alternate driver. We work hard to encourage drivers and they work hard and aspire to excel. They are simply not getting enough seat time. (This is not for those looking for an easy ride).
3. There have been some requests to post a link to the EC videos so skiers and drivers may view them. After some discussion on the matter, we feel it is a good idea. BUT, the link to view these EC's would be hidden from

plain view in the Official's Resources under TC Resources. It would not be on the front page for everyone to poke around with. According to Jerry Jackson, Jeff likes it but, Will feels like it shouldn't be out front and center.

I look forward to a great 2018!

Always,

Ham Wallace

BYLAWS

December 14, 2017

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Jeff Clark, Chair AWSA Bylaws Committee

Re: 2018 Winter Report, AWSA Bylaws Committee

The committee members Lisa Holland SCR, Bill Murbach MW, Brad Conger W, Steve Vincent E, Brenda Baldwin AAC, Brian Detrick AAC, and I would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to serve the organization.

USA-WS will be presented with a proposal to change the name of the NGB at their meeting the day following the AWSA board meeting. If the proposal is approved, then the AWSA Bylaws Committee is prepared to change the NGB name and acronyms in both the AWSA Bylaws and in the Policies and Procedures Manual. At this time that this is the only possible work that we have in front of us going forward and is basically a housekeeping issue for us.

ACTION ITEM # 1: If there are not any other issues or changes that are required, we ask that the board approve the committee making the changes and not have to return to the board for a vote of approval.

At this time it appears that the AWSA will not have enough members to meet the required 50% of your inaugural membership in order to maintain your 5 director seats on the USA-WS Board of Directors. With the current membership numbers, the AWSA will have two USA-WS Directors and two Alternate Directors seats available. Article VIII in the AWSA Bylaws has all of the procedures to elect those directors.

I will be attending the meeting for the report and also to assist in the transition to the new Director seating for the USA-WS Board of Directors.

We remain open to the membership and the Board of Directors for issues to consider.

JUDGES AND SCORERS

JUDGES AND SCORERS COMMITTEE REPORT 2018 Winter Board of Directors Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

Emeritus requests have been received from:

Leon Larson – Senior Scorer, Southern Region

Marie Baker – Senior Scorer, Eastern Region

Pending their approval from the respective regional councils, they are presented for final approval by the AWSA Board of Directors

The committee was asked to consider changing how officials receive credit at a tournament. The suggested change was to allow scorers to give EVERYONE that has an officials rating and is at a tournament automatic credit. The J&S committee supports this idea and recommends the BOD **APPROVE** this change.

The committee was asked to consider eliminating maintenance requirements for judges/scorers. Instead of the maintenance requirements, have the official attend a clinic (in person, virtual, CE/on-line) every 4 years which is already in place and have the official either take a test or complete continuing education to maintain their rating. While the J&S committee supports this idea and recommends the BOD **APPROVE** this change, there was concern expressed about the skills that may be lost by those who don't keep practiced with trick calling. We recommend that testing or C.E. include trick calling deemed reasonable for a Regular/Senior official.

The committee was asked to consider modifying a requirement for an official to upgrade to Senior. The current requirement of being a Chief Judge/Scorer at three tournaments would be expanded to also allow for one to instead serve as an Assistant Chief Judge/Scorer at ELR events. The J&S committee supports this idea and recommends the BOD **APPROVE** this change.

The committee was asked to assess the future of Senior Officials Clinics and, if they continue, how to guarantee costs/financial responsibility. The committee was divided on this issue and has no recommendation at this time.

The committee is requesting to have access/availability to individual official's email addresses. Upon request from the Regional Representative, have HQ make available individual official's email, address and phone number. Especially important in biennial years when trying to contact those facing downgrades. The J&S committee supports this idea and recommends the BOD **APPROVE** this request.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Officials Statistical Data reports were requested but not yet available by the deadline for this report. I expect to have that information available at the January 27, 2018 meeting.

Regular and Senior Judge's exams were last updated March 2017. Regular and Senior Scorer's exams were last updated January 2017. Senior Slalom Practical exam has more recent video and was made available on YouTube last year. Regular Slalom Practical exam remains as older video but is now also available on YouTube. Both Regular and Senior Practical Trick exams are updated video runs and also available on YouTube.

The Judges and Scorers Policy Manual, Officials Quantitative Requirements, and Officials Program Description were all updated March/April 2017, including all Fast Track options for both Judges and Scorers.

Floyd McCreight has updated CE modules for 2017 rules. The following table represents 2017 C.E. and clinic participation. An updated report will be available at the January 27, 2018 meeting.

Judges			
Year (Hardship Extension to 31 May)	Total Clinic Credits	Three Event Judges	Standalone modules #2
2016 (thru 31 May) #1	14	6	3
2016 (from May 31)	26	3	12
2017 (so far, with hardship goes thru 31 May 2018!))	55	11	4
Total (Biennial Years)	81	14	16
Scorers #3			
2017 (6/23 thru 11/27)	23		

2018 "TO DO" LIST:

Update Judges and Scorers Clinic materials (last update 2008)

Attachments: Current Judges and Scorers Policy Manual, Officials Quantitative Requirements, and Officials Program Description



Judges and Scorers Policy Manual

(Revised April 2017)

PURPOSE

The AWSA Judges and Scorers Development Program is designed to provide each official 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 nationwide. Advancement to all rating levels (Assistant, Regular and Senior) is achieved through the three steps of participation, education and evaluation, common to all AWSA officials' development programs.

STEP ONE – PARTICIPATION

There are quantitative requirements to be met to attain, maintain or upgrade a Judge or Scorer rating. Typically, these requirements are attained by working in a variety of capacities at tournaments, sanctioned by USA Water Ski/AWSA, to gain experience. AWSA publishes [*"Quantitative Requirements for Advancement and Renewal"*](#) for all levels of Judge and Scorer.

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.

Rating Maintenance: Assistant, Regular and Senior Judges and Scorers need to complete the tournament requirements published in AWSA's [*"Quantitative Requirements for Advancement and Renewal"*](#) to maintain their ratings during each biennial period.

Rating Upgrade: There are quantitative requirements to be met to advance to Regular or Senior Judge/Scorer. Work performed should be 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 Officials Record.

Aspiring Assistants: Individuals seeking an assistant's rating use an [*"AWSA Application for Assistant Judge"*](#) or [*"AWSA Application for Assistant Scorer"*](#) form, available on USA Water Ski's Web site, which lists the duties to be performed to acquire the rating. Each of these duties must be completed within a three-year time frame. Once the completed form is sent to USA Water Ski and verified, the aspiring official will receive an e-mail notification with instructions on how to print an official's qualification card indicating an Assistant Judge or Scorer rating. Aspiring officials 13 years and older may complete (for credit) the requirements for becoming an Assistant Judge or Scorer, so they will be immediately eligible to become an Assistant Judge or Scorer upon reaching the age of 15.

Tournament Credit

Officials should hold the necessary rating (Senior, Regular or Assistant) to work each class of tournament (R, L, E, C or F) as set forth in the AWSA Rule Book. To receive credit for judging a slalom or tricks event, an official must serve as an event or boat judge. For the jumping event, credit is given for shore or boat judging, or

operating the jump measurement system. When using video jump measurement, the keyboard operator may receive credit for working the event as both a judge and a scorer. To receive credit for scoring a slalom or jump event, an official may score on the computer or on paper when no computer is available, or assist the computer operator as “paper backup”. To receive credit for scoring a trick event an official may assist in reconciling and totaling the trick scoring forms or scoring on the computer. In all cases, at least six (6) skiers must be judged/scored, to receive tournament credit.

Multiple Officials’ Rating Credit: An individual is eligible to serve as a judge and/or scorer at a tournament and receive credit for each official’s rating. However, only one credit is awarded per official’s rating category (judge or scorer) per tournament. For example, although an individual is an Assistant Chief Judge and may also judge one or more events at a tournament, a single tournament rating credit as judge is earned.

GrassRoots Tournament Credits:

- Rated judges and scorers receive *maintenance credit only* for work at GrassRoots tournaments. Work at GrassRoots tournaments does not count toward rating upgrades.
- Aspiring assistant slalom judges or scorers may obtain quantitative credit towards becoming an Assistant Judge or Scorer at *Grassroots* slalom tournaments. The quantitative requirements are the same as for aspiring assistants working at Class C tournaments, except no judging supervision is required by a Regular or Senior Judge. Chief Scorer approval of work performed is required for scoring. Upon completion of the quantitative requirements, the aspiring assistant slalom judge must review an instructional manual and pass a take home test. There is no such requirement for scoring.

Regional Tournament Credit for Aspiring Senior Officials: Credit may be obtained by work performed at either a Regional or National tournament, including work at both tournaments during the same year. The NCWSA All-Stars and Nationals shall not count toward fulfilling the quantitative requirement of Regional Tournament attendance for upgrading to Senior. An aspiring Senior Judge or Scorer may apply to their regional Judges and Scorers Committee representative for an exception to substitute work at a large Record Tournament (50+ athletes) to be counted towards up to two (2) of the Regional/National Tournament credits required to upgrade.

Record Tournament Credit for Assistant Officials: Except at the National Tournament, Assistant Judges and Scorers may receive credit for working an event at a Record Capability tournament as set forth in AWSA Rule 15.05(c), or when an event is worked under the “direct supervision” of one of the event officials who is responsible for judging or scoring the event. “Direct Supervision” means that the supervising event official must be physically present with the assistant official during the event. The supervising event official must meet all applicable rating and other requirements with respect to the event, and shall be responsible for judging the contestant’s score. In the slalom and jumping events (and tricks event with respect to scoring only), the assistant official may initially judge the contestant’s score, subject to revision or correction by the supervising event official. In the tricks event, an Assistant Judge may work as an “extra” trick judge (who shall not replace any of the event judges) whose score shall not be utilized to determine the contestant’s score. Assistant officials working pursuant to this policy may receive event judging or scoring credit at Record Capability tournaments. In all cases, a minimum of six (6) skiers is required for tournament credit.

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

Tournament Requirements

- **Pan-Am Officials:** All USA Water Ski/AWSA-sanctioned Class R and L tournaments must have a Pan-Am Certified Judge on the panel.
- **Non-AWSA Officials:** Non-AWSA rated officials may officiate as Event Judges at USA Water Ski/AWSA-sanctioned tournaments in accordance with Rule 6.10. The majority of Event Judges must be AWSA-rated officials at Class R and L tournaments.

STEP TWO - EDUCATION

Education is provided through USA Water Ski-sanctioned AWSA Judges and Scorers Clinics. The three types of clinics are:

- In-Person - typically conducted in a class room type environment. The classroom provides a more interactive environment for participant discussions.
- Online (Go-to Meeting or similar media) – May be combined with an in-person clinic. This method of “virtual” attendance provides opportunities to participate in clinics that are not held locally.
- Continuing Education (CE) - Online modules available through AWSA web site under “Officials Resources”. There are modules for General, Slalom, Trick and Jump. These allow participants to work from their home at their own pace. The software remembers where you were so you do not have to complete modules in a single setting.

Clinics are conducted by Senior Judges and Scorers selected by the Regional Judges and Scorers Committee representatives. Clinic instructors may be located by going to the “Officials’ Resources” section of USA Water Ski’s Web site and selecting “Officials’ Directory.” Select the applicable checkboxes for the area to be searched and select the following options:

- Sport Discipline = “AWS”
- Rating Type = “Judge” or “Scorer”
- Level = “All”
- Check the box “Limit to Instructors Only”

There is a USA Water Ski clinic registration fee for each clinic participant. A clinic may also count as one of the required tournament credits each calendar year. For those counting two clinics toward their maintenance requirements, it is highly recommended that at least one clinic be an In-Person clinic.

Clinic Maintenance Requirements: To maintain their rating, all Regular and Senior Judges and Scorers must attend an Officials’ Clinic once every four (4) years. USA Water Ski will notify all officials that they must attend a clinic early in the last year of this time frame. 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 Credit for Instructors and Participants: Clinic instructors are not required to pay a clinic registration fee but receive full credit toward clinic maintenance requirements. Both judges and scorers receive credit at a Judges Clinic. However, only scorers may receive credit at a Scorers Clinic.

Clinic Duration: It is recommended that a clinic on all three events include at least 6 hours of instruction.

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 is both written and practical (except for Jump). Aspiring Regular and Senior Scorers will receive a rating in jump when also receiving a rating in either slalom or tricks, or both.

Testing Procedures: Once **ALL** advancement requirements (including a clinic) are complete for a given rating level (see [*"Quantitative Requirements for Advancement and Renewal"*](#)), officials wanting to upgrade should contact the USA Water Ski Officials' Coordinator. USA Water Ski will verify that all requirements have been met and explain what is necessary to complete the written and practical exams.

The Regular Judges and Scorers written tests are emailed from USA Water Ski Headquarters, completed at home as open-book and sent back to USA Water Ski for grading. For aspiring Regular Scorers, this test serves as the practical portion as well. Upon passing the written test, aspiring Regular Judges will receive an email notification from USA Water Ski Headquarters with instructions on how to locate a test administrator in their area. USA Water Ski will also copy the regional Judges and Scorers Committee representative to notify them that the official is eligible for practical testing. The Senior Judges and Scorers written tests are administered under the supervision of a test administrator. It is the responsibility of the aspiring official to contact the test administrator and arrange a convenient date and location and advise the committee representative and USA Water Ski. Aspiring Senior Judges must also take the written portion of their evaluation on the same occasion as the practical test. For aspiring Senior Scorers, both the written and practical tests are administered in this manner as well.

Testing Opportunities: Aspiring Regulars Judges/Scorers may take the tests on two different dates per calendar year, aspiring Senior Judges/Scorers only once.

Written Test Format: The open book tests for Regular Judge, Regular Scorer, Senior Judge and Senior Scorer consist of questions relating to the slalom, tricks and jump events, along with questions of general application. Passing percentages are:

- Regular Judge/Scorer: 80% for each section
- Senior Judge/Scorer: 85% for each section

Practical Test Format: The practical exam for judges involves the use of video. Aspiring Regular and Senior Slalom Judges will call several slalom runs. Aspiring Regular and Senior Tricks Judges will call several trick runs, with tricks scores ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 points for Regular and 6,000 to 9,000 points for Senior. The applicant is evaluated on recognition of tricks. Aspiring Senior Judges are also graded on deciding credit/no credit. Passing percentages are:

- Regular Judge: 80% for each event (slalom and tricks)
- Senior Tricks Judge: 80% for credit/no credit; 90% for recognition
- Senior Slalom Judge: 80%

The practical test for Senior Scorer is in written test format. The practical test consists of two sections of questions dedicated to each of the slalom and tricks events. There is no practical exam for Regular Scorer; the Regular Scorer written test serves as the practical test as well. Passing percentages are:

- Senior Scorer: 80% for each event (slalom and tricks)

Pan Am Judge's Rating: A Pan Am judge is appointed to every USAWS sanctioned L & R (IWWF) tournament to ensure IWWF rules are followed. A Senior Judge who seeks to be appointed as the Pan Am Judge to IWWF-sanctioned events must take written and practical exams, more extensive and challenging than those for Senior Judge, to become certified by the Pan Am Tournament Council of IWWF. U.S. candidates must have held a Senior Judge rating for a minimum of five (5) years and have significant experience at class L & R tournaments. However, the Judges and Scorers Committee may be petitioned for exception to the five (5) year minimum, on a case-by-case basis. Senior Judges interested in testing should notify the USA Water Ski Officials' Coordinator who will verify that they have met the five-year requirement.

FAST-TRACK OPTIONS

The following policies are offered as alternatives to meeting quantitative requirements or to expedite meeting requirements:

- **Aspiring Assistant Judge** – Ranking List Level 8 skiers and higher may obtain an Assistant Judge's rating in each event that a Level 8 or higher ranking is held by sending an Assistant Judge's application, with the top portion completed, a written request made by the applicant, or request made by a Regular or Senior official on behalf of the applicant. Level 7 rated skiers may complete only those blanks on the application indicated with an asterisk (*) for each event in which a Level 7 rating is held.
- **Aspiring Regular Judge** – Assistant Judges may apply to test (in a supervised examination setting) to upgrade to Regular Judge in Slalom, Trick, or Jump upon:
 1. a. serving as an Assistant Chief Judge at 2 or more tournaments (Class C or above); or
b. hold a current Ranking List position in the upper half of Level 8 (by event); or
c. hold a current Ranking List position in the upper half of Level 8 in two events and overall to allow testing in the third event.
 2. attending a sanctioned Judges Clinic; and
 3. submitting a resume to the Judges and Scorers Committee for approval (by a majority vote) demonstrating that the applicant has adequate experience and knowledge (substantially equivalent to applicants participating in the traditional judges/scorers training and evaluation programs) to properly judge or score the event(s) for which an upgrade is sought. "Substantially equivalent" experience and knowledge to be demonstrated on a case-by-case basis.
- **Aspiring Senior Judge** – Aspiring Senior Judges may reduce the number of non-Regional/National tournaments required by serving as Chief Judge more than the three minimum times. This experience will substitute for working two tournaments each time it is done, for a maximum of three times. Therefore, the aspiring Senior Judge will have served as Chief Judge for a minimum of three (3) or a maximum of six (6) countable times. This reduces the current requirement by up to three tournaments and provides more relevant experience.
Skiers who hold current "Elite Qualified" status on the Ranking List may also apply to test for a Senior Judges rating (bypassing the Assistant and Regular ratings) upon meeting the following requirements: (a) the skier must hold current Elite qualification (Open or Masters) in the event(s) for which the Senior Judge's rating is sought; and (b) the applicant must have attended a Judges Clinic. Skiers who hold a current Ranking List of Level 9 or higher in two events and overall may apply to test for Senior in the third event.

- **Aspiring Regular Scorer** – Assistant Scorers may apply to test (in a supervised examination setting) to upgrade to Regular Scorer in Slalom, Trick, or Jump upon:
 1. serving as an Assistant Chief Scorer at 2 or more tournaments (Class C or above); and
 2. attending a sanctioned Judges Clinic; and
 3. submitting a resume to the Judges and Scorers Committee for approval (by a majority vote) demonstrating that the applicant has adequate experience and knowledge (substantially equivalent to applicants participating in the traditional judges/scorers training and evaluation programs) to properly judge or score the event(s) for which an upgrade is sought. “Substantially equivalent” experience and knowledge to be demonstrated on a case-by-case basis.

Senior Judges may obtain a Regular Scorer rating by attending a scoring clinic and sending a request to USA Water Ski, Attention Officials’ Programs (officials@usawaterski.org)

Aspiring Regular Scorers may reduce the number of non-Regional/National tournaments required by working as follows: The aspiring Regular Scorer must, alone, set up a tournament on computer, take charge of the scoring of all events and posting scores, and submit required results and reports under supervision of the Chief Scorer. This experience will reduce the quantitative tournament requirements by one (1) tournament, and may be performed twice. Verification of this work can be provided to headquarters via email from the Chief Scorer to officials@usawaterski.org. The aspiring Regular Scorer is responsible for coordinating with the Chief Scorer to ensure work credit is reported to headquarters.

- **Aspiring Senior Scorer** – Aspiring Senior Scorers may reduce the number of non-Regional/National tournaments required by serving as Chief Scorer more than the three minimum times. This experience will substitute for working two tournaments each time it is done, for a maximum of three times. Therefore, the aspiring Senior Scorer will have served as Chief Scorer for a minimum of three (3) or a maximum of six (6) countable times. This reduces the current requirement by up to three tournaments and provides more relevant experience.

HARDSHIP

The Judges and Scorers Committee has the responsibility of ensuring that all officials have the skills necessary to ensure 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. 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 Water Ski (officials@usawaterski.org) and should complete and return it to their regional Judges and Scorers Committee Representative. The representative will in turn forward the form with a Regional Committee member recommendation (yes or no) to USA Water Ski for circulation and voting by the National Judges and Scorers Committee. The petitioner will be informed via email from USA Water Ski 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 credits. The deadline for submission is May 31 of the year following downgrade or 60 days after official USA Water Ski 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, 2017) loses his rating as of January 1 of the next year (2018 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.

Judges and scorers applying for reinstatement must have held the rating applied for within the last five (5) years as verified by USA Water Ski Headquarters. Those applicants not meeting this requirement must start over again. Once an official 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.

Assistant Judge or Scorer: If a person has held a valid Assistant Judge's or Scorer's rating in the previous five (5) years, the individual may reinstate his assistant rating by attending a USA Water Ski/AWSA-sanctioned Officials' Clinic. The clinic registration form should clearly indicate that the person is applying for reinstatement so USA Water Ski Headquarters can verify previous tournament credits. The official should follow-up with Headquarters

Regular Judge or Scorer: If the applicant has held a valid Regular Judge's or Scorer's rating in the previous five (5) years, the individual may reinstate his Regular rating by first attending a USA Water Ski/AWSA-sanctioned Officials' Clinic. Upon completion of the clinic, the applicant must contact USA Water Ski (officials@usawaterski.org) who will in turn verify the date the rating was downgraded to Assistant and then email the appropriate written test. Upon successful completion of the written test, USA Water Ski will notify reinstating Regular Scorers via email with instructions on how to print an updated official's qualification card. Reinstating Regular Judges will be notified by USA Water Ski via email of passing the written test and readiness for practical testing along with how to locate a test administrator in their area. The regional Judges and Scorers Committee representative will also be copied. The applicant will be reinstated as a Regular official upon successfully retesting.

Senior Judge or Scorer: If the applicant has held a valid Senior Judge's or Scorer's rating in the previous five (5) years, the individual may reinstate his Senior rating by first attending a USA Water Ski/AWSA-sanctioned Officials' Clinic. Upon completion of the clinic, the applicant must contact USA Water Ski (officials@usawaterski.org) who will in turn verify the date the rating was downgraded to Regular and send notification to the applicant and regional Judges and Scorers Committee representative of readiness to take the written and practical testing. The applicant will be reinstated as a Senior official upon successfully retesting.

Pan Am Judge: A Senior Judge who also holds a Pan Am rating must meet the normal AWSA reinstatement requirements (clinic, written and practical tests) for Senior Judge except that one or both of the tests may be

waived if the Pan-Am equivalent was passed in the year for which non-renewal resulted in a need for reinstatement.

RETIRED STATUS

Regular or Senior Judges and Scorers may retire at their present rating levels provided they have held a Regular or 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 both written and practical exams. This procedure permits all officials to retire with dignity if they are no longer able to work at tournaments and have not met the requirements for Senior Official Emeritus.

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

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 (10) 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).
6. After final approval, USA Water Ski 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 Water Ski membership (minimum of Supporting membership; Active membership required to officiate).

Emeritus Reinstatement: Emeriti are eligible for reinstatement under these same guidelines.

DEFINITIONS

Biennial Period: The biennial period ends every odd year. For example, requirements to maintain an official's rating for the 2018-2019 period must be completed during the 2016-2017 period.

Assistant Judge: An Assistant Judge may serve as an Assistant Chief Judge or Event Judge in any Class C or lower tournament (and as a slalom event judge or tricks boat judge in any Class E tournament), as well as work (for credit only) under the supervision of a Regular or Senior Judge in a Record Capability tournament, as discussed elsewhere in this manual.

Assistant Scorer: An Assistant Scorer may score or serve as Assistant Chief Scorer or Event Scorer in any Class C or lower tournament. Assistant Scorers may also work (for credit only) at Record Capability tournaments under the direct supervision of a Senior or Regular Scorer, and under the general (not direct) supervision of a Senior Scorer and with the approval of the Chief Judge when there are not enough qualified scorers available.

Regular Judge or Scorer: A Regular Judge or Scorer may serve as Chief Judge or Chief Scorer in any Class C or lower tournament and as an Event Judge or Scorer at Class E or L events, but with a majority of Senior Judges in Class L events.

Senior Judge or Scorer: Senior Judge or Scorer is the highest national rating offered by AWSA. This official may serve as Chief Judge or Scorer or Event Judge or Scorer at all USA Water Ski/AWSA-sanctioned tournaments.

Assistant Chief Judge or Scorer: An Assistant Chief Judge or Scorer at Class C or lower tournaments may be an Assistant, Regular or Senior Judge or Scorer. At all Record Capability tournaments, except the National (Senior required) and the Regional tournaments, he shall be a Regular or Senior Judge or Scorer. His role is determined by the Chief official. At local tournaments, he may be asked to assign all judges or scorers and substitute for the Chief if necessary.

Chief Judge or Scorer: The Chief Judge or Scorer at Class C or lower tournaments shall be a Regular or Senior Judge or Scorer. At all Record Capability tournaments, he shall be a Senior Judge or Scorer. The Chief officials are responsible for ensuring the validity of the sanctioning classification and the correct implementation of all rules and for assigning all working personnel, a role that may be delegated to their Assistants or others. With the assistance of the Chief Scorer, the Chief Judge makes certain that all the necessary paperwork is forwarded to USA Water Ski's Competition Department.

Pan Am Judge: Class R and L tournament are sanctioned by both AWSA and IWWF. As such, a designated Pan Am Judge is required on the panel, to ensure that IWWF rules and sanctioning requirements are being upheld.

APPENDIX

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OFFICIALS' DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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This three step officials' program is designed not only to improve the quality of officiating but also to maintain it. Only those working toward assistant ratings will use the application forms available online under the **"Officials Resources"** section of USA Water Ski's Web site.

Step One - Participation: There are certain quantitative requirements for each rating that must be fulfilled before the official proceeds to the next step. These requirements as well as rating maintenance requirements are outlined on the **AWSA Officials' Program Quantitative Requirements for Advancement and Renewal** sheet posted on USA Water Ski's Web site under the **"Officials Resources"** section.

It is important to record your work as an official in your **Official's Personal Performance Record** and have it signed by the appropriate Chief Official. Performance Record forms are available online from the USA Water Ski Web site. It is also important to verify with the Chief Scorer that your work is accurately recorded on the tournament Officials' Record since this is how your work is credited at USA Water Ski. Most of these records are submitted electronically to USA Water Ski and imported directly into the officials' program. You can track your officials' ratings and tournament/clinic credits for rating maintenance and upgrade online through the **"Members Only"** section of USA Water Ski's Web site under the **"My Officials Ratings"** link.

Step Two - Education: Educational opportunities through on- and off-water clinics are increasingly available, and officials of all levels are encouraged to take advantage of those listed on the **Officials' Clinic Schedule** posted on USA Water Ski's Web site. Be sure to check the schedule often as it is updated when new clinic sanctions are received. Clinic attendance is mandatory for upgrading ratings.

Step Three - Written and Practical Evaluations: The evaluation process has been set up to allow for one, two or three event Assistant, Regular or Senior officials as Judges, Scorers or Drivers.

1. General

- After having completed the quantitative requirements for your next rating, you will contact USA Water Ski's Officials' Coordinator to verify that you have indeed done so and that Headquarters has accurately recorded your work.
- Once verified, Headquarters will contact you with specific instructions for taking the open book written and practical evaluations and notify your regional Drivers' Committee or Judges' and Scorers' Committee representative that you are ready for testing. Qualified test administrators can be located using the **"Officials' Directory"** function located under the **"Officials' Resources"** link on USA Water Ski's Web site.
- Once you have successfully completed both the written and practical evaluations and the appropriate documentation is received by USA Water Ski's Officials' Coordinator, you will be awarded the rating achieved and an updated electronic official's card will be available online through the **"Members-Only"** section of USA Water Ski's Web site.

2. Aspiring Regular Judges and Scorers

- Upon verification of quantitative requirements, USA Water Ski will send you an open book written test, which must be completed within 30 days and returned to USA Water Ski's Officials' Coordinator for grading.
- Since a scorer reconciles, computes and records, the take-home test will constitute both the written and practical portions of the evaluation and, upon passing, you will be awarded a Regular Scorer rating.
- For aspiring Regular Judges who pass the written test, USA Water Ski will notify you and your regional Judges and Scorers Committee representative that you are ready to take the practical evaluation. Practical testing uses video to assess the official's ability to determine slalom buoy counts and call trick runs in the 3,000 to 5,000 point range.

3. Aspiring Senior Judges and Scorers

- Upon verification of quantitative requirements, USA Water Ski will notify you and your regional Judges' and Scorers' Committee representative that you are ready to take the written and practical evaluations.

- For judges, the practical evaluation is accomplished using a video to assess the official's ability to determine slalom buoy counts and call trick runs in the 6,000 to 9,000 point range.

4. **Aspiring Assistant Drivers**

- Complete both the front and back of the AWSA Assistant Driver application and return it to USA Water Ski's Officials' Coordinator. Be sure to retain a copy of the application for your records.
- USA Water Ski will review the application and, upon approval, forward you instructions on how to pay the \$12.50 fee and submit a Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) Review authorization online. Both you and USA Water Ski will be notified of Pass/Fail status.
- Once USA Water Ski is informed that you have successfully passed the MVR Review, they will notify you and your regional Drivers Committee representative that you are eligible to take the written and on-water practical evaluations which are conducted by a panel of three (3) drivers in conjunction with a USA Water Ski-sanctioned AWSA Drivers Clinic. Your Regional Drivers Committee representative will assist you in locating a clinic.
- Upon successful completion of the clinic, the Clinic Instructor(s) will forward your \$10 clinic payment and written/on-water practical evaluations to USA Water Ski to award your Assistant Driver rating.

5. **Aspiring Regular and Senior Drivers**

- Upon verification of quantitative requirements, USA Water Ski will inform you and your regional Drivers Committee representative that you are ready to take the written and on-water practical evaluations.
- The regional Drivers Committee representative will be notified by the test administrator prior to an open book written and on-water practical evaluation to be conducted by a panel of three (3) drivers in conjunction with a USA Water Ski-sanctioned AWSA Class C or higher tournament. The practical evaluation will evaluate the driver's ability in categories such as boat path, speed control, in sync with skier and other driver responsibilities.

Testing Frequency: Please note that in each calendar year, an aspiring regular is permitted to take the test on two different test dates, an aspiring senior only once.

Fast Track Options: As an alternative to meeting the quantitative requirements, skiers may be eligible to take advantage of "Fast Track" options after meeting certain criteria. Please refer to the ***Drivers Policy Manual*** and ***Judges and Scorers Policy Manual*** for available "Fast Track" options and requirements.

AWSA OFFICIALS' PROGRAM

QUANTITATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT AND RENEWAL

(Revised March 2017)

RATING TYPE/ LEVEL	APPLICATION AND ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS												RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS		
	Min. Age	Clinics	Tourns.	Ast. Chief	Chief	Regional Champs.	Tourns. Scored (for non-scorers)	Ast. Chief Scorer (for non-scorers)	Total Minimum # of Tourns. Worked	Written Test	Practical Test	Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) Review	Tourns/ 2 Years	Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) Review/ 2 Years	In-Person or Online Clinics/ 4 Years
JUDGE Assistant	15		Use Application										4		
Regular	17	1	5	2			3		7	1	1		4		1
Senior	18	1	9		3	3	3	2	15	1	1		4		1
SCORER Assistant	15		Use Application										4		
Regular	18	1	5	1					6	1	1		4		1
Senior	18	1	9		3	3			15	1	1		4		1
DRIVER Assistant	16	1	Use Application							1	1	1	4	1	1
Regular	18	1	10	2					12	1	1		6	1	1
Senior	18	1	16		2				18	1	1		6	1	1

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Fast Track Options for Assistant/Regular/Senior Judge, Scorer and Driver – As an alternative to meeting all quantitative requirements, skiers who hold a specified rating on AWSA's National Rankings List are eligible to take advantage of "Fast Track" options to attain certain officials rating. Refer to the respective **Policy Manual** for further details.

Three, Two or Single Event Ratings – An individual working toward a rating upgrade must complete the quantitative requirements for each event for which he is seeking upgrade.

Multiple Officials Rating Credits – An individual is eligible to serve as a judge, scorer and/or driver at one tournament and receive more than one official's rating credit. However, only one credit is awarded per official's rating category (judge, scorer or driver) per tournament. For example, although an individual can be an Assistant Chief Judge and judge one or more events at a tournament, he only receives one rating credit as Assistant Chief Judge or judge, not both, for that tournament.

Judging Credit for Jump – Judges will receive upgrade and maintenance credit for work performed as Shore Judge, Boat Judge, or Video Jump Distance Operator (includes Meter Reader or Master Board Operator),

Grassroots Tournaments – Credit may be obtained for aspiring Assistant Judges working a Grassroots tournament. Full maintenance (not upgrade) credit is awarded to all rated officials.

Regional Tournament Credit for Aspiring Senior Judges and Scorers – Credit may be obtained by work performed at either a Regional or National tournament, including work at both tournaments during the same year. The NCWSA All-Stars and Nationals shall not count toward fulfilling the quantitative requirement of Regional's attendance for upgrading to Senior. An aspiring Senior Judge or Scorer may substitute work at a large Record tournament (50+ skiers) to be counted toward up to two of the Regional/National tournament credits required to upgrade.

Aspiring Senior Scorers and Judges – Aspiring Senior Officials may reduce the number of non-Regional/National tournaments required by serving as Chief more than the three minimum times. This experience will substitute for working two tournaments each time it is done, for a maximum of three times. Therefore, the aspiring Senior Official will have served as Chief for a minimum of three or a maximum of six countable times. This reduces the current requirement by up to three tournaments and provides more relevant experience.

Clinics – Clinic attendance is mandatory for upgrading all ratings. Except for Assistant Judges and Scorers, all officials must attend one (1) USA Water Ski-sanctioned clinic every four (4) years to renew their ratings. A clinic may be used as one (1) tournament credit each year. At the beginning of each odd-numbered year, USA Water Ski will send e-mail notifications to officials who will be required to attend a clinic before the end of the calendar year. Clinics may be in-person, by virtual attendance via the internet (when available), or performed individually through available online continuing education modules.

Renewal Requirements

- For an individual to maintain a judge, scorer or driver rating, he must officiate in the number of tournaments indicated in the renewal column above for each event rated during a two-calendar year period. Renewal requirements are reviewed at the end of every odd year for rating renewal for the next two-year period (i.e., January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017 for renewal for 2018).
- Assistant officials who receive their rating in the "even" year, will only be required to meet half of the renewal requirements above. Assistant officials who receive their rating in the "odd" year are automatically renewed for the next two-year period. These Assistant officials will, however, be required to meet all renewal requirements for the next two-year period.
- Senior Drivers who hold a slalom rating must submit an end course video of their driving performance to their regional drivers' committee representative once a year for review.

Tracking Your Officials Credits for Upgrade/Renewal: An official can view the tournaments/clinics for which he receives officiating credit for both maintenance and upgrade purposes by logging into his "Members-Only" section of USA Water Ski's Web site using his membership number and password and clicking on **"My Official Ratings"** and **"Events."** In the case of discrepancies, the official should contact the applicable Chief Official so that he may contact USA Water Ski and see that proper credit is issued.#

JR. DEVELOPMENT

National Junior Development Year End Report 2017

The National Junior Development Committee had another successful year financially. Skier count was up as evidenced by the 7:00PM B-3 Slalom finishing time at Nationals in Martindale, Texas. While providing funding for regional and national awards, stipends for our National Team (12 member) and National Junior Development Team (24 member), our focus remains, developing more junior skiers. Each region has their own junior development coaching programs. Each region has their own way of funding these programs. Because we have junior development committees changing every year, having a cohesive "national way" continues to be a challenge.

Plans are already underway in Kansas for a Friday night junior awards banquet with the last day of the tournament ending on Saturday August 11th, 2018. Having the awards and the banquet during Night Jump was not the perfect scenario but we did the best we could considering the additional skiers we had to accommodate.

We did come to consensus on rewarding our team members with some sort of national recognition. We have the funding to handle it and the member sponsors/vendors to provide the services.

National event winners were given "winners" bibs to wear at the national event. Throughout the event, spectators knew who the past year's winners were for each event. It was a big hit. Russell Gay deserves all the credit. Next year, the thought is to provide bibs to all of the 2017 winners, even the adults. More on that to follow in the coming months

Recognizing Overall winners at the regional level as well as the national level was well received as well.

For 2018, we plan on continuing the on-line ticket purchase option for the junior banquet. This was championed by Jennifer Parker.

We received comments from many parents with regard to the late night National Junior Banquet. We served over 300 people in the dark but raised enough money to fund 2018 camps and 2018 awards. By combining the junior banquet with the Pro Night Jump, we had a tough time competing for attention.

Please see the attached Profit & Loss statement.

Respectfully,



James DeVito

National Junior Development Chair

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The AWSA Rules Committee Meeting was held on Nov 4, 2017.

Members in attendance:

Richelle Muhlitner, Chair-West
Dave Vogt, West
Dean Chappell, Midwest
Jeff Surdej, Midwest
Gary Noll, East
Dave Allen, East
Bob Mayhew, South Central
Jazmine Gagner, South
Sara Lemley, South
Lori Krueger, Athlete
Alex Lauretano, Athlete
Kathy Ives, South Central through go to meeting

Absent:

Corey Vaughn, Athlete
Jim Grew, non-voting consultant
Dave Clark, non-voting consultant

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOD:

1) Mini course, Survey Results: Mini course OK but not scoring in Class C tournaments. Two different documents submitted as examples for scoring/rules. **See Proposal #16.**

2) Play hard ball with IWWF to unify the rules and eliminate as much of the tech (cameras, recording devices etc) as possible. If they can't adapt then AWSA should break away. **No Action. Our bylaws state that we are to work together with IWWF.**

3) The Jump meter is really part of our archive, and we should just make a section and put all this information in its on section on the Web. TC Resource would be a good place. Thought: Make a rule book for Administration, Class C tournament. All Record tournament will be per IWWF. Take all the site setup/course/tolerance out. Make a different Book for Site Setup/Course (course, tower location, buoy size, rope tolerance, jump ramp tolerances) This shouldn't change, unless IWWF changes. Do the skiers really need to know this information? Yes the judges should know it. All tolerances should be same for Class C as R for setup. This would be the TC Section/Rule Book. **No Action. TC Committee Chair needs to keep this section in our rulebook for now.**

4) Fun format document instead of putting mini course rules in the rule book. **We will be posting additional optional formats for mini courses and fun tournaments on our website. Also a proposal to incorporate Mini Course into Class C rules/rankings. See Proposal #16.**

5) Add back the old "Novice" categories in some of the age divisions (like B3/G3, M/W 1 & 2, then Sr. Men/Women for the rest. **No Action**

6) Include Boys and Girls divisions in the level 10 requirements to get some true professionals out of amateur divisions. **No Action**

7) We need to reword COD with L10. **See Proposal #17.**

8) Proposal regarding two year increments for kids divisions. **No Action, See discussion from Proposal #31.**

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RECOMMENDED RULE PROPOSALS

New Rule Proposals:

PROPOSAL 1: 3.02A/10.06: W4/W5 – Align W4/W5 age divisions with IWWF. W4 will become 45-54 and W5 will become 55-59. No changes in jump speeds are included in this proposal. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).

Rationale: There is a two year difference in these divisions between AWSA and IWWF. This change would allow the women to continue to slalom at the faster speed (34mph). Jump speeds were not considered at this time, but will continue to be reviewed. **Approved**

PROPOSAL 2: 3.02A/9.06C-D/10.06: M4/M5 - Align M4/M5 age divisions with IWWF. M4 will become 45-54 and M5 will become 55-59. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).

Rationale: This will also align with IWWF, and would allow the M4 to continue to jump at the speeds aligned with IWWF for two more years. This will also keep the M/W-4/5 age groups aligned. **Approved**

3.02A Division Chart for above two changes:

Men 4/Women 4	45 - 52 54 years inclusive
Men 5/Women 5	53 55 - 59 years inclusive

PROPOSAL 3: 4.02 ADD/Change

4.02A skier who enters the **Elite** ~~Open~~ division at the Nationals in any event is not required to ski in his Regional Tournament.

Rationale: In the past only Open skiers could skip Regionals. The committee felt that with the new Level 10 and the fact that some skiers do not have the option of which division they ski in, they should have the choice of skipping Regionals. Regional attendance affects their choices for travel. This could attract more skiers to Nationals and possibly more to Regionals if they were going to skip one due to work or if the cost of two tournaments close together proves to be prohibitive.

RC Meeting – Bob M motion, Dave A second, 9-3 **Approved**

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PROPOSAL 4: 4.02C2

Where the new Slalom division has a maximum speed slower than that of the original performance -- the buoy count score carried into the new division will be reduced by 6 buoys ***if the score was achieved in a Class E, L, or R tournament*** (10.06.C).

Rationale: This is a clarification to the current rule which reduces the slalom scores by 6 buoys when a skier moves into a division with a lower max speed. While skiers are allowed to ski faster than Max speeds in a Class C tournament, the committee felt that graduating skiers' scores from the Class E, L or R tournaments should not be transferred at the total buoy count. Skiers will still have the option to ski above max speed if they choose to in their new division.

RC Meeting – Bob M Motion, Gary second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 5: 6.10 Add Driver information:

Equivalencies in Drivers from other Federations. Need direction from Drivers committee. Ham will be sending.

RC Meeting – Waiting on response from Ham. Will include chart in rulebook similar to the one for Judges.

PROPOSAL 6: Add 8.04E, F, G & H

E. For tournament-supplied handle sections, the length shall be 150 cm - 2.5 cm (4'11" - 1") from inside of handle to inside of loop at a load of 20 kg (44 lb). The triangular portion of the bridle is 28 cm ± 4 cm (11 ½" ± 1 ½"), and the length of the handle is 30cm ± 6 cm (11-13/16" ± 2-3/8") (see appendix for diagram). ***The bridle (rope) maximum strain in elasticity is +2.5cm (1"). Maximum length after skiing is 152.5 cm (5'-0").***

F. For skier-supplied handles in the Slalom and Jumping events, the length may be 150 cm + 2.5 cm/~~10cm~~ (4'11" +1"/~~4"~~) from inside of handle to inside of loop at a load of 20 kg (44lb). No tolerance on the triangular portion of the bridle. ***It is the skier's responsibility to ensure that the bridle (rope) does not exceed 152.5cm (5'-0") from inside of handle to inside of loop after skiing at a load of 20 kg (44 lbs).***

G. A Slalom Switch or other appliance may be used to attach the slalom towline to the pylon. When so used, that appliance shall be considered a part of the boat/pylon, may be from 0.47 to 0.51m in length, and with a

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recommended length of 0.50m. The measurements of ropes used with such appliances shall be 0.50m shorter than the values shown in this table.

H. Class E, L and R events pulled with alternating ropes shall use lines of the same model and manufacturer, except for B1, B2, G1, G2, W6, and above when light towlines are available. Light towlines (5MM (3/16") 8 Strands) for L & R are not allowed per the IWWF Rulebook.

Rationale: Since IWWF has adopted the measuring of handles immediately after the skier skis, the TC Committee wanted to have a Pre and Post measurement and include manufacturer specifications in this section of the rules. This ensures that handles measured to actual before skiing will not be too long after they ski. TC Committee has also taken out the minimum length for skier supplied handles.

Approved

PROPOSAL 7: 9.06C-D M7 – Align M7 speeds (jump) with IWWF. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).

9.06 Boat Speed

C. Masters Women, Women 3, 4; Men 5, 6, **7, 8**; Boys 3; Girls 3: 51 kph/31.7 mph

D. Women 5, 6, ~~Men 7, 8~~, 9, 10, 11: 48 kph/29.8 mph

Rationale: Aligns the jumps speeds for M7 to 51k (31.7mph) so that these jumpers are not disadvantaged.

Approved

PROPOSAL 8: 9.06C-D: M8 - Align M8 speeds (slalom/jump) with IWWF. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).

9.06 Boat Speed

C. Masters Women, Women 3, 4; Men 5, 6, **7, 8**; Boys 3; Girls 3: 51 kph/31.7 mph

D. Women 5, 6, ~~Men 7, 8~~, 9, 10, 11: 48 kph/29.8 mph

Rationale: Allows the M8 to ski at the faster speeds to also align.

Approved

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PROPOSAL 9: 9.16C M3 – Align M3 jump height with IWWF by allowing M3 to jump 5.5 or 5. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).

4.The following ratios of ramp height at take-off edge to ramp length out of water shall apply: Masters Men, Open Women, Men 1, ~~and 2~~, **and 3** jumpers will have the option of choosing either the .255 or .235 ramp;

Rationale: Allows the M3 jumpers to have the option of jumping with a 5.5 or 5 foot ramp. There has not been an option before unless those skiers were qualified to ski in the Masters division. This also aligns with IWWF.

Approved

PROPOSAL 10: 9.16F delete/ADD:

F. Skier Furnished Jump Handle: The contestant may furnish his own handle, for which he is entirely responsible, with an attaching loop to attach to the tournament line, and which must comply with the handle section dimensions in the Appendix. The contestant's handle may be of any material. ~~For Class E tournaments personal handles shall be measured by the dock starter immediately before the skier skis.~~ ***It is the skier's responsibility that the handle is in tolerance after skiing.***

Rationale: This is the wording that IWWF will be using.

RC Meeting – Jazmine motion, Gary second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 11: 10.06: M8 - Align M8 speeds (slalom/jump) with IWWF. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).

10.06 Slalom speed chart:

Men 8	49/(30.4) 52/(32.3)
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Rationale: Allows the M8 to ski at the faster speeds to also align. **Approved**

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PROPOSAL 12: 10.06B2: Change

2. In Class C tournaments, ~~the LOC~~ **skiers** may opt to **ski** at ~~allow~~ higher maximum speeds, up to 58kph (36mph) for male divisions and 55kph (34.2) for female divisions, excluding juniors, at **their** ~~its~~ discretion. In this case, the skier shall receive credit for the buoys run at the higher speed.

Rationale: ZBS should not be decided by the LOC, but the skier.

RC Meeting – Jazmine second, Alex second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 13: 11.12 Add:

The boat shall pass on either side of the **RED** entry buoy.

Rationale: The chart in the appendix explains the color of the entry, optional turn and pre start buoys, but no colors are stated in 11.02. More clarity for skiers and officials.

RC Meeting – Bob motion, Jazmine second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 14: 10.08D3: Omits the requirement for a video review judge in Class L

10.08D3 Configuration 3: ONE JUDGES TOWER between 3 and 4

b. This configuration requires two tower judges, live boat video feed to a judge for Class R/L. A boat camera is NOT required for Class C/E. ***If the live boat camera feed/video is available to the two tower judges in Class L, an additional boat video judge is NOT required.*** - see 10.08E below. Also, see Class L/R IWWF Rulebook requirements for use of boat video and video review judge (J4).

c. This is ~~recommended~~ **required** for sites where it is not feasible to have a tower on the opposite side of the course for Class L/R.

E. Boat Video: An additional option ***based on Configuration and Class, but required for Configuration 3 Class L/R.***

1. A camera may be used in the boat to record the pass. This video may be used to resolve any issues.

2. Video Review Options:

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a. ***Class L: When the boat video is available for immediate playback for the two tower judges, a boat video review judge is not required. IF the boat judge score is different than that of either tower judge, the two tower judges must review the boat video to determine the final score. When the live boat video is not available for immediate playback for the two tower judges, follow the same protocol for Class R as described in "b" below.***

b. ***Class R:*** The live boat video will be monitored by a video review judge who will advise the Chief Judge if he disagrees with the event judges' decision. IF the video is available for the two tower, they can review with the boat video review judge to determine the final score. In such a case were a final decision cannot be determined or is not available for the two tower judges, the Chief Judge and the video review judge will review the video to determine the correct score. If they both agree on a score, it will become the official score. If they disagree, or agree that the video does not clearly overrule the score given by the event judges, then that score will stand.

c. Alternatively, the Chief Judge may act as boat video review judge. If he disagrees with the event judges' decision, he will ask the tower judges to review the video again. The final score will be decided by a simple majority.

Rationale: The requirement to have a fourth judge has been omitted in Class L tournaments. **IWWF wording from minutes: For L tournaments, in the case where another judge or Chief Judge is not available (as stated above), and the boat video is available for immediate playback at the shore judge's tower, the 2 shore judges will re-review the boat video to determine the final score when the boat judge score was different from the 2 shore judges, or if they deem it is necessary to decide the final score.**

RC Meeting – Jeff motion, Bob second, Approved

PROPOSAL 15: Delete last sentence

10.162b2 For Class E, L & R tournaments personal handles shall be measured by the dock starter under the supervision of the Technical Controller (or his designee) immediately after the skier skis. Should the handle be out of tolerance, the skier's score in that round will be recorded as zero. (~~See Rule 13.02.F for head-to-head competition~~)

Rationale: No longer needed since the handles are now being measured all the time immediately after the skier skis.

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RC Meeting – Jazmine motion, Bob second, Approved

PROPOSAL 16: 13.04 Mini Course ADD:

At the option of the LOC in Class C and below, skiers may choose to ski mini course buoys:

- 1. Mini course buoys, preferably green in color, are to be placed by the LOC at approximately 8.5 meters from center-line of the slalom course. However, there is NO required measurement or specified tolerance. NOTE: The slalom course for the disabled is 6.4m from center-line.***
- 2. Each mini course buoy is scored as 1/2 point. To get credit, the skier must go through the entry gates, around the mini course buoy and then cross the boat guide line closest to the buoy. No partial credit is awarded for mini course buoys.***
- 3. A mixture of mini course buoys and full course buoys can be used to attain a score. The mixture must be of consecutive buoys. Once a buoy is missed (either mini and/or regular) no more buoys are counted in the scoring of that pass.***
- 4. Mini course scoring will only be used on the first pass in Class C.***
- 5. A skier must make 6 full buoys to get a second pass in Class C.***

13.05 Other Optional Tournament Formats

***For other possible formats see
www.usawaterski.org/AWSA/optionalformats....***

Rationale: This proposal can be used for Class C. This was felt to have enough liberty but also retain enough guidelines to promote beginners into the ranking list. Skiers maximum score using the mini course is limited to 5 ½ buoys. The committee did not want to limit the LOC's from using other options for fun tournaments, which could still be run as Class F if desired.

RC Meeting –Approved mini course. Other options for Class F scores with alternate formats will be placed on the USA Waterski web site under Rules.

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CLEAN UP ISSUES:

PROPOSAL 17: Change 3.03C2 and D2

3.03C2 Additionally, a skier age 18 or greater shall be REQUIRED to compete in the Open Division in an event (or in Overall) if his performance score(s) in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 10 Cutoff rating score for that event **by 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the first Thursday of July ~~on any date, up to the National tournament Cutoff dates,~~** within the current ski year.

3.03D2 Additionally, a skier age 35 or greater shall be REQUIRED to compete in the Masters Division in an event (or in Overall) if his performance score(s) in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 10 Cutoff rating **for that event by 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the first Thursday of July ~~on any date, up to the National tournament Cutoff dates,~~** within the current ski year.

Rationale: Needed to change the wording in Level 10. The Cutoff dates were the same but the BOD changed the COD for Nationals and Level 10 needed to stay closer to Nationals. This gives skiers time to make arrangements depending on their status as an Elite skier.

RC Meeting – Jeff Motion, Dean second, Approved

PROPOSAL 18: 4.02B Change to reflect COD of Nationals.

4.02B Ranking List Qualifications: a skier may qualify for the National Tournament in any event or overall by being ranked Level 8 at the Cutoff Date, which is 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the **first Thursday after the preceding National Tournament.** ~~three weeks prior to the Thursday immediately before the start of the National Tournament.~~

Rationale: We need to change this wording to reflect the decision of the BOD for qualification into the National Tournament. Clean Up item.

RC Meeting – Bob M motion, Jazmine second, Approved

PROPOSAL 19: Corrected after omission when ZBS maximum speeds changed.

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10.06 Boat Speeds and Line Lengths (***This option m******May be used for all Classes but certain scoring options do not conform to follow with IWWF scoring, i.e., a skier will need to make a complete pass at maximum speed before the pass will count on the IWWF ranking list).

Move to 10.06B: Since 10.06A is about minimum speeds and 10.06B is about maximum speeds.

- ~~1. The LOC may opt to allow higher maximum speeds, up to 58 kph (36 mph) for male divisions and 55 kph (34.2 mph) for female divisions, excluding juniors, in a Class C only tournament, at their discretion.~~

B. The maximum allowed boat speeds shall be as follows:

1. A skier may elect to start at a speed higher than his division maximum speed, up to his respective Open Division maximum speed, and may not return to his division maximum speed on subsequent passes. Any passes skied at that higher speed shall receive credit for buoys as though they were being run at his division maximum speed.

2. In Class C tournaments, the LOC may opt to allow higher maximum speeds, up to 58kph (36mph) for male divisions and 55kph (34.2) for female divisions, excluding juniors, at its discretion. In this case, the skier shall receive credit for the buoys run at the higher speed.

Rationale: After we revised the intent of the ZBS we inadvertently left out a rule. Need to put the rule back for the skiers that want to ski above maximum speeds in E, L, or R tournaments. Also was moved to another part of rule that aligns with maximum speeds. There has been confusion on when these two rules should be applied. This is not a change in the intent of the rules.

RC Meeting – Jazmine motion, Alex second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 20: Delete 10.08A3b

IWWF has already taken this wording out of their rulebook. Boat is wider than boat guides.

10.08 Officials and Judging Area

A. Event Judges:

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3. Only one event judge shall ride in the towboat, hereafter referred to as the boat judge.

- a. The boat judge and scorer shall check the boat time for each pass and identify reride situations in accordance with Rules 10.09 & 10.10.
- ~~b. The boat judge shall observe the boat path (see Rule 10.07). If any part of the boat deviates outside the bounds of the boat gates, the boat judge shall award an optional reride if the path of deviation was a disadvantage to the skier. If it was to the skier's advantage, a reride is mandatory.~~
- c. There shall be two or three people in the boat.

Rationale: This is consistent with IWWF and Rule 10.07 covers this.

RC Meeting – Bob motion, Lori second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 21: Delete, is this necessary now?

~~13.02F Handle Measurement: Should the handle be out of tolerance when the boat returns to the dock in a head to head round, the skier's performance in that round will be scored zero and the skier may not continue.~~

Rationale: Not needed since all handles will now be measured immediately.

RC Meeting – Approved.

PROPOSAL 22: Add

14.02 Performance Requirements

For any division, the longest jump distance, highest slalom score, or highest trick score in a round of a tournament of Record Capability shall be considered for a record if it equals or exceeds the official record performed before that round of the tournament. A skier competing in the Open **or Masters** Division may have his performance recognized as a record for his respective age division, provided the performance is accomplished under conditions consistent with the requirements for that age division.....

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Rationale: This has been overlooked and Level 10 discussion this was brought to our attention that the rule needs to include Masters.

RC Ballot Vote – Approved (TC Committee Approved)

PROPOSAL 23: Should this come out of Appendix?? It is in rule 9.03D.

~~JUMP 9.18: Disqualification~~

~~A jumper shall receive no further jumps in a round if, after leaving the boat's wake on a definite cut to the ramp, the jumper elects to pass between the boat course and the ramp, whether or not he retains the tow line. A judgment decision is required by a majority of the Event Judges as to whether the cut is "definite." Also see Rule 7.07.~~

~~Clarification by Rules Committee is that the skier may still record jumps prior to the infraction, score for overall and also qualify for Nationals if this is done at the Regional tournament. (2/26/13)~~

Rationale: This is still in rule 9.03 just not a disqualification.

RC Meeting – Approved.

IWWF ALIGNMENT:

Below are proposals that need approval but follow our Policy and Procedure Manual guidelines.

"11.7 RULES COMMITTEE

Purpose:

The committee shall put into place (subject to Board approval), review, modify as necessary and oversee the competition rules governing AWSA Sanctioned Tournaments with the goal of providing a fair competition for all of the athlete's entered. They shall review the IWWF Rules with the goal of attaining compatibility for the overall competitions held in a combined sanction tournament, so that the athletes can compete without conflicting requirements."

PROPOSAL 24: Match IWWF time between first and second pass when the skier falls.

11.07 Boat Path

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The boat shall follow, as closely as possible, the path specified by the judges for the event. Such path includes the preparation time before each pass. The second pass shall be in the opposite direction. The boat must make a reasonably straight path through the course. If the skier falls during or at the end of the first pass he will receive a maximum of ~~30~~ **45** seconds in which to be ready to be taken by the boat for his second pass. At the skier's option, if he did not fall in his first pass, the boat may stop between passes for a maximum of 45 seconds. In each case the time shall start when the boat gets to the skier.....

Rationale: Matches IWWF wording

RC Meeting – Jeff motion, Dean second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 25: 11.12A IWWF is removing, delete first sentence.

- A. ~~Except in the case of an attempted side slide (see Rule 11.12.J)~~ **Aa** trick is any activity that occurs between two hesitations. Hesitations are defined as the complete stopping of the ski(s) and not the body motion of the skier.

IWWF 15.19: Trick Descriptions and Values

a) ~~Except in the case of attempted side slide turns, A~~ trick is any activity which occurs between two hesitations. ~~In the case of an attempted side slide, the hesitation in the 90-degree position is to be ignored in applying this rule.~~

Rationale: Do we really need the first sentence? This will also be more specific when judging “windshield wiper” side slides where there is no hesitation.

RC Meeting – Jazmine motion, Bob second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 26: 11.12E, H, I and O, Add Credit for wake line tricks when ski/leg not over line and changing wording of trick vs turn for clarity.

11.12E. A wake turn is a trick performed in mid-air while crossing the crest of the wake. A wake turn not executed in mid-air and across the crest of the wake scores zero. The ski will edge towards the wake, then the push/pop comes first then the rotation, or the push/pop and rotation come at the same time. The rotation cannot come before the push/pop. An inadvertent touch of the water with the ski tip during the rotation is acceptable on tricks with 540 degrees or more of rotation. Definition of a Pre-turn: A pre-turn is a turn off of a flat ski where the push/pop comes after the rotation has started.

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All wake line tricks (WL, SL and TWL) where the ski/leg does not go over the line can be credited as wake tricks if the other wake trick criteria are met.

- H. Stepover line tricks (***surface and wake***) are credited only when the free foot touches the ski or water, or lifted ski touches the water. The skier may not put his leg or lifted ski across or on top of the line, the handle or either arm until he begins to execute the turn. The stepover and turn actions must be simultaneous. Immediately on completion of a FB stepover turn, the skier must have at least one arm between his legs holding the handle. It is not required that the free foot or ski touch the water prior to the execution of a stepover turn. A stepover turn not performed according to the rules ***for a 180 or 360 surface turn*** scores zero. (***See 11.12E for wake tricks***)
- I. Toehold stepover tricks must be a simultaneous action. The towing foot may not touch the water during execution of the stepover portion of the ~~trick~~ ***turn***. The touching of the towing foot in the water immediately prior to or during the rotation of the ski while attempting a stepover trick will result in no credit for the trick. However, if the towing foot touches the water after all rotation has been completed, credit will be given.
- O. Once the skier has put the toe strap on his foot, any trick performed in which the foot in the strap intentionally touches the ski during the setup or execution of the ~~trick~~ ***turn*** shall not be scored.

Rationale: AWSA had asked for clarification regarding these tricks. This was addressed at their meeting and now we are incorporating these changes in our rules.

RC Committee – Jeff motion, Jazmine second, **Approved**

PROPOSAL 27: 11.12J Add:

All Side Slides (hand held and toe) includes a 90-degree turn from skiing position and a return to skiing position in the original direction. In order for a Side Slide to be a creditable trick, the skier must hesitate before commencing the trick, turn 90 degrees to either side, stop, return to the starting position, and stop. To perform the reverse, the skier must turn 90 degrees in the opposite direction, stop, return to the starting position, and hesitate again.

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Rationale: Additional clarification and IWWF is using this wording now too.

RC Meeting – Jeff motion, Bob second, Approved

PROPOSAL 28: 11.16C Change

Rope release length? Make it the same as IWWF.

AWSA 11.16C A rope trick release mechanism up to **1.25 meter (49")**
~~60cm (24")~~ may be used (see Rule 11.18B).

Rationale: Make the length the same for both. Originally 1 meter was submitted but IWWF has 1.25m.

RC Meeting – Jeff motion, Bob second, Approved. (OK per Safety Committee)

PROPOSAL 29: ADD IWWF wording to 11.20

The Tricks event shall be recorded at all Class E, L and R tournaments (and other tournaments whenever possible) by a video camera from the boat. It is recommended that the camera be held/mounted higher than top of windshield to provide a clear view of the ski. If more than one video camera is used, the Chief Judge **and Technical Controller** shall declare one as **the primary camera and one as the secondary** prior to the start of the event. (See Rules 11.08.A, 11.08.B and 11.08.F)

Video from the boat shall be used for primary judging. ***For judging purposes and the record review process, only video from the official camera(s) may be used. The official camera(s) may be any video from the boat as determined by the Technical Controller and Chief Judge.***

IWWF 10.11: Video Specifications

Video to be used:

For Judging purposes and record review process, only video from the official cameras can be used. **The official camera may be any video from the same view (example from boat) as determined by the Homologator and Chief Judge**

Rationale: This is TC Committee recommendation, rules committee changed a few of the words. Intent matches IWWF.

RC Meeting – Approved.

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PROPOSAL 30: Change Handle specifications in Appendix.

Reworded the "note" and placed more information into Rule 8.04.

***Note:**

1) For tournament-supplied handle sections, the bridle length shall be 150cm -2.5cm (4'11" – 1") inside handle to inside loop with 20 kg (44lb) load.

2) For skier-supplied handles in the Slalom and Jumping event, the bridle length may be 150cm +2.5cm (+1") inside handle to inside loop with 20kg (44lbs).

3) The maximum bridle length of all SLALOM handles after skiing is 152.5cm (5'-0") with 20kg (44lb) load.

4) All measurements are from inside the handle to inside of loop.

~~**Note:** For tournament-supplied handle sections, the bridle length shall be 150 cm \pm 2.5 cm (4'11" \pm 1") the triangular portion of the bridle 28 cm \pm 4 cm (11 ½" \pm 1 ½"), and the length of the handle 30cm \pm 6 cm (11-13/16" \pm 2-3/8") (see diagram). For skier-supplied handles in the Slalom and Jumping events, the tolerance on the bridle length shall be +2.5 cm/-10 cm (+1"/-4) with no tolerance on the triangular portion of the bridle. All measurements shall be from inside of handle to inside of loop.~~

~~A Slalom Switch or other appliance may be used to attach the slalom towline to the pylon. When so used, that appliance shall be considered a part of the boat/pylon, may be from 0.47 to 0.51m in length, and with a recommended length of 0.50m. The measurements of ropes used with such appliances shall be 0.50m shorter than the values shown in this table.~~

Rationale: IWWF has changed when the handle is measured. Because of rope specifications we want to make sure that when handles are measured before skiing as actual then they will not be too long when measured after skiing. Rope specifications were incorporated into rule 8.04 E, F, G & H.

IWWF wording, Personal handles shall be measured by the dock starter under the responsibility of the Homologator, immediately **after** the skier skis. Should the handle be out of tolerance following a skier return to the dock, **the skier's performance in that round is deleted.**

RC Meeting – Approved. This matches AWSA's rules and intent. TC Committee has approved.

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**PROPOSALS NOT APPROVED OR NO ACTION TAKEN:
The recommendations to other committees are in yellow.**

PROPOSAL 31: 3.02A Junior Divisions – On hold until IWWF makes any changes.

Rationale: The committee recognized that there is strong support for these division changes. IWWF is in the process of adding divisions within their rules. We want to make sure that we align to get the speeds and age divisions correct. This would require extra programing once everything is finalized. We will continue to discuss with members of AWSA.

No Action

PROPOSAL 32: Goes along with 3.03 change?

~~3.01 Amateur and Professional Status~~

~~There shall be no distinction between amateurs and professionals.~~

Rationale: Goes with the next proposal. This was voted down by the BOD last year.

No Action

PROPOSAL 33: Change 3.03 All changes as submitted see discussion at end of proposal.

3.03 Elite Division Competition

A. Elite Divisions. There shall be two Elite Divisions of competition:

1. The Open Division may be entered by any skier of any age who is Open Qualified.
2. The Masters Division may be entered by any skier age 35 or greater who is Masters Qualified.
3. Entry into either Elite Division may be Required or Optional depending on the Qualification Level as defined below.

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B. Elite Qualification Levels and Durations. For each of the two Elite Divisions, there shall be two Qualification Levels.

1. Level 9 which is optional for Elite Division participation.
2. ~~Level 10 which is mandatory~~ **Entry** for Elite Division participation **as follows.**

a. Open Division. Open Division participation is mandatory for any skier, age 18 or greater, who has placed in the top 5 placements at an elite level tournament, defined as a tournament where the total cash prize exceeds \$10,000, in either the previous or current ski year. Mandatory entry is only for the event(s) that the participant placed in the top 5.

b. Masters Men slalom: For M3, M4 and M5, the top 3 placements from each Regional Championship and the top 5 placements from the National Championship, AND who have also achieved a performance of 1 at 10.25m / 55kph at any Class C or higher tournament, are required to ski in the MM division for the following ski year. In the following ski year, if the MM skier fails to place in the top 3 at Regionals or top 5 at Nationals OR fails to meet the performance requirement, he may choose to ski in his age division or MM for the next ski year.

Entry into Masters Men Trick, Jump and overall, and all Masters Women events are optional for all other level 9 qualifications.

These Qualification Levels are further described in sections C-G that follow.

C. Open Qualification:

1. A skier of any age shall be ELIGIBLE to compete in the Open Division in an event (or in Overall) if his ranking score in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 9 Cutoff ranking score for that event on any date within the current ski year.

~~2. Additionally, a skier age 18 or greater shall be REQUIRED to compete in the Open Division in an event (or in Overall) if his performance score(s) in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 10 Cutoff rating score for that event on any date, up to the National tournament Cutoff dates, within the current ski year. This rating score for each event will be established annually by the Skiers Qualification Committee provided there were at least five skiers in that event who met that qualification in the most recently completed preceding ski year; otherwise entry into the Open Division will remain OPTIONAL.~~

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- a. Junior Skiers (Boys 1-3 or Girls 1-3) are exempt from ~~theis~~ mandatory requirement to compete in the Open Division.
- b. Skiers, age 35 or greater, who have an Open Level ~~109~~ ranking in an event (or in Overall) may elect to compete in that event in the Masters Division rather than in the Open Division.
- c. Open, ~~Level 10~~ and Masters ranked skiers **meeting the mandatory criterial above** may ski in their respective age division for score only and no placement. Their scores will be posted in the Open **or Masters** Division and will not be included in the age division ranking list for that event(s). This option would not apply at Regionals or Nationals.

D. Masters Qualification:

- 1. A skier age 35 or greater shall be ELIGIBLE to compete in the Masters Division in an event (or in Overall) if his ranking score in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 9 Cutoff ranking score for that event on any date within the current ski year.
- ~~2. Additionally, a skier age 35 or greater shall be REQUIRED to compete in the Masters Division in an event (or in Overall) if his performance score(s) in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 10 Cutoff rating score on any date, up to the National tournament Cutoff dates, within the current ski year. This rating score for each event will be established by the Skiers Qualification Committee provided there were at least five skiers in that event who met that qualification in the most recently completed preceding ski year; otherwise entry into the Masters Division will remain OPTIONAL.~~

E. Duration.

- 1. A skier will maintain their Level 9 ~~or 10~~ Open or Masters qualification status through the National Tournament at the end of the ski year in which they attained that Elite status.
- 2. A skier with a ~~level 10~~ **mandatory** Open or Masters qualification (as defined in 3.03(**be**)2 ~~or 3.03(d)2~~ above) in an event (or in Overall), who is therefore REQUIRED to compete in the Open or Masters Division, will therefore NOT be eligible to compete in their age division in either Regionals or Nationals. Consequently, such skiers shall no longer count towards the Qualification Levels and Cutoffs for their age division in that event.

F. Elite Overall Provisions:

- 1. GENERAL: A skier having an OVERALL Elite qualification may compete in the Elite Division in any of the three events, even if an Elite qualification is not held for the individual event.

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2. LEVEL 9: Skiers, who have a Level 9 ranking in Overall and wish to compete in Overall, may choose to ski in their age division events.

3. ~~LEVEL 10~~ **Open / Masters**: Skiers **meeting the mandatory criteria of 303.B.2.a and b** ~~having an elite level 10 ranking in Overall~~, and wishing to compete for Overall, may only do so in the Elite Division and shall be required to ski all three events in that Elite Division.

4. TOURNAMENTS WITH PLACEMENT: Skiers with a level 9 ~~or 10~~ qualification in one or two events and skiing in a tournament with placement, such as Regional or National tournaments, may ski in the 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 Overall placement.

5. TOURNAMENTS WITHOUT PLACEMENT: At all other tournaments, skiers with a level 9 ~~or 10~~ event qualification may use their Elite score to obtain an Overall age division score provided the score does not exceed the division's parameters (speed or ramp height).

G. Determination of Elite Cutoff Scores.

1. WHEN: The Open and Masters Cutoff ranking scores shall be determined each day, from the distributions of ranking scores in each event on that day.

2. OPEN CUTOFFS: The Open Cutoff (Level 9) ranking score for each event shall be the lowest ranking score in Level 9 as determined by the collection of skiers in that event with ranking scores in the M1, M2, and OM divisions for men and the W1, W2, and OW divisions for women. ~~The Level 10 rating score for each event shall be set annually by the Skiers Qualification Committee.~~

3. MASTERS CUTOFFS: The Masters Cutoff (Level 9) ranking score for each event shall be the lowest ranking score in Level 9 of the collection of skiers in that event with ranking scores in the M3, M4 and MM divisions for men, and the W3, W4 and MW divisions for women. ~~The Level 10 rating score for each event shall be set annually by the Skiers Qualification Committee.~~

4. GOVERNANCE: The percentile targets for Levels 9 shall be set by the Skiers Qualification Committee in accordance with directives approved by the AWSA board.

5. DUAL RANKINGS: If a particular skier has rankings in more than one of the divisions in either of these collections for an event, that skier shall only be counted once for that collection, with the higher of those scores.

6. JUMP VARIATIONS: Where jumping speeds and/or ramp heights differ between the divisions which contribute to one of these collections, suitable

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adjustments (as defined by the Skiers Qualification Committee) shall be made to those scores to put them on a common basis for the applicable Elite Division.

Rationale:

I suggest a mandatory entry for Open Division based on placement at "Elite" level tournaments. As a starting point, the top 5 placements at any tournament with a total cash prize exceeding \$10,000. Other placements/criteria could be considered, but I think the simpler, the better. This will ensure that the true "Elite" level skiers cannot ski their age division, but still allows the person who works a full time job, but just happens to be a really good skier can compete in his/her age division if they desire. The level 9 optional entry would remain the same. IMO, juniors should be exempt from mandatory entry into Open even if they are world record holders.

For the old folks in Master divisions. I believe 99% of this is driven by Masters Men Slalom, with the other events and the Women getting dragged along with the tide. While I personally think entry into MM should be optional, if there truly is an organizational desire to force some into MM, then placement at major tournaments, along with a very high performance standard, is a much better way. My suggestion is that for M3, M4, and M5, the top 3 from each Regionals and the top 5 from Nationals, who have also skied at least 1@41, have to step up to MM for the following ski year.

Skiers who meet the mandatory requirements would not be counted in the age division ranking list.

The attached Word document has my suggested red line changes to rule 3.03. Rule 3.01 should be deleted since it really has no affect and my recommendation for mandatory entry into Open is partially based on prize money.

RC Meeting - No Action, This rewrite was very well written with a lot of good ideas but the committee does not think a change is as necessary as a reevaluation of the ranking required to enter the Elite division. Jeff motion, Bob M second, RC recommends that the Skiers Qualifications Committee investigate the Level 10 ratings. The RC currently feels the Level 10 ratings in all three events are too low in order to mandate skiing in an Elite division.

PROPOSAL 34: Possible clarification.

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3.03B2b. Skiers, age 35 or greater, who have an Open Level 10 ranking rating in an event (or in Overall) may elect to compete in that event in the Masters Division rather than in the Open Division, but shall not be required to ski either of these elite divisions if the five skier requirement (see section 3.03(d)2 below) has not been met for that Masters event.

Rationale: Should a skier like Freddy or Scot Ellis who has skied Open be allowed to ski M3 jump since there aren't 5 in MMJ?

RC Meeting – No action, felt that there would not be enough skiers to justify making more changes to this rule.

PROPOSAL 35: 6.03E Recommendation from J&S to let officials who need to upgrade to Senior co-chief at record tournaments to fulfill the requirement in areas where there are not enough Class C tournaments????

At Class C tournaments or Class C portions of mixed-class tournaments:

1. The chief officials shall preferably be separate officials.
2. An official (Chief Judge, Driver and Scorer) may co-chief (both officials simultaneously on site) with an official who is currently rated for those events to satisfy the requirements for advancement to senior.

Rationale: Some regions have more RC tournaments and to fulfil the requirement to upgrade to a senior official the upgrade states the official needs to be a chief of a tournament. We cannot use a less qualified official for an IWWF tournament. Rules recommended that the J & S review and would assuming the duties of an ACJ be acceptable as a requirement.

RC Meeting – No Action, This should be handled by the Judges and Scorers Committee.

PROPOSAL 36:

11.03 Trick Pass

Positioning tricks at the start of a pass must be done before the entrance buoy, unless the skier declares a positional trick to the boat driver/judge prior to his run. Any trick completed before the entry buoy will be treated as

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a positional, out of course trick. Any trick completed after the entry buoy will be treated as an in course trick, unless the skier declares a positional trick to the boat driver/judge in advance. ***When using hand timing in Class C tournament and start cannot be reviewed, the first trick when started before and ended after the entry buoy will be no credit.***

OR, To make it simple, why not state ***for Class C, live (no video) manual timing, the timing of the pass begins on the first trick (see 11.03A123) after the entry buoy.***

Rationale:

The average shore timer cannot determine if a trick starts before and end on either side of a buoy moving 18mph.

This does conflict with video, but lets make it easy for C.

RC Meeting – No action, Felt this was getting too complicated and was not a necessary addition to the rules.

PROPOSAL 37: 11.12D? Change:

New trick number 5a – O, 7F

New trick number 5b - BB, 5B, 5F, 7B

Rationale: Would like to separate #5 (O, BB, 5B, 5F, 7B, 7F) because they are all different tricks that require different movements and control to achieve them. It would also be encouraging for some beginner trickers along with those that may not be able to do toe tricks.

RC Meeting – Jeff motion, Jazmine second, Disapproved. Recommend bringing this to IWWF first. AWSA has tried having different tricks but it becomes too confusing for skiers and officials.

PROPOSAL 38: 11.12F4 Delete

~~*4. For trick number 5, reverse tricks are limited to 360 degrees but may follow a 360 degree, 540 degree, or 720 degree turn.*~~

I am curious as to why it was grouped in the first place? And if you do a 720, why can you only do a 360 as a reverse?

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- D. Credit may be received for performance of only one trick and the associated reverse, if any, on one ski, and one trick and the associated reverse, if any, on two skis under each number listed. If a trick skier performs two tricks under the same number, the higher scoring trick should be credited regardless of which is performed first. Tricks may be repeated, but a repeated trick scores zero unless the judges ruled that the first attempt or attempts were unsuccessful.

RC Meeting – Jeff motion, Jazmine second, Disapproved. Recommend bringing this to IWWF first. See above

PROPOSAL 39: ADD new trick T7BB and RT5F have video from Eric Lee

RC Meeting – No action. Committee reviewed the video and recommend that this should be brought to IWWF. Possibly enlisting current trick skiers comments.

PROPOSAL 40: ADD

AWSA Rules Amendment Request Form

In order to request that the rules be amended you must be a U.S. Citizen and a current member of USA Water Ski with AWSA listed as your primary sports division. This form must be submitted in electronic format to the Chairman of the Rules Committee by August 31st to be considered for the upcoming year.

AWSA primary sports division? Y yes no

Rule number to change? 11.12 (ex. 1.08)

Suggested wording:

11.12 B) 1) A clearly recognizable trick shall be credited. Deductions for obvious form breaks shall be limited to 10% per each form break.

11.12 E) replace “zero” with “a deduction”

11.12 H) “zero” with “a deduction”

11.12 I) replace “no credit” with “a deduction”

Reason: Regular trick judges are taught to recognize tricks. Regular judges make up the bulk of the judging at most tournaments so most scores are based on the recognition of tricks – not close scrutiny of credit/no credit. Thus it is reasonable to give a score based on identification of the trick. A 10% cut for a form break is quite reasonable and will improve consistency of scores. Some tricks may have more than one form break (example: tip drag and short landing) so multiple 10% deductions may be appropriate.

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Background: Trick judging is quite subjective. Unfortunately the subjectivity manifests in an all or nothing score. No other performance based sport gives all or nothing based on subjective assessment of form breaks. A deduction system is reasonable, workable and will enhance the consistency of judging and scoring. A sloppy SLO has much more spectator appeal than a perfectly executed surface O. Let's remove the random inconsistency for the skiers, make the scoring match what the spectators see, encourage fun exciting tricks and make the skier's display the focus of tricks – not the judge's philosophy. Partial credit for tricks will solve the trick judging problem and encourage more skiers to try fun exciting tricks.

Rationale: This was brought up the last two years and Rules Committee has not taken any action on this concept. This is a total change in judging and scoring and AWSA would need to be the same as IWWF. Currently IWWF is not working on this.

RC Meeting – No action.

PROPOSAL 41: Or recommendation.

Recommendation that boats do not speed back to dock with trick handles

RC Meeting – No action. Not a rule

PROPOSAL 42: Possible change, IWWF has opened up dual duties, do we want to change ours?

15.05 Qualifications of Officials

- A. At Class E tournaments, the Chief Judge shall be a Senior Judge, and may serve as an event judge. The other Appointed Judges shall be either Senior or Regular Judges. The Chief Boat Driver shall be a Senior Driver. The Chief Scorer shall be a Senior Scorer. All chief officials (Chief Judge, Chief Driver, Chief Scorer, Chief Technical Controller and Chief Safety Director) shall be separate individuals.

IWWF now allows duplication of duties:

Any combination of two of the following positions may be held without conflict: Chief Judge/Driver/Scorer/Homologator/Judge

Yet this wording is still in the body of the rule: The Chief Judge shall supervise all judging and scoring operations and shall select the Judges and the assistants for each event. (For the choice of the Jury for each event, refer to articles 13.09, 14.11, 15.11).

The Chief Judge, who must not serve as an Event Judge, shall assign to his assistant those duties he deems appropriate.

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Rationale: Certain Federations are unable to run tournaments unless they have multiple duties allowed. While this may only pertain to World Championship tournaments not Ranking List tournaments, this could be confusion a little confusing.

RC Meeting – No action, Based on the current wording in the AWSA rulebook, there appears to be no changes to the AWSA rules. Also, this needs input from Judges and Scorers Committee.the

PROPOSAL 42: Add/Change/Clarification/Exception

For a State Tournament can two different sites put together events to make an overall score (maybe one site doesn't have a jump?)

Rationale: Should this be in the rulebook, appendix (interpretations) or left up to EVPs? How would IWWF feel about their site IDs?

RC Meeting – No action, Recommend that the EVP handle these exceptions.

PROPOSAL 43: Clarification

If there is a weather delay and all four rounds run on one day, is that OK? Weather problems affecting 4 round tournaments?

RC Meeting – No action, This should be handled by the LOC and officials per the rulebook.

PROPOSAL 44: Clarification

Should we have something in Clarifications about the direction of tricks?

WB (to right)

WF

RWB nc (to left)

RWF nc

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WB nc (to left)

WF nc

RWB (to right) because the basic is nc this becomes WB repeat

RWF because the basic is nc this becomes WF repeat

Rationale: Direction of turns needs to be remembered when applying reverse tricks. The example has a few tricks between the sequences and the direction of the first RWB/RWF are the same as the second WB/WF. This could result in skiers getting more points on tricks that they are unable to do

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in certain directions so they are switched. This was addressed at the IWWF level in the recent meeting. This was the scoring applied.

RC Meeting – No action, Recommend this to be sent to the Judges and Scorers Committee to be addressed in Judges and Scorers training material.

CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The committee members are changing.
Dave Vogt (West) is stepping down and will be replaced by Ryan Nason.
The AAC will be replacing some of their members due to USOC restrictions.
Dave Clark and Jim Grew are currently consulting members and are invaluable to our committee. Their input is greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much to Dean and Becky for organizing the meeting hospitality.
Thank you to the Leutz family for letting us invade their home for the meeting, we had a great viewing area.
Special thanks to Sara for taking minutes.
Thanks to the Garcia family for putting on a great event (KOD) for all of us to enjoy after our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Richelle Muhlthner, AWSA Rules Chair

SAFETY

AWSA Safety Committee Report 2018 Winter AWSA Board of Directors Meeting

The Safety Committee receive one requests from Richelle of the Rules Committee,

PROPOSAL 21: 11.16C Change

Rope release length? Make it the same as IWWF.

AWSA 11.16C A rope trick release mechanism up to **1.25 meter (49")** ~~60cm (24")~~ may be used (see Rule 11.18B).

Rationale: Make the length the same for both. Originally 1 meter was submitted but IWWF has 1.25m. Should match.

RC Meeting – Jeff motion, Bob second, **Approved. This change needs to be reviewed by safety.**

A 4 yes, 2 no and 1 no reply in favor of the IWWF's rule is the vote from the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Babcock, Chairperson

TECHNICAL

This report from the AWSA Tech Control Committee is to update the Board on items with which the committee has been involved since the last board meeting.

**There's only two (2) action that requires the BOD to evaluate at this time
(marked in RED – EC Dropbox & Trick Renewal)**

RECORDS (Calendar year 2017):

Total = 29 Natl Records submitted by 16 different skiers; 21 approved; 8 rejected (2 boat path, 6 tricks)

RECORD TOURNAMENTS (Calendar year 2017):

No Class E standalone tournaments.

Southern	63+3*	* Indicates number sanction tours with a different sanction number, on the same weekend, same site.
South Central	19+3*	
Western	23+2*	
Midwest	8	
East	1	
TOTAL=	122	

2018 TC Committee ACTIONS / RESULTS

EC VIDEO

SLALOM END COURSE VIDEO required per IWWF Rule 14.15 (EC Video):

Per current rules, all Class L and R tournament EC Video are to be submitted to Pan-Am Council.

In 2017 a DROP box was setup for the TC's to upload video.

Pan-AM wants **ALL** the EC Video to be uploaded,

As of 12/17, NO consensus between PANAM/IWWF and AWSA on a common protocol.

(We know that Canada is not submitting all their EC Video, and other countries only have a few record tournaments)

AWSA Driver Chairmen and AWSA TC Chairmen think that we should have a protocol as follows:

- Driver- Upload only ONE 30-minute segment (ONE per YR). NOT each tourn. The DRIVER can notify the TC if not submitted or has been submitted. This will satisfy the Driver Requirements where he/she must submit video for maintenance.
- ELITE (OPEN and MASTER)- ONE round per tourn.
- SKIER: Women who complete a 39off pass (her highest tourn score);
Men who complete 41off pass (his highest tourn score) *(should be covered under B above)*.
- EC Video available for one year (either by the TC or the Tourn Host) (per current IWWF/AWSA rules).
- RANDOM: AWSA/PANAM/IWWF could and should request EC Video from selected tournament specifying segments/division within 2 weeks of the tournament.
- Each CJ/CD, enforce the rule to ensure someone is watching the EC Video full time (per current AWSA Rule).

EC VIDEO DROPBOX LINK (REQUIRES BOD Approval)

We have a link for anyone to UPLOAD EC Video. Anyone with this link can upload, but cannot view.

The videos are manually transferred to a SHARED FOLDER (File name SANCTION number).

Anyone with this link (shared folder) can view.

The LINK is posted on the Southern Regional Web Site.

West has their own drop box.

- Should AWSA have just ONE DROP BOX for all EC Video?
or several drop boxes (one for SR, one W, one for all other regionals combined).??
- Should the LINKS be posted on the AWSA WEB SITE to where anyone can review
(under OFFICIALS RESOURCES AND TC RESOURCE)??
- AWSA BOD – What should be the protocol- Recommendation??

NEEDS to be voted on by each REGION and AWSA BOD.

(My recommendation would be ONE DROP box for all and the links for UPLOADING and REVIEW under TC Resources and the Officials Resources only, Each Regional TC Chairmen/Driver would have password as the administrator)

SURVEY DATA:

Emmanuel Lion's TC and Survey Program (ASCII format)- When used (**recommended**), the survey is auto submitted with the TC Report and will be uploaded in WSTIMS.

The TC Reports is now being submitted to each Region TC Member.

IF the survey is done using a different data base, it is to be saved as PDF/txt and attached to the TC report and uploaded in WSTIMS. The files being uploaded are ASCII files, and can be re-opened using Lion's Homologation Report (if original used) to obtain the survey data. We continue to encourage all TC to use Lions Homologation and Survey program to provide consistence.

TRICKS:

Splasheye Tricks for Captured Trick Video: 99% of trick tournaments in USA are captured on SD card, then judged/timed. Donal has made available a Free Splasheye Trick Program (upgrade \$100) to judge and time tricks that are captured on external card. The TC Committee strongly recommends the upgrade program for each club to make it consistent between tournaments. This program operates the same as the live version.

TRICK TCs RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:

The TC Committee passed a new renewal requirement for tricks. (**REQUIRES BOD Approval**)

If a SLALOM or JUMP TC renewal requirements have been met, he/she auto meets the renewal requirements for Tricks. This was based on the TC renewal requirements for slalom/jump actually meeting the same requirements for Trick TC renewal; and there's not enough trick tourn. Drivers Trick maintenance should follow the same procedure. This is NOT auto tracked in the AWSA Data Base, and requires manually input. Additional work is required between AWSA and TC Chairmen. The qualification form will be updated.

MINI COURSE: See Rule Change Proposal: A request was submitted to the TC Committee to specify a distance from CL for a mini course. The TC committee members VOTED NO to specified tolerance. (Wake Board, Disable (6.4m) and INT league (7.5m) all have a different measurement for turn buoys). TC Committee made a recommendation to use 7.5m from CL with NO SPECIFIED measurement or TOLERANCE.

SLALOM HANDLE: See Rule Proposal: Some of the notes were removed from the Appendix to Section 8.04. Removed the minimum tolerance for skier supplied handles and change the tourn supplied handles to a minimum of -1" (.0252m). Reworded that the PRE-tolerance should be 1.500m, if longer the skier would be at risk when measured after skiing. POST tolerance is 1.5252m. Manufactures allowable elongation is 0.0252m.

MASTER WOMEN SLALOM BENCHMARK: We were asked by several skiers to revisit the benchmark which is 1@41 (W3 Record). (I have not received everyone vote from the TC Committee Members, but so far everyone (majority) recommend leaving as is).

2018 TC OUTSTAND ISSUES:

CLASS E: Should Class E tourn be deleted? Since we allow 4 rounds per Sanction that matches IWWF and Class E does not apply to IWWF Standing LIST, maybe time to delete. Run G1 as Class C?

NATL RECORDS: IF the new rule is passed on changing the age per division/speeds/jump ramp height AND a record is submitted in 2018/2019 under different criteria than previous, Both the OLD and NEW record will be posted for ONE year. This is the protocol that has been done in the past. This does not INCLUDE were a skier may ski faster than the Division Speed, RECORDS are based on DIVISION SPEED only.

TC CLINIC: Different TCs are working on various modules and this will be posted with a link for anyone to view in the same manner as the Official Online (Quizegg). (Video training on Jump Setup/ Measuring jumps/ Boat Video using Wi-Fi/ Verifying Boat Centerline/ Update Equipment List/etc.).

Buoy Size: I have requested that IWWF evaluate a minimum tolerance for turn buoy. A lot of turn buoys are actually smaller than the minimum (recommended). Video and Pic will be submitted to IWWF for evaluation.

Digital Video Recording: Need to look at the current rule and clarify what is acceptable for camera vs recording. (Resolution/ratio, etc.).

Slalom Handle: Issue a clarification/ post on AWSA Web site, about the elongation of rope and handles too inform everyone and the risk. MFG maximum tolerance is 1.500 m (4'-11") under static load of 44#. However, under a dynamic load (skier applying a loading) AWSA/IWWF does NOT specified an elongation tolerance on handle/bridle section. AWSA does have a specified limited elongation (stretch) tolerance on the rope, which is;

"Elongation at 115 kg (250 lbs.) tensile load, 2.6% + 0.4%" and test should it may take up to 1 hour to return to its original dimension.

(example 5 ft. = 60"; elongation tolerance = +1.8"). (a skier can apply up to 800# when skiing).

The specifications and test are based on ambient temperature (66-72deg F). Temperature will impact the elongation. Higher the temperature the more a rope can stretch under dynamic load.

Based the current rules, handles will be checked after skiing, it is the skier's responsibility to ensure that is does not elongate (stretch) greater than the maximum of 5ft (1.5252m) after skiing under 44# static load.

The TC Committee has done several tests and strongly recommends that a handle be no longer than 1.500m (4'11") under static load of 44# PRIOR to skiing. This should eliminate any handles being out of tolerance after skiing.

Slalom Record Checker: Splasheye EC Video is available but is a manual process. Where BC Record Checker auto position the boat at the buoy based on speed/rope length, but its Wind XP format. We need a more auto process like BC but for Windows 7/10. Donal is working on a Record Checker Program that will be easier for all Regional TC Chairmen to use.

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