



SHOW SKI COVID-19 SCENARIOS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's) v-4

Show Ski Scenarios Based on State/Local Guidelines

- **Scenario #1**
 - If State/Local Government Guidelines state:
 - Shelter-In-Place and/or Safer-At-Home is in effect
 - Group gatherings of any size are not allowed.
 - Social distancing of 6 ft is required.
 - These activities ARE permissible due to State/Local Guidelines:
 - A single individual skiing behind his/her personal boat or club boat.
 - These activities ARE NOT permissible due to State/Local Guidelines:
 - An individual skiing with anyone who they are not sheltered in place with.

- **Scenario #2**
 - If State/Local Government Guidelines state:
 - Shelter-In-Place and/or Safer-At-Home is lifted and no longer in effect.
 - Group gatherings of any size are not allowed.
 - Social distancing of 6 ft is required.
 - These activities ARE permissible due to State/Local Guidelines:
 - A single individual skiing behind his/her personal boat or club boat.
 - These activities ARE NOT permissible due to State/Local Guidelines:
 - An individual skiing with anyone who they are not sheltered in place with.

- **Scenario #3**

- If State/Local Government Guidelines state:
 - Shelter-In-Place and/or Safer-At-Home is lifted and no longer in effect.
 - Group gatherings of 10 people or less are allowed.
 - Social distancing of 6 ft is required.
- These activities ARE permissible due to State/Local Guidelines:
 - Team sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, competitions) involving Acts in which 6 ft of social distancing can be maintained while on/in/off the water. (i.e. Swivel, Jump, Barefoot, ATB, Hydrofoil, Wakeboard, Trick Ski, etc.)
 - Return to specific Individual Acts Competition (i.e. Swivel and Freestyle Jump)
- These activities ARE NOT permissible due to State/Local Guidelines:
 - Sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, competitions) with Acts in which 6 ft of social distancing cannot be maintained and/or that involve contact. (i.e. Pyramids, Strap Doubles, Strap Trios, Conventional Doubles, Ballet Line, Barefoot Pyramids, Acts involving large lines/multiple participants, etc.)
 - Sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, competitions) with more than 10 participants present.
 - Individual Act Competition involving Team Jump or Strap Doubles.
 - Sharing of equipment without cleaning/disinfecting between use.
 - Sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, competitions) with public/spectators in attendance and included within your group gathering.

- **Scenario #4**

- If State/Local Government Guidelines state:
 - Shelter-In-Place and/or Safer-At-Home is lifted and no longer in effect.
 - Group gathering size has no limitations.
 - Social distancing of 6 ft. is required.
- These activities that ARE permissible:
 - Return to full Individual Acts Competitions (i.e. Swivel and Freestyle Jump)
 - Return to sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, and competitions) with restrictions on Acts that still require social distancing.

- Sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, and competitions) that include public/fans in attendance and part of your group gathering when abiding by social distancing guidelines.
 - These activities ARE NOT permissible due to State/Local Guidelines:
 - Sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, competitions) that include Acts in which 6 ft of social distancing cannot be maintained and/or that involve contact. (i.e. Pyramids, Strap Doubles, Strap Trios, Conventional Doubles, Ballet Line, Barefoot Pyramids, Acts involving large lines/multiple participants, etc...)
 - Sharing of equipment without cleaning/disinfecting between use.
- **Scenario #5**
 - If State/Local Government Guidelines state:
 - Shelter-In-Place and/or Safer-At-Home is lifted and no longer in effect.
 - Group gathering size has no limitations.
 - Social distancing is no longer required.
 - These activities ARE permissible:
 - Return to full Individual Acts Competitions (i.e. Swivel, Strap Doubles, Team Jump, and Freestyle Jump)
 - Return to full team sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, and competitions) with no restriction on number of Skiers or limitations on Acts.
 - Sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, competitions) that include public/fans in attendance without restriction.
- **Disclaimer:** There is the opportunity for increased participation at sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, competitions) outlined in Scenario #3 upon individual State and Local Government Guidelines permitting ***Group Gathering sizes to increase.***

Show Skiing Specific FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will USA Water Ski & Wake Sports (USA-WSWS) sanction events? (i.e. practices, shows, and tournaments)

A: Yes, beginning May 18th, USA-WSWS will begin sanctioning practices, shows, and tournaments as long as your Team is following your own local and State guidelines regarding Covid-19. These include but are not limited to: Safer-at-Home/Shelter-in-Place, Group Gathering Sizes, Social Distancing Parameters, and any other guidelines in which your State, County, or Municipality has put in place.

Q: In Appendix 1 there are Infection Prevention Measures. Are these required by USA-WSWS for sanctioned events? (i.e. practices, shows, and tournaments)

A: No. Those are suggested and additional measures USA-WSWS and the NSSA recommends a Team take to ensure the safety of their members (and public). These measures follow current WHO and CDC guidelines.

Q: If my State still has Shelter-in-Place or Safer-at-Home in place, will USA-WSWS sanction our events? (i.e. practices and/or shows)

A: Yes, USA-WSWS will sanction practices while Shelter-in-Place or Safer-at-Home is in effect, but only Individual training behind your own boat or a club boat is allowed AND only those individuals that you are sheltered-in-place within the same household are allowed to participate with you.

Q: My State has lifted Shelter-in-Place or Safer-at-Home, but there are limits on group size and/or social distancing that remain in place. What is our Team allowed to do?

A: You are allowed to start having Individual act type practices (i.e. Swivel, Jump, Barefoot, Wakeboard, Hydrofoil, ATB, etc...) as long as your group size is no larger than what your State allows and participants maintain social distancing from one another. There is NO CONTACT allowed as long as your state is requiring social distancing. That means NO Pyramids, Strap Doubles, Ballet Lines, or any other act in which teammates would be touching one another and/or within 6-feet of one another even in the event of a fall.

Q: Can a Team have more than a single Group Gathering at a sanctioned practice?

A. USA-WSWS will allow multiple Group Gatherings of 10 or less participants in the same location as long as the gatherings are separate and distinct from one another and social distancing is maintained.

If a Team is having more than one Group Gathering at different sites/locations but at the same time, each location where a practice is held would require a separate sanction.

Teams should keep in mind how multiple Group Gathering may be viewed by the public in their local community and consider seeking approval prior-to doing so.

Q: While social distancing is still required, how can a driver and rider maintain social distancing?

A: Per your State's guidelines, 6 ft. of social distancing may be a parameter in which you or your Team is required to abide by. 6 ft. of social distancing between the driver and rider should be adhered to if/when possible. (ex. If possible, the rider is seated in the front/rear of the boat where 6 ft. of distance can be maintained.)

One common issue may be the use of a pin/release in correlation to where the rider is seated in proximity to the driver. If the driver and rider cannot maintain social distancing and/or have not been sheltered-in-place with one another, per CDC recommended guidelines regarding use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), it is recommended the driver and rider wear gloves and face coverings.

Q: How will Officials, Drivers, and Safety Coordinators ratings be maintained if there is limited activity to participate?

A: USA-WSWS, sport discipline committees and boards are currently reviewing proposals to reduce renewal requirements for affected officials. Upon approval from the applicable Boards, USA-WSWS will send an email outlining these changes to all affected Officials. Officials should make sure their email address on file with USA-WSWS is current and they white list officials@usawaterski.org or add it to their address book to insure they receive this important notification.

Q: Can Team Members share equipment?

A: It is recommended that Teams require their Skiers to use individually assigned equipment as long as social distancing orders are still in place. If your Team chooses to allow participants to share equipment, each piece of equipment should be rigorously cleaned and disinfected between each use.

Q: When can we resume all Show Ski related activities, including Pyramids, Doubles, Ballet, and other contact related disciplines within our sport?

A: You may do so as soon as your State (and local) government has eliminated social distancing restrictions. Once those are lifted, you are free to resume contact.

Q: When can we have sanctioned events (i.e. practices, shows, and tournaments) with an audience and/or spectators onsite?

A: Your Team may accommodate an onsite audience when your State (and local) government allows for a group size large enough to accommodate both your Team and spectators (i.e. groups of 200, 500, etc. allowed), or when your State (and local) government has no restriction on group size. It may be possible to have a show with fans while social distancing is in place, but both team and audience will have to maintain 6 feet of distance from one another.

Q: Does my USA-WSWS membership (e.g. participant accident [PA] insurance) cover me for medical expenses if I were to contract the COVID-19 virus and need medical attention?

A: No. The participant accident coverage for members who participate in USA-WSWS sanctioned events only applies to claims relative to specific injuries sustained during sanctioned competition. Contraction of a disease or virus is not covered under the participant accident policy.

Q: As a USA-WSWS club member does the general liability (GL) insurance coverage through sanctioning cover our club if a claim were to arise from someone claiming they contracted COVID-19 at my event?

A: Yes. The GL policy would defend the club against a liability claim. Please note, the sanction approval process assumes that state/local guidelines are being followed relative to COVID-19. If it is determined that a club was not operating within those guidelines, the general liability insurance provided through the sanction could be void.

Q: Does USA-WSWS have any recommendations for safety precautions at practices and shows?

A: NSSA Teams may consider Temperature Testing of their membership participating in sanctioned events.

Upon a member of your team attending a sanctioned event (practice, show, tournament) for the first time, someone from your Team will take a temperature reading of each participant with a touchless thermometer. If a member has a temperature of more than 100.4°F, and answer “YES” to the three most common symptoms In Appendix 2 of the USA-WSWS Return to Play Guidelines they should not be granted access and will be asked to go home and contact their medical provider.

If someone answers YES to any of the questions or tests positive for Covid-19, it is recommended your Team follow CDC Guidelines for proper protocol.

Q: What happens if USA-WSWS is alerted to a Team violating State and/or Local guidelines?

A: It is the Local Organizing Committee’s (LOC) obligation to determine if the activity is allowed under applicable laws, regulations, and guidance. USA-WSWS may review the issuance or status of any sanctioned event to confirm compliance. Alleged violations may be referred to the USA-WSWS Judicial Committee in accordance with USA-WSWS' bylaws, with the range of sanctions for any violations of law relating to the event potentially including the denial or revocation of the sanction.

Q: Will Regional Tournaments be held this summer?

A: At this time Regional Tournaments are still on as scheduled, but each Region will be responsible for determining whether that will change or not, based on state and local government guidelines and the LOC’s ability to host.

Q: Is the Indmar National Show Ski Championships (NSSA) happening and when/where?

A: As of today (May 13) the event is still scheduled. The NSSA board of directors and the Ski Broncs ski club are currently monitoring the situation to determine if any changes need to be made in the near future.