2023 Rule Proposals

These are the current rule proposals. Please review and discuss with your area representatives before your council meets in January.

Proposal
1.14 Tournament Review-Escalation Process ADD last paragraph.

_It is incumbent upon the person alleging any failure to follow the rules to first personally complete due diligence to assure that the correct rules are considered before filing any complaint. Failure to comply can result in discipline to a member who files complaints that are not accurate as determined by Council, BOD or AWSA President._

Rationale: Wanted wording to make sure that there are no frivolous accusations which take up too much time before checking with the tournament committee.

Proposal
2.05 Change wording to match current process for National check in.

A. Nationals: _All contestants must check to see if their registration is complete._ All contestants must register for the National Tournament, either in person, by web registration at usawaterski.org, or through a representative, providing all required proof of qualification and fees no later than one-half hour before the scheduled start of the contestant's first event. If the skier’s registration on usawaterski.org is incomplete or is NOT shown as qualified and fully paid in the online registration system, then they would need to present themselves at on-site Registration. On-site registration must occur within the allowable hours as listed on usawaterski.org, and in _The Water Skier_ magazine.

Rationale: There was conflicting wording in 2.04 and 2.05 between entry and registration.

Proposal
10.06 Change Men 9 max speed to 32mph vs 30mph

Survey being sent out.
Proposal

4.02 ADD

4.02 National Tournament Qualifications

General: A contestant in the National Tournament must have competed in the corresponding event at his Regional Tournament (see Rules 4.03 and 4.06) during the same year. To have competed in an event at a Regional Tournament means to have attained skiing position in each event as defined in Rule 8.07. In addition, a contestant must qualify under Rules 4.02.A, 4.02.B, or 4.02.C (below) and must be a U.S. Citizen. However, a competitor with dual citizenship who skis for another federation in an international competition (example: Worlds/Sr Worlds/Pan-Am Games/Worl Games) to which the US sends a team, shall not be eligible for placement until after the next international tournament competition (same type as previous skied in: Worlds/Sr Worlds/PanAm Games/Worl Games) in which they did not ski for another federation. following their performance in that international competition.

Rationale: An issue came up where some of these tournaments were postponed because of Covid. Do we want this rule to match the Record Rule?

Proposal

Add 4.02D Only US Citizens may ski AWSA Nationals unless the LOC puts in a request for international skiers that meet the qualification requirements. This will be posted on the tournament announcement.

Rationale: Should the Nationals be only for US Citizens? Some have offered “some” non-citizens an option to ski for a score but no placement. This could end up with a lot more skiers at an event.

Proposal

Change 4.03A1 In any year, a skier shall be qualified to enter only one Regional Tournament for placement. A skier shall ski for placement in the Region where he does more than half of his tournament skiing during the ten weeks prior to the Regionals Tournament. A skier, but has the option to return to his Regional of legal residence to ski for placement.

Rationale: The word “shall” has been confusing to some

Proposal

Rule 6.01C National Tournament
Event judges shall be chosen by the Chief Judge from among the Appointed and Assigned Judges. When the Appointed or Assigned Judges are not available as event judges, the Chief Judge may choose other Senior or Regular Judges as event judges. In all events, the majority of the event judges must be Senior Judges unless the event is Class R, which requires all judges to be Senior Judges.

Rationale: Since the National Tournament has Appointed and Assigned Judges which are supplied by the Regions should we align with the requirements by USA-WSWS.

Proposal
6.02G Change

The Chief Technical Controller shall be appointed by the LOC and the Regional Executive Vice President with the approval of the Regional Council. Assistant Chief Technical Controllers may also be appointed.

Rationale: This was proposed last year and there was push back. The proposal included all of the officials for Regionals be put into their Policy and Procedure book. Felt the original rules are fine but still want the TC appointment should have input from the LOC since they are very different depending on each site.

Proposal
Change 8.10E If the speed control unit becomes inoperable and cannot be quickly repaired, and a replacement boat or unit is not available, the tournament shall be continued with manual driving and timing, with no other effect. in compliance with timing tolerances.

Rationale: Needed more than “with no other effect”.

Proposal
9.10B. Time Out of Tolerance: See tables below for appropriate actions and IWWF Rule 10.06 for Class E/L/R.

Rationale: Should reference IWWF 10.05 in this version of AWSA rules since there are certain circumstances where the 52M segment is used for E/L/R tournaments.
Proposal

Change 14.01 AWSA Recognition

Only US Citizens, with USA-WSWS Full Active Membership are eligible to set AWSA records. Citizens of other countries are not eligible to set AWSA records. However, a competitor who skis for another federation in an international competition (example: Worlds/Sr Worlds/PanAm Games/World Games) to which the US sends a team, shall not be eligible to set a USA National Record until after the next international tournament competition (same type as previous skied in: Worlds/Sr Worlds/PanAm Games/World Games) in which they did not ski for another federation. for the remainder of that calendar year, plus the following two calendar years, following their performance in that international competition.

Rationale: Most international tournaments are 2 years apart. The intent of the current rule is to prevent someone setting a AWSA National Record between international tournaments, when skiing for another federation (dual citizenship).

Proposal

Change 14.04 Record Forms

Record forms shall be devised in accordance with these rules by the Technical Committee approved by the Board of Directors. All requirements for the record submission and approval process will be set forth in the official application form. For World Records, Reference IWWF Rule Book.

A. For a National Tricks record to be considered, the official video must be reviewed by the judges. Subsequent to the scoring of an event and the existence of a tentative record, the judges for the event shall review the video to determine the scoring of the record on the basis of the video. Any changes in the scoring resulting from this review shall not change the results of the tournament itself (although the provisions of Rule 11.20 may otherwise result in official scoring changes). The video and the original judges scoring sheets shall accompany the record application. The Record Review Board (RRB) (9 members) will review the video in real time to determine the results. The Technical Chairman or his designee to verify timing.
B. For a National Slalom record to be considered, EC video/EC Data (BPMS) of the boat path is required (Reference IWWF Rule 8.15.). The EC video/EC Data (BPMS) shall accompany the record application. For National Slalom records the final two passes of boat path BPMS Data will be examined by the tour Chief Judge and Chief TC to verify boat path is within specification per IWWF Rule 8.15 (preliminary approval). If EC video is used, the EC Video will be examined by the Technical Chairman or his designee to verify that the boat path is within the deviation specified in IWWF Rule 8.15 and 25.0.

C. For a National Jump record to be considered, when using a video-based jump distance measurement system, the Chief Judge and Chief TC shall review the captured jump to verify setup (grid) and distance (preliminary approval). The application shall include the survey, a copy of the video, a gif formatted file of the record jump, a gif file of the video grid box if in the record jump gif any of the buoys are obscured, and all configuration and setup files and jump capture files that are appropriate from the system being used to allow independent verification.

Proposal Change 14.05B
It shall be the Technical Controller’s responsibility to complete the record application form, with assistance from the Chief Scorer and Chief Judge and other event or appointed officials, as may be required by the Record Form. The completed Record Form and other required materials, as specified in the Record Form, shall be sent by the Technical Controller to the Chairman of the Technical Committee within 15 days of the date of the performance. In addition, the Technical Controller of the tournament shall send notification of the performance to the Chairman of the Technical Committee within 7 days of the performance. After review, the Chairman shall forward recommendations, to the AWSA President for final approval.

Proposal
Change Jump timing chart.
52m segment times to match IWWF for jump speeds.

AWSA Slow 52m segment 54K 3.55 change to 3.56
51K 3.76 change to 3.78

Rationale: IWWF was having problems with the timing for jumpers at some of the events who jumped far at the slower speeds. The 52-meter segment
needed to be changed to reflect what the boat was doing at that point in the course. AWSA doesn’t use the 52m segment but should align.