

Proposed Rule Changes for 2020

The annual rules meeting was held on November 2, 2019.

Members in attendance:

Richelle Muhlitner, Rules Chair

Ryan Nason, W

Kathy Ives, SC

Bob Mayhew, SC

Sara Lemley, S

Jeff Surdej, MW

Gary Noll, E

Dave Allen, E

Jazmine Gagner, S

Lori Krueger, Athlete

Available by phone if needed:

Alex Lauretano, Athlete

Dean Chappell, MW

Members absent:

Corey Vaughn, Athlete

Jim Grew, Consultant

Dave Clark, Consultant

Meeting called to order at 8:40am and the home of Ron and Kathy Ives.

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Eliminate \$100 for trick timing challenge-Eastern Region, see proposal #34

PROPOSAL 1

1.05 Regional and National Dates

Tournaments are held on an annual basis. The Regional Tournaments shall be held to conclude on a weekend, one to six weeks prior to the National Tournament.

Rationale: It might be easier and allow more flexibility for LOC and skiers. Maybe a Friday through Monday would bring more skiers to the Regionals?

PROPOSAL 2

The below rule was added to 2.06 to incorporate the intent for where skiers who are not skiing for placement should ski.

2.06E For Regional and National Tournaments, nonplacement skiers shall ski prior to placement skiers (For Jump, see Rule 2.06D).

Rationale: From MidWest, to make sure that skiers declare and the consequence if not followed. The original proposal is as follows but was revised during the meeting.

3.03 F4 ADD: Any skier invoking this rule is required to ski this second time prior to those skiers actually competing in the Event. It is the skier's responsibility to make sure that the scorer is notified and the running order clearly reflects their intent so as not to cause any confusion of the officials and actual competitors. Failure to do so will be considered a violation of Rule 7.07(C) and the skier will be subject to disqualification.

The Rules committee understood what this proposal was trying to accomplish. We already feel that the disqualification portion is clear in Rule 7.07C. We also do not feel that we should be in a position to judge the skiers intent. We felt that stating where the skier should ski would make more sense in Rule 2.06E.

PROPOSAL 3

3.02 Change Split B4/G4 into two separate divisions, each lasting two years.

B5/G5

All responses

▼ Yes	39.98%	363
▼ No	23.13%	210
▼ N/A I do not have any kids skiing nor an opinion on kids divisions	33.48%	304

Filtered by all kids divisions

▼ Yes	69.05%	29
▼ No	30.95%	13

Filtered by b4/g4 only

▼ Yes	58.33%	14
▼ No	41.67%	10

Age Divisions	Age
Boys 1/Girls 1	9 years and under
Boys 2/Girls 2	11 years and under
Boys 3/Girls 3	13 years and under
Boys 4/Girls 4	15 years and under
Boys 5/Girls 5	17 years and under

Speeds for the new B4 and B5 divisions would be the same as the current B4 division.

Pros: If we could keep our kids' interest by making their divisions more competitive, maybe we could encourage them to continue to compete for a longer period of time.

Cons: There is concern about more divisions leading to less competition, especially at smaller local tournaments.

RC: There was quite a bit of discussion since the other junior divisions were changed. By looking at the surveys extracted above and input from Junior Development, this was approved. Will need a recommendation from the BOD as to when the implementation should happen, if approved.

PROPOSAL 4

Revise 3.03F: 2. ~~LEVEL 9:~~ Skiers, who have *an Elite Level 9* ranking in Overall and wish to compete in Overall, may choose to ski in their age division events **or in their Elite division for Overall.**

~~3. LEVEL 10: Skiers having an Elite Level 10 rating 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. However, this does not prevent a skier with individual rankings below Level 10 in one or two events from competing in Overall Elite and also age division for placement in those single events.~~

34TOURNAMENTS 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, **and skiing for age**

division Overall 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 ***age division Overall*** placement. ***If skiing for Elite division Overall, skiers may ski in age division for placement in any event in which they do not hold a level 10 rating, and, in that circumstance, also ski a second time in the skiers' Elite division in that event for overall score purposes only.***

45 TOURNAMENTS WITHOUT PLACEMENT: At all other tournaments, skiers with a level 9 or 10 event qualification ***and skiing for age division Overall*** 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) ***or, if skiing for Elite Overall may, use their age division score to obtain an Overall Elite division score.***

Rationale: This rule caused a long discussion on intent and the Rules Committee hopes that this revised wording can solve any misunderstanding.

PROPOSAL 5

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

If a Level 9 skier is qualified to ski in an Elite division at Regionals, the skier is then qualified to ski Nationals in that Elite division.

Rationale: Open rating expiring between Regionals and Nationals: There are two different areas referencing the duration of the Elite ratings. If the rating expires between Regional and Nationals there should be a way for the skier to continue to compete through the ski year.

PROPOSAL 6

8.07C Change The weight of the skier is supported by his ski or skis ~~and~~**or** the skier is ultimately able to regain control.

Rationale: Match IWWF wording for full buoy or skiing position, they say "or" and we say "and": Noticed by Floyd McCreight while revising the judges test that we don't match IWWF and some may not give a full buoy because they didn't regain control? If we change the wording in ski position it will be resolved.

PROPOSAL 7

Current differences in AWSA vs IWWF jump speeds for +35s, match jump speed for new IWWF divisions.

		IWWF	AWSA		IWWF	AWSA
35	m3	57k	57	w3	51	51
45	m4	54k	54	w4	51	51
55	m5	51k	51	w5	51	48
	m6	51k	51	w6	51	48
65	m7	51k	51	w7	48	45
70	m8	51k	51	w8	45	45
75	m9	48k	48	w9	45	45
80	m10	48k	48	w10	45	45
85	m11	45k	48	w11	45	45

Faster

Slower

W5-6-7 jumps speeds

All responses

▼ Yes	47.35%	420
▼ No	5.98%	53
▼ N/A	44.42%	394

W5-6-7 responses

▼ Yes	41.18%	28
▼ No	8.82%	6
▼ N/A	42.65%	29

RC: Motion to approve raising W5,6,7 and lowering M11 jump speeds (matches IWWF), supported by survey above.

PROPOSAL 8

ADD Boat Speed

The boat speed for each attempt shall be chosen by the skier from those listed in the table in the Appendix, up to the maximums listed below. Skiers

may choose to go slower than the speeds listed in the Appendix, in which case the times will not be required. In addition, the skier shall be given a choice of having the speed control deliver a faster speed throughout the 41m segment, or having the speed control return to the baseline (RTB) speed for the 41m segment. The speed control shall be engaged before the 180m (590 foot) buoy. ***The driver shall not deviate the boat speed in an attempt to aid the skier's landing in order to ride out the jump.***

RC: See above addition to 9.06 which matches the intent in 9.07 for boat path. Some drivers are still deviating either boat path or speed to help skiers ride out jumps.

PROPOSAL 9

9.08E. Video Distance Measurement: ~~Masterboard Operator: Rated judges shall be assigned as masterboard operators where possible. When not possible, a non-rated, competent person may be used.~~

For the video system, there shall be two designated officials operating the system who shall jointly agree on the marking of the impact point. If these two officials disagree, the Chief Judge (or his designee) will resolve the disagreement.

F. Meter Readers ***or Masterboard Operator: If using meter stations***, rated judges shall be assigned as meter readers where possible. When not possible, a non-rated, competent person may be used.

Rationale: Delete first part of 9.08E. Combine Meter Readers and Masterboard Operator into one section 9.08F and add the wording "if using meter stations".

PROPOSAL 10

9.12 Take out jump meters, reference TC manual

9.12 Distance Measurement

A. General: ***Video distance shall be the primary method used to measure distances. If using meter stations,*** ~~Jump~~ distances shall be derived using sightings taken from a system of Johnson-type meter stations, which shall be set up according to guidelines described in the Technical Handbook. Distances shall be measured from a point at the water line directly below the center of the top edge of the jump ramp, to

the point where the heels of the skier reach their maximum depression in the water (this point is usually indicated by a plume or spout of water which rises after the skier's landing).

~~Alternatively, if video jump distance measurement is used, the~~ The distance shall be measured to the skier's impact point in the water, closest to the ramp (first point of impact) and then an adjustment offset of 2.1 meters shall be added. ~~If video jump measurement is used, video backup methods (video-recording/taping) may be used, or a standard meter system may be used as backup~~ **(see Technical Controllers Manual)**. The calculated distance shall not be displayed until the impact point is decided upon.

The approximate distance (\pm two feet) shall be communicated to the skier after each scoring jump, before the boat approaches the course for a subsequent jump by that same skier.

B. Rounding: All distances shall be calculated to the nearest whole foot. Partial distances of one-half foot or more will be rounded up to the next higher whole foot, while partial distances of less than one-half foot will be dropped. For Record Capability tournaments, metric distances shall be calculated as well, and in similar fashion rounded to the nearest whole tenth of a meter.

C. Three Meter System: **See Technical Controllers Manual**

~~(1) — Three meter sighting stations of two meters each or video jump shall be used at all tournaments Class C or higher. At Class C tournaments or below, only one meter at any station may be used at the option of the Chief Judge. Where only one meter is used at a station, the single sighting value from that meter shall be used wherever the average value is called for below.~~

~~(2) — The point of the landing is defined as the center of the inscribed circle which is tangent to all three sides of the triangle formed by the three average sightings from the meter stations. The distance is calculated from that landing point back to the ramp. The size of the triangle is defined as the diameter of that inscribed circle.~~

~~(3) — If the top and bottom sightings from any single meter station are more than 0.6 meter (2') apart at the point of landing, then the average value and the single sighting with the smaller value will each be tried in turn, and whichever of these produces the smaller triangle will be used to derive the official distance.~~

~~(4) — If the official resolution of a particular set of sightings according to the above rules produces a wide triangle, and that set of sightings included a spread in excess of the 0.6 meter test limit at only one of the meter stations, which yielded a smaller triangle size by using the average rather than the shorter reading alone, then the longer reading from that station may be tried alone and used as official if it eliminates the wide triangle.~~

~~(5) — At Class C tournaments or below, a jump which produces an official triangle greater than 0.9 meter (3') shall be classified as a wide triangle. For Record Capability tournaments, a jump which produces an official triangle greater than 0.6 meter (2') shall be classified as a wide triangle. A jump classified as a wide triangle under either of these definitions shall be treated according to the provisions of Rule 9.12.E below, with the short vertex and long vertex distances defined as the distances to those vertices of the triangle which are closest and furthest from the ramp, respectively.~~

~~D. Two Meter System: **See Technical Controllers Manual** In Class F (Grass Roots) tournaments where two meter stations of two meters each are being used, the landing point is defined as the intersection of the average sightings from those two stations. If one (or both) pair(s) of sightings is more than 0.6 meter (2') apart at the point of landing, the intersections using each of the individual readings from that station (or stations) will be examined separately. If the difference between the distances from the closest and furthest intersections back to the ramp is greater than 1.2 meters (4'), then that jump shall be classified as a wide triangle and treated according to the provisions of Rule 9.12.E below, using the distances from the ramp to those closest and furthest intersections as the short vertex and long vertex, respectively.~~

~~E. Wide Triangles: At the time it occurs, a jump which is classified as a wide triangle will tentatively be scored as the distance to the short vertex, and the skier will continue. If, after completing all three attempts in a set, a skier has had one or more jumps classified as a Wide Triangle, each of these shall then be resolved, in the order in which they occurred, according to the following provisions:~~

~~1. — If the long vertex is less than or equal to the official distance of another of his jumps (or to the short vertex of another wide triangle jump), then the short vertex of that jump will be recorded as official, and the skier will have no options on that jump.~~

- ~~2. — If the long vertex is longer than the longest official distance (or longest short vertex of another wide triangle jump), then the skier will have the option to either accept the short vertex as the official distance, or to take the jump again. If the skier elects to take the jump over, the result of that reride will be official, except that it may not be scored to a distance greater than the long vertex nor less than the short vertex of the original wide triangle jump.~~

- ~~3. — In the event of a subsequent tie, where the short vertex of a jump which was originally classified as a wide triangle becomes an issue in determining placements, the competitor(s) affected shall then have the option of accepting that short vertex or of taking a reride. If the reride is taken, the outcome shall be official, although it may not be scored to a distance greater than the long vertex nor less than the short vertex of the original wide triangle jump.~~

Rationale: There are only one or two sites that use meter stations and this should go in the TC manual so it doesn't clutter our already cluttered rulebook! Also delete two pages in appendix.

PROPOSAL 11

10.03A&B Match IWWF wording for gate vs turn buoy:

AWSA 10.03 A&B (IWWF14.06): A miss or "Riding Over"

a) Skier Turn Buoys. It is a miss to ride inside a **turn** buoy or outside the entrance or end gate or to ride over, straddle or jump over a **turn** buoy. **But** there is no penalty for grazing a **turn** buoy with a ski or part of the body.

"Riding over" shall be defined as hitting a **turn** buoy with the ski so as to move it significantly from its position or temporarily sink it. Hitting a **turn** buoy less severely shall be considered as "grazing."

b) Entrance and Exit Gates. It is a miss to ride outside the entrance or exit gate, but there is no penalty for grazing a gate buoy with the ski or part of the body. A skier shall be judged as missing the entry or exit gate when the center of the ski passes to the outside of the center of the gate buoy as shown in the diagram below:

Rationale: Wording for entry gate was confusing regarding "riding over". IWWF changed their wording but we were asked right before the BOD meeting last year to make the change so too late to add. Wording makes sense and now matches with IWWF.

PROPOSAL 12

10.08F Judge's Scoring Errors:

1a. If a skier or skier's representative believes that there was an error in the score, he should notify the Chief Judge within 10 minutes of completing his turn and by putting up \$100.

1b. All slalom tower configurations may use a form of video review challenge if approved by the Chief Judge and Technical Controller prior to the tournament.

Rationale: Add a second paragraph to note that for ALL configurations including #1, which doesn't require video, there is an option to use video challenge. With more tournaments using Web Casting video, and with approval by the Chief Judge and Chief Technical Controller, challenges can be available. *IWWF thinks that is a viable option if the Chief Judge and Homologater approve the set up.*

PROPOSAL 13

11.12D Discuss Trick reverse discussion:

c) To be scored, a reverse trick must immediately follow the basic turn in the same pass; however, any type of 180° turn is allowed between two such turns. The reverse shall not be disallowed simply because it follows an attempted trick which has not been credited or because the basic trick is a repeated trick. **If the original (basic) trick is not credited, then the reverse if credited actually becomes the basic trick.**

RC: Motion to align with IWWF when they publish. IWWF hoped to clarify this rule by making sure the reverse follows the basic trick even if it becomes no credit.

PROPOSAL 14

11.16C Trick Release: If used, the trick release shall normally be skier-supplied equipment. However, a skier may accept a tournament-supplied release mechanism. In either case, the skier is fully responsible for any release or malfunction of the device, and no request for a reride will be granted for premature or accidental release or any other type of malfunction. A rope trick release mechanism up to ~~1m.25meter~~ (49") may be used (see Rule 11.18B).

Rationale: IWWF has limited the length of the rope release.

RC: IWWF was also looking at the manipulation of the rope release, it was felt this length would make that harder. AWSA still has wording which does not allow manipulation of the rope release.

PROPOSAL 15

Chart ADD FFL5F Trick submission reviewed and accepted at 950 points

PROPOSAL 16

Take out the Boat Manufacturer requirements below currently in the rules and, put somewhere else (IWWF has a whole page):

MasterCraft Ballast/ Weight System – Tricks Only

The MasterCraft ProStar was tested and approved for use in the Trick event with the use of an additional ballast/weight system as configured by MasterCraft.

The ProStar can be used for tricks both: 1) with the ballast/weight system; and 2) without the system.

IF the boat is used with the ballast/weight system, it must be configured as it was tested and approved. Specifically, the MasterCraft ballast/fat sack must be installed in the bilge; under the floor compartment which is under the middle seat. The sack must be completely full when used for tricks (no partial fill). In addition, 75-pound weights as configured by MasterCraft must be installed in each of the rear compartment trays (150 lbs. total). Storage compartment trays are located under the access doors at the stern.

The ProStar is not approved with any other configuration, in other words, a user cannot simply put a ballast/fat sack or weights on the boat floor.

AWSA 8.02G Nautique HydroGate, MicroTuners and Ballast System

1. **2018 and older Nautique boats:** The Hydrogate can be set in one of two positions, slalom or tricks/jump but may not be set in between modes.

2. **2019 Nautique boats:** Hydrogate can be set in any of the 11 approved positions, slalom (0), middle (1-9), or trick/jump (10) as detailed below.

a. **Tricks:** The default Hydrogate position is the trick mode (10). The skier has the option of using the slalom mode (0) or middle (1-9). It is the skier's responsibility to inform the boat crew when choosing any of the non-default options. The skier may choose to change the setting only between passes. Ballast systems, if applicable, will have five settings 0%, 25%, 50%, 75% and 100%. They may not be changed during the pass. See Rule 8.02B3 and 11.07 for skier allowances.

b. **Jump:** The default Hydrogate position is the jump mode (10). The skier has the option of using the slalom mode (0) or middle (1-9). It is the skier’s responsibility to inform the boat crew of slalom option prior to leaving the dock. In Class C tournaments only, the skier may choose to change the setting between jumps.

c. **Slalom:** The gate will remain in the slalom mode.

PROPOSAL 17

Take out sections in appendix and reference TC Manual.

~~AWSA Computer Benchmark for Jump Meter Set Up(See TC Manual)~~

~~AWSA Computer Benchmark for Jump Distance Calculation(See TC Manual)~~

PROPOSAL 18

Divisions	Slalom	Trick	Jump
B1/G1	E/L*	E/L*	—
B2/G2	E/L*	E/L*	⌊
B3/G3	⌊	⌊	⌊
B4/G4	⌊	⌊	⌊
M1/W1	⌊	⌊	⌊
M2/W2	⌊	⌊	⌊
M3/W3	⌊	⌊	⌊
M4/W4	⌊	⌊	⌊
M5/W5	⌊	⌊	⌊
M6	⌊	⌊	⌊
W6	⌊	E/L*	E/L*
M7-8	⌊	E/L*	E/L*
W7-8	E/L*	E/L*	E/L*
M9-10/W9-10	E	E/L*	E/L*
MM/MW	⌊	⌊	⌊
OM/OW	R	R	R
<i>Trick divisions that may expect scores of 10,000 points or higher should be run as an "R" classification.</i>			
<i>*Class L At the option of the skier</i>			

National Tournament Classifications:

The National Tournament will be run as an E, L, and R tournament. All skiers shall be run as Class E unless a skier requests Class L (Class R for Open). Skiers must have a valid IWWF license to ski Class L or R.

Requests for Class L or R need to be made prior to the start of Nationals via online registration.

Rationale: With the new IWWF tax it was felt that the National tournament could be run as Class E and skiers could request Class L or R. This way we are not forcing our members to pay the extra fee if they do not want to be on the IWWF World Standings List.

CLEAN UP ITEMS:

PROPOSAL 19

3.03 G6 Remove Jump Equivalencies

~~3.03G6 JUMP VARIATIONS: Where jumping speeds and/or ramp heights differ between the divisions which contribute to one of these collections, suitable 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: There are no longer jump equivalencies so skiers will not be forced into a level by a distance which they had never jumped.

PROPOSAL 20

8.02 Boats

A. General: All tournaments, Class **C F** and higher, are required to use only AWSA Approved ~~€~~Tournament Towboats. Contact USA-WSWS Headquarters for approval requirements and details as set forth in the AWSA Towboat Manual.

Rationale: In reviewing Rule 8.02(A), we need to change the rule to reflect what has been the case for many years. From Will Bush, Towboat CoChair

IWWF ISSUES:

Ropes: There was a rule exception granted by IWWF to use two different ropes for a division. AWSA also allowed tournaments to do the same. TC Committee is waiting for feedback from IWWF to decide if there should be any rule changes.

Handle measurement: Jerry Jackson and the TC Committee are asking to review the handle measurement device specifications for IWWF. AWSA and IWWF do not match and AWSA feels that our device takes into account the straight handle vs the curved handle. AWSA would like to see either a change or exception to the rule, instead of everyone changing their devices. Currently IWWF rule 10.04e uses a 9cm point to measure breaking load, but a 2cm point on the handle measurement.

End course tracking: IWWF is working on end course tracking for Slalom and Jump which would also require more rules. Waiting for any rule change wording or implementation from IWWF before AWSA makes any changes.

PROPOSALS WITH NO ACTION OR NOT APPROVED:

PROPOSAL 21

1.13 Ranking list

Weighted rankings list System

▼ Yes	23.53%	204
▼ No	43.83%	380
▼ N/A	28.49%	247

L6 and lower rating by video

▼ Yes	23.17%	200
▼ No	43.45%	375
▼ Don't Care	29.08%	251

RC: Weighted ranking systems list: No action. This is SQC and need more of a detailed proposal.

L6 and lower rating by video: No action. Jeff will take to Exec Committee along with SQC.

PROPOSAL 22

3.02 Add: Division 12=90 to 95 years old

RC: motion to approve, Bob, Kathy, not approved. While we understand their concern, the committee felt there were not enough in the divisions to add another division.

PROPOSAL 23

4.02 Change Allow Open skiers to ski any Regionals for placement.

RC: No action, felt that this could lead to Regional "shopping" when skiing for placement. They are already allowed to ski another region even though it is only for non-placement.

PROPOSAL 24

4.06&7

Rule # to change:4.06

Date entered:7/31/19

Suggested Wording for Rule Change:

4.06 Event and Division Limitations

With the exception noted at 4.07, the division that a skier competes in at the Regional Tournament in any event shall be the division that said skier competes in, in the same event, at the National Tournament except that a skier not currently qualified may qualify for the Open or Masters division of the Nationals by meeting the requirements for that division at or after the Regional Tournament.

4.07 An Elite qualified skier may choose to ski in Elite Division Event(s) at a Regional Tournament and be considered to have fulfilled the requirement under 4.02 for eligibility to compete at Nationals in the associated Age Division Event(s)

Reason behind Rule Change: We should encourage Elite qualified skiers to compete in Elite Events whenever possible in order to enhance competition in Age Division Events. Many Elite qualified skiers would happily compete in Elite at Regionals if they were then allowed to compete in Age Division at Nationals.

Pros: Enhanced competition in Age Division Events at Regionals. Increased participation of Elite Divisions at Regionals enhancing greater competition in Elite Divisions. Elite skiers want to compete in an Event that there are more than one or two contestants and really would prefer to not be required to compete against the significantly inferior competitors at a Regional just to meet a requirement to ski Age Division at Nationals.

Cons: None apparent

RC: No action. This would negate exactly what Level 10 was trying to accomplish by letting Elite skiers come back to age divisions.

PROPOSAL 25

6.01E Change Americas Cup and National Open driver discussion, Jeff

RC: No action. There are already rules to help get more drivers in place for Nationals. We need the Drivers Committee to formalize a proposal if there needs to be any changes.

PROPOSAL 26

8.04H Ropes let LOC supply more than one type for skier to choose (IWWF reviewing)

8.04H 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 for L & R are not allowed per the IWWF Rulebook.)

RC: No action. Will wait to see what IWWF has discussed regarding the ropes and parameters.

PROPOSAL 27

9.06 IWWF U14 jump Maximum speed has a minimum meter before they can increase speed, IWWF 20m (45f).

B3 jump stipulation

All responses

▼ Yes	44.37%	394
▼ No	16.22%	144
▼ N/A	37.16%	330

Rationale: At the last IWWF meeting they felt that there should be a minimum distance before the jumpers could go faster.

RC: No action

PROPOSAL 28

W3J speed increase

All responses

▼ Yes	31.24%	273
▼ No	11.90%	104
▼ N/A	56.86%	497

W3 responses

▼ Yes	41.67%	10
▼ No	12.50%	3
▼ N/A	45.83%	11

No action on W3, above survey did not support.

PROPOSAL 29

9.06 Change Raise Women 8 jump speeds,

Rationale: Requested by a woman 8 jumper who felt that their current speed is actually harder.

RC: No action. Keep the same as IWWF

PROPOSAL 30

9.10B Change Get rid of inability to out jump a hot time jump.

RC: No action

PROPOSAL 31

9.10G Discuss: Any reason for a warm up jump when a reride is starting with the first jump?

9.10G When weather, tournament-supplied equipment, or some other reason not the fault of the skier causes a delay of more than ten minutes **between** jumps, the skier shall have the option of requesting an unscored jump to be taken before the remaining jump(s). However, the Chief Judge, with the approval of the majority of the Appointed Judges, may deny this option if there is reason to believe that further delays will preclude finishing the tournament in a timely manner or otherwise work to the disadvantage of the remaining skiers.

Rationale: There was an issue at Nationals where the skier could have been offered a warm up jump on a first jump because of reride/boat issues. Since the rule already says between, and jumpers get three jumps, even if it is a reride on the first jump should there be a warm up?

RC: No action

PROPOSAL 32

9.16D4 I think you have a meeting coming up? I request that the underlined words get added to the jump rules. I provided an extensive justification last year based on the IWWF rules that were not seriously considered. So I request the change just because it is the right thing to do.

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

Thanks for your efforts.

RC: No action. The Committee discussed and still did not want to change the women to a 5.5' ramp nor the men to a 6' ramp. More jumpers might have felt that they would need to jump on the 5.5' ramp to be competitive. For overall OW jumpers may still use a 5' ramp in Women 1 and 2 to obtain that score.

PROPOSAL 33

10.06B2 IWWF has changed +45 women slalom maximum speed to 32mph. They sent surveys and had feedback from their skiers. AWSA also sent a survey regarding aligning with IWWF for W4. Should AWSA change W4 slalom max to 32mph?

Rationale:

W4 Slalom Speed

All responses

▼ Yes	47.15%	422
▼ No	20.67%	185
▼ N/A	27.82%	249

W4 responses

▼ Yes	40.74%	11
▼ No	7.41%	2
▼ N/A	51.85%	14

RC: No action. Recent survey results were discussed and the results were 50/50. Since W4 didn't pass, this means that for ALL AWSA tournaments W4 maximum speed continues to be 34mph. All skiers may use ZBS option if they choose. For Regionals and Nationals the top speed can continue to be 34mph and any scores going to the IWWF ranking list will be scored as if 32mph (3@35/34 becomes 3@35/32). This will not impact our placements at those events. Skiers who want to compete at IWWF events will have to ski 32mph maximum at those IWWF events. AWSA skiers will not change at this time. This would have been a major change "again" and even though there was a survey the rules committee wants to give this at least another year to evaluate this major change. Felt this would impact less AWSA skiers.

PROPOSAL 34

11.09D Change Eliminate \$100 fee for trick timing review:

11.09D If a skier/representative believes that there was an error in the timing of the trick pass, he may challenge it by notifying the Chief Judge as soon as is practicable and by putting **up US \$100**. The Chief Judge and a designated review judge will re-time the pass. If they both agree on a revision in the timing or on the original timing, then that will be where the run will end. If they disagree or agree that the video does not clearly overrule the original, then the original timing will stand. The \$100 will only be returned if the original time was changed. If the funds are not returned to the skier, they shall be forwarded to the USA-WWF as a contribution in the skier's name.

Rationale: Eastern Region recommendation, should this be eliminated?

RC: no action. No formal proposal submitted.

PROPOSAL 35

11.12N Discuss Holding the handle on a toe trick. There was discussion from IWWF about the difference in AWSA vs IWWF but did not feel a need to change their rule.

"I'm marking up the 2019 AWSA rule book in preparation for a clinic in May and noted a significant difference in the AWSA and IWSF rule on Toe Turns. For class C and E tournaments governed by AWSA rules, the language is clear to me regarding holding the rope with a hand. Rule 11.12.N - A toe turn is the execution of a trick with the skier being towed exclusively by one foot, and upon the completion of the trick, supported by one ski. That wording is not in IWSF (at least that I've found). A skier competing in C or E class tournaments cannot hold the rope with the hand through part of the rotation on a toe turn (surface or wake)." **The issue was discussed, and it was felt that no change was required (IWWF)**

RC: No action. There was discussion that if judges are watching the skier holding the handle and calling no credit for preturn then they aren't watching the ski.

PROPOSAL 36

Possible recommendation: Should live scoring trick be streaming or wait till end of event? There have been more skiers coming to the trick trailer because they see their scores before the event is done. Does it take more time away from the event resolving issues earlier or later? How does this affect the timing challenge?

RC: No action. Felt that there are more plus's than minus's to having the scores out on live scoring.

PROPOSAL 37

Put interpretations back in book: I was asked to think about changing the interpretation section so that if a rule had a clarification we would put it in the interpretation section instead of always making the actual rule change. The Committee has incorporated the interpretations into the rule sections so that officials don't have to hunt around the rulebook.

RC: No action

PROPOSAL 38

Take out duplicate buoy specifications in jump, slalom and trick? Put in one section "see rule #8"?

RC: No action. Felt that having references in all sections was easier then looking in multiple areas.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE:

- 1) 5 trick judges required for Open skiers at Nationals: No motion but have felt that for the last Nationals there have been five judges for those two events especially as America's Cup preliminary rounds.
- 2) Open Men slalom speed 38 mph: Discussion item for BOD/IWWF and the direction of the sport. With almost reaching the limit for slalom would increasing the speed give a little bit more competition to this event by leaving the impact of driving a little bit more out of the mix?
- 3) Masters Men slalom speed 35 mph: No proposal but keeps coming up in discussions.
- 4) Class C Rule Book Discussion: While Jeff and Floyd have tried to come up with a valid Class C rulebook, there doesn't seem to be a way to make it smaller than 86 pages or referencing the full version anyway.
- 5) Class E Discussion: Still feel that Class E tournaments are valid and might become more utilized in multi class events when the IWWF skier tax starts. Also recommendation to make Nationals Class E (default) with optional Class L & R available.
- 6) ZBS- set speed for all ages, men and women: Has anyone thought about making Men and Women maximum speed 36/34 respectively. We have limited our skiers but they are adults and should know what is best for them. How has it been decided that the current speeds are best for "safety"? If everyone is now given the same option, maybe that could lead to more interesting competition? Not for rules at this time but could be a good BOD discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm

Thank you, Ron and Kathy, for the hospitality and the use of your home. Thanks also to the SMRR and SCR for the breakfast and lunches. Thanks Ryan for taking minutes. Most of all, thanks to all of you for your continued participation on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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