

AWSA

American Water Ski Association

Sports Discipline Yearly Report
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AWSA had a substantial increase in number of total tournament ski rides in 2021. 15,795 skiers competed in 449 sanctioned events, 332 of those events used online sanctioning. The AWSA Nationals produced 1264 rides with 685 skiers competing which was a substantial increase from the 1006 rides with 531 skiers competing in 2020. The 2021 numbers are comparable to 2006-2007 events. We are definitely moving in the right direction. A very successful US Open was held during the US Nationals.

Financial:

- a) We are currently ahead of our 2021 budget projections.
- b) US Team funds have a positive balance
- c) Our 2021 Go Fund Me account nearly paid for all of the National webcast.
- d) Our 2022 Budget is the same as 2021.
- e) Regional support for Junior Development is going up from \$300 to \$800 to supplement Jr. Development events.

Major Events:

Jr. US. Open:
2022: Sacramento, Ca. at Bell Aqua
2023: Out for bid.
2024: Out for bid.

AWSA Nationals:
2022: Nationals- Maize, Ka. at Mystic Lakes (2 lake site, 7 days)
2023: Nationals- West Palm Beach, Fl. at (4 lake site, 5 days)
2024: Nationals: Out for bid.
2025: Nationals: Out for bid.

Pan Am Games
2022: Santiago, Chile

World Games:
2022: Birmingham, Al.

New AWSA Website:

New website launched in December, all members have to log in and update.
Two separate log ins for clubs and one for members
Individual Membership has Safe Sport Tie In-you must complete to be active

Jennifer Leachman-SportMash

Introduce water skiing to a bigger audience
In app store now-Google and Apple
Will be used a referall for AWSA
Will work with subscriptions and virtual events in the fuure

Membership:

In cooperation with major ski companies a free AWSA membership will be offered to individuals purchasing new water skis. QR code on card will explain how to join AWSA with an electronic membership. Protocols will be put in place to retain individuals after one year.

USOPC

AWSA is finding challenges in communication with members regarding SafeSport, its requirements and how its implementation affects membership.
There is a significant amount of pull back from membership not wanting to comply with background screening.

USAWSWS

Need to look at replacing their sanction platform with a more streamlined system.

Sure Path

Boat path monitoring system will be required in all REL events in 2022.

Jeff Surdej:

Special thanks and respect to Jeff Surdej for his five years of unselfish service to AWSA