



Application For Barefoot Tournament Sanction

USA Water Ski (USAWS) / American Barefoot Club (ABC)

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Instructions

I. GENERAL: All USA Water Ski/ABC-sanctioned tournaments must have a currently affiliated USA Water Ski club as their organizer or co-organizer. If your club affiliation has expired, return the club membership form and required fee with your sanction application to USA Water Ski Headquarters. All club affiliations expire December 31.

II. DEADLINES AND FEES:

Standard Applications and Fees: The Sanction Application, Pre-Tournament Safety Checklist and sanction fee must be received at USA Water Ski Headquarters prior to the deadlines listed below to avoid a late fee. The club must also be a current USA Water Ski affiliated club by the time a sanction application is received. Clubs not meeting deadlines with ALL required forms must pay the appropriate late fees indicated below. Please note that the deadlines indicate number of days prior to opening date of tournament.

<u>Tournament Class</u>	<u>Sanction Fee</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee</u>
Cash Prize	\$300	21 days	\$200
Class R or L	\$175	21 days	\$200
Class C	\$125	21 days	\$100

Class "F" (Fun) sanction applications are available upon request from USA Water Ski Headquarters

PLEASE NOTE: USA Water Ski assumes no responsibility for delays in the U.S. mail. It is strongly suggested that you mail your application via "Registered Mail-Return Receipt Requested". No telephone applications will be accepted.

B. Tournament Kit: Tournament Kits are available electronically at www.usawaterski.org. Paper kits will sent upon request for a fee of \$15 which includes shipping.

C. Revisions/Cancellations: In the event of cancellation or changes in date, events, class, etc., you must notify your Regional Executive Director and USA Water Ski's Competition Department immediately. USA Water Ski **MUST** receive approval of changes from the Regional Executive Director. In the case of cancellation, all but \$25.00 of the sanction fee will be refunded. **No late fees will be refunded.**

III. REQUIREMENTS: The approval of the ABC Regional Executive Director is required on all tournaments. Tournaments will not be considered sanctioned until the ABC Regional Executive Director's approval is received at USA Water Ski Headquarters.

Only fully insured "Active" members may participate in USA Water Ski/ABC-sanctioned Class R (record capability) tournaments.

Guest Memberships may only be honored and purchased at USA Water Ski/ABC-sanctioned eligible events (Class F, N, C or L tournaments) for \$10 for each event. **GUEST MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO JUMP OVER A RAMP.** Refer to the Guest Membership Registration Form located in the "Registrar" packet of the tournament kit for further details. Be sure to follow the application directions carefully for registration of Guest Members.

NOTE: *Scores for those participants competing as Guest Members may not be used toward ABC Nationals qualifications until membership has been upgraded to full "Active" member.*

Refer to the ABC Official Tournament Rules for specific tournament requirements. **USA Water Ski/ABC-sanctioned tournaments may be classified as follows:**

CLASS F: "Fun" tournaments (Class F) can be sanctioned the way as tournaments, be sure to choose the "Fun" option. No Executive Director approval is required for a Fun tournament. Tournaments may utilize "double sanctions" to include a Class F tournament with a higher class sanction.

CLASS N:

- A. Organizer is not required to have organized a tournament previously.
- B. Required officials must hold a minimum of an ABC-rated Assistant Judge rating, a minimum of an ABC-rated Assistant Scorer rating, a minimum of an ABC-rated Assistant Driver rating and a USA Water Ski-rated Safety Director. Refer to Rule C601 for details.
- C. All officials receive full credit for rating maintenance only, not upgrading. Skiers' ratings up through First Class can be signed off. If an ABC-rated Regular Judge is present, Expert ratings may also be approved.

CLASS C & X:

- A. Organizer must have been the organizer of a water ski tournament, sanctioned or unsanctioned, during or since the prior two calendar years.
- B. Required officials include an ABC-rated Regular or Senior Judge as Chief Judge; an ABC-rated Assistant, Regular or Senior Scorer as Chief Scorer; an ABC-rated Assistant, Regular or Senior Driver as Chief Driver; and a USA Water Ski-rated Safety Director. These officials must be listed on the sanction application before the sanction can be approved. Refer to Rule C601 for further details on required officials.
- C. Officials receive full credit for rating upgrading and maintenance. Skiers' ratings up through and including Masters may be signed off.

CLASS L (STANDINGS LIST):

All criteria of a Class C tournament must be met. In addition, the following standards must be followed:

- A. The Chief Judge must hold an ABC Senior Judge rating.
- B. Slalom and tricks events must have a minimum of two (2) Regular Judges or one (1) Senior Judge as Event (Boat) Judges. The jump event must have a minimum of one (1) Senior Judge at the computer to run the Jump program.
- C. All scores must be submitted within 14 days of the tournament on a computer disk containing all results for events that were run according to the above standards. A completed Standings List Dossier must be completed and signed by the Chief Judge and returned to complete the submission proceedings. In addition to the results, a list of events and which divisions were skied and a list of officials' assignments for each event either on disk or paper must be submitted to the Computer Committee Chairman for seeding (Brian Heeney, 4060 Buoy Blvd., Helena, MT 59602, phone/fax 406-443-7996).

III. REQUIREMENTS: (Continued)

RECORD CAPABILITY: Required officials include an ABC-rated Senior Judge as Chief Judge; an ABC-rated Regular or Senior Scorer as Chief Scorer; an ABC-rated Senior Driver as Chief Driver; an ABC-rated Regular or Senior Homologator; and a USA Water Ski-rated Safety Director. Refer to Rule A1905 for further details on required officials.

CASH PRIZE: Officials ratings must conform to ABC Rule A1905. Please refer to the current ABC Rules for more information.

TOWBOATS: Only towboat models that have been certified as approved by USA Water Ski may be used to pull USA Water Ski-sanctioned events. The approved towboats are listed on Item 7. Contact USA Water Ski Headquarters' Competition Department or the ABC Towboat Committee Chairman for more details regarding the towboat program.

IV. PROCEDURES:

TOW ROPES: USA Water Ski requires that all tournament sponsor-supplied towline models be tested. Products that have been tested to assure compliance with the specification set forth in Rule C1102 of the ABC Official Tournament Rules may be used in USA Water Ski-sanctioned events. Contact USA Water Ski Headquarters' Competition Department for more details regarding approved towropes and towrope testing.

A. The current edition of the ABC Official Tournament Rule Book is helpful when completing sanction applications. One copy per member is free upon request from USA Water Ski. The Rule Book may also be viewed online at www.usawaterski.org or additional copies may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

B. Type or print clearly all information requested and provide signatures where indicated. Mail Items 2 and 4 to USA Water Ski Headquarters' Competition Department with appropriate national sanction fee and the club membership form and fee (if applicable) in the envelope provided. Make check or money order payable to "USA Water Ski". Mail a copy of Item 2 to your Regional Executive Director (names and addresses below) in the envelope provided with a check or money order payable to your Region for any Regional tournament sanction fees that may be required.