

# National Show Ski Association

## Guidelines for Sponsoring a Show Ski Tournament

These guidelines have been prepared with the intention of assisting a club sponsor a ski show tournament. Some of the information contained herein are also in the current National Show Ski Association (NSSA) rulebook, but are repeated for emphasis and for ease of use by a club. Other items are recommendations based on past experience with show ski tournaments. Also, this document is not intended to be absolutely complete, but use of these guidelines should aid a club in preparing for and sponsoring a ski show tournament.

### Site Selection

One of the first things you will have to do is choose a site. The things to look for in choosing a site should include:

1. Will the shoreline accommodate a starting dock and landing area for multiple acts?
2. Will the skiers be able to move freely from the landing area to the starting area?
3. Is the ski area large enough for show acts?
4. Will the club be able to keep other boats out of the area during the tournament?
5. Will spectators have a good view?
6. Is there a suitable boat landing available?
7. Are there parking areas not only for spectators and skiers, but also for boat and equipment trailers?
8. Does the site allow for the judges to be separated but still have a good view of the whole area?
9. Will the clubs be able to move their equipment in and out of the starting area easily?

### Tournament Announcement

The tournament announcement **MUST** include the following information:

1. The method to be used in determining the order of competition (Rule 4.01).
2. Whether the tournament will be divided into divisions and if so, how the divisions will be determined.
3. Whether the sponsor-supplied pick-up boat and/or towboat will be available (Rules 9.01 and 9.02).

It is also recommended that the tournament announcement include:

1. Whether or not necessary affiliations for competition may be obtained at the site.
2. Map or description of the area and site.
3. Available accommodations (camping, lodging, food, etc.).
4. Whether or not gas and oil will be available at the site.
5. Name of the Chief Judge of the tournament.
6. Reminder to clubs that lists of acts must be submitted no later than one hour before the start of the tournament.

### Tournament Schedule

No later than seven days prior to the competition, competing clubs and the Chief Judge shall receive a schedule of starting times for each day and the order of competition (Rule 4.02).

**DO NOT** print, estimate or infer any time for a team's competition to begin with the exception of the first team each day. According to the rules, teams are responsible for being ready at the end of the preceding club's competition with the exception of teams scratching, which is provided for in the rulebook (Rule 3.04).



The failure of a sponsor to include the above information in communications and within the proper time limits constitutes a violation of the rules and could result in the loss of sanction.

### **Required Equipment**

1. Two different audible signals (Rule 3.07)
2. Pick-up boat, if specified in the tournament announcement (Rule 9.02)
3. Safety boat with required equipment (Rule 9.04)
4. Regulation jump ramp unless excepted (Rule 9.03)
5. Public Address (P.A.) system (Rule 9.10)
6. Adequate emergency transportation (Rule 11.03)
7. Towboat, if specified in the tournament announcement (Rule 9.01)

The equipment listed above is required by the rules and failure to comply is a violation of the rules and could result in loss of sanction.

### **Personnel**

1. Chief Judge
2. Three or five scoring judges and secretaries
3. Chief Scorer
4. USA Water Ski-rated Safety Director
5. Adequate emergency personnel
6. Competent safety boat operator
7. Timer appointed by the Chief Judge

The personnel listed above are required by the rules and failure to comply is a violation of the rules and could result in loss of sanction.

In addition to the required personnel listed above, you will need many people to help keep the tournament running smoothly. Some of the items you will need extra personnel for are:

1. Keeping the spectators back from the starting area, landing area, boat landings, etc.
2. Assisting the competing clubs with adjusting the jump ramp, getting sponsor-supplied boats and becoming familiar with other sponsor-supplied equipment.
3. If necessary, patrolling the skiing area to keep other boats out.
4. Checking in and maintaining club rosters, show lists, affiliations and entry fees.
5. At least one or two scorers to assist the Chief Scorer

### **Miscellaneous**

Other items the club should provide are:

1. Starting dock that will accommodate a minimum of 14 skiers
2. Pencils, carbons, clipboards, umbrellas, chairs for officials
3. Closed scoring area
4. Extra copies of the current NSSA rules
5. Duplicate copies of the Judges' Forms for judges' use
6. Roped area for the performing club and equipment and for the subsequent competing club

If you should have any questions regarding sponsoring a ski show tournament, you should contact your NSSA Regional Representative or USA Water Ski's Competition Department, <http://www.usawaterski.org> or 1-800-533-2972.