

American Water Ski Association
Board of Directors Meeting
218 Rustic River Rd., Martindale, TX 78655
Tuesday, August 8, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.

- 1) Opening & Call to Order
 - a) 8:30 a.m.

- 2) Introduction & Roll Call
 - a) Gordon Hall
 - b) Delaina Downes
 - c) Elaine Bush for Owen Letcher
 - d) Jim Jaquess
 - e) Lyman Hardy
 - f) Bob Archambeau
 - g) Keith Lindemulder
 - h) Jim Babcock
 - i) Peter Dahl
 - j) Dennis Downes
 - k) Bob Mayhew
 - l) Jim Powell
 - m) Jonathan Thacher
 - n) Gary Noll
 - o) Hutch Haines
 - p) Barry Young
 - q) Richelle Muhlitrner
 - r) Dean Chappell
 - s) Brad Hartwell
 - t) Jeff Surdej
 - u) Jim DeVito
 - v) Bob Crowley
 - w) Kirby Whetsel
 - x) Mike Hayes
 - y) Julie Krueger
 - z) Robert Rhyne
 - aa) Tom Nathan
 - bb) Hank Longo
 - cc) Jerry Bautsch
 - dd) Kelvin Kelm
 - ee) Doug Robbins
 - ff) Floyd McCreight
 - gg) Dennis Longo
 - hh) Mark and Joy Bozicevic
 - ii) Leon Larson

- 3) Announcement of Quorum
 - a) Quorum Present

- 4) Opening Administrative Motions
 - a) Motion to let committee chairs and other to stay Bob / Barry. Carries, none opposed
 - b) Motion to treat all action items from committee reports as motions with automatic seconds Dean / Bob Mayhew Carries, none opposed

- 5) Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - a) Jon Thacher

- 6) Confirmation of Voting Roll *
 - a) No athletes present (first 5 on list)
 - b) 20 present /required majority: 11

- 7) Adoption of Agenda
 - a) Motion to move item #15 down to #22. Jim J / Bob A– Fails 5 / 13
 - b) Motion to approve agenda. Bob M/ Bob A – carries.

- 8) Presentation of Service Awards
 - a) Kate Knafla, outgoing EVP- Midwest region– Thank you for service & HND Motion Barry / Dennis – Carries
 - b) Pat Byrne – outgoing EVP- East, thank you for service
- 9) Review and Approval of Jan. 28, 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes *
 - a) Jim J / Lyman – Carries
- 10) Ratification of BOD Electronic Ballots since last Meeting *
 - a) Motion to approve Dean / Richelle – Carries
- 11) Nominating Committee Report – Barry
 - a) Change – Keith L to step in for Barry Julie / Bob A – carries
- 12) Election of Officers for next year – slate proposed by Barry approved. Same officers as last year, except Keith Lindemulder is now Vice President
- 13) AWSA President's Report & AWSA Executive Committee Report *
 - a) Exec Report
 - Conference call, level 10, next meeting Dec 2, 2017
 - Jr US Open – set for a couple of years.
 - Nationals – Going to Kansas in 2018 and West Palm Beach has bid for 2019 & 2020.
 - CanAm's in September at Melenuk's – 25 Americans going
 - US Open – no luck to find sponsors
 - b) WPB Nationals proposal *
 - Looking to get numbers back up to 1000
 - Open to hosting US Open during National's
 - Motion to accept WPB bid for 2019-20 Bob S/ Jim J – carries 18 / 0
 - c) Presidents Report *
 - Interesting, busy 12 months. Lot of TC changes, Zero Based scoring, Level 10, Ball of Spray event....hoping issues are in the past and we are back on track with 11 point plan.
 - 321Kampaign
 - 3 hashtags
 - Ski schools – referral program – 3 digit code
 - Ball of Spray – ambassador program
 - Communication – Please make sure communication is getting down to the members.
 - New features on app
 - Mapping of your site
 - Ability to email tournament attendees.
 - Instagram, Facebook, Twitter
 - Inside the numbers
 - 491 sanctions and low on Grassroots
 - Membership numbers
 - Qualified 29 more people for Nationals
 - Emails to people who qualify
 - Need a way to get people to register earlier; incentive, etc.

- New programmer from Milton, FL – Steve Hansen to step in to help Dave Clark
- Team skiing – working very well. Need every region to get behind the team concept. The trend to go to fewer teams is not the direction we want to go. West went from 9 teams to 4. Do not want this to be an elite concept...idea is to get more people involved
- NCWSA / AWSA liaison and team fund raising – info to come later
- Regional / Committee action / agenda items – working to get all caught up
- Jr skiing, open ski nights, mini course – on the agenda for the winter
- Better membership package
- WSIA gave out grants to anyone who dedicated that time to get people on the water; \$200. AWSA would like to see the date moved
- Distributing emails is sometimes difficult...could use a dummy sanction if we could get something setup with the OLR. Instagram and Facebook is a great way to do so...email is the new snail mail! Include being able to send email in the membership renewal.
 - Every EVP should have an email to be sending from; south@usawaterski.org.
 - Privacy issues – solution could be the ability to opt out of 2 categories; information and advertisements.
 - Moderator group with a gatekeeper?
 - Motion to give EVP right to everyone's email in his region for AWSA purposes only; Jon T / Lyman – carries
 - What needs to go back to Jeff Smith and legal is HOW we do this, not can we do this.
 - Need to be cautious of the minors in our sport.
 - How to take one more step forward and get each state rep his list

14) AWSA Treasurer's Report *

- a) Flaw in the calculations from USA Water Ski in counting Lifetime memberships so they redid the sports funding.
- b) General support is up, Jr Development and regional invoices went out, thank you for the quick response.

BREAK

15) USA-WS Marketing Task Force (MTF) Committee - Presentation of Recommendations – Doug Robbins

- a) MTF Committee members: Larry Meddock (WSIA), Doug, Tim Collin, Jeff Surdej, Samantha Pinkerton, Gordon Hall, Jim Grew, Bob Crowley, Michael Newth
- b) 4 pillars in the proposal
- c) Cannot be acted upon until January 2018 meeting (requires bylaws change)
- d) Purpose to address the consistent loss of membership
- e) Relevant – Declining relevance in Water Sports Industry
- f) Roadblocks – inability to get to databases
- g) USAWS Responsibilities
 - Membership org
 - Volunteer based org
 - Competition based org
 - Supporting 9 disciplines
 - National governing body
- h) Declining membership – 32% decline in past 10 yrs. across all disciplines

- i) Declining sponsorship – 27% over last 7 yrs. less members makes us less attractive
- j) Bonnier Publishing / Water Ski magazine – No Nautique or MC paid ads
- k) WSIA (Water Sports Industry Association) – Summit Presentation Recap
 - Couldn't get people to come
- l) Pillar 1
 - Provide strong membership value
 - Offer one new affordable membership – \$19.95
 - Industry product discounts
 - Magazine subscription
 - Access to educational resources & certification programs
- m) Pillar 2 - Update name – USA Water Ski & Wake Sports
 - Emphasize being more inclusive
- n) Pillar 3 – Update Mission & Vision Statement
 - Increase emphasis on Life on the Water
 - Appeal to recreational participants
 - Increase emphasis on driving business to participating manufacturers.
 - Mission Statement and Vision Statement require bylaws change
- o) Pillar 4 – Update membership structure
 - Increase membership base with new affordable membership and benefits package
 - Increase sponsor relevance
 - Provide a sport discipline feeder system
 - Establish more affordable entry point for members
 - Everyone is an equal member
- p) Access to insurance and sanctioned activities through “upgrade” system
 - Right to participation in sanctioned activities
 - Insurance coverage for licensed participants.
 - A few of the license categories
 - Active (both 25+ and U-25)
 - Officials
 - Guest Pass
 - Learn to Ski Clinics
 - Practices
 - Tournament Guest Pass
 - First time tournament pass (New!)
- q) Package deal – one pillar does not work alone.
 - Needs a liaison to facilitate – someone not on USAWS staff already.
 - Have industry support for this initiative
 - Reinventing organization without disrupting competitive structure
- r) Same presentation going to NSSA board, Hydrofoil and others
- s) Discussion
- t) Motion to endorse the special committees' proposal Bob Mayhew / Jim Babcock – Carries 18 / 1

- Discussion
 - Need a marketing plan before we fully accept.
 - Need to let the membership know what is planned.
 - Have to get the same info out to our members, what are our talking points?

16) USA-WS Executive Director's Report

- a) Membership taskforce
 - Making changes in responsibilities in September.
- b) Safe sport brochure available on the site.
- c) Change to tech
- d) Sponsorship
 - Ski Safe back in the fold
 - Reflex
- e) Merchandise Sales – Melanie
- f) Social Media & - Michael Newth
- g) Masters 2018 Operation Gold

17) Pan Am Confederation IWWF Report *

- a) Motion to have Jeff Surdej and Nikki Lee to vote for Jose Antonio Perez for IWWF President; Jim J / Bob A - Carries

18) International Activities Committee Report *

- a) Motion to accept; Bob A / Dean - Carries

19) Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) Report *

20) USOC Report

21) Standing Committee Reports

- a) Announcers Committee
 - Only appointed announcer for Nationals, thanks to newsletter to get volunteers.
 - Foundation work going on for new facility, cable park started at Lake Myrtle, 3 event lake, trick lake
- b) Awards Committee
 - No report
 - Remind Awards that we voted to go back to the previous number of awards.
- c) Boat Driver's Committee * – Ham Wallace
 - Discussion on both Technical side and Drivers side on how to monitor boat path.
 - Idea of doing end course video is for being more instructional.
 - Dropbox for drivers to upload their video.
- d) By Laws Committee *
- e) Judges & Scorers Committee - Tom Nathan
 - Policy manual, etc. available online.
 - New PowerPoint presentation from Deb Kern
 - Officials retention – “Pass the Clipboard”
 - Road block for advancement – Chief Judge not an option down south due to lack of
 - Chief Judge has power to use a Level 8 at a tournament without them going to HQ first.
- f) Junior Development Committee * - Jim DeVito

- Winners from each jr event last year will have a bib to wear this year to show everyone.

g) Rules Committee * - Richelle

- Lots of communication – 4 main things, Level 10, Zero based scoring, mini course, skier's qualification...
- Level 10
 - Motion rescind the Level 10 rule. Bob A / Lyman –
 - Discussion
 - Call to question Dean 12 / – Fails
 - Further discussion
 - Vote on motion: Motion Fails 7 / 11 / 1 Abstain
 - Discussion of possible changes to the Level 10 rule
 - In the State, Regional and National the skier should make a 1 yr. declaration of how they are going to ski.
 - Should jumpers be forced to jump above their ability?
- Zero based scoring – lots of skiers unhappy with being able to go above max speed, but skiing below and shortening is very popular.
- Mini-Course – Jeff will present on.
- Skiers Qualifications – Nationals last chance qualifier – move the cutoff date up.
 - Using after Nationals as the cutoff score would it be higher?
 - West – Use the first day of nationals as the cutoff date.
- Motion: All proposed rules changes shall be presented to the AWSA membership in some form by Dec 1 Jim J / Bob A – Carries 14 /
 - website is:
 - <http://www.usawaterski.org/pages/divisions/3event/rulescommittee/awсарulescommittee.htm>

h) Safety Committee * - Jim Babcock

i) Seeding Committee * - Kirby Wetzel

- Change of SC seeding rep – now Danny LeBourgeois

j) Skier's Qualification Committee *

- Proposal for Level 8 cutoff – new percentages – Carries
- Nationals Qualification Cut-off Date –
 - Alternative 1 (move the cut-off date to the Thursday following the close of Nationals) – passes 16 / 0

k) Technical Committee *

- REVISE AWSA TRICK RECORD APPLICATION: Remove the block were the TC has to measure/record the trick ski length//width. Carries – non opposed

l) Towboat Committee *

22) Special Committee Reports

a) Team Skiing

- Trophies this year for all 10 teams
- Taking ideas as we evolve this

b) NCWSA/AWSA Liaison *

- Emily Dammeyer and Christy Kingsmill working on this. Working on finding all the old collegiate skiers and getting them back in the sport.

c) Team fundraising – Ron Koenig

- McCormick skiing for Canada – sad when \$\$ make that happen.

- 70% of funding is done through direct mail, 20% internet, 10% foundations.
- Fundraising Plan
 - First 20 to donate \$500 are invited for a weekend to ski with the team and are presented to the team as sponsors.
 - 4500 letters went out last week
 - 4x touch throughout the year
 - T-shirts sales to encourage team participation and USA
 - Gofunding.com
 - Foundations from Central Florida
 - Wills, Estates and Family Trusts
 - Twitter, Facebook, etc.
 - Nationals to showcase the team, encourage your skiers.

23) Regional Recommendations

a) East

- Rules committee - C Tournaments – Allow for only a Reg or Sr judge in the boat. – Motion to forward recommendation to Rules Cmte: Fails

b) Midwest

- Towboat – Allow old boats that have been approved in the past as long as they have ZO. – Motion to fwd to cmte: Carries. Already on the agenda for Towboat committee
- Rules – Add juniors on the level 10 rule. – Motion to fwd to cmte: Fails

c) South

- None

d) South Central

- None

e) West

- West Region prefers to have a score set on a date prior to the current year Nationals, which will allow a skier to ski at the current year Nationals and know if a performance qualifies them for the next year's Nationals – Recommendation to National Meeting

24) Old Business

a) None

25) New Business

a) Look into Amazon Smile for USA Water Ski.

b) App for purchasing Guest Memberships – nothing done with

26) Date & Time of Next Meeting

a) Lake Myrtle – Jan 27, 2018

27) Adjourn Lyman / Bob A. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

VOTING ROLL

AWSA BOD

Board of Directors

As-of: 14-Jul-17

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Votes allowed</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>	
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC	-			
Nate Smith	Ath Rep	AAC	-			
Freddy Krueger, IV	Ath Rep	AAC	-			
Ellie Horton	Ath Rep	AAC	-			
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC	-			
Patrick Byrne	EVP	E				
Hutch Haines	Dir	E	X			
Jonathan Thacher	Dir	E	X			
Gary Noll	Dir	E	X			NAY
Kate Knafla	EVP	MW	X		Dean Chappell	NAY
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW	X			NAY
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW	X		Jim Babcock	NAY
Dennis Downes	Dir	MW	X			NAY
Bob Archambeau	EVP	S	X			Yes
Jody Seal	Dir	S				
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S	X			YES
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S	X			YES
Gordon Hall	EVP/COB ¹	SC	X			
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC	X			NAY
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC	X			Abstain
Bob Mayhew	Dir	SC	X			NAY
Owen Letcher	EVP	W	X		Elaine Bush	NAY
Barry Young	Dir/VP ²	W	X			NAY
Richelle Muhltnr	Dir	W	X			NAY
Brad Hartwell	Dir	W				NAY
Jeff Surdej	Pres ²		X			
Delaina Downes	Sec ²		X			
Robert Rhyne, III	Treas ²		X			

Total votes possible: 20

Majority: 11

¹ non-voting, unless vote could change outcome (tie-breaker)

² non-voting position

AWSA BOD

Electronic Ballot Voting Record

As-of: 7/14/2017
Final tally; for ratification

Ballot #2017-2
Changes to ZBS

Ballot #2017-3
Changes to Rule 3.03 (Level 10)

Voting Members and

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Yea Nay Abst No Vote</u>				<u>Yea Nay Abst No Vote</u>			
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC	X				X			
Nate Smith	Ath Rep	AAC	X							X
Freddy Krueger, IV	Ath Rep	AAC	X							
Ellie Horton	Ath Rep	AAC				X				X
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC	X							X
Patrick Byrne	EVP	E	X				X			
Hutch Haines	Dir	E	X				X			
Jonathan Thacher	Dir	E	X				X			
Gary Noll	Dir	E		X			X			
Kate Knafla	EVP	MW		X			X			
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW		X						X
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW		X			X			
Dennis Downes	Dir	MW		X			X			
Bob Archambeau	EVP	S	X				X			
Leon Larson	Dir	S	X							X
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S	X				X			
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S	X				X			
Gordon Hall	EVP/COB ¹	SC				X				X
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC	X				X			
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC	X				X			
Bob Mayhew	Dir	SC	X				X			
Owen Letcher	EVP	W		X						X
Barry Young	Dir/VP ²	W		X			X			
Richelle Muhltnr	Dir	W		X			X			
Brad Hartwell	Dir	W		X			X			
Jeff Surdej	Pres ²									
Delaina Downes	Sec ²									
Robert Rhyne, III	Treas ²									

Total votes possible:

25

25

Required to pass:

13

13

Result:

14 9 0 2

18 0 0 7

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Ballot #2017-2 2/22/2017 Changes to ZBS
 Motion by: Jim Jaquess
 Second by: Bob Archambeau
 Amended by mover 3/4/17
 Second by: Jerry Bautsch

Ballot #2017-3 5/23/2017
 Motion by: Jeff Surdej
 Second by: Executive Cmte

AWSA PRESIDENTS REPORT SUMMER 2017

SUMMARY

Not sure how to sum up the last 6-12 months as president, but it's been up and down to say the least. Between the driving issues, the TC requirements to fix the driving issues, ZBS, cancellation of the BOS event, and L10, my time has not been well spent on building membership. It's been disheartening to see, what feels like a continued bad AWSA reputation out there. Although I do get many emails applauding our efforts of change, we seemed to have also ruffled the feathers of our core 3,000 skiers. That being said, I will say my focus has been re-focused, I almost feel like a born-again president and I wish I would have started this focus earlier in my term. I know now more than ever the immediate necessity to worry about, and only about, the base of the pyramid; new members, new skier, new competitors, that's it on my agenda for the next 12 months, because without that focus and without us turning in some positive results, nothing else matters.

3-2-1KAMPAIGN

As we move forward and concentrate on building the base, we are using AWSA's 3-2-1Kampaign as our effort. This launched early June, a little later than I hoped for summer 2017, but so far it has sparked some good results. We have a long way to go to reach these lofty goals by end of next year but I truly believe we can do it, but it's going to take an effort by every member. I want this Kampaign to get branded and go viral. We are seeing strong results with just a little effort by some members so far. The hard part of tracking this is that these efforts may be going on all over, but unless they take a pic and post it we will never know. But as long as it's happening that's all that matters and in the end our membership #'s and skier participation will tell the truth on whether it worked. Here is a summary of the 3-2-1Kampaign that went out to all AWSA members.

AWSA Launches the 3-2-1Kampaign

I'm writing to you today not about rules, a survey, or even a donation: Today, I'm asking for your help to grow the sport we all love!

We are asking each member to contribute to at least 1 step of the 3-2-1Kampaign. If you do, our sport and its future will be in better shape than it was yesterday.

I quote *"The deliveries of our message/product/sport are as important as the message/product/sport itself."* - G. Hall, Chairman of the AWSA Board.

With your support and promotion, we can brand the 3-2-1Kampaign and have it go viral nationwide until we succeed in accomplishing all three steps (6000k!!!!).

So what is the 3-2-1Kampaign?



Step 1: 3k....Bring in 3,000 new AWSA members. #getamemberchallenge

Step 2: 2k.... Teach 2,000 people how to ski for the first time. #imawaterskier

Step 3: 1k....Get 1,000 skiers to their first AWSA event. #tryitloveitliveit

The main idea behind the 3-2-1Kampaign is that the customers who fit into any of the 3 categories are already out there. With a little help, your help, simply asking, welcoming and encouraging, these customers can be turned into AWSA members, skiers and competitors.

We are going to use the 3 hashtags above, 1 for each step. So any member that achieves one of the steps should take a picture and use these hashtags or tag @awsa3event on <https://www.instagram.com/awsa3event/> or @amwaterskiassn on <https://www.facebook.com/AmWaterSkiAssn/> or send pics/vids to j_surdej@yahoo.com and they will be posted.

So, spread the word to anyone you know, get it going on all avenues of social media, and let's achieve our goal!

10% REFERRAL PROGRAM

Another effort that launched this past June was a new 10% referral program for ski schools and camps. They basically get a 3-digit promo code and when new AWSA members sign up using that code, they get 10% of the revenue back. We saw good results early on at Cory's Ski School as he signed up 15 new members in just 2 weeks. These ski schools are going to be great avenues for us to bring in members and introduce them to the organization so I want to continue to work with the ski schools and how we can help them help us.

MORE UPCOMING PROJECTS

There are many more efforts and projects in the works to aid the 3-2-1 Campaign, including reaching out to ex-members and an ambassador program being worked on with Ball of Spray. This combined with grassroots and mini course adoption and I know we will see good results in AWSA soon.

COMMUNICATION

I want to continue to stress the need to communicate what is going on in AWSA. AWSA updates are being sent out often but we need to get that information down into the hands of councils and then members so we get good feedback and we are all on the same page. If you do not have a form of communication, whether that's an email chain or social media please try and form one or update your current one.

AWSA APP and OLR

Mark Crone has continued to add enhancements. 2 main ones launched this year, please promote them. 1) LOC's can add a site address/coordinates and then members can use the AWSA APP to pull up the directions in maps on their phone.

Fish Fry Green Lightning Team

Sanction:	17M053
SiteID:	USAM015
City/ST:	Wilmington
Description:	Slalom 4
Sponsor:	Waters Ex
Site:	Waters Ex
Directions:	I-55 to Wi



[Map To Site](#)

2) LOC's can now directly contact skiers entered into their event through a new OLR feature. Generate excitement for your event and keep your tournament entrants informed and connected leading up to your tournament. Announce schedule changes, evening events or communicate site features and procedures. Send post-tournament highlights. Or, reach out to last year's entrants to encourage them to participate in an upcoming event. Organizers and tournament registrars may access the new feature from either the **Administrative Login** on Rankings or Tournaments sub-menu menus. Then go to **OLR Registrar Functions** and select your tournament. The new Email module is then accessible along with other handy administrative options. Make sure you have your tournament AdminCode handy.

AWSA SOCIAL MEDIA

In May, I turned my focus on to our social media. We launched AWSA Instagram and twitter. Since then, in 2 months, we have seen a great uptake in our social media presence. This will continue to serve as a great avenue, to not only communicate, but to brand AWSA and form a community for life on the water and 3 event

skiing. Our Facebook following has doubled and Instagram is really growing. Our 3-2-1Kampiagn reached close to 5,000 people and had 800 likes. Please check out, promote and follow

<https://www.instagram.com/awsa3event/> and <https://www.facebook.com/AmWaterSkiAssn/> and <https://twitter.com/awsa3event>

THE NUMBERS

We do not have a lot of skier stats mid-season, those will be provided end of year, but so far in sanctions we have the following.

Ski year 2016 508 events, 121 with GR, 24%

Ski year 2017 491 events so far, 117 with GR 24%

We really need to get an increase in the # of GR events, its free to add to your sanction

NATIONALS

We have a bid for 2019 and 2020, depending on whether 2020 is awarded at the summer meeting will determine when and for what years the next bids are due. We are excited to see a continued interest in national's bids.

NEW PROGRAMMER

I'm happy to announce we have added Steve Hansen to our AWSA volunteer programming team, he is getting familiar with the rankings system and hopes to start working on our backlog of projects soon.

TEAM SKIING

AWSA Team skiing is in its 2nd year. We hope states/areas and regions are started to grasp the concept and really get into it. There is an entire section now on usawaterski under 3 event dedicated to team skiing information. This year's nationals will have team awards and an awards presentation.

NCWSA/AWSA LIASON-TEAM FUNDRAISING

This winter I started 2 position in AWSA, one to focus on bridging the gap between graduated NCWSA skiers and getting them into AWSA events and the other is to help raise funds for international team events, so not only can be fund more teams but we can dedicate more of our AWSA budget into efforts to increase membership.

AWSA's 11 POINT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE-No detailed updates at this time, most of the updates were covered above. I will give a more detailed outline of where we stand on each of the 11 at the winter meeting. I would say overall, we are about 1/3 of the way implemented, and by next year, heading into summer we should be closer to 2/3rds done. Below is not updated but I wanted to have in the report as a reminder of what the plan is.

1. MAKE TOURNAMENTS FUN AGAIN

This has been SIG's (special interest groups) main focus. Formats such as the Ohio Buckeye Tour have increased tournament scores in **Ohio by 17%**. The Northeast slalom series was very successful. We are working with Dave Allen and Dave Clark to make these formats and handicapped tournament a one button push operation for LOC's to host. Now we need to promote it. We need to find someone in each region/area/state to encourage these type of formats and get LOC's behind it.

2. BETTER MARKETING OF AWSA

Creating a social media committee will be a part of this item. Mass marketing is awaiting a better membership package so we have something to sell. Would also like to connect with ski schools as a means to reach a broader non-competitive market. We need each tournament to produce more social media, photos, Instagram about their events. Also plan to target x-members by reaching out to them and letting them know what their membership dollars can mean to the sport they love.

Want to start a marketing committee also.

3. JUNIOR SKIING

No update on this. But we need to make tournaments fun for kids, big trophies, lots of activities.

4. OPEN SKI NIGHTS/PUBLIC ACCESS

I would like to have this launched by summer. We need to have waterski Wednesday's and activities such as #passthehandle. We need to connect with our waterski clubs, get them to host clinics, ski for funs, invite outside members a few nights a summer so we can expose more to our sport. Once guest membership are digitized this will help. According to the club surveys 67 of the 152 clubs that answered the survey were willing to host an event. 112 of them are willing to offer open ski nights ranging from once a summer to once a week.

5. THE MINI COURSE

Very close to pulling the trigger on this. We have been studying the current systems being used and did a lot of testing in 2016 on this. Point blank, it's a very viable option to bridge the gap in our sport from beginner to competitor for all ages. We hope to have a system in place by summer and we need to encourage clubs to install and offer mini course divisions along with our class C and up events. Inclusive not exclusive. 40% of clubs currently have a mini course and another 40% said they are willing to install one.

6. BETTER MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

Membership task force at USAws level working hard on providing a membership package that entices all waters sports enthusiast not just competitors. I want to start a membership committee for AWSA as well. WSIA Summit.

7. REGIONALS/NATIONALS FORMATS

With the advent of a new philosophy on opening up bids to any ideas we were rewarded with 4 bids for 2017 with 2 more sites that were very interested. This is great and we still need to find ways to increase the ROI on these events for our customers.

8. PRO SKIING

This is a tough one for AWSA to tackle alone but some good things are in the works professionally. The best we can do right now as AWSA is to promote our elite athletes so kids inspire to be them. We need to get them all to nationals and showcase their talents. I want to start a fundraising committee to help fund teams.

9. ABILITY BASED SKIING

Skier Qualification committee is mocking up a trial run of this hopefully by summer. Many sports, in fact, almost all sports have found success in ability based divisions, of course those sports have enough competitors to group by age and ability so that could be our hiccup but competition is the essence that drives most athletes and ABD deliveries this easier than age divisions. Michigan has had a lot of success using ability based division skiing.

10. OFFICIALS PROGRAMS

Always a work in progress. J and S committee has made some great strides in the past 2 years to iron out some of the complexity with this program. We still have more to accomplish in this area.

11. TEAM SKIING

Very successful 2016 launch. We need to take it to the next level in 2017. Bibs on all teams. Awards for the winners, and we need massive promotion at the state/area level with team captains really pushing to build a full team. Still hoping to launch virtual skiing by summer.

**USA WS American Water Ski Association
Budget vs Actual June 30, 2017**

Begin Balance 12/31/16	AWSA 59403.08		35+ Fund 1313.25		Elite Team 4704.54		U17 Fund 901.17		U21 Fund 568.00		Physicians 5672.74		.. Other Team 777.48		80340.26	
	General		(RTF)		(RTF)		(RTF)		(RTF)				Restricted Funds			
Income	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Contributions				75.00				50.00		125.00				240.00	0.00	490.00
Gen Support-Prior Yrs		3064.52													0.00	3064.52
General Support	23000.00	27082.14													23000.00	27082.14
Interest Income	100.00	26.90													100.00	26.90
Indy Entry/Practice															0.00	0.00
National Entry Fee	11500.00														11500.00	0.00
Regional Support	1500.00														1500.00	0.00
Team Consolidation															0.00	0.00
U17 & Junior World															0.00	0.00
Can Am Team															0.00	0.00
Elite World															0.00	0.00
Juniors															0.00	0.00
PanAm															0.00	0.00
U21 Worlds															0.00	0.00
Total Team Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	36100.00	30173.56	0.00	76.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	36100.00	30663.56
Expense																
Awards	5500.00	130.89													5500.00	130.89
Membership/USAWS	5000.00														5000.00	0.00
Directors Insurance	600.00	522.36													600.00	522.36
Officials Maintenance	2000.00														2000.00	0.00
Meeting Expenses	1600.00	800.00													1600.00	800.00
Travel	2000.00	600.00													2000.00	600.00
Scoring Website	1000.00	680.00													1000.00	680.00
Grassroots Basic Skill	0.00														0.00	0.00
Team Exp - ZeroBalance	0.00														0.00	0.00
Sanction Program	0.00														0.00	0.00
World Team Doctor	0.00										1500.00	1500.00			1500.00	1500.00
Elite PA World Team	21660.00	4490.43													21660.00	4490.43
Total Expense	39360.00	7223.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1500.00	1500.00	0.00	0.00	40860.00	8723.68
Net Income	3260.00	2290.88	0.00	76.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	125.00	1500.00	1500.00	0.00	240.00	3260.00	21030.88
Ending Balance 6/30/17		82352.96		1388.25		4704.54		951.17		693.00		4172.74		8017.48		102280.14

Notes:

-Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 6/30/17

Can Am Team	3,307.30
MWGenlTeam	2,300.00
World Games	549.13
U14Fund	1,861.05
Total	8,017.48

-u14 World Donation \$240.00
Notes:
-Accured Exp - Membership \$7500

-Amounts here will be -0-
once the event is final

-Junior Development Funds held in AWSA Bank Accounts

Balance Dec 31, 2016	21,554.62
Income	
Expenses	(3,589.77)
Balance June 30, 2017	17,964.85

-Accounts Receivable

None

Pan Am Confederation Report

to the

American Water Ski Association

July 2017

To: Board of Directors American Water Ski Association

With the election of new officers last November 2016, the Executive and Councils of the Confederation of Pan American Federations has moved forward with several projects. The re-write of the Constitution and Bylaws is complete and available. The LAO has been updated and ready for use with Confederation Competitions. We are currently looking for a site for the 2018 Pan Am Championships. The Confederation has submitted a program for developmental funding to the IWWF. This funding is awarded for projects that meet the criteria as outlined by the IWWF. The money used in these projects comes from the International Olympic Committee and is directed toward development. This year the project is aimed toward development of officials in all of the divisional councils. Each Council will be given an equal share of the \$3,300+ for actively promoting their officials with an educational program designed to bring more officials to World level officiating. The program started the first of July and will end the first of November 2017.

Councils of the Pan Am Confederation are: Tournament, Wakeboard boat, Cable Wakeboard, and Barefoot. The newly functioning Barefoot Council will be Chaired by Betsy Gilman of USA. Larry Gisler of Chile chairs the Tournament Council, a long-standing Council in Pan Am. Isa Mancheno of Colombia handles Wakeboard Boat and Walter Ditch chairs Cable Wakeboard.

We look forward to this helping with educating officials in all disciplines.

At the Tournament World Championships in September, in Paris, the elections will be held for a new IWWF President. Kuno Ritschard, Switzerland, has held this office since 2001. This will be a very important election, as you can see. Other offices to be elected include the Secretary General, from a European country, which will remain the same since no other nominations have been made. The Treasurer's election was thought to be the same, in keeping the one in office now, (but his nomination was not received) so now a new nominee for treasurer has surfaced, also from a European country. Long standing Board member, Alain Amade of France (E&A) has submitted his qualifications for President, along with Jose Antonio Perez of Mexico (Pan Am). This is a very interesting situation in that the Secretary General of IWWF is from Europe and one of the nominees for Treasurer, Peter Frei, is from Europe. There are actually two nominees for Treasurer, but one of them (from Hong Kong) is only in the race in case the President and Secretary General, as elected, are from the same Confederation (E&A).

According to the Constitution, only two of these three offices can be from one Confederation and we have three running for offices from E&A. It is the sincere hope of the Pan Am Confederation that the AWSA/USAWS BOD will direct their delegates, Jeff Surdej and Nikki Lee to cast their ballot at the 2017 World Congress for the Pan Am nominee for President, Jose Antonio Perez. We believe the balance of power MUST be a very important consideration in this election.

The IWWF and Pan Am continue to find sponsors and sanction tournaments to further the participation in all categories of competition for all disciplines.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffry Armstrong,
Secretary General, Pan Am Confederation

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

AWSA Board Report

August 2017

The AWSA International Activities Committee has continued its active agenda since the January Board meeting.

The 2017 Under 21 World Championships team was selected, with Bailey Austin, Taylor Garcia, Anna Gay, Abbi Grathwohl, Taylor Grathwohl and Nicholas Lang as team members. Kurt Grathwohl and Dana Garcia volunteered as co-managers/coaches, with Kurt Grathwohl also serving as team physician. The championships tournament is currently underway as this report is submitted, in the Ukraine.

Upcoming international events include:

The 2017 World Games will be held July 22-29, in Wroclaw, Poland. #

Can Am Championships (Canada versus the U.S.), which will include six person U14 and U17 teams, to be held August 26-27 in Jerseyville, Illinois.

Open Worlds Championships, which will include a six person U.S. team, to be held September 5-10 in Paris, France.

The IAC, with substantial assistance from Bob Crowley, has begun working with USOC on the 2019 Q&Ps for the Pan American Games.

The next meeting of the IAC will be November 4, 2017 in Orlando.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Smith

Chair

BOD Meeting
AAC Report

1. AAC Meeting

- The AAC will have their annual meeting in Orlando in October. The date is TBD but will be scheduled shortly before the rules committee meeting for improved feedback on important issues.

July 3, 2017

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Jeff Clark, Chair AWSA Bylaws Committee

Re: 2017 Summer Report, AWSA Bylaws Committee

The committee members Lisa Holland SCR, Bill Murbach MW, Brad Conger W, Steve Vincent E, Brenda Baldwin AAC, Brian Detrick AAC, and I would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to serve the organization.

The AWSA Bylaws Committee has not had any issues to consider since the winter meeting and do not have any issues for the Board of Directors to consider.

We remain open to the membership and the Board of Directors for issues to consider.

USA Water Ski/AWSA
2017 Junior Development Committee Report Summer 2017

Current Balance (06-30-2017)	\$17,964.85
2017 Budget Expenses	
Regional and National Most Improved Awards	\$2,589.77
All Star Team Logo Towels	\$1,537.76
24 Member Junior Development Team Stipends	\$3,000
12 Member National Team Stipends	\$1,500
National Junior Banquet (food)	\$2,000
National Junior Banquet (activity)	\$1,500
Raffle Item Purchase (TBD)	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$13,127.53
2017 Income (Budget)	
Regional Fee (\$250 each)	\$1,250
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$7,200
Dinner Tickets (junior skiers) \$10 X 200	\$2,000
Dinner Tickets (parents) \$15 X 100	\$1,500
USA Water Ski (Centurion)	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$12,950

The National Junior Development Committee is comprised of one representative from each region. The committee raises funds in support of the National Junior Development

Banquet, the Regional Most Improved Awards, the National Most Improved Awards, the All-Star Team as well as coaching stipends for the 12 Member National Team and the 24 Member Junior Development Team. The annual cost to run our programs is approximately \$13,000.

Selection of the 24 Member National Junior Development Team has been handled by Brenda Baldwin. I'm certain Brenda would like to find a replacement. HQ used to take care of this task. The qualifications and procedures format is attached for review.

Selection of the 12 Member National Team is handled by the IAC.

Most Improved Awards

Calculations are made at Regionals and Nationals using season ending rankings list against rankings list coming into Regionals and Nationals respectively. Skiers must have skied in their respective division at least one year to receive the award. Slalom buoy count, trick score and jump distance determine the most improved. For 2017, we've added a Most Improved Overall as well for each division.

All Star Team

All-Star Team selection takes place at Regionals. Each region selects a 6 member team and 1 alternate. One member from each division (B2-3, G2-3) must be represented. The balance of the team can be other B2-3 or G2-3. The team with the highest NOPS score for slalom, trick and jump wins the team event. No skier from the 12 member team is eligible to participate on the all-star team.

National Junior Development Banquet

Most of our time and energy is spent putting on this event. Because we only meet once a year, it's difficult to plan this formal event. Because we don't often know where the next National event is going to take place, we cannot plan accordingly. We want to recognize the skiers, distribute the awards, scholarships and feed the kids, all in a timely manner. Creating a unique, fun and affordable banquet can only be accomplished with the support of our families and vendors.

Raffle Items - Silent Auction Items

Each year, we ask the 36 team members to sell 10 raffle tickets. They receive the tickets in advance of the Regional tournament. Many of our raffle ticket buyers do not attend the National event. D3, Goode, GoPro, Masterline, Performance, Centurion, Nautique, etc have all contributed raffle items. Pro Skiers have donated private coaching days. Families have donated vacation homes. We need participation from each region, to come up with items we can auction off at the banquet.

For 2017, The Junior Development Committee is funding winner's bibs for all the 2016 Nationals junior winners. Each event winner in 2016 will wear the winner bib during competition in 2017. These skiers will be recognized similar to the Yellow Jersey in the Tour de France. Regardless of their current division, each skier will receive the winner's bib. The event sponsor, Goode, will have their logo on the front of the bib. In the future, we may be able to sell sponsorship space on the back of the bid, to USA Water Ski vendors.

Ultimately, I'd like to fund events for our 12 member and 24 member teams. Having a specific non-ski outing for the skiers would be a welcome change. This becomes difficult because the only time we are together is at Nationals. Not knowing where the next event is taking place makes planning impossible. Taking skiers away from the site is no easy task. Finding volunteers willing to chaperone is also a challenge. Qualifying for the all-star team, being selected to the 12 or 24 member national team is an honor. We should provide some sort of reward for the skiers for their success.

Respectfully submitted,

JD

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National Junior Development

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AWSA Rules Committee Report Summer Board of Directors Meeting August 8, 2017

The Rules Committee continues to be busy in the off season.

Level 10:

We have had to postpone the new rule 3.03 regarding Level 10 skiers. There was too much programming involved. We have an active list of level 10 skiers on the web site and continue to try and keep those skiers out of the age division ranking list. The portion of the rule dealing with overall has always been a challenge and we will be keeping this for Regionals and Nationals. This will be a great test to see who will want to use this option and how it works in those tournaments (where they ski, impact to LOCs). We are planning on having everything in place after the Nationals so that the ranking list can be updated with all of the data.

ZBS:

ZBS was a big obstacle at the beginning of the season with some divisions being very vocal. I have sent the Men 8 an email asking them to give it a try in a Class C tournament. We would like this feedback to see if there really is an advantage. We can only learn from trying these options.

There are skiers who feel that maybe we should even raise the maximum speed to 32mph since it could be easier on their bodies. This would also match the current maximum speed with IWWF which we have tried to keep balanced.

Another division that is out of alignment with IWWF is the young W5 slalom skiers. We change that division at 53 which leaves two years of different maximum speeds that they need to adapt to. ZBS could have helped with that transition period. IWWF has increased +55 jump speeds, not sure who initiated that but saw it with the other rule changes. The committee will be sending out a survey at the end of the season to evaluate all of these options including aligning with IWWF divisions.

Mini Course:

One of President Jeff Surdej's 11 point plan was the adoption of the mini course. Currently the rules are in place for different formats to be used and scores placed into the ranking list as Class F and no higher than level 5.

Should the Rules Committee put more guidelines into the rulebook or develop a section on the USA-WS web site with recommendations on how to score the mini course? There have been many tournaments that have incorporated the mini course either as separate green buoys or offset with the current slalom course. There has been interest in using different

formats, now we need the ranking list to filter with different levels including ability base giving skiers ways to see how they compare to other areas and ability across the US. The Committee was polled regarding rules for a mini course. Currently the Rules Committee is not in favor of mandatory mini courses in every Class C tournament, nor letting the scores contribute to the ranking list without more BOD approval and discussion.

TC committee is not in favor of making any tolerances for these buoys.

The committee would like the direction of the BOD before we mandate and place in our rulebook. Do we want this incorporated into our Class C ranking list? Where does the BOD see the mini course information being available and how much should be put into a rule format?

Rating vs Ranking: There has been discussion about changing entry into Nationals. More skiers would like to see a "Rating" that they need to achieve and also make it sooner in the ski year so they can make their plans for travel. We will work with SQC for the wording if this is what the BOD would like to change.

Below is possible wording for the SQC to review. The Rules Committee is reviewing now and will support SQCs recommendation.

4.2 B Ranking List Qualifications: a skier may qualify for the National Tournament in any event or overall by being ranked Level 8 at the Cutoff Date, which is 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time on ***the day after the preceding National tournament or January 1st of the same year's National tournament*** ~~the Thursday three weeks prior to the Thursday immediately before the start of the National Tournament.~~ The rankings average of the last ranked skier in level 8 at that time will be considered the Level 8 Cut Off Average ***or rating*** for that event and division (See Ranking List Section of Website for specific details).....

REGIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

REGIONAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EAST-Fun format document instead of putting mini course rules in the rule book. ***This should be easy enough to do if we know the direction of the BOD.***

REGIONAL RECOMMENDATION FROM EAST-For Skiers' Qualification Committee - Allow State Championship Tournaments to be completed at multiple sites (typically Slalom & Trick at one site and Jump at a different site where a Jump Ramp is available) with results combined for Overall Scoring to qualify for Regionals and Nationals. (the recommendation went to SQC but would this not be rules?) ***This should be easy enough to do as a rules exception if a tournament wants to attempt this.***

The next election for the pan am TC is 2018 Pan American Championships, rules should be in charge of deciding who will represent USA there. ***This is something that has not been brought up recently and maybe this should go to EC with input from the Rules Committee? I have asked the members if any were interested and haven't gotten any volunteers.***

From TC Committee: Possibly move the jump meter section to another resource or Website? TC Resource would be a good place. Thought: Make a rule book for Administration, Class C tournament. All Record tournament will be per IWWF. Take all the site setup/course/tolerances out. Make a different Book for Site Setup/Course (course, tower location, buoy size, rope tolerance, jump ramp tolerances), this shouldn't change, unless IWWF changes. Do the skiers really need to know this information? Yes the judges should know it. All tolerance should be same for Class C as R for setup. This would be the TC Section/Rule Book. ***Currently I am not up to rewriting the whole rulebook. It has been kept up to date with IWWF and can be used for an L & R event with the same information.***

Moving some technical stuff that isn't used to the Website or a TC area would be good.

The committee would like to thank Dave Clark, who retired from his position on the Rules Committee. Luckily he still is on our email list and will stay involved with issues that will come up regarding rules and the ranking list.

With Dave's retirement we have Jeff Surdej as representative from the MidWest (he doesn't have enough to do).

Jeff Pohlig has been replaced by Jazmine Gagner representing the Southern Region.

Respectfully submitted,
Richelle Muhlitner, AWSA Rules Chair

AWSA Safety Committee Report

2017 Summer AWSA Board of Directors Meeting

The Safety Committee did not receive any requests or action item during the time from our last BOD meeting. As in the past, I would like to thank the Committee for its work. See you all in Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Babcock, Chairperson

2017 Seeding Committee Summer Report

No active items at this time.

We do have a new SCR Seeding Rep taking over for Melissa Huitt. We would like to thank Melissa for her service as the previous SCR Seeding Rep .

We would also like to welcome Danny LeBourgeois as our new SCR Seeding Rep who has taken over those duties as of June of 2017. Thank you Danny for taking on this role.

Below is a list of our current regional seeding reps.

East -Jennifer Frederick-Kelly jennifer@frederickmachine.com

MW - Dave Clark AWSATechdude@comcast.net

South - Kirby Whetsel kwhetsel@charter.net

SC - Danny LeBourgeois dleboo@gmail.com

West -Judy Stanford judy - don@sbcgl obal.net

Thanks,

Kirby Whetsel
National Seeding Chair

Skiers Qualification Committee Report
Summer 2017

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Kelvin Kelm

Chair, Skiers Qualification Committee

Action Items Requiring BOD Evaluation/Approval

1. Approval of the 2018 Skier Qualification Methodology Levels (attached). In general, the methodology for determining Level 8 cutoffs has remained the same as prior years with the goal of getting the number of qualified skiers back to the 2016 levels. The proposed Level 8 percentiles are attached.
2. Nationals Qualification Cut-off Date – Recently there has been discussion that the current ranking list method of qualifying for Nationals needs changing to allow better planning for travel to Nationals (particularly the cut-off date being so close to the date of Nationals – July 13 for Nationals starting on August 9th).

There are currently 2 alternatives for fixing this.

Alternative 1 - Simply to move the cut-off date to the Thursday following the close of Nationals (or some other date very early in the ski-year).

Advantages:

- Maintains the ranking list which many skiers like.
- Simple Rule Change
- All programming is already in place – just change the date in the system
- Gives Skiers a target score
- Many skiers will know months in advance that they qualify. Thus making travel plans easier.

Alternative 2 – Return to the old EP Rating System.

For this purpose, a proposed rating chart has been included in the Skier Qualification Methodology spreadsheet. The chart was based on level 8 cut-off scores for 2016 and 2017.

Disadvantages:

- None of this programming exists today and the programmers are already backlogged.

Given the simplicity of changing the cut-off date from an implementation

standpoint, the SQC favors Alternative 1.

Other Items

Level 10 – Since Level 10 hasn't been fully implemented yet due to the programming issues, the SQC does not propose any changes at this time. We believe we should wait until the system has been fully implemented to obtain feedback based on actual results before making changes.

NOPS – The Medians and Records for the NOPS calculator have been compiled and reviewed and are ready for updating the NOPS calculator for the 2018 season as soon as possible after Nationals. We propose to continue with the same methods for calculations that are currently in use. 2018 Calculations are attached.

Skier Qualification Methodology 2018

A. SCORES USED:

In each event and overall in each division, Ranking Levels will be set using the skier's best average score per Rule 1.13 for every skier who participates in at least one AWSA Class C tournament or above.

B. RANKING LEVEL PERCENTAGES FOR AGE GROUPS

Ranking Levels for each event will be set to include skiers in the percentiles listed below. If the total population in any event is less than 35 skiers, the Level 8 Ranking percentile in that event will be lowered to the 40th percentile and consideration will also be made by the Skiers Qualification Committee to honor a reasonable accomplishment for Level 8 qualification.

Level 8 = 70th percentile ~~minus the number of elite qualified skiers occupying spots in the age division, (67th percentile in divisions that feed to open/masters)~~ with adjustments as needed to obtain minimum number of skiers numbers similar to the 2016 qualifications for Nationals via Level 8.

Level 7 = Level 8 minus 20 percentiles (minus 40 percentiles in M/W7 and above)

Level 6 = Level 8 minus 40 percentiles

Level 5 = Level 8 minus 50 percentiles

Level 4 = Level 8 minus 60 percentiles

C. RATING PERCENTAGE FOR LEVEL 9 (OPTIONAL OPEN/MASTERS)

The ratings are set to include skiers in the 93rd percentile of the total M1/W1/M2/W2/OM/OW and M3/W3/M4/W4/MM/MW skiing population or as described below:

1. for men in jumping:

- 5.5' Ranking, 93rd percentile of M1 & M2
- 6' rating, twelve feet is added to the 5.5' rating
- 5'/35.4mph Ranking, 93rd percentile of all those jumping at 5'/35.4mph
- for ratings at lower speeds, eight feet is subtracted for each 2mph decrease
- the 5.5'/31.7 mph rating, twelve feet is added to that for 5'/31.7 mph

2. for women in jumping:

- 5'/33.6 Ranking, 93rd percentile of W1 & W2
- for ratings at lower speeds, eight feet is subtracted for each 2mph decrease
- the 33.6mph/5.5' rating, twelve feet is added to that for 33.6mph/5'

D. RATING PERCENTAGE FOR LEVEL 10 (MANDATORY OPEN/MASTERS)

The ratings are set to include skiers in the 97th percentile of the total skiers in the respective groups listed in C above.

E. TIME FRAME

Upon approval from the board, implement the current proposed percentiles for 2018 ski year.
(See Attached Spreadsheet)

2018 Skier Qualifications
Level 8 Analysis

Totals	5,965	5,783	2,373	2,274	2,456
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Order	Event	Division	Percentiles			Total Skiers		Qualified Skiers			Level 8 Score		Proposed EP Rating
			2016	2017	Prop 2018	2016	2017	2016	2017	Est.2018	2016	2017	
1	S	B1	47%	70%	40%	84	75	45	23	45	24.25	42.5	23.5
2	S	B2	70%	70%	68%	154	145	47	44	47	74.5	70.5	70.5
3	S	B3	67%	69%	66%	159	158	53	49	54	85.5	87.5	85.5
4	S	G1	42%	40%	40%	48	40	28	24	24	6.3	7.6	5.5
5	S	G2	67%	70%	68%	97	102	33	31	33	64.7	61.33	60.5
6	S	G3	67%	65%	65%	119	119	40	42	42	82.3	80.5	80.5
7	S	M1	67%	68%	68%	262	273	87	88	88	88.5	87.5	87.5
8	S	M2	67%	66%	64%	183	170	61	58	62	90.7	92.75	90.5
9	S	M3	67%	65%	65%	233	220	77	77	77	92.6	91.2	90.5
10	S	M4	67%	64%	64%	355	325	118	117	117	93.8	93	92.5
11	S	M5	67%	65%	65%	389	385	129	135	135	92.5	92.83	92.5
12	S	M6	70%	69%	69%	175	220	53	69	69	93	91.8	91.5
13	S	M7	58%	70%	57%	102	101	43	31	44	81.33	85.5	80.5
14	S	M8	40%	40%	40%	61	62	37	38	38	70.67	68.5	68.5
15	S	M9	40%	40%	40%	18	21	11	13	13	69.3	64.7	64.7
16	S	MA	40%	40%	40%	4	4	3	3	3	44	44.6	43.5
17	S	MB	40%	40%	40%	6	7	4	5	5	1.9	3	2.5
18	S	MM						0	0	-			
19	S	OM						0	0	-			
20	S	OW						0	0	-			
21	S	W1	67%	64%	64%	155	158	52	57	57	76	73.2	72.5
22	S	W2	64%	65%	52%	107	81	39	29	39	69.7	74.5	69.5
23	S	W3	67%	61%	57%	95	74	32	29	32	76.2	76.4	75.5
24	S	W4	65%	63%	63%	90	95	32	36	36	75.8	72.7	72.5
25	S	W5	49%	49%	49%	87	92	45	47	47	69	77.3	68.5
26	S	W6	40%	70%	46%	35	39	21	12	22	63	74.58	62.5
27	S	W7	40%	40%	40%	14	17	9	11	11	62	61.8	61.5
28	S	W8	40%	40%	40%	6	9	4	6	6	65.5	65.7	65.5
29	S	W9	40%	40%	40%	4	4	3	3	3	3.6	4.5	3.5
30	S	WA	40%	40%	40%	2	2	2	2	2	1.8	2.85	1.5
31	S	WB	40%	40%	40%	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	1.5
32	S	MW						0	0	-			
33								0	0	-			
34	T	B1	40%	40%	40%	42	34	26	21	21	140	190	140
35	T	B2	63%	70%	60%	85	81	32	25	33	1130	1120	1120
36	T	B3	67%	63%	63%	80	80	27	30	30	1690	1740	1690
37	T	G1	40%	40%	40%	28	31	17	19	19	190	78	70
38	T	G2	50%	67%	51%	56	57	28	19	28	594	893	590
39	T	G3	56%	60%	53%	66	64	30	26	31	1653	2150	1650
40	T	M1	67%	64%	64%	181	175	60	63	63	1180	1360	1180
41	T	M2	67%	64%	60%	108	90	36	33	36	1125	1207	1120
42	T	M3	67%	68%	59%	67	56	23	18	23	1197	1899	1190
43	T	M4	67%	65%	63%	85	79	29	28	30	1494	1539	1490
44	T	M5	67%	68%	67%	87	88	29	29	30	1950	1955	1950
45	T	M6	50%	65%	56%	40	45	20	16	20	1492	1701	1490
46	T	M7	40%	40%	40%	31	31	19	19	19	877	963	870
47	T	M8	40%	40%	40%	17	24	11	15	15	945	945	940
48	T	M9	40%	40%	40%	8	8	5	5	5	1030	922	920
49	T	MA	40%	40%	40%	2	-	2	0	-	428	585	420
50	T	MB	40%	40%	40%	4	6	3	4	4	437	266	260
51	T	MM						0	0	-			
52	T	OM						0	0	-			
53	T	OW						0	0	-			
54	T	W1	67%	60%	60%	112	106	37	43	43	1226	960	960
55	T	W2	67%	67%	55%	66	49	22	17	23	1035	1443	1030
56	T	W3	40%	40%	40%	32	29	20	18	18	1127	1010	1010
57	T	W4	40%	40%	40%	24	28	15	17	17	558	540	540
58	T	W5	40%	40%	40%	23	27	14	17	17	801	846	800
59	T	W6	40%	40%	40%	18	14	11	9	9	793	1034	790
60	T	W7	40%	40%	40%	9	10	6	6	6	666	817	660
61	T	W8	40%	40%	40%	3	5	2	3	3	1427	1170	1170
62	T	W9	40%	40%	40%	2	1	2	1	1	793	920	790
63	T	WA	40%	40%	40%	1	1	1	1	1	369	369	360
64	T	WB	40%	40%	40%	1	1	1	1	1	542	551	540
65	T	MW						0	0	-			
66								0	0	-			
67	J	B2	60%	70%	46%	65	48	26	15	26	54	58	54
68	J	B3	67%	66%	64%	75	70	25	24	26	98	92	92
69	J	G2	40%	40%	40%	39	36	24	22	22	35.7	33.3	33
70	J	G3	40%	62%	40%	57	51	35	20	31	50.4	72	50
71	J	M1	67%	66%	66%	157	161	52	55	55	99	101	99

2018 Skier Qualifications
Level 8 Analysis

Totals	5,965	5,783	2,373	2,274	2,456
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Order	Event	Division	Percentiles			Total Skiers			Qualified Skiers			Level 8 Score		Proposed EP Rating
			2016	2017	Prop 2018	2016	2017	2016	2017	Est.2018	2016	2017		
72	J	M2	67%	60%	60%	88	77	30	31	31	105.3	101.7	101	
73	J	M3	67%	64%	64%	41	40	14	15	15	105.5	103.6	103	
74	J	M4	67%	58%	58%	54	52	18	22	22	99.5	84.6	84	
75	J	M5	67%	59%	59%	54	49	18	21	21	100	93.6	93	
76	J	M6	40%	40%	40%	19	23	12	14	14	64	77.4	64	
77	J	M7	40%	40%	40%	18	16	11	10	10	37.1	44	37	
78	J	M8	40%	40%	40%	5	7	3	5	5	27.9	52	27	
79	J	M9	40%	40%	40%	3	3	2	2	2	46.7	41.3	41	
80	J	MA	40%	40%	40%	0	1	0	1	1	0	77.4	22	
81	J	MB	40%	40%	40%	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	22	
82	J	MM						0	0	-				
83	J	OM						0	0	-				
84	J	OW						0	0	-				
85	J	W1	67%	62%	62%	83	90	28	35	35	60.3	51.3	51	
86	J	W2	67%	66%	60%	41	35	14	12	14	65.6	69.3	65	
87	J	W3	40%	40%	40%	19	16	12	10	10	46.8	43.7	43	
88	J	W4	40%	40%	40%	11	12	7	8	8	37.8	36.1	36	
89	J	W5	40%	40%	40%	12	13	8	8	8	42.3	444	42	
90	J	W6	40%	40%	40%	6	6	4	4	4	46.8	45	45	
91	J	W7	40%	40%	40%	3	4	2	3	3	49.4	49.4	49	
92	J	W8	40%	40%	40%	2	2	2	2	2	37.5	34.2	34	
93	J	W9	40%	40%	40%	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	22	
94	J	WA	40%	40%	40%	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	22	
95	J	WB	40%	40%	40%	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	22	
96	J	MW						0	0	-				
97								0	0	-				
98	O	B1	40%	40%	40%	38	32	23	20	20	878	855	855	
99	O	B2	53%	70%	40%	53	42	25	13	26	1970	2104	1970	
100	O	B3	53%	66%	53%	61	62	29	22	30	1390	1951	1390	
101	O	G1	40%	40%	40%	22	24	14	15	15	1186	808	808	
102	O	G2	40%	40%	40%	38	32	23	20	20	1455	1518	1455	
103	O	G3	40%	61%	40%	52	47	32	19	29	1201	2086	1201	
104	O	M1	67%	66%	66%	128	129	43	44	44	1622	2062	1622	
105	O	M2	60%	60%	52%	76	64	31	26	31	1173	1306	1173	
106	O	M3	40%	40%	40%	30	28	18	17	17	1302	1364	1302	
107	O	M4	67%	64%	64%	39	41	13	15	15	1647	1402	1402	
108	O	M5	57%	40%	40%	41	34	18	21	21	1533	1278	1278	
109	O	M6	40%	40%	40%	16	23	10	14	14	1276	1385	1276	
110	O	M7	40%	40%	40%	15	12	9	8	8	1187	1051	1051	
111	O	M8	40%	40%	40%	13	18	8	11	11	573	554	554	
112	O	M9	40%	40%	40%	7	7	5	5	5	1215	1105	1105	
113	O	MA	40%	40%	40%	1	1	1	1	1	1221	1208	1208	
114	O	MB	40%	40%	40%	4	3	3	2	2	190	544	190	
115	O	MM						0	0	-				
116	O	OM						0	0	-				
117	O	OW						0	0	-				
118	O	W1	57%	63%	57%	69	70	30	26	31	1624	1790	1624	
119	O	W2	42%	40%	40%	36	33	21	20	20	1068	1068	1068	
120	O	W3	40%	40%	40%	18	14	11	9	9	997	973	973	
121	O	W4	40%	40%	40%	10	10	6	6	6	1494	1353	1353	
122	O	W5	40%	40%	40%	10	10	6	6	6	1352	1786	1352	
123	O	W6	40%	40%	40%	6	6	4	4	4	1308	1185	1185	
124	O	W7	40%	40%	40%	3	4	2	3	3	1426	1488	1426	
125	O	W8	40%	40%	40%	2	4	2	3	3	2594	1435	1435	
126	O	W9	40%	40%	40%	1	1	1	1	1	844	1163	844	
127	O	WA	40%	40%	40%	1	1	1	1	1	78.3	286	78	
128	O	WB	40%	40%	40%	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	78	
129	O	MW						0	0	-				

2018 Ski Year NOPS

Event	Div	Skiers	Median		Tinkered Median	Differenc 2014- 2015
			Based on Records 2016 Rank	2015 YE		
S	B1		25.18	85	25	0
S	B2		62.1	104.5	62	5
S	B3		78	117	78	4
S	G1		13.54	80	14	0
S	G2		54.58	98	55	2
S	G3		74.05	109	74	-1
S	M1		69.57	122.5	70	-3
S	M2		77.4	122	77	-13
S	M3		85.66	115.25	86	-1
S	M4		88.93	115.5	89	-1
S	M5		87.08	111.5	87	0
S	M6		86.42	109	86	2
S	M7		76.24	101	76	-2
S	M8		75	92	75	0
S	M9		70.3	86.5	70	3
S	MA		44	73.5	44	-3
S	MB		1.9	46	14	-5
S	MM					
S	OM					
S	OW					
S	W1		58.05	109	58	-13
S	W2		57.97		58	-9
S	W3		65.2	109	65	-9
S	W4		63.33	100.5	63	-1
S	W5		69	96.5	69	-4
S	W6		67.1	90.5	67	-2
S	W7		63	88	63	-2
S	W8		65.5	75.5	66	2
S	W9		3.6	68	30	-23
S	WA		1.8	56	18	-22
S	WB			40	16	-4
S	MW					0
T	B1		361		360	-10
T	B2		800	7870	800	-10
T	B3		1167	10430	1170	70
T	G1		214	5340	210	-290
T	G2		585	7170	590	60
T	G3		1413	10610	1410	-90
T	M1		659	11620	660	-40
T	M2		729	12090	730	-490
T	M3		805	12070	810	-380

2018 Ski Year NOPS

Event	Div	Skiers	Median		Tinkered Median	Differenc 2014- 2015
			Based on Records 2016 Rank	2015 YE		
T	M4		1032	11470	1030	-210
T	M5		1110	5490	1110	-100
T	M6		1485	4830	1490	290
T	M7		916	3750	920	-240
T	M8		993	2760	990	-20
T	M9		1030		1030	30
T	MA		428	1600	430	60
T	MB		437	1050	440	80
T	MM					
T	OM					
T	OW					
T	W1		540	10460	540	-170
T	W2		741	8990	740	-380
T	W3		1490	6450	1490	50
T	W4		706	5600	710	-380
T	W5		846	5060	850	-750
T	W6		1454	3780	790	-760
T	W7		783	3330	780	-340
T	W8		758	2270	760	-10
T	W9		793	1670	790	90
T	WA		185	1220	190	-410
T	WB		271	1120	270	-230
T	MW					
J	B2		49	144	49	3
J	B3		70.7	193	71	-1
J	G2		39.4	120	39	-4
J	G3		56.8	154	57	3
J	M1		79	218	79	5
J	M2		84.6	216	85	-10
J	M3		85.8	200	86	-9
J	M4		74	182	74	-31
J	M5		83.6	157	84	14
J	M6		66.75	155	67	-2
J	M7		43.5	122	44	-9
J	M8		27.9	97	28	-11
J	M9		41	98	41	6
J	MA			47	35	0
J	MB		0	22	20	0
J	MM					
J	OM					
J	OW					

2018 Ski Year NOPS

Event	Div	Skiers	Median		Tinkered Median	Differenc 2014- 2015
			Based on Records 2016 Rank	2015 YE		
J	W1		48.5	165	49	0
J	W2		54.8	158	55	-8
J	W3		47.8	155	48	-1
J	W4		42.2	134	42	-6
J	W5		42.3	116	42	1
J	W6		46.8	95	47	7
J	W7		46.1	85	46	10
J	W8		37.5	57	38	6
J	W9			45	30	0
J	WA			32	29	0
J	WB			22	20	0
J	MW					
S	EM		76.7	122.5	77	
S	EW		60.1	111.5	60	
S	SM		88.9	115.5	89	
S	SW		64.67	109	65	
T	EM		733	12090	730	
T	EW		689		690	
T	SM		1049	11570	1050	
T	SW		1243	6450	1240	
J	EM		99.9	250	100	
J	EW		68	188	68	
J	SM		97.2	215	97	
J	SW		47	155	47	

This report from the AWSA Tech Control Committee is to update the Board on items the committee has been involved with since the last board meeting. **There's only one (1) action that requires the BOD to evaluate at this time (**

2017 NEW

TRICK PROGRAMS:

Splasheye (Donal) has develop a TRICK program for Windows 7/10 computers that can be used for PRE RECORDED Trick Video (SD Card). This provides a TIMING Program and a separate JUDGES VIEW Screen. Same as the LIVE version, but does NOT require the expensive capture card. There's two (2) versions, one is free, but takes a little longer to save files. Perfect for all judges to download and test.

The FULL version is only \$99, which is faster and recommended if doing a lot of trick tournaments or tournaments with a lot of trickers.

CHIP SHAND (East TC Chairmen) also develop a TRICK TIMING Program that does the same as the Splasheye free version. Chip and Donal worked on some of the issues together. The PROGRAM has been reviewed and approved by IWWF. Chip's version is FREE.

EC VIDEO

SLALOM END COURSE VIDEO: IWWF Rule 14.15 (EC Video): We are NOT submitting the entire EC Video to IWWF/Pan Am as per the rule. At the WINTER MEETING the TC Chairmen (Jerry Jackson) requested that each region establish a protocol where we upload approx. 30 minutes of each driver (Record Tourn ONLY). This should include the short-line skiers (NOT Jr B1/2/G1/2, W7 etc). IWWF/PanAM and the TC Chairmen, still have NOT agreed with a common protocol that will be used for all IWWF Tourn.

NEW: 1)AWSA now has a DROP BOX to upload EC Video. Some Regions have their own specific drop box:
2)WSTIMS: Dave Allen created a Slalom DETAIL SUMMARY file that can be exported from WSTIMS that provides the Driver, Skier and rope length with a TIME STAMP. This makes it easier to go back and get the necessary data off the DVR. With this new file, we should be able to change the current IWWF Rule on EC AUDIO. Should NOT be required if scored LIVE and video is TIME STAMPED.

ISSUES Found during 2017 EC Review: Some of the EC Cameras were not setup correctly (not LEVEL, CENTER, HIGH enough). DRIVERS on ONE side the entire time, NO one watching and communicating with the driver? This is the MAIN issue (watching EC video) that all TOURN need to work on. COMMENTS after the tourn is TOLATE.

NEW RECOMMENDATION but has NOT been ACCEPTED by IWWF/PanAM:

TC will Only UPLOAD to the AWSA EC Drop Box the following:

- a) Driver- ONE 30-minute segment (ONE per YR) Not each tourn. The DRIVER can notify the TC if not submitted or has been submitted. This will satisfy the Driver Requirements where he/she must submit video for maintenance. And each driver can be reviewed.
- b) SKIER: Women who completes a 39off pass (her highest tourn score);
Men who complete 41off pass (his highest tourn score). *(Nate/Regina would be over kill)*
- c) RANDOM: AWSA/PANAM/IWWF could and should request EC Video from selected tournament specifying segments/division within 2 weeks of the tournament.

NOTE: The EC Video must be available for ONE yr per the current rule.

SURVEY DATA:

Emmanuel Lion's TC and Survey Program (ASCII format)- When used (recommended) the survey is auto submitted with the TC Report and uploaded in WSTIMS. The TC Reports is now being submitted to each Region TC Member. IF survey is done using a different data base, it is to be saved as PDF/txt and attached to the TC report and uploaded in WSTIMS. The files will be uploaded are ASCII files, and can be re-opened using Lion's Homologation Report (if original used) to obtain the survey data.

2017 TC Committee ACTIONS RESULTS

NATL RECORDS: A request was submitted to the TC Committee to accept NATL RECORDS for HIGHER SPEEDS skied in the division (Example- M3 Natl Record at 34mph and a NEW Record for 36mph). The TC Committee Members VOTED NO. Reason- Records for the division should only be for the established/set speed.

Mini Course: A request was submitted to the TC Committee to specify a distance from CL for a mini course. The TC committee members did not want to add another tolerance to the Slalom course. The mini course is for F tourn. (Wake Board, Disable (6.4m) and INT league (7.5m) all have a different measurement for turn buoys).

AWSA could recommended approx. 7.5m, or 6.4m (if disable course is installed) without any tolerance. This is something that we don't want the CJ or TC to have to verify.

2017 TC Committee RECOMMENATIONS (REQUIRED BOD Approval)

REVISE AWSA TRICK RECORD APPLICATION: Remove the block were the TC has to measure/record the trick ski length//width. Purpose is two verify that the width is no more than 35% of length. This can be verified by just looking at the trick ski/manufacture model. This was recommended/approved by the AWSA TC Committee Members and was agreed upon by IWWF for WORLD RECORDS.

ADD Statement "TRICK SKI meets rule 8.03"

REQUIRES AWSA BOD approval.

2017 TC OUTSTAND ISSUES

Buoy Size: I have requested that IWWF evaluate a minimum tolerance for turn buoy. A lot of turn buoys are actually smaller than the minimum (recommended). Video and Pic will be submitted to IWWF for evaluation.

Digital Video Recording: Need to look at the current rule and clarify what is acceptable for camera vs recording. (Resolution/ration, etc).

Slalom Record Checker: Splasheye EC Video is available but is manual process. Where BC Record Checker auto position the boat at the buoy based on speed/rope length, but its Wind XP format. We need a more auto process like BC put for Windows 7/10.

AWSA TC Chairmen
Jerry Jackson

Southern Region TC Member – Rodger Logan
South Center TC Member-Jim Thompson
East TC Member-Chip Shand
West TC Member- Will Bush
MidWest TC Member Peter Dahl
AAC – Jon Travers
AAC – Zack Worden

Towboat Committee Report

August 2017

To: AWSA Board of Directors
From: Will Bush
George Lindy

INFORMATION ONLY – NO ACTION ITEMS

Zero Off Mapping

We have been asked by the IWWF Tournament Council to address Zero Off GPS mapping accuracy and suggest a tolerance that officials can use as a guide for remapping Zero Off in the middle of an event. Specifically, the question is, what is an allowable tolerance for course mapping drift during a slalom and jump event. The Council is considering implementing a re-ride rule, when mapping exceeds a certain distance from the initial map at the start of the event.

Promotional Towboat Program

At the 2016 National Towboat Committee meeting, with all four manufacturers present, there was a lengthy discussion regarding promotional boats availability and incentives for greater presence. The discussion included:

- **Provide incentives to individual boat owners.**

One approach, which several local clubs are trying for 2017, is to have the host site set-aside \$10.00 from each skier entry. This set-aside would be paid to the boat owners that supplied boats for the event. In addition, the host site is encouraged to allow the boat owner to ski in the tournament at no charge.

If there are two boats at the event, then each boat owner would split the amount collected. Example: 40 skiers = \$400 / 2 boats = \$200 per boat owner.

- **Recognition as part of the Nationals draw for companies that pull a greater percentage of tournaments during prior ski years.**
 - 1) A towboat manufacturer asked that we reward those manufacturers that pull a greater percentage of tournaments – be awarded more divisions for the slalom and jump events. In other words, to pull a “weighted draw” for the selection of towboats.
 - 2) A second proposal was suggested, that would reward manufacturers that that pull a greater percentage of tournaments, the first choice, etc. for the

existing division groupings at Nationals.

The current process for selecting the boats for Nationals is designed to evenly distribute the numbers, ages, and gender of skiers between the 4 current qualified manufacturers.

We then rotate manufacturers each year though the 4 groupings such that skiers will have the opportunity to ski with each of the 4 manufacturers over a 4-year period.

After considerable discussion within the Committee, we arrived at the following conclusions:

1. Skiers want to know ahead of time (currently July 1 preceding Nationals) which boat they will be slaloming and jumping with at Nationals (and Regionals).
2. It is important that we rotate the boats through the skier divisions each year at Nationals so skiers have the greatest opportunity to ski with each brand towboat throughout the rotation period.
3. If a towboat manufacturer meets our requirements to participate at Nationals they should have equal opportunity to pull all divisions through the rotation period. We want to promote diverse towboat participation.

The “weighted draw” proposal met with minimal support due to difficulty of developing a workable distribution formula, book-keeping issues, and removing the incentive for new or smaller manufacturers to participate in AWSA tournaments.

The method of rewarding a manufacturer pulling the greatest percentage of tournaments and the second place with second choice on down to 4th would basically change nothing over the 4-year rotation period since we agree that a manufacturer could not pick the same group twice over the 4-year rotation. The first year would “reward” the top participating manufacturer but gradually would revert to our current policy, however it would be more complicated to administer & potentially a disincentive for new/smaller manufacturers to participate in AWSA tournaments.

The Committee will continue with the current method of selecting boats for Nationals

Towboats – US Nationals

All four towboat manufacturers accumulated the required minimum number of credits to pull the five Regional tournaments. 2017 AWSA Nationals Towboat Draw (attached).

MasterCraft Ballast/ Weight System – Tricks

To clarify the use of the MasterCraft Ballast/Weight system the following was added to page 2 of the Approved Towboat form (attached):

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 is 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 floor of the boat.



American Water Ski Association Approved Tournament Towboats 2017



REVISED 01/22/2017

The following list identifies those towboats successfully meeting the 2016-2017 USA Water Ski Approved Tournament Towboat Evaluation criteria and guidelines. By meeting and /or exceeding the USA Water Ski criteria for water ski towboats, the following are now "**APPROVED**" to pull AWSA sanctioned events. Boats are approved only as tested, and must be configured with engine, fuel delivery system, propeller, and transmission as shown below.

As Chief Driver, it is your responsibility to ensure that the Towboat Documentation Report has been completed in WSTIMS. Check with the Chief Scorer to ensure that the boats available or used during the tournament have been recorded. Use the boat models as listed below. Also, please read the AWSA Towboat Use Policy information for model year requirements.

Boat			New/		Propeller			Speed
	Manufacturer	Model	Unmodified	Engine Mfr. & Model/Trans.	Mfr	Blades	Size	Control
1	Centurion	Carbon Pro	Unmodified	PCM Excalibur 343 (5.7L) /1.26:1 PCM ZR409 (6.0L) /1.26:1	OJ 534* OJ 365	4 3	13 x 14.5 Nibral 14 x 13 Nibral	ZO
2	Malibu	Response TXi	New	Crusader 409 (6.0L) / 1:1	AC 525	3	13 x 11.5 Nibral	ZO
				Crusader 450 (6.0L) / 1:1	AC 515*	3	13 x 12 Nibral	
				Indmar Raptor (6.2) STD 1:1	AC 525	3	13 x 11.5 Nibral	ZO
				Indmar Raptor (6.2) HO /1:1	AC 525 AC 515*	3 3	13 x 11.5 Nibral 13 x 12 Nibral	
3	MasterCraft	ProStar	Modified	Ilmor MV8 (5.7L) /1.26:1 Ilmor MV8 (6.2L) /1.22:1	OJ 709* OJ 712	4 3	13.9 x 14.25 Nibral 14 x 13 Nibral	ZO
4	Nautique	Ski Nautique 200	Modified	PCM H5 (5.3L) /1.23:1	AC 654* AC 1458	4 3	12.5 x 15 Nibral 13 x 14 Nibral	ZO
				PCM ZR409 (6.0L) / 1.23:1 PCM H6 (6.2L) /1.23:1	AC 668* AC 1458	4 3	12.5 x 15.5 Nibral 13 x 14 Nibral	ZO

NOTE: Props indicated with * = are typically the primary prop; however, boat with engines approved with more than one propeller may use any approved prop in sanctioned tournaments.

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 floor of the boat.

Nautique Hydrogate

The Nautique Hydrogate can be set in one of two positions, slalom or tricks/jump (may not be set in between modes).

- Tricks: The default position is the trick mode. The skier has the option of using the slalom mode. It is the skier's responsibility to inform the boat crew when choosing the slalom option. The skier may choose to change the setting between passes.
- Jump: The default position is the jump mode. The skier has the option of using the slalom mode. 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.
- Slalom: The gate will remain in the slalom mode.

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SLALOM

Nautique	W1, W4, M1, M3, M6, OM
Malibu	G3, W3, MW, W7-11, OW, B2, M2, M9-
MasterCraft	W2, W6, B1, B3, M5, M7-8
Centurion	G1, G2, W5, M4, MM

JUMP

Nautique	G2, W5, OW, M1, M6-11
Malibu	G3, W1, W2, M2, MM
MasterCraft	W4, W6-11, B3, M3, M5
Centurion	B2, W3, MW, M4, OM

NCWSA/AWSA Liaison Report

On Sunday, July 9, 2017, 8:01 PM, Emily Dammeyer <edammeyer15@gmail.com> wrote:

The goal of this committee is to help create a bridge program for NCWSA athletes looking to stay involved in the sport. Initially, the goal is to obtain contact information for these athletes, regardless of their current USA-WS membership status, to send communication about all of the amazing things happening at AWSA and USA-WS. Eventually the goal of this committee is to help provide accessibility and affordability through various partnerships and programs so that graduated athletes can continue their life on the water.

Stay tuned for more!