



Summary of AWSA Rule Changes 2017

Revised Rule 10.06 3/10/17

1.09C ROUNDS PER TOURNAMENT: There shall not be more than three rounds per tournament unless subsequent rounds after the third round are elimination based or sanctioned as Class X. ~~**Alternatively, one tournament may be held with four rounds over two or more days.**~~ **Alternatively, one tournament may have four rounds if held over two or more days.** Also, see Rule 13.01.A.

Additional rules affected by 1.09C include 13.01A, 13.01A1, 13.02A and 15.02F4

13.01A The tournament may consist of either two or three rounds of competition in each event scheduled. The announcement must state the number of rounds. Tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of three rounds of any one event on days specified in Rule 1.09. ~~**unless using the four round over two or more day option,**~~ except as provided for in 13.02.A.

13.01A1 *An alternative four round format can be sanctioned if the tournament will be held over two or more days*, except as provided for in 13.02.A.

13.02A Rounds: The tournament shall consist of no more than three preliminary, non-elimination based rounds and no more than six total rounds. Scores obtained in all rounds shall be included in the ranking list in the same manner that non-elimination based tournaments are included (i.e. generally the best round score). **(or see 1.09C)**

15.02F4 At USA-WS/AWSA sanctioned tournaments rounds are limited to three per sanction *per day unless sanctioned for two or more days. The four round format must be sanctioned and held over two or more days.*

3.03 Elite Division Competition

A. Elite Divisions. There shall be two Elite Divisions of competition:

1. The Open Division may be entered by any skier of any age who is Open Qualified.
2. The Masters Division may be entered by any skier age 35 or greater who is Masters Qualified.
3. Entry into either Elite Division **may be Required or Optional depending on the Qualification Level as defined below.**

B. Elite Qualification Levels and Durations. **For each of the two Elite Divisions, there shall be two Qualification Levels.**

1. Level 9 which is optional for Elite Division participation.
- 2. Level 10 which is mandatory for Elite Division participation.**

These Qualification Levels are further described in sections C-G that follow.

C. Open Qualification:

1. A skier of any age shall be ELIGIBLE to compete in the Open Division in an event (or in Overall) if his ranking score in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 9 Cutoff ranking score for that event on any date within the **current ski year.**
- 2. Additionally, a skier age 18 or greater shall be REQUIRED to compete in the Open Division in an event (or in Overall) if his**

performance score(s) in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 10 Cutoff rating score for that event on any date, up to the National tournament Cutoff dates, within the current ski year. This rating score for each event will be established annually by the Skiers Qualification Committee provided there were at least five skiers in that event who met that qualification in the most recently completed preceding ski year; otherwise entry into the Open Division will remain OPTIONAL.

- a. Junior Skiers (Boys 1-3 or Girls 1-3) are exempt from this mandatory requirement to compete in the Open Division.**
- b. Skiers, age 35 or greater, who have an Open Level 10 ranking in an event (or in Overall) may elect to compete in that event in the Masters Division rather than in the Open Division.**
- c. Open, Level 10 ranked, skiers may ski in their respective age division for score only and no placement. Their scores will be posted in the Open Division and will not be included in the age division ranking list for that event(s). This option would not apply at Regionals or Nationals**

D. Masters Qualification:

1. A skier age 35 or greater shall be ELIGIBLE to compete in the Masters Division in an event (or in Overall) if his ranking score in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 9 Cutoff ranking score for that event on any date within the **current ski year**.
- 2. Additionally, a skier age 35 or greater shall be REQUIRED to compete in the Masters Division in an event (or in Overall) if his performance score(s) in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 10 Cutoff rating score on any date, up to the National tournament Cutoff dates, within the current ski year. This rating score for each event will be established by the Skiers Qualification Committee provided there were at least five skiers in that event who met that qualification in the most recently completed preceding ski year; otherwise entry into the Masters Division will remain OPTIONAL.**

E. Duration.

1. A skier will maintain their Level 9 **or 10** Open or Masters qualification status ***through the National Tournament at the end of the ski year in which they attained that Elite status.***
2. ***A skier with a Level 10 Open or Masters qualification (as defined in 3.03(c)2 or 3.03(d)2 above) in an event (or in Overall), who is therefore REQUIRED to compete in the Open or Masters Division, will therefore NOT be eligible to compete in their age division in either Regionals or Nationals. Consequently, such skiers shall no longer count towards the Qualification Levels and Cutoffs for their age division in that event.***

F. Elite Overall Provisions:

1. GENERAL: A skier having an OVERALL Elite qualification may compete in the Elite Division in any of the three events, even if an Elite qualification is not held for the individual event.
2. LEVEL 9: Skiers, who have a Level 9 ranking in Overall and wish to compete in Overall, may choose to ski in their age division events.
3. ***LEVEL 10: Skiers having an Elite Level 10 rating in Overall, and wishing to compete for Overall, may only do so in the Elite Division and shall be required to ski all three events in that Elite Division.***
4. ***TOURNAMENTS WITH PLACEMENT: Skiers with a level 9 or 10 qualification in one or two events and skiing in a tournament with placement, such as Regional or National tournaments, may ski in the Elite division for placement and must also ski a second time in their age division event, for Overall score purposes only, if desiring to compete for Overall placement.***
5. ***TOURNAMENTS WITHOUT PLACEMENT : At all other tournaments, skiers with a level 9 or 10 event qualification may use their Elite score to obtain an Overall age division score provided the score does not exceed the division's parameters (speed or ramp height).***

G. Determination of Elite Cutoff Scores.

1. WHEN: The Open and Masters Cutoff ranking scores shall be determined each day, from the distributions of ranking scores in each event on that day.

2. OPEN CUTOFFS: The Open Cutoff (Level 9) ranking score for each event shall be the lowest ranking score in Level 9 as determined by the collection of skiers in that event with ranking scores in the M1, M2, and OM divisions for men and the W1, W2, and OW divisions for women. ***The Level 10 rating score for each event shall be set annually by the Skiers Qualification Committee.***
3. MASTERS CUTOFFS: The Masters Cutoff (Level 9) ranking score for each event shall be the lowest ranking score in Level 9 of the collection of skiers in that event with ranking scores in the M3, M4 and MM divisions for men, and the W3, W4 and MW divisions for women. ***The Level 10 rating score for each event shall be set annually by the Skiers Qualification Committee.***
4. GOVERNANCE: The percentile targets for Levels 9 **and 10** shall be set by the Skiers Qualification Committee in accordance with directives approved by the AWSA board.
5. DUAL RANKINGS: If a particular skier has rankings in more than one of the divisions in either of these collections for an event, that skier shall only be counted once for that collection, with the higher of those scores.
6. JUMP VARIATIONS: Where jumping speeds and/or ramp heights differ between the divisions which contribute to one of these collections, suitable adjustments (as defined by the Skiers Qualification Committee) shall be made to those scores to put them on a common basis for the applicable Elite Division.

Other rules affected by 3.03 below are 1.02E, 5.02 and 5.03B

1.02E. A skier may not ski in more than one class or division in the same event in the same round at one tournament and may not ski more than three rounds in an event at a tournament ***with the exception of skiers using the option in rule 3.03 Elite Skiers Overall.*** (See Rule 1.09, **3.03F** and Rule 13)

5.02 Overall Placement

Places in the overall championship shall be determined by adding each contestant's overall points in the three events (except Boys 1/Girls 1—as noted above).

~~Each division's overall shall be limited to those skiers entering only that division's events~~

An age division overall score can include an Elite score provided the score does not exceed the division's parameters (speed or ramp height). At Regional and National tournaments, or other tournaments with placement, skiers with an Elite event ranking may obtain a division overall score only by skiing a second time in that division's event for overall scoring purposes only.

5.03B All three performances for an overall score shall be achieved in the same division and must be performed in the same round of a multi-round tournament (i.e., first time skied in a division per event = Round #1, second time skied in a division per event = Round #2, etc.). ***An exception would be an Elite qualified skier who is using rule 3.03F options for overall score.***

4.02 National Tournament Qualifications

A. Placement Qualifications:

1. ~~A skier may qualify for that event or overall in the National Tournament by placing 1st through 5th at the current year's Regionals or previous year's Nationals.~~ ***The top 5 non-elite-qualified skiers in each age-division event or overall at the current year Regionals or previous year's Nationals shall qualify for Nationals.***

~~**5.04C.** In the National Tournament, the team championship shall be awarded to the regional team scoring the most team points. Each regional team shall be credited with the highest seven NOPS scores produced by any of its skiers in each of the three events. A skier in the National Tournament must ski for the region in which he qualified under Rule 4.03.~~

6.01E Additional drivers shall be chosen by the AWSA President at his discretion from alternate drivers proposed by the Executive Vice Presidents. When an adequate number of Appointed Drivers and Alternate Drivers are not available, the Chief Driver may choose other Senior two or three-event Drivers to drive an event. ***For the Open division only, non-appointed drivers may be used, at the discretion of the Chief Driver, in consultation with the LOC, and with approval of the AWSA President.***

8.02F Towboat Breakdown: When a towboat breakdown occurs, the Chief Driver with the concurrence of the Chief Judge may select a similar towboat

to complete the event. For the purpose of towboat malfunction, "similar" shall mean an AWSA-approved tournament towboat of the same power and design. (i.e., inboard, 351 c.i.).

9.16 Color Specifications: The ramp aprons and ramp surface shall be of different colors, both of which shall be different from the water surface. The ramp surface shall ***is recommended to*** be one solid red-orange color without borders or decorations.

10.01A:

The contestant shall follow the towboat through the entrance gate of the slalom course, pass around the outside of any or all six buoys and proceed through the far end gate which constitutes a ***complete*** pass. If the contestant has not missed any buoys or gates, the boat shall turn and enter the course from the opposite end. The skier shall continue in this manner until he falls or misses a buoy or gate.

10.06 Boat Speeds and Line Lengths (**May be used for all Classes but certain scoring options do not follow with IWWF scoring, i.e., a skier will need to make a complete pass at maximum speed before the pass will count on the IWWF ranking list*).**

- A. The minimum boat speed for all divisions shall be 25 kph (15.5 mph).
 - 1. At the option of the LOC, a skier may start below the minimum speed in Class F only and the pass(es) shall not be scored at or above zero until they have reached the official minimum starting speed. (Also see Rule 3.06).
 - 2. Also, at the option of the LOC as stated in its tournament announcement, or by majority vote of the Appointed Judges, the number of passes may be limited to a specific number but not less than four.
 - 3. The LOC may opt to allow higher maximum speeds, up to 58 kph (36 mph) for male divisions and 55 kph (34.2) for female divisions, excluding juniors, in a Class C only tournament, at their discretion.**

B. The maximum allowed boat speeds shall be as follows:

Male Divisions	Maximum Speed	Female Divisions	Maximum Speed
Boys 1	49/(30.4)	Girls 1	49/(30.4)
Boys 2	55/(34.2)	Girls 2	52/(32.3)
Boys 3	58/(36.0)	Girls 3	55/(34.2)
Men 1	58/(36.0)	Women 1	55/(34.2)
Men 2	58/(36.0)	Women 2	55/(34.2)
Men 3	55/(34.2)	Women 3	55/(34.2)
Men 4	55/(34.2)	Women 4	55/(34.2)
Men 5	55/(34.2)	Women 5	52/(32.3)
Men 6	55/(34.2)	Women 6	52/(32.3)
Men 7	52/(32.3)	Women 7	49/(30.4)
Men 8	49/(30.4)	Women 8	49/(30.4)
Men 9	49/(30.4)	Women 9	46/(28.6)
Men 10	49/(30.4)	Women 10	46/(28.6)
Men 11	46/(28.6)	Women 11	46/(28.6)
Open Men	58/(36.0)	Open Women	55/(34.2)
Masters Men	55/(34.2)	Masters Women	55/(34.2)

C. A skier may start his run anywhere in the matrix shown in 10.06(g) below, subject only to the maximum speeds for their division as stated in 10.06B. The age division maximum speeds shall be retained for National Records. A skier may elect to start at a speed higher than his division maximum speed, up to his respective Open Division maximum speed, and may not return to his division maximum speed on subsequent passes. Any passes skied at that higher speed shall receive credit for buoys as though they were being run at his division maximum speed. A skier cannot set a National record unless they ski at the actual age division maximum speed. An OM may not ski at 36mph (58k) set a record there and then drag that score to a 34mph (55k) division (M3). See Tow Lines Dimension Chart in the Appendix, and the table above. (also 14.02).

D. Upon completing his first pass, the skier will then receive credit for all of the initially skipped speeds and/or line length passes. However, if the first pass is not complete, then it will be scored as though it was run at the minimum speed and maximum line length.

E. After each completed pass, the skier may advance to a higher speed, and/or a shorter line, i.e., pass-to-pass movements in the matrix may only go down, and/or to the right.

F. Opting Up.

1. After completing a pass, a skier may advance two or more intervals either faster and/or shorter.

2. If the skier elects to opt up in this manner then the skier must complete the selected pass to receive credit for the skipped pass(es). If the pass is not completed the skier will receive credit for buoys at what would have been the first immediately sequential skipped speed, or the first immediately sequential skipped line length, if the speed selected is the same.

G. Advancement and Scoring Matrix.

AWSA Zero Based Slalom Scoring Matrix -- Buoys Earned on Completion of Cited Pass

Boat Speed		Line Length -- AWSA Feet off Upper, Metric Length Lower											
		Long	-15	-22	-28	-32	-35	-38	-39.5	-41	-43	-44	-45
KPH	MPH	23.00	18.25	16.00	14.25	13.00	12.00	11.25	10.75	10.25	9.75	9.50	9.25
25	15.5	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
28	17.4	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78
31	19.2	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84
34	21.1	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90
37	23.0	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96
40	24.9	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102
43	26.7	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108
46	28.6	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114
49	30.4	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120
52	32.3	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120	126
55	34.2	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120	126	132
58	36.0	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120	126	132	138

Additional rules affected by 10.06 include 10.13C2 and 10.13D4

10.13C2: ~~When skiing above division maximum speed, the recorded speed will be as if at division maximum.~~

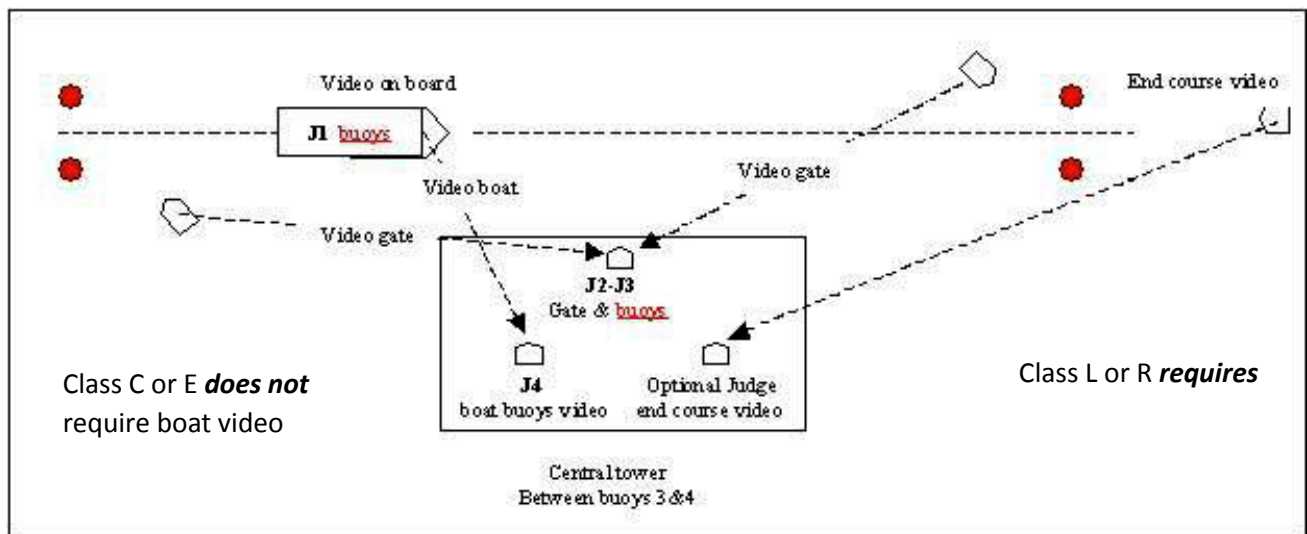
10.13D4: ~~Skier Elects the Option to Start at Any Line Length Other Than 23-meter at Below Maximum Speed: He shall be credited with six buoys for~~

every pass he makes below the maximum speed. When the maximum speed is reached, if the skier makes a complete pass, he shall receive credit for any longer length passes. If the pass is missed, he shall receive credit for buoys as if it were the 23-meter pass.

10.08

3. Configuration 3:

- a. One tower placed between turn buoys #3 and #4, with gate camera mounted at the proper angle/height and transmitted to the applicable two judges for calling gates.



- b. This configuration requires two tower judges, more IF using optional boat video (**not required for C or E**) - see 10.08.E.1, 10.08.E.2 & 10.08.E.3 below. Also, see Class L/R IWWF Rulebook requirements for use of boat video and video review judge (J4).
- c. This is recommended for sites where it is not feasible to have a tower on the opposite side of the course.

11.08C Change last sentence:

In a Class C tournament, the Chief Judge may designate a-the boat driver, who has at least a Regular Driver rating or has at least both an Assistant Driver and an Assistant Trick Judge rating, as the boat judge.

11.12P To receive credit for any wake flip, it is required that both feet be higher than the head and in approximately the same vertical plane at some point during the execution of the trick. A front wake flip shall be defined as a forward somersault done in the air off the wake, in which the tail of the ski passes up and over the head as the head goes down and forward. The rotation must be in the direction of travel **and outside of the rope. This rule applies to Front Flips and its derivatives. (ex: FFLF, FFLB, FFLBB, etc.)**

~~There will be two allowed styles of Front Flip referred to as an inside the line front flip and an outside the line front flip. An outside the line flip means that when the skier is going from right to left as seen from the boat, the skier's left hand (or both hands) must remain on the handle during the trick and at the landing. An inside the line flip going from right to left means that the skier releases the handle from the left hand and lands holding the handle with the right hand. After January 1, 2017, only outside the line front flips will be credited. Additional interpretation: On an "Outside the Line" Front Flip, the path of the skier coming down to the water at the end of the flip is on the side of the line away from the wake used to initiate the flip ("outside the line"). On an "Inside the Line Front Flip, the path of the skier coming down to the water at the end of the flip is on the side of the line toward the wake used to initiate the flip ("inside the line").~~

Addition to Trick Description Chart

FFLO changed back to FFL 800pt

FFFI Deleted

11.20C

At the request of an event judge or the Chief Scorer, in circumstances which the Chief Judge regards as exceptional, the event judges may review the **video** tapes. This request should not be granted if the intention is to change a judge's decision on credit or no credit for the trick.

13.03 Turn and Burn Format

DEFINITION: In Class C, unseeded tournaments and at the discretion of the LOC, a skier may elect to begin his **the** FINAL round of a multi-round event immediately upon the completion of his current round with the same boat

and crew; i.e. "turn and burn (T&B)." ***In a sanctioned four round tournament, "turn and burn" may only be used for the final round, (Round 4 on the second or final day of the tournament).***

14.01 AWSA Recognition

The AWSA shall recognize records for slalom performances, jump distances, and trick performances for each division listed under Rule 3.02 in tournaments of Record Capability only. (Specific requirements for conducting a Record Capability tournament appear in Rule 15.) Only US Citizens, with USA-WS Full Active Membership are eligible to set AWSA records. Citizens of other countries are not eligible to set AWSA records. However a competitor who skis for another federation in an international competition to which the US sends a team, shall not be eligible to set a record ***for the remainder of that calendar year, plus the following two calendar years***, following their performance in that international competition. U.S. skiers may set AWSA records in international tournaments shown to meet the standards of a tournament of Record Capability. Run-offs of ties are used solely for determining placement; therefore, a run-off performance is not eligible for consideration as a record.

Additional rules affected with 14.01 include 4.02 and 4.03A4

4.02 General: A contestant in the National Tournament must have competed in the corresponding event at his Regional Tournament (see Rules 4.03 and 4.06) during the same year. To have competed in an event at a Regional Tournament means to have attained skiing position in each event as defined in Rule 8.07. In addition, a contestant must qualify under Rules 4.02.A, 4.02.B, or 4.02.C (below) and must be a U.S. Citizen. However, a competitor who skis for another federation in an international competition to which the US sends a team, shall not be eligible for placement for ***the remainder of that calendar year, plus the following two calendar years*** following the international competition. Any skier competing in international competitions representing Guatemala, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Ecuador, Bolivia, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela with dual US citizenship would be exempt from rule 4.02.A and 4.03.A for the period of January 1, **2017** until December 31, **2017**. A skier who enters the Open division at the Nationals in any event is not required to ski in his Regional Tournament.

4.03A4 All entrants in a Regional Tournament shall be U.S. citizens, unless the Region determines to allow non-US citizens (or resident aliens) to participate, but not for placement. However, a competitor who skis in international competition to which the US sends a team, for another federation shall not be eligible for placement for ***the remainder of that calendar year, plus the following two calendar years*** following the international competition.

15.05J IWWF-sanctioned Record Capability tournaments (Class L or R) must include one official certified by the Pan American ***Confederation or IWWF National Federation*** and this may be one of the chief officials. That official needs to be on site during a multi round tournament only while those events are being run.

15.06 Technical Requirements for Class E, L, and R Tournaments

Rule 15.06D1 End-course video

a) End Course shall be recorded in the Slalom event for all passes. A rigidly mounted video camera shall be operated from a point on the centerline on at least one end of the slalom course, adjusted to show all of the boat guides in clear focus and equipped with sufficient power to display the far entrance/exit gate occupying at least 1/6th of the full width of the screen (1/3 width or larger is recommended).

b) It is recommended that a radio receiver be placed by the recorder so that all radio transmissions are recorded on the audio track, and that the skier's name and speed and/or line length be announced on each pass, and the actual times recorded by the official timing devices also be announced.

c) A black 2in (5cm) (approximately) wide strip on the middle of the windshield will be used to show up on the end course video. If the boat already has a visible center mark on the windshield this is not necessary. A visible mark would be a center seam between two halves of the windshield or a center swing out window that would have vertical seams on either side of center. The mark, if required would only need to come up approximately half way to the top of the windshield, but be clearly visible in the end course video.

d) A mark or small post on the top of the windshield that is visible in the end-course video camera (both directions) shall be placed 20 cm from the center of the windshield on both sides of the center to aid in the determination of the 20 cm deviation (for onsite video review).

e) The Chief Driver shall be responsible for ensuring that the end-course video is monitored by an official for compliance with Rule 10.07 and that any driving adjustments or corrections are communicated to the driver.

f) The video recordings of non-record passes shall be submitted to the Regions' Drivers Committee Representative.

g): Video Specifications

1) Video to be used: For Judging purposes and record review process, only video from the official cameras can be used.

2) Video Property: All videos become the property of AWSA and shall be kept in the custody of the Chief Judge during the competition. At the end of the competition the responsibility of the videos goes to the organizer, who must keep them in custody or uploaded to a suitable storage site for one year, in such a way that they are available if required by AWSA.

3) Recommendations: All recorded video for Tricks and Slalom be recorded at 30 FPS and all video should have a minimum resolution of (NTSC:640x480).

To Appendix:

Team Qualifications

Each region will determine the teams that compete at the Regional Championship. The top 2 teams from each region will go on to Nationals to compete for the National Team Title. The team championship is NOT a separate event; rather points are accumulated while the team skiers compete in their individual divisions/events.

Each region has a commissioner and each team will have a captain that selects the skiers on the team.

Each team shall be comprised of 5 men, 5 women, and 5 juniors from the same state/area across Slalom, Trick and Jump. All three events are included in the scoring. The members of the teams do not need to be qualified for Regionals, and they do not need to be qualified for Nationals.

The top 4 scores for each event (Slalom, Trick, Jump) for each group (Men, Women, Juniors) will be used for determining the Team Scores. The scores will be generated through a placement point

system based on NOPS. The top 4 scores for each team in each event would be accumulated to become the team score.

Substitutions between Regional Championships and National Championships are allowed at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner. Any substitute on a team must be from the same area/state and must have skied in the Regional Championships. For further details, refer to the team skiing details on www.usawaterski.org.

Jump course diagram: Make the 210' green buoy ***optional*** and the SC buoys "***recommended***" for driver alignment.