

Towline and Clean Up Rule Changes

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These rules have been revised at the Board of Directors meeting May 23, 2020.

1) 4.01B Membership: An entrant in a sanctioned tournament must be a USA-WSWS member with current dues paid. Each skier must be an Active member for Class C and higher tournaments. Grass Roots membership is the minimum requirement for all other tournament classifications. This requirement shall be considered satisfied if the skier pays his dues to the tournament committee before competing, and completes all required USA-WSWS application and membership documents. ~~A member of a national water ski association affiliated with the IWWF shall not be required to join USA-WSWS to enter sanctioned tournaments, if his association grants similar privileges to USA-WSWS members. However, he must be covered by USA-WSWS insurance policy.~~

2) 8.02B3. **For tricks if** equipped, the ballast system starting level may be chosen by the skier (0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100%). The skier may select +/- 50% for his second pass based on his first pass selection. The LOC along with the CJ may set a maximum upper ballast level. If so, the skier may not exceed that limit when selecting a second pass change.

3) From TC Committee: We need to change the current AWSA rules on Rope specification and which rope can be used in which division.

8.04 (Current)

A:

Weight per foot, maximum = ~~23 g/m (.250 oz.)~~

Breaking Load, minimum = ~~817 kg (1,800 lbs.)~~

Optional: Light Towlines for B1, B2, ~~B3~~, G1, G2, ~~G3~~, W6 and above only

Weight per foot, maximum = ~~23g/m (.250 oz.)~~

Breaking Load, minimum = ~~454 kg (1,000 lbs.)~~

8.04 proposal

A) Towline Descriptions

1. Standard Rope

726 kg (1600 lbs) minimum breaking load

**(for information only, diameter is approx. 10mm/13/32")
Used in all AWSA/IWWF Class and divisions.**

2: Optional two Lighter Towlines as described below:

a. 8mm (IWWF Lighter Line), 499 kg (1100 lbs) minimum breaking load. (For information only, diameter approx. 8mm/5/16")

May be used in AWSA Class E/C/F in B 1-3, G 1-4, W6 and above only;

IWWF Class L/R in B/G 1-3 (U-14 and below) only

**b. 5mm, 363 kg (800 lbs) Minimum breaking load.
Not to exceed 35 off (12m)**

(For information only, diameter approx. 5mm/3/16")

May be used in AWSA Class E/C/F in B1-2/G 1-3 only;

Can NOT be used in IWWF Class L/R.

It is the responsibility of the Tow Line manufacturers to ensure their product meets these specifications.

10.16.B.4 (current rule)

~~**a. 10MM (13/32") 16 Strands— Most common and exceeds the minimum elongation (8.04A).**~~

~~**b. 8 MM (5/16") 12 Strands— Meets the minimum elongation requirements, however, it is only recommended for B1-3, G1-3, G4-5, W6 and above. Not to exceed 39 off (10.75m).**~~

~~**c. 5 MM (3/16") 8 Strands— Light Line only meets the Light Line specification (8.04A optional) and can only be used in B1-3, G1-3 and W6 and above for CLASS E only. Not to exceed 35 off (12m). Does not meet the IWWF specification and cannot be used in Class L or R.**~~

10.16.B.4 proposal

**a. Standard rope; minimum breaking load 726kg (1600#).
Reference 8.04A.**

**b. 8mm (IWWF Lighter Line) with minimum breaking load 499kg (1100#). Reference 8.04A2a.
May be used in AWSA Class E/C/F in B 1-3, G 1-4, W6 and above;**

IWWF Class L/R in B/G 1-3 (U14 and U10) only.

c. 5mm with minimum breaking load 363kg (800#).

Reference 8.04A2b.

Not to exceed 35 off (12m)

May be used in AWSA Class E/C/F in B1-2/G 1-3 only.

Can NOT be used in IWWF Class L or R.

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4) 10.10E5b. When the 2019 Nautique ***or newer*** is used in slalom, the MicroTuners and Hydrogate automatically deploy. If the incorrect line length on the display was selected but is within the matrix supplied by Nautique, there will be no reride. If a rope length is selected for which the MicroTuners are not what the Matrix recommends, a reride may be allowed if an incomplete pass.

5) AWSA/IWWF Differences:

A5: Speed Control (IWWF ***5.02f***/AWSA 8.10): IWWF requires that a written record of speed control settings ***for World Championships*** and changes thereto be maintained. AWSA contains no such provisions.