

## **AMMENDED AND APPROVED RULE CHANGES JUNE 15, 2018**

### **AWSA Rules Committee rule recommendations and guidelines for the 2019 Nautique for the 2018 calendar year**

The 2019 Nautique has added systems to enhance the skier's ride. These include MicroTuners, more settings for the Hydrogate, and adjustable ballast tanks. The Rules Committee has changed a few of the existing rules to let skiers experience and adapt to the changes. We would like all skiers and officials to work together to test and give feedback on these changes and any others that might be put into place. There were initial guidelines used at the recent LCQ and Masters Tournaments. During the Masters, IWWF along with AWSA and Nautique met to finalize these guidelines. After the meeting, IWWF recommended expanding some of those settings. Skiers and officials would be able to comment on these guidelines and review if anything else needed to be changed at the end of the year. AWSA Towboat committee has approved the boat, but still needs rules approved. Technical Committee asked for the upper limit on ballast, which we have accommodated.

#### **Changes along with Questions and Answers are as follows:**

##### **SLALOM:**

There will be NO rerides for a setting different than that requested, as long as the adjustment for the line length is within the Matrix provided by the company.

If a rope length is selected that changes the MicroTuner setting (for example the proper rope length should have had the MicroTuners deployed and the chosen length did not deploy them), then a reride will be allowed. If a complete pass was made, there will be no reride.

##### **JUMP:**

The Jump HydroGate will be 0 to 10. The default setting is Jump mode (10). The Hydrogate may be adjusted to a setting of Slalom mode (0), middle (1-9) or Jump mode (10). It is the skier's responsibility to inform the boat crew of his HydroGate setting prior to leaving the dock. It will remain in that position for his turn.

##### **TRICK:**

The Trick HydroGate will be 0 to 10. The default setting is Trick mode (10). The Hydrogate may be adjusted to a setting of Slalom mode (0), middle (1-9) or Trick mode (10). The skier may choose to change the setting between passes.

##### **TRICK BALLAST SYSTEM:**

If equipped, the ballast system start setting will be chosen by each skier (options are 0%, 25%, 50% 75% or 100%). The skier may select +/- 50% for his 2nd pass based on his first pass selection. There will be no adjustment during a pass. The

skier will not receive a reride for any skier-selected ballast adjustment. The LOC along with the CJ will determine if there should be an upper limit to the ballast.

The AWSA Rules Committee has approved and along with the Towboat Committee has come up with a set of rule modifications to work with the 2019 Nautique that was tested a few weeks ago. These will be the rule changes for the calendar year of 2018. The next official boat tests will take place at the end of the year. With these new rules in place along with feedback from officials and skiers, we will be able to make revisions at that time based on a more informed opinion. We are working with IWWF so that we are aligned.

Since the boat has already been used, these rules should be used in accordance with the following rule:

### **"1.11 Rule Change Authorization**

Rule changes may be authorized for a particular tournament as follows:

At the request of the Rules Committee, for the purpose of trying out new provisions under consideration by the committee, and with the approval of a majority of the Appointed Judges for the tournament."

#### 8.02B

1. Added Weight: It is the duty of the boat judge, in consultation with the driver, to supervise adding a suitable weight in any event to even out boat balance, wakes, spray, or handling. This weight shall not present a hazard to the boat occupants or potential harm to the boat interior.

2. For tricks, the skier may place a tournament-supplied weight of between 20-50 kg (44-110 pounds) in the boat (either on the floor by the feet of the release operator or behind the engine cover) with side to side positioning as decided by the skier or release operator.

**3. 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.**

#### 8.02G

The Nautique Hydrogate **(2018 and older)** can be set in one of two positions, slalom or trick/jump **but** (may not be set in between modes). **The 2019 Nautique Hydrogate** can be set in **any of the 11 approved** positions, slalom **(0), middle (1-9)** or trick/jump **(10) as detailed below.**

Tricks: The default position is the trick mode **(10)**. The skier has the option of using the slalom mode **(0) or middle (1-9)**. It is the skier's responsibility to inform the boat crew when choosing **any of the non-default** options. The

skier may choose to change the setting **only** between passes. **Ballast systems, if applicable, will have 5 settings 0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%. They may not be changed during the pass. See Rule 8.02B3 and 11.07 for skier allowances.**

Jump: The default position is the jump mode **(10)**. The skier has the option of using the slalom mode **(0) or middle (1-9)**. 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.

10.10E4

**a.** When weather, tournament-supplied equipment, or some other reason not the fault of the skier causes a delay of more than ten minutes between slalom passes, the skier shall be allowed an unscored warm up pass, in the opposite direction of the reride, with a protected score on passes already completed, or the skier may start over without a protected score. However, the Chief Judge, with the approval of the majority of the Appointed Judges, may deny this option if there is reason to believe that further delays will preclude finishing the tournament in a timely manner or otherwise work to the disadvantage of the remaining skiers.

**b. When the 2019 Nautique 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.**

### **11.07 Boat Path**

The boat shall follow, as closely as possible, the path specified by the judges for the event. Such path includes the preparation time before each pass. The second pass shall be in the opposite direction. The boat must make a reasonably straight path through the course. If the skier falls during or at the end of the first pass he will receive a maximum of **45** seconds in which to be ready to be taken by the boat for his second pass. At the skier's option, if he did not fall in his first pass, the boat may stop between passes for a maximum of 45 seconds. In each case the time shall start when the boat gets to the skier. In each case the skier is allowed to change equipment but must be in the water ready to go within the appropriate time frame or he loses the right to his second pass. **If an approved ballast system is being used, the skier may have the option to change settings +/- 50% during this time.**

### **11.08**

**C.** Boat Judge: An additional judge shall ride in the boat. He shall check speeds, observe the boat path and stop the boat in the event of a dangerous condition.

He shall be authorized to grant rerides, at the skier's option, for deviations in boat speeds and path, **along with any incorrect ballast settings** as governed by Rules 7.01, 11.06 and 11.07.

### **Questions and Answers:**

#### **Should the LOC establish an upper limit ballast setting?**

*The LOC may have the option to establish an upper limit to the ballast level. While currently it is thought that most trick skiers will not choose 100% ballast, establishing a limit at the option of the LOC (along with the CJ) will allow a lake to better protect the shoreline if needed. We have many trick skiers who are choosing to use a wakeboard including collegiate skiers, and some lake owners may not want the bigger wakes at 100%.*

#### **Can the Ballast level be changed between passes?**

*When a skier selects his initial ballast level before the first pass, the skier needs to consider that he is limited to a maximum +/-50% change between passes. Also, if the LOC has set an upper limit, the skier may not exceed that limit even if it is within the +/-50% of his first pass.*

*Between passes when an adjustment is made at the request of the skier or pin person, the driver will do his best to make the change within the 45 second set down; however, the skier does so at risk and will not have the option for a reride for wake or incorrect ballast on that pass.*

#### **What should the LOC consider when establishing an upper level ballast setting limit that is not to be exceeded?**

*The LOC may choose to establish an upper limit ballast setting if they are concerned about their shoreline. They may also need to adjust the tournament schedule accordingly to allow for filling or emptying the ballast tanks.*

*The LOC should discuss the Trick ballast setting with the Chief Judge and Chief Driver and/or Promo Owner if an upper level is set. When one is set, it should be communicated to the skiers prior to the start of the event.*

#### **Can the Hydrogate be changed?**

*Yes, there are now 11 settings for Jump and Trick i.e., Slalom mode (0), middle (1-9), or Jump/Trick (10). The Hydrogate is automatically set at (0) when in Slalom Mode. For Jump, the skier may choose any of the settings with (10) being the default. Once the skier has chosen, it will remain at that setting for the whole set except that a skier may change it between jumps in a Class C tournament. For Trick, the skier may choose any of the settings with (10) being the default and may change between passes.*

#### **Can the "tournament-supplied" weight of 44-110 pounds still be used?**

*Yes, that rule has not changed.*