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Committee Activities:

1. The committee has not met since Nov 2008. The committee has considered several items by email.
2. Since January 2009 the committee has considered the following items:
 - a. Big Dawg at Nationals: The committee determined that having the Big Dawg event during the nationals was allowable under the rules.
 - b. Added Speed Control wording for Jump to the speed control chart as directed by BOD.
 - c. Added the FFLF for 850 points.
 - d. Recommend to the BOD to classify MM jump and trick events as L at Nationals
 - e. Adding wording to 4.03 to allow for Key Workers—not approved.
 - f. Recommend to the BOD to add wording to the Nationals Classification Chart.
 - g. Recommend to the BOD to change wording in 11.16 for trick video.
 - h. Considered the question of what rounds count for overall in a Pick and Choose.
 - i. Issued a statement concerning 3 segment jump timing.
 - j. Launched the beginning of the Rules Committee web page, including a form to present a request for a rule change.
 - k. In the process of polling the Men 8 skiers about the proposed speed increase to 52 k.
 - l. In process of analyzing the changes required to adopt IWSF rules for the Event rules.
 - m. Clarified the Benchmark scores for the MM Trick and Jump Records with the Technical committee.

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IWSF Items:

Jump

The Tournament Council has ruled that the new 52m timing buoys are not required since they are not needed by the currently used GPS timing systems to give 3rd buoy timing. The IWSF Rulebook has been updated in the Revisions section to note this.

Recommendations to others:

1. Recommended to the Technical committee for the MM Benchmark score should be:
 - a. Trick- Mark Shaw (Benchmark) 5,940 8/15/08 2008 Goode US Nationals West Palm Beach, FL
 - b. Jump- Danny Zeisler (Benchmark) 167 feet 8/15/08 2008 Goode US Nationals West Palm Beach, FL
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Proposals for Board Consideration:

Proposal 1. MM Nationals Classification: Recommend to the BOD to classify MM jump and trick events as L at Nationals. The MM Jump and Trick scores are both eligible for the IWSF ranking list. The M3/M4 J&T classification was set to "L" by the BOD.

Proposal 2. Nationals Event Classification Chart: Recommend to the BOD to add wording to the Nationals Event Classification Chart ***"Trick Divisions that may expect scores of 10,000 points or higher should be run as an "R" classification."***

Rationale:

- 1) IWSF requires "R" classification for all scores of 10,000 points to be accepted for the IWSF World Ranking List.
- 2) Already, the B3 and MM divisions may have competitors that could score above the 10,000 pt mark.
- 3) Allowing the CJ to determine which divisions need to be run "R" makes sense as the need changes as skiers change divisions, etc.

AWSA National Championships

Event Classification

DIVISIONS	Slalom	Trick	Jump
B1/G1	E	E	
B2/G2	E	L	L
B3/G3	L	L	L
M1/W1	L	L	L
M2/W2	L	L	L
M3/M4	E	L	L
W3/W4	L	L	L
M5/W5	E	E	E
M6-10/W6-10	E	E	E
MM	E	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>
OM/OW	R	R	R

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Proposal 3. 11.16 Tricking Equipment and Definitions: Recommend to the BOD to change wording in 11.16(a) as follows:

(a) Trick Judging Area: An elevated observation area that provides an unobstructed view of the trick course, at least 3 meters (10') above the water, shall be provided. If an observation point is located more than 30 meters (100') from the boat path, it is recommended that the tower be elevated approximately ten percent above the water (one foot in height for each ten feet back from the boat path). Alternatively, ~~a live video feed~~ from the boat ~~transmitted~~ to ~~a~~ *the* panel of judges may be used.

Rationale:

1. AWSA 15.06 (c) states that videotaping (this language is also obsolete and should be replaced with "recorded" or "captured" since use of video tape is in its' waning years) is required for review.
2. IWSF 15.15 states "The tricks shall be filmed by a video camera from the boat. The usual procedure will be to transmit the signal by radio to the judges tower. Backup video will be a stored copy of the video at the camera. (2008)" which clearly contemplates no requirement for the use of live wireless transmission. This was confirmed with IWSF that there is no requirement for a live transmission.
3. With so much Wi-Fi around ski sites, on a Wednesday afternoon when no one is around wireless transmission works perfectly. But on tournament day with residents home, motor homes on site using Wi-Fi, and other components operating wireless transmission may be significantly impaired or not even feasible.

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4. The view the judges will see will be clear and free of interference commonly found in wireless transmissions.
5. The necessary judges will still be available to deal with re-ride requests during the actual pass and typically a panel defers to the BJ anyway.
6. In most cases the trick pass will be reviewed within a few skiers at most larger tournaments but would afford the smaller tournaments, that lack volumes of officials, an alternative means with which to hold the event and still maintain the highest quality of judging.
7. I believe that the Technical Committee would support this format.

Proposal 4. Add FFLF for 850 points: This item was overlooked during the winter meeting. The committee approved the addition of the trick following the January BOD meeting. It was added to the rule book as it was already an IWSF approved trick. The Rules Chairman requests the BOD's blessing of the above action.

Proposals Considered by the Committee but No Action Taken

- 1) **4.03 (b) (3) Nationals Key Workers:** A majority of the EVP's may excuse up to 8 key workers of the current year nationals. The key workers will be identified by name by the National Tournament Chairman. The EVP's may require those individuals to pay their Regional Tournament Entry Fees.
 - a. The committee felt that this was better handled by the EVP or EVP's without a rule governing such.
 - b. Some felt that everyone should be required to attend regionals.
 - c. Some felt that better planning would be the solution.
 - d. Because of lack of Agreement, and the general consensus that hosting nationals is a huge undertaking, no action was taken.