

AWSA OFFICIALS' PROGRAM

QUANTITATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT AND RENEWAL

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RATING TYPE/ LEVEL	APPLICATION AND ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS											RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS			
	Min. Age	Clinics	Tourns.	Ast. Chief	Chief	Regional Champs.	Tourns. Scored (for non-scorers)	Ast. Chief Scorer (for non-scorers)	Total Minimum # of Tourns. Worked	Written Test	Practical Test	Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) Review	Tourns/ 4 Years	Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) Review/ 2 Years	In-Person or Online Clinics/ 4 Years
JUDGE Assistant	15		Use Application										8		
Regular	17	1	5	2			3		7	1	1		8		1
Senior	18	1	9		3	3	3	2	15	1	1		8		1
SCORER Assistant	15		Use Application										8		
Regular	18	1	5	1					6	1	1		8		1
Senior	18	1	9		3	3			15	1	1		8		1
DRIVER Assistant	16	1	Use Application							1	1	1	8	1	1
Regular	18	1	10	2					12	1	1		12	1	1
Senior	18	1	16		2				18	1	1		12	1	1

Fast Track Options for Assistant/Regular/Senior Judge, Scorer and Driver – As an alternative to meeting all quantitative requirements, skiers who hold a specified rating on AWSA's National Rankings List are eligible to take advantage of "Fast Track" options to attain certain officials ratings. Refer to the **respective Policy Manual** for further details.

Three, Two or Single Event Ratings – An individual working toward a rating upgrade must complete the quantitative requirements for each event for which he is seeking upgrade.

Multiple Officials Rating Credits – An individual is eligible to serve as a judge, scorer and/or driver at one tournament and receive more than one official's rating credit. However, only one credit is awarded per official's rating category (judge, scorer or driver) per tournament. For example, although an individual can be an Assistant Chief Judge and judge one or more events at a tournament, he only receives one rating credit as Assistant Chief Judge or judge, not both, for that tournament.

Judging Credit for Jump – Judges will receive upgrade and maintenance credit for work performed as Shore Judge, Boat Judge, or Video Jump Distance Operator (includes Meter Reader or Master Board Operator),

Grassroots Tournaments – Credit may be obtained for aspiring Assistant Judges working a Grassroots tournament. Full maintenance (not upgrade) credit is awarded to all rated officials.

Regional Tournament Credit for Aspiring Senior Judges and Scorers – Credit may be obtained by work performed at either a Regional or National tournament, including work at both tournaments during the same year, and at the NCWSA Nationals. The NCWSA Regionals and All-Stars shall not count toward fulfilling the quantitative requirement of Regional or National attendance for upgrading to Senior. An aspiring Senior Judge or Scorer may substitute work at a large Record tournament (50+ skiers) to be counted toward up to two of the Regional/National tournament credits required to upgrade.

Aspiring Senior Scorers and Judges – Aspiring Senior Officials may reduce the number of non-Regional/National tournaments required by serving as Chief more than the three minimum times. This experience will substitute for working two tournaments each time it is done, for a maximum of three times. Therefore, the aspiring Senior Official will have served as Chief for a minimum of three or a maximum of six countable times. This reduces the current requirement by up to three tournaments and provides more relevant experience.

Clinics – Clinic attendance is mandatory for upgrading all ratings. Except for Assistant Judges and Scorers, all officials must attend one USA Water Ski & Wake Sports-sanctioned clinic every four years to renew their ratings. A clinic may be used as one tournament credit each calendar year. USA Water Ski & Wake Sports will send e-mail notifications to officials who will be required to attend a clinic before the end of the calendar year. Clinics may be in-person, by virtual attendance via the internet (when available) or performed individually through available online continuing education modules.

Renewal Requirements

- For an individual to maintain a judge, scorer or driver rating, he must officiate in the number of tournaments indicated in the renewal column above for each event rated during a four-calendar year period. Renewal requirements are reviewed at the end of every fourth year for rating renewal for the next four-year period (i.e., January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023 for renewal for 2024).
- Senior Drivers who hold a slalom rating must submit an end course video of their driving performance to their regional drivers' committee representative once a year for review.

Tracking Your Officials Credits for Upgrade/Renewal – An official can view the tournaments/clinics for which he receives officiating credit for both maintenance and upgrade purposes by logging into his "Members-Only" section of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports' Web site using his membership number and password and clicking "**Official Ratings/Certifications**," "**My Official Ratings**" and "**Events**." In the case of discrepancies, the official should contact the applicable Chief Official so that he may contact USA Water Ski & Wake Sports and see that proper credit is issued.