



# AWSA ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

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# Agenda

- 1) Call to Order –
- 2) Introduction and Roll Call
- 3) Announcement of Quorum
- 4) Opening Administrative Motions and Housekeeping Matters –
- 5) Appointment of Parliamentarian –
- 6) Review of Agenda –
- 7) Confirmation of Voting Roll
- 8) Administrative Matters
- 9) Adoption of Agenda
- 10) Presentation of Service Awards –
- 11) Review and Approval of the 2023 Mid-Winter Meeting Minutes –
- 12) Ratification of the Board of Directors Electronic Ballots
- 13) Nominating Committee Report
  - a. President - Lyman
    - i. Motion
  - b. VP – Kate Knafla
    - i. Motion
  - c. Chairman of the Board – Dennis Downes
    - i. Motion
  - d. Secretary – Delaina Downes
    - i. Motion
  - e. Treasurer – Cynthia Logan
    - i. Motion
- 14) USAWSWS Executive Director Report - Nate Boudreaux - See report
- 15) AWSA President Report - Lyman Hardy's - See report
- 16) AWSA Treasurer's Report - Motion to accept –
- 17) IWWF PanAm Report – Dana Garcia - See report
- 18) AAC Report - Alex Lauretano, Chair – No report
- 19) Standing Committee Reports
  - a) Towboat Committee – Will Bush & George Lindy, Chairs – No report
  - b) Rules Committee – Richelle Muhlitner, Chair - See report
  - c) Technical Committee – Jerry Jackson, Chair – No report
  - d) Announcers Committee – Jim Powell , Chair - See report
  - e) Awards Committee – Lori Krueger, Chair – No report
  - f) Drivers Committee – Chris Eller, Chair - See report
  - g) Bylaws Committee – Karen Melnik, Chair - See report
  - h) International Activities Committee – Jeff Smith, Chair - See report
  - i) Judges & Scorers Committee – Robert Howerton, Chair - See report
  - j) Junior Development Committee – Allison Blair, Lauren Malitz, Chairs - See report
  - k) Safety Committee – James Cawthern, Chair – No report
  - l) Seeding Committee – Dave Allen, Chair - See report
  - m) Skier's Qualification – Kirby Whetsel, Chair – No report
- 20) Regional Recommendations
  - a) Eastern Region
  - b) Midwest Region

- c) Southern Region
- d) South Central Region
- e) Western Region

21) Old Business -

22) New Business

23) Announcement of Date & Time of January 2024 Winter Board Meeting –

24) Call for Adjournment –

# AWSA Winter Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, January 28, 2023, 8:30 a.m. ET

2701 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823

*See meeting invite for meeting link.*

- 1) Call to Order – 8:04 am
- 2) Introduction & Roll Call

Name	Position	Present				
Alex Laurentano	AAC	Y		Jeff Surdej	Past President	N
Barry Young	Director - West	Y		Jerry Bautsch	Director - SC	Y
Bill Winter	HND	Y		Jerry Jackson	Technical	Y
Bob Archambeau	USAWSWS Pres	Y		Jim Powell	Announcers	Y
Bob Harris	USAWSWS Dir - S	Y		John Wilkins	Director - East	Y
Brad Corbin	EVP - West	Y		Karen Melnik	Bylaws	Y
Brad Hartwell	Director - West	Y		Karen Truelove	Athlete Rep	Y
Bruce Butterfield	Director - SC	Y		Kate Knafla	Vice President	Y
Chris Eller	Drivers	Y		Keith Lindemulder	HND	Y
Chris Zukas	USAWSWS	Y		Kelly Koehler	Director - SC	Y
Connie Bergmark	USAWSWS Dir - W	Y		Kirby Whetsel	Director - Southern	Y
Corey Vaughn	Athlete Rep	N		Lauren Malitz	Junior Development	N
Cynthia Logan	Treasurer	Y		Lauren Morgan	Athlete Rep	Y
Dana Garcia	IWWF PanAm Report	Y		Lori Covington	Awards	N
Dane Mechler	Athlete Rep	Y		Lyman Hardy	President	Y
Daren Janzig	EVP - MW	Y		Mark Crone	Developer	Y
Dave Allen	Seeding	N		Mike O'Connor	Director - MW	Y
Delaina Downes	Secretary	Y		Nate Boudreaux	USAWSWS Report	Y
Dennis Downes	Chairman	Y		Pat Byrne	USAWSWS Dir - E	N
Don Bucher	USAWSWS Dir - MW	Y		Peter Dahl	Director - MW	Y
Doug Robbins	Director - East	Y		Ralph Hall	Director - East	N
Fallon Sheffield	USAWSWS	Y		Rebecca Bartlett	EVP- East	Y
George Lindy	Towboat	N		Richelle Muhlthner	Director - West	Y
James Cawthern	Safety	Y		Rober Howerton	EVP - SC	Y
James Jaquess	Director - Southern	Y		Robert Harris	EVP - Southern	Y
Jeff Clark	HND	Y		Roy Surdej	Director - MW	Y
Jeff Smith	IAC Report	Y		Scott Ellis	Athlete Rep	Y
				Taylor Garcia	Athlete Rep	Y

- 3) Announcement of Quorum – **Yes**
- 4) Appointment of Parliamentarian – **Jeff Clark**
- 5) Review & Adoption of Agenda – **Robert / Lyman - Passes**
- 6) Administrative Motions – **Motion to accept committee motions with first & Second and allow HND attendance - Doug / John - Passes**
- 7) Presentation of Service Awards – Kate Knafla
  - a) **Dennis Downes – ND for MW, MW EVP**
  - b) **Keith Lindemulder – VP, COB, SC-ND, EVP-S, HND**
  - c) **Jim Powell – HND**
  - d) **Jeff Clark – For years of service and dedication to AWSA**
  - e) **Kate is going to keep this up going forward.**
  - f) **Emeritus has not been done for a while and should be.**

- 8) Review & Approval of the August Meeting Minutes (See separate attachment) –  
**Motion to accept – Barry / Brad - Passes**
- 9) Ratification of BOD electronic ballots since last Meeting – (no votes were taken)
- 10) USAWSWS Executive Director's Report – Nate Boudreaux – See report.
- 11) AWSA President's Report & Executive Committee Report – Lyman Hardy - See report.
- 12) AWSA Treasurer's Report – Cynthia Logan - See report - **Motion to accept (Auto)**
  - a) **Boat testing money is going to come to AWSA going forward.**
  - b) **Change line-item name to Towboat Licensing**
  - c) **Potentially change purpose of those funds to the teams.**
  - d) **Shout out to Allison and her committee for their fundraising efforts for JD.**
- 13) Nominating Committee Report – Kate Knafla - No report
  - a) Will be taking nominations for summer elections.
- 14) Pan Am Report – Dana Garcia - See report (see separate attachment due to size)
- 15) Special presentation – Jaret Llewellyn (World Water Skiers Sanction system)
  - a) **Motion to allow WScnnect (WaterSportconnect) to discuss with AWSA what it would take to integrate our needs into their program and come up with a scope of work - Roy / Jim – Passes**
  - b) **Motion to have our directors make the same motion in the USAWSWS meeting 1/29/23 – Doug / Jim - Passes**
- 16) Standing Committee Reports
  - a) Announcers Committee – Jim Powell - See report.
  - b) Awards Committee – Lori Covington - See report.
    - i) **Create a Meritorious Service Award – Karen / Jim J - Passes**
  - c) Bylaws Committee – Kate Melnik - See report.
    - i) **Add Announcers Committee to the bylaws - Passes**
  - d) Drivers Committee – Chris Eller - See report.
    - i) Discussion over using SurePath for jump...still not enough data.
    - ii) Enough data though for the Drivers Committee to provide some guidance on what is being looked for when reports are sent in.
    - iii) Will Bush is working on a list of drivers driving with a PanAm rating. There are 14 US drivers that meet this criterion.
    - iv) **Motion to approve Don Butcher and Ron Ives for emeritus status Chris / Robert – Passes**
    - v) **The criteria to go to a neutral site to upgrade to senior driver is being added.**
    - vi) **Recommendation to allow times from SurePath to be brought into WSTIMS as a stopgap to make sure SurePath is turned on.**
  - e) International Activities Committee – Jeff Smith - See report. **Motion to approve action items in the report Robert / Brad - Passes**
    - i) CanAm championships will be in Canada, but we don't have any details yet.
    - ii) Issue with athlete pipeline, no U21 or Open Men to populate teams at the World level.
  - f) Judges & Scorers Committee – Robert Howerton - See report.
    - i) **Approved Judge Emeritus**

- (1) **Bill Baker - East**
- (2) **Jeran Hooten – SC**
- (3) **Leon Larson – South**
- (4) **Carey Zimilich – South**
- (5) **Gail Heinrich - West**
- (6) **Elgin Faulkner – SC**
- ii) **Approved TC Emeritus**
  - (1) **Elgin Faulkner – SC**
- g) Junior Development Committee – Becky Bartlett - See report.
- h) Technical Committee – See report.
  - i) **Action item #1 – Passes.**
  - ii) **Action item #2 – Passes.**
  - iii) **Action item #3 - Passes**
- i) Rules Committee – Richelle Muhlthner - See report.
  - i) **Proposals #1–2, 4-16,– Passes**
  - ii) **Proposals 18-26 – No Action or Not Approved**
- j) Safety Committee – James Cawthern - See report.
  - i) **George Levien new Southern Region Safety.**
- k) Seeding Committee – See report.
- l) Skier's Qualification – Kirby Whetsel - No report
  - i) **The committee is being asked to review how the cutoffs are set.**
- m) Towboat Committee – No report
- 17) Regional Recommendations
  - a) Eastern Region –
    - i) Rule change form addition asking for vetting of request.
  - b) Midwest Region –
    - i) Judges & Scorers - Would like to see becoming an assistant judge quicker by taking a clinic and a test to be ready to work.
    - ii) Qualifications – make the gap between grassroots and AWSA skiers at local tournaments smaller. (Could be done with ability-based skiing)
  - c) Southern Region –
    - i) USAWSWS - Change membership dates to Jan – Dec to make sanction approval easier. Pro-rate members that join later in the year.
    - ii) USAWSWS - Change dates of officials rating qualification to Jan – Dec.
  - d) South Central Region –
    - i) None
  - e) Western Region –
    - i) Want to see rule 10.06b2 be deleted from the rulebook.
- 18) Old Business –
- 19) New Business –
  - a) Webcast for 2023 Nationals – TWBC has said \$30k for 2 lakes but can't cover all 4 lakes. BOD feels that this is a LOC decision. Funds should remain available for future LOCs.

- b) **Motion to have Fallon be our social media coordinator for \$300 a month - Doug / Darren - Passes**
  - c) 2024 Nationals Bid
    - i) **Bakersfield is the only bid we have. Lyman will complete negotiations and send the contract out to the board for review.**
  - d) AWSA National tournament committee report – **get report from Robert**
    - i) Consensus seems to be to keep things the same at this time.
  - e) Boat owners being issued 1099s.
  - f) **Motion for AWSA leadership to write to the foundation leadership to ask them to fund our elite teams. Doug / Karen - Passes**
- 20) Time & Date of Next Meeting
- a) **Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am. West Palm Beach**
- 21) **Approve the budget with changes Barry / Brad - Passes**
- 22) **Adjourn – Lyman/ Richelle**

## AWSA BOD Meeting

### June 12, 2023- 7:00 pm CST

#### **History:**

IWWF followed the IOC ban on Russian/Belarusian athlete participation in sanctioned events after the Russian invasion in the Ukraine. IWWF requires athlete affiliation with a federation. IWWF also has a mechanism for athletes to change federations.

IOC has identified that those athletes related to Russia/Belorussia can participate as independents and cannot be part of a team.

In May that was changed, and the independent athletes are allowed to participate under a “white flag”, non-national representative. In contradiction IWWF created a transfer of allegiance where athletes of those two countries could renounce their federation membership and apply to a new federation. The new federation had to accept / reject the application within 30 days. If accepted, they would participate under the “white flag” and then could transfer their allegiance to the new federation.

Historically, independent participants skiing for the US have been considered “part of the team.”

#### **Questions that have arisen:**

- Team eligibility – requires you to be a US citizen, so this is a moot point...
- Individual eligibility – have met the requirements of IWWF or are in the process...
- Health insurance – received that answer today, June 12, 2023, from USOPC; they require any athlete on Operation Gold (?), the elite athlete health insurance must be eligible to compete with Team USA.

#### **Discussion:**

We need the IAC to update all international team Qualifications and Procedures (Q&P's) to include the requirement that a skier must possess a US Passport to be eligible for selection to a US Team or to ski as an Independent. This would align with the current IWWF requirement for athletes who change federation.

There is currently a list of athletes who have applied for and met the requirements to ski under other federations, which includes the USA. So, if one (or all) of those athletes qualify as an independent for 2023 Worlds, they can participate under the flag of the federation listed without having a passport for that country. That is a separate issue from what we (AWSA BOD) are going to clarify, and that is; what are the requirements to participate as a skier on the US Team.

The rule regarding qualification has been met, IWWF Rule 1.1b passed Oct 2022 – any other relevant or accepted proof, which was accepted by IWWF and our federation’s executive pres., power given in our Q&P's.

**Motion – Doug R / Jim J - to approve the proposed revision to the U.S. TEAM SELECTION and INDEPENDENT SKIER NOTIFICATION QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES World Championships that was submitted and is shown here:**

#### **B. Team and Independent Athlete Eligibility Requirements**

1. Team Requirements shall be:



- (a) U.S. citizen or passport holder (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events); and
  - (b) Member of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports in good standing.
2. Independent Athlete Requirements shall be:
- (a) U.S. citizen or passport holder (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events; see also IWWF Rule 14.13); and
  - (b) Member of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports in good standing.

**This to be effective November 1, 2023 - PASSES**

The Board feels that USAWSWS needs to be more involved in these type of decisions (to approve the skiers to apply to our federation.) Doug and Bob will speak with Nate regarding issues of this magnitude being brought before the respective board.

AWSA Rule 1.13 requires USA citizenship to be included on the AWSA rankings list, “.....Only skiers with a USA Federation code and USA Citizenship will be included in the Ranking list labeled “USA only”. Currently, there are two non-citizens listed at the top of the AWSA ranking list in the OW category in all three events and overall. This is non-compliant with the AWSA rulebook and should be corrected. It was an error that these skiers were included and they will be removed.

**Motion – Jim J / Richelle – AWSA BOD to direct USAWSWS to comply with AWSA Rule 1.13 – UNANIMOUS.**

Lyman will speak with Nate. Programming changes will need to be made to help police this, citizen drop-down or something similar.

**Motion to adjourn – Brad / Barry - Unanimous**

**AWSA National BOD Meeting  
August 8, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL  
Nominating Committee Report**

**AWSA President:** Lyman Hardy  
**AWSA Vice President:** Kate Knafla  
**AWSA COB:** Dennis Downes  
**AWSA Treasurer:** Cynthia Logan  
**AWSA Secretary:** Delaina Downes

If there are any changes to any of your Regions Committee Reps, please let me know so I can update the website. [kateknafla@gmail.com](mailto:kateknafla@gmail.com)

***Members***

*Kate Knafla - Chair  
Rhoni Bischoff - AAC  
Emily Dammeyer - MW  
Kelly Koehler - SC  
Freddy Krueger - AAC  
Owen Letcher - W  
Kirby Whetsel - S  
John Wilkins - E*



**Executive Director Update  
Board of Directors call – July 26, 2023**

- **Finances**

- Bank Balances (as of June 30)
  - Operating Account \$121,538
  - \*Swift Account \$517,024
  - UBS Investment Account \$427,988

*\*We no longer have a money market account as those funds were moved to a Swift Account (a series of accounts that keep the balance under \$250,000 to be FDIC insured). The Swift Account balance is the sum of these individual accounts.*

Complete 2Q financials (P&L, Balance Sheet, and finance notes) will be shared with the board after the call as Altruic is still compiling them and unfortunately will not have in time for the meeting.

- **Membership**

- **Total Members** (as of June 30) – 13,684 (down 251 members from 2022)
  - American Barefoot Club (ABC) 328 (-11)
  - American Kneeboard Assoc (AKA) 33 (-15)
  - American Water Ski Assoc (AWSA) 6,502 (-156)
  - National Collegiate Water Ski Assoc (NCWSA) 834 (+67)
  - No Preference (NP) 28 (-59)
  - National Show Ski Association (NSSA) 5,347 (-26)
  - National Water Ski Racing Assoc (NWSRA) 156 (-7)
  - United States Hydrofoil Assoc (USHA) 34 (0)
  - USA Wakeboard (USA-WB) 261 (+13)
  - USA Adaptive Water Ski & Wake Sports 119 (-24)

- **Clubs** (as of June 30) – 385 (down 28 from 2022)
  - An expired club survey was sent to 200 clubs that had expired and not renewed their club membership from 2018-2022. According to the 26 responses, clubs did not renew for several reasons:
    - No longer host events
    - Too many requirements (for boat drivers, Safe Sport, etc.)
    - Club disbanded

- Survey results - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-2Bh02txUAsV05jqkI2flZ2g\\_3D\\_3D/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-2Bh02txUAsV05jqkI2flZ2g_3D_3D/)
- **Administration**
  - **Alcohol and Drug Policy** – Risk Management Committee drafted an alcohol/drug policy for use at USA-WSWS sanctioned events. AWSA and Collegiate have specific language in their rule books regarding use of alcohol and/or mind-altering drugs during sanctioned events, but USA-WSWS does not have a formal policy that covers all Sports Disciplines. Below is the proposed language to add to the USA-WSWS Safety Handbook (still being finalized by the Committee).
    - 4.03 No skier or official shall be allowed to participate in any sanctioned tournament, practice, clinic, or other sanctioned event if, in the opinions of the Safety Director, Chief Judge, or other event officials, the individual is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other mind-altering substance, or if his participation would be a danger to himself or others. During the competition, the Safety Director, Chief Judge, or other appropriate event official may at any time request that the event be paused in order to address any skier's or official's action or condition . Alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or other mind-altering substances may not be consumed by officials or participants prior to or during their participation in the event or in violation of the Local Organizing Club's rules.
- **Marketing**
  - **Get on the Water** – Summer Learn to Ski Clinics kicked off in June and run through the end of August. As of July 20, 32 clubs are set to host 80 sanctioned events with more than 900 anticipated participants. Worked with Radar to create this overview video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EWSEgZAOWU>
  - **Women’s Certification Program** - Promotion where MasterCraft covered the cost for any female USA-WSWS member to become an instructor, trained driver, or safety coordinator during the months of April/May/June in partnership with their “Let Her Rip” campaign. The program was very successful with more than 50 female members taking advantage of the promotion, including 22 Safety Coordinators, 18 Level-1 Instructors, 13 Trained Boat Drivers, 5 Adaptive Instructors and 2 NSSA Class A Learner’s Permits. Unfortunately, MasterCraft said they would not be able to support the initiative moving forward due to financial constraints.
  - **Rafflebox 50/50 Fundraiser** – In partnership with Rafflebox Technologies, [USA-WSWS launched a 50/50 fundraiser](#) that will directly benefit each of the nine

sport discipline organizations as well as our learn to ski programs. The raffle launched on July 17 and runs through Aug. 28. The drawing will take place on Aug. 29.

- **American Boating Channel (ABC)** – ABC launched a boating focused Free Ad-Supported Streaming Television (FAST) channel earlier this year. Worked with them to add USA-WSWS content (18 total videos) in the towed water sports category within the channel. [Press announcement](#) was made June 28. The channel is currently on Fire TV and Roku.

- **Communications**

- **Website Redesign** – The redesign of the new [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org) launched in late June. Thus far have received positive responses to the new look site.
- **Hit It! Podcast** – Since inception, there have been a total of 12,200 downloads of podcast episodes. The top two podcasts both featured prominent 3-event coaches (Chet Raley, 1,840 downloads and Kris LaPoint, 1,430 downloads). Scott Atkinson and Tyler Boyd (host) will continue to plan diverse podcast guests from each Sports Discipline with a mix of legends and current stars in the sport.
- **TWBC Long-length documentary on “Unknown Sport of Water Skiing”** – If you have not seen the documentary yet, it is very well done and has over 62k views on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxEGVDR6LGA&t=163s>. Will work with TWBC to get the film on RTH-TV app and our section within the American Boating Channel.

- **Events**

- **2024 Board of Directors Meeting and Awards Banquet** – The BOD meeting is confirmed for Sunday, January 28, at Polk County Sports Commission offices at Lake Myrtle, with the annual awards banquet set for Saturday, January 27 at the RP Funding Center. The original date for the board meeting was Sunday, February 4; however, the RF Funding Center was not available for the banquet on that weekend.

- **Social Media**

Social Media (thru June 30)	Total	YTD New	As of Jan 1, 2022	YTD Increase
Twitter	5,298	-62	5,360	-1.16%
Instagram	13,084	127	12,957	0.98%
Facebook	32,889	820	32,069	2.56%
YouTube	1,451	45	1,406	3.20%
LinkedIn	516	25	491	5.09%

- **USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Foundation Update (presented by Ed Hickey)**
  - This year's Hall of Fame Banquet was a memorable event and a successful fundraiser.
  - We plan to have the 2024 banquet on April 6, 2024 at the Nora Mayo Hall in Winter Haven, Fla.
  - Water Ski Artifacts - The Foundation currently owns artifacts not being displayed at the Visitors Center in Polk County, Fla. They are stored in a cold storage warehouse and not easily accessible. Dr. Bob Reich has formed a committee to explore options for handling this material and one of these options would be to lend some of this material to the Water Ski Cultural Museum in Oregon. We are also planning to have other material displayed at Lake City, Minnesota, the birthplace of water skiing.
  - We have an agreement with Polk County to display museum material at the Visit Central Florida Welcome Center in Davenport, Fla. for an initial term of 5 years beginning in 2021 with additional one-year renewal options.
  - The Foundation's License Agreement with Correct Craft to operate the Cable Park at Lake Myrtle has been modified and is now acceptable to both parties. The Foundation is no longer actively pursuing the sale of the property. The property is leased by a successful cable park operator and its value is enhanced by Margaritaville (RV camp site) on one side and the completed 3-event water ski lake on the other side.
  - We believe the Foundation can continue to add value to the sport of water skiing through the Hall of Fame and with our scholarship program. We are now exploring a Collegiate Team Grant Program initiative to further support college water skiing.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6/30/2023 BY SPORT DISCIPLINE AND TYPE**

Sport Discipline	TOTAL MEMBERS	Individual Active *	Family Active HOH (FA0)	Family Active Dep's (FA1-9)	Under 25 Active (U25)	GR Active (GRA)	Amb/Life Active	TOTAL ACTIVE	Individual Supp. **	Amb/Life Supp.	TOTAL SUPP.	TOTAL ACTIVE & SUPP. MEMBERS
ABC	328	145	28	55	34	18	11	291	28	9	37	328
AKA	33	11	2	6	5	5	0	29	4	0	4	33
AWS	6502	2473	622	1198	1201	318	132	5944	260	298	558	6502
NCW	834	57	7	16	740	8	2	830	2	2	4	834
NP	28	10	0	8	10	0	0	28	0	0	0	28
NSS	5347	1205	974	1908	1045	153	8	5293	45	9	54	5347
NWR	156	96	3	10	21	20	1	151	4	1	5	156
USH	34	6	4	10	4	4	0	28	3	3	6	34
USW	261	44	16	38	124	21	1	244	13	4	17	261
WSD	119	71	11	11	7	12	1	113	4	2	6	119
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13684</b>	<b>4128</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>3266</b>	<b>3201</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>12986</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>13684</b>

\*Wakesurf affiliates are included in the totals above but shown below; \*\*Supporting counts above include 72 FREE digital memberships.

**Wakesurf 42 10 2 6 10 7 35 7 0 7 42**

	2023	2022	Difference
Camps	3	15	-12
Clubs	385	413	-28
Ski Schools	3	5	-2

**DIFFERENCES IN CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 2023 to 2022**

Sport Discipline	TOTAL MEMBERS	Individual Active *	Family Active HOH (FA0)	Family Active Dep's (FA1-9)	Under 25 Active (U25)	GR Active (GRA)	Amb/Life Active	TOTAL ACTIVE	Individual Supp.	Amb/Life Supp.	TOTAL SUPP.	TOTAL ACTIVE & SUPP. MEMBERS	Total Memb. % +/-	Active Memb. % +/-
ABC	-11	-13	0	-6	2	1	-1	-17	8	-2	6	-11	-3.24%	-5.52%
AKA	-15	-3	0	-13	-2	2	0	-16	1	0	1	-15	-31.25%	-35.56%
AWS	-166	-101	90	-187	13	35	-2	-152	-17	3	-14	-166	-2.49%	-2.49%
NCW	67	-18	1	3	78	1	1	66	0	1	1	67	8.74%	8.64%
NP	-59	-10	-1	0	-2	-9	0	-22	-25	-12	-37	-59	-67.82%	-44.00%
NSS	-26	13	197	-321	60	8	1	-42	17	-1	16	-26	-0.48%	-0.79%
NWR	-7	5	-4	-13	5	1	0	-6	-1	0	-1	-7	-4.29%	-3.82%
USH	0	-4	2	6	2	-5	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0.00%	3.70%
USW	13	-14	-1	-4	29	6	1	17	4	0	4	13	5.24%	7.49%
WSD	-24	-1	-2	-8	-13	-1	0	-25	1	0	1	-24	-16.78%	-18.12%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-251</b>	<b>-152</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>-542</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-202</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>-251</b>	<b>-1.80%</b>	<b>-1.53%</b>

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# **AWSA President's Report to the AWSA Board**

Summer 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President in 2023. As you all know, this has been a busy year with the U.S. Team winning the Under-21 Worlds in Mexico and the upcoming Open Worlds at Jack Travers in October. A big shout out to the Midwest region and the folks at Mystic Lakes for putting on a great Junior U.S. Open; we're off to San Marcos in 2024. There are several things of the utmost importance for 2023-2024:

- 1) The makeup of future U.S. Teams,
- 2) The adoption of wording for the board-approved skier policy for sex/gender,
- 3) The 2023-2024 Nationals contract,
- 4) The addition of sport-specific sponsors (I'm working on one for sunscreen. Imagine that.),
- 5) Restructuring the U.S. Nationals vendor payout process in an effort to further support U.S. Teams,
- 6) The acquisition of yet to be received towboat test revenues promised to AWSA in 2022,
- 7) Development of a tournament program to encourage and support LOCs promoting water skiing on public water, and
- 8) Establishing get-out-to-ski days for local communities.
- 9) USAWSWS must start looking for a physical headquarters for staff to work from

Thank you for your time and all you do for water skiing

Sincerely,

Lyman H. Hardy

President, American Water Ski Association



**2024 GOODE U. S. WATER SKI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**LETTER OF AGREEMENT**  
**March 28, 2023**

This 2024 GOODE U.S. Water Ski National Championships Letter of Agreement (the “Agreement”), made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, between the American Water Ski Association, hereinafter referred to as “AWSA,” a sports discipline of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports, hereinafter referred to as “USA-WSWS,” whose address is 2701 Lake Myrtle Park Road, Auburndale, FL 33823, and Ski West Village, hereinafter referred to as “the LOC” (Local Organizing Committee), whose address is Ski West Village 28050 Millux Road, Arvin, CA 93203. .

WHEREAS, USA-WSWS is recognized by the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF), the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO), and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) as the National Governing Body for Water Skiing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, AWSA is the applicable Sports Discipline organization operating under authority of USA-WSWS to represent, promote, and develop three-event water skiing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, AWSA owns the rights to the 2024 GOODE U. S. Water Ski National Championships, hereinafter referred to as “the Event;” and

WHEREAS, the LOC desires to organize and host the Event under the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, these parties do hereby agree as follows:

**1. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

The term of this Agreement shall commence with the date of signing shown above and continue through final settlement of all payments and obligations related to the Event. All parties understand hereto that the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement are in effect for the Event. Further, each party hereto shall use best efforts to ensure the terms of this Agreement are fulfilled. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and any other agreement, this Agreement will take precedence unless it is specifically stated that the other agreement supersedes this Agreement. In the case of other agreements superseding this Agreement, a copy of that agreement will be provided to the other party at time of signing.

**2. DATE OF EVENT**

AWSA hereby grants to the LOC the exclusive right and sanction approval to host the Event, to be held \_\_\_\_\_ August \_\_\_\_\_, 2024. If, for reasons of inclement weather, excess number of entries or a combination thereof, the Event cannot be completed in \_\_\_\_\_ days, Sunday, August \_\_\_\_\_, will be reserved for the completion of the Event. If for any reason the Event is not completed as of Sunday, August \_\_\_\_, 2024, it will be deemed ended.

**3. EVENT SANCTIONING**

The AWSA Event Sanction Agreement shall be applicable to the Event (and is incorporated as a part of this Agreement), except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement. The LOC is responsible for the payment of applicable sanction fees.

#### 4. USE OF VENUE

- A. Tournament Use of Venue. The LOC guarantees that \_\_\_\_\_ lakes of the \_\_\_\_\_-lake site, at Ski West Village, will be used for the Event barring any Acts of God or terrorism or loss of venue as a result of local, county, state or federal action. The LOC reserves the exclusive use of Lake \_\_\_\_\_ to provide practice as described herein. The LOC guarantees all competition lakes used for the Event will not be used by any other party without the prior notification to and approval by AWSA starting Monday, August \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, through Saturday, August \_\_, 2024. The LOC, AWSA, and USA-WSWS will keep each other informed with options for events and activities which can be hosted to draw more attendance to the Event. The LOC has final right of approval for any additional events to be hosted on the site; this approval will not be unreasonably withheld. However, AWSA has the right to deny additional activities should said activities provide sponsor conflicts to the Event.
- B. Practice Use of Venue. The LOC shall have the right to schedule sanctioned practice skiing on the lakes, subject to the terms below.
1. The LOC shall retain all funds generated by the sale of practice tickets.
  2. Practice must not interfere with activities of the Chief Technical Controller or the Chief Driver.
  3. Any sponsors of practice other than the title sponsor must be approved in advance by AWSA.
  4. The LOC has the right to schedule practice as follows:
    - a. Practice days will be Monday, August \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, through Saturday, August \_\_, 2024.
    - b. Until one (1) hour prior to the tournament lakes being used for tournament events.
    - c. All day on a separate lake designated for only practice, including during the Event days.
    - d. For each tournament lake after the completion of the scheduled events for that day.
  5. The LOC is responsible for all gasoline, expenses, and procurement of AWSA approved towboats for practice. The LOC requests access to the tournament boats to facilitate practice upon approval of the promo boat owners. No towboat manufacturer will have exclusive rights to pull trick practice.
  6. The LOC, with the assistance of AWSA, will request needed practice boats from each manufacturer. The LOC shall not limit practice boats to those of any exclusive boat manufacturer, provided qualified manufactures supply boats for trick practice. If no practice boats are available from any or all manufacturers, then the LOC will utilize whichever boats become available.
  7. The LOC or its designee is responsible for managing practice skiing prior to and during the Event. This includes sign-ups, practice drivers, and collection of practice fees.
  8. The LOC will provide personnel to coordinate and conduct practice skiing. All practice drivers must be a current USA-WSWS rated Trained Driver or AWSA-rated driver with a current Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) review. Provided personnel shall include, at a minimum:
    - a. A sign-up coordinator during all but the last day of the Event.
    - b. A sign-up coordinator on the starting dock throughout the duration of practice on each practice lake. The sign-up coordinator on the dock(s) may be the same individual as the dock starter(s).
  9. The LOC may offer practice tickets and sign-up throughout each day of the Event.
  10. The LOC will provide a fair and equitable method of sign-up for practice before and during the Event. The method will be coordinated and reviewed with the AWSA President.

Practice sign-up will be first come, first serve with every eighth position on the sign-up list designated for Event officials and workers (Note: event officials and workers are required to pay for practice). The

LOC may also designate the sign-up list with time slots and allow for a standby list to replace any no-shows.

11. The LOC will clearly post information regarding practice at an appropriate location and at [www.waterskinationals.com](http://www.waterskinationals.com). See sample notification for practice skiing in Attachment B.
- C. Demo Days. If time is available, the LOC and USA-WSWS will coordinate the opportunity to schedule Demo Days for all sponsor ski manufacturers. This is an opportunity for those in attendance to try new equipment. All proceeds raised through Demo Days will be retained by the LOC. USA-WSWS will assist with coordination to ensure equal opportunity for all sponsor ski manufacturers.
- D. Changes requested by AWSA or any of their officials or delegates must be presented in writing with details of the change and approved by the LOC Tournament Director prior to making any changes. Change is defined as any alteration to the site, equipment, fixtures, or other items regardless if they are within the rules or outside of the rules.
  - a. All changes made must be made by AWSA or any of their officials or delegates. If the LOC is required to make this change, once the site is deemed ready for competition the LOC will be reimbursed at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for each member of the necessary staff to make the change.

## **5. LOC ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL**

The LOC shall be responsible for naming a local Tournament Director and for appointing the necessary committees to be responsible for the various areas having to do with the organization and production of the Event. At a minimum, the LOC will provide the following personnel to manage the setup and operation of the Event:

- A. Personnel to check and maintain the competition facilities and required equipment throughout the tournament. The LOC scheduled personnel will be the direct contact for the Chief Judge, Chief Driver, and the Chief Technical Controller. Personnel to serve as dock starters throughout the competition will be the responsibility of Ski West Village. Dock starters must be familiar with a water ski tournament and how critical they are to the efficiency of the Event.
- B. Adequate personnel for placement and maintenance of all banners and on-site signage. Banners must be in hands of the LOC one week prior to the Event. The following is recommended:
  - a. Minimum of two (2) individuals on the day immediately prior to the start of the Event.
  - b. Minimum of one (1) individual throughout the dates of the Event for banner maintenance. The LOC is not responsible for placement of additional banners once the Events starts.
  - c. Minimum of two (2) individuals on the day immediately following the conclusion of the Event for banner take-down.
- C. Adequate LOC volunteers to assist USA-WSWS and AWSA Event Staff with celebration area setup, including setup of step and repeat backdrop, maintenance, and award distribution. See Attachment C.
- D. Personnel to manage practice skiing.

## **6. BROADCAST RIGHTS**

AWSA retains webcast rights to the Event. USA-WSWS/AWSA in its sole discretion may assign broadcast rights to the LOC, and in that case, the LOC is responsible for all aspects of the broadcast.

If sponsorship fees are generated by AWSA in conjunction with the telecast of the Event, funds in excess of the expenses for promotion, production, syndication television, and Internet setup charges (i.e., scaffolding, electricity, etc.) will be divided as follows: 75% to the LOC and 25% to AWSA. All expenses will be covered by AWSA in the event that sponsorship fees do not exceed the expenses incurred by the production of said Event.

The LOC retains the rights to all digital media created by the use of technical equipment from the running of the Event. AWSA is entitled to complete access to all digital media created by use of the technical equipment from the running of the Event for the purpose of sport discipline programs and responsibilities such as officials' evaluation, education and training, verification of potential national and world records, etc. The LOC is responsible for all costs associated with capturing this data. If not in conflict with any AWSA broadcast distribution contractual arrangements, the LOC retains full rights for the sale of digital media created by the use of technical equipment from the running of the Event.

## **7. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS - USA-WSWS**

USA-WSWS/AWSA retains all rights to negotiate and sign contracts for financial sponsorships and/or sponsorships-in-kind with national corporations and with manufacturers and dealers within the water ski industry. For this agreement, the water ski industry will be defined as members of the Water Sports Industry Association, hereinafter referred to as "WSIA," and businesses that produce and sell products associated with members of the WSIA. See Attachment A for information on the WSIA and members associated with WSIA.

Sponsorship programs for national corporations and the water ski industry will be prepared and approved by USA-WSWS/AWSA and implemented in cooperation with the LOC. There will be no sponsor programs staged at the Event site during the dates of the Event without approval by USA-WSWS/AWSA. Each party mutually agrees that the LOC will assist with the implementation of the sponsorship programs at the Event. The aforementioned sponsorship programs may include, but are not limited to, items such as exhibit space and the placement of signs.

If sponsorship fees are secured from national corporations as a result of leads presented to USA-WSWS/AWSA by the LOC, funds in excess of expenses required to fulfill the terms of the sponsorship will be divided as follows: 50% to the LOC and 50% to USA-WSWS/AWSA. National corporation sponsorships proposed by the LOC must not be in conflict with any sponsorship program which USA-WSWS/AWSA has secured or which USA-WSWS/AWSA is negotiating. USA-WSWS/AWSA agrees to not unreasonably deny the inclusion of such sponsorships in the Event.

Prior to the Event USA-WSWS and AWSA will share and review the list of sponsors with the LOC and develop the list of promotions by sponsors starting with a preliminary list on July 1, 2024, and a final list within five days prior to the start of the Event.

## **8. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS - LOC**

USA-WSWS/AWSA grants to the LOC the exclusive right to negotiate commercial contracts for financial sponsorships and/or sponsorships-in-kind, the sale of exhibit space and onsite placement of signs to any manufacturers or businesses which are not water sports industry companies (to exclude webcast exposure should the Event be broadcasted, USA-WSWS/AWSA also grants to the LOC the right to sell exhibit space to local retail outlets whose products represent WSIA members (e.g., retail ski shops).

The LOC agrees that the sale of such commercial sponsorships shall not conflict with any sponsorship agreement held by USA-WSWS, nor be represented to a retail outlet as a means of substituting for any national corporation support of the Event, or imply or suggest endorsement or approval by USA-WSWS. The LOC shall be able to put up signs in the direct view of spectators if the signs do not conflict with USA-WSWS's sponsorship agreements or interfere with the officials' performance of duties.

USA-WSWS and AWSA reserve the right to have any sign or device at the Event removed if it decides that such items prove a distraction or hazard to skiers or officials, is in poor taste, conflicts with any sponsorship agreement held by USA-WSWS, or implies or suggests unauthorized endorsement or approval by USA-WSWS.

All net revenues (deducting fulfillment expenses) raised through the LOC's sale of commercial sponsorships shall be retained 100% by the LOC.

## 9. EXHIBITS

USA-WSWS/AWSA is responsible for the final sale and management of all exhibit space. All leads and inquiries from potential vendors will be directed to USA-WSWS.

The LOC will provide the following services for USA-WSWS/AWSA:

1. Prime location space to accommodate two (2) 40' X 100' tents plus additional adjacent space for vendors who provide their own displays if it is logistically possible.
2. Coordination and contractual arrangements for securing aforementioned tents, tables, and chairs from a local vendor.
3. Coordination and contractual arrangements for providing electrical service for the exhibit space area.
4. Coordination with USA-WSWS/AWSA for any local event sponsors to have space in the exhibit tent.
5. Coordination and supervision of the setup in advance of the Event for electricity, tents, tables, and chairs required for all the exhibit areas.
6. Vendors should be set up by 12:00 p.m. EST on August \_\_\_\_, 2024.

USA-WSWS/AWSA will provide the following for the LOC:

1. Payment of \$1,500.00 for use of the space for vendor tents and displays.
2. Payment for the cost of the actual tent rental, tables, and chairs for the exhibit/vendor tents.
3. Payment for electrical set up and power use during the Event such that each exhibitor can access within 100 feet.
4. Books all vendors for the length of the Event.
5. USA-WSWS/AWSA is responsible for vendor management, in accordance with all Palm Beach County rules, including parking rules, tent layout, space assignment, and vendor questions/issues.
6. The name of the USA-WSWS/AWSA person in charge will be provided to the LOC by June 1, 2024.

The funds generated by the LOC from the sale of all local sponsorships will be retained 100% by the LOC, and the LOC is responsible for all costs associated with these exhibits. The LOC will be responsible for supervision of the setup and securing the electricity, tents, tables, and chairs required for all the exhibit areas.

USA-WSWS/AWSA will inform the LOC of requirements for vendor space prior to June 1, 2023. This will include tent size and additional vendor space required, electrical requirements, table and chairs needed, etc. The LOC will provide adequate space for the exhibit area that is in the flow of anticipated participant and spectator traffic. Typical space size is approximately 40' X 200' with two (2) 40' X 100' tents plus additional space for vendors that provide their own tent. However, there is flexibility in tent size due to space limitations and configuration. The LOC will have final approval of the amount of space and the onsite location for exhibits.

The LOC is responsible for securing all permits and meeting all fire regulations concerning all exhibit space, including tents.

## 10. DESIGNATION RIGHTS

USA-WSWS/AWSA retains the right to designate the following "Official" agencies to sell, promote, or service the Event:

Official Airline	Official Credit Card	Official Skin Care
Official Automotive/Truck	Official Eyewear	Official Soft Drink
Official Beer	Official Fuel	Official Telecommunications
Official Car Rental	Official Hotel	Official Travel Agency
Official Clothing	Official Insurance	

The LOC may designate other "Official" agencies to service the Event subject to the approval of USA-WSWS/AWSA. Both parties will notify each other within 24 hours of contact of interested agencies to avoid

conflict. The LOC may solicit specific event sponsors to designate as an “Official” agency or sponsors for any of the above after April 1, 2023, that USA-WSWS/AWSA has not signed a letter of intent with at that time. USA-WSWS/AWSA will provide a list of Official sponsors they have secured or signed letters of intent with as of June 1, 2023. The net revenues (after deducting any fulfillment expenses) generated from specific event sponsors secured by the LOC will be retained 100% by the LOC.

#### **11. BROADCAST FACILITIES**

Notification of a broadcast/webcast production will be provided to the LOC by June 1, 2023. This will be covered by a separate contract.

#### **12. LOCAL PROMOTION**

The LOC is responsible for all local promotion including, but not limited to, print, radio, and television spots. All onsite promotional activities will be the responsibility of the LOC. The LOC will coordinate local promotion efforts to gain the greatest possible exposure for the Event and its sponsors. Promotions shall not conflict with USA-WSWS/AWSA sponsorship agreements. All promotions must be approved by USA-WSWS/AWSA for protection of the USA-WSWS/AWSA brand and for appropriate name and logo usage.

#### **13. SKIER CONTACT INFORMATION AND THE WATER SKIER MAGAZINE**

AWSA will provide the LOC all known contact information (name, address, email address) for all skiers qualified for the Event. USA-WSWS/AWSA will provide a one-half page advertisement for the Event in one (1) issue of “*The Water Skier*” magazine for promotion of the Event.

#### **14. CONCESSIONS**

AWSA grants to the LOC the right to contract for the onsite retail sale of food and beverages. The LOC is responsible for all costs, permits, and insurance associated with onsite concessions. The gross income from retail onsite food and beverage concession sales will remain with the LOC.

#### **15. SOUVENIRS**

AWSA grants the LOC the right to produce and sell official souvenir products. The LOC will use best efforts to work with official USA-WSWS/AWSA merchandise partner, Fine Designs, for all souvenir/merchandise sales. All souvenir/merchandise items sold by the LOC and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> party merchandise vendor shall display the "Official Event Logo." The LOC will retain 100% of the funds from the souvenir/merchandise items sold.

All Event apparel being sold must bear the “Official Event Logo,” and shall also include the USA-WSWS logo and the AWSA logo where practical. LOC/USA-WSWS/AWSA will design the event logo for approval by March 1, 2023. Additionally, USA-WSWS/AWSA is responsible for obtaining any required logo approvals from USA-WSWS/AWSA contracted event sponsors.

#### **16. GATE RECEIPTS**

AWSA grants to the LOC the right to set gate prices, market, and sell tickets to the Event, and collect parking fees. Income generated from gate receipts and parking fees will remain with the LOC. USA-WSWS life time members (“Ambassador members”), USA-WSWS Headquarters staff, Event competitors (and one (1) guest), Event officials, media representatives, Event exhibitors, and Event sponsors shall be allowed free parking and entry into the Event. USA-WSWS will identify and provide parking credentials to Ambassador Members, USA-WSWS Headquarters staff, Event Officials, Event competitors, media representatives, Event sponsors, and Event exhibitors. The LOC shall be responsible for credentials and identification of all local Event sponsors.

#### **17. EVENT PROGRAM**

The LOC has the right to produce and/or allow the production of any advertising section, any event schedule, publication piece, or literature which may be construed as the "Event Program" to be distributed on site. The LOC may solicit advertising to be included in the "Event Program" from local, National and Official sponsors. If the LOC so chooses, the LOC will be responsible for all charges incurred with the production of the Event Program. The LOC will retain all advertising revenue secured through its efforts. USA-WSWS must approve program content prior to publication and distribution to ensure appropriate USA-WSWS brand and sponsor representation. There will be one (1) page provided to recognize all USA-WSWS and LOC event sponsors at no additional cost.

## **18. ENTRY FORMS**

All entries for the Event will be electronically submitted. Paper entries will not be accepted. USA-WSWS will make available the official entry information for the tournament in each Regional Guide (if produced), on the USA-WSWS website, and the On-Line Registration, hereinafter referred to as "OLR," system. This entry will incorporate a participation release, filming release, USA-WSWS and any other related parties as required. The LOC may provide additional release language specific to the site, USA-WSWS, and any other related parties as required. LOC staff and members prior to entries becoming available to the membership. USA-WSWS will provide the final entry form to the LOC for review and approval as to form and substance prior to placing in Regional guides and on OLR.

## **19. ENTRY AND LATE FEES**

AWSA is responsible for setting the entry requirements. Verification of eligibility, along with all contestant registration and collection of entry fees and applicable late fees is the responsibility of USA-WSWS. Entry fees are established by AWSA. Late fees are established by AWSA and retained by USA-WSWS.

Entry fees for the Event will be set as follows:

1. Single Event = \$175.00
2. Two Event = \$210.00
3. Three Event = \$245.00
4. Family of Three (3) = \$460.00
5. Family Additional Entries = \$90.00 for each additional family member

Late fees will be \$25.00 per 24-hour period or portion thereof for entries received after the entry deadline as outlined on the USA-WSWS website.

## 20. INCOME/DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of entry fees and associated Event costs will be as follows:

	USA-WSWS	AWSA	LOC
Entry Fees Received (less 3% credit card fees, administrative refunds, and final approved skier refunds)	5%	5%	90%
Exhibit Fees/Vendor Fees	100%		
Exhibit Expense due to LOC	100%		
Medal Expense for Divisions	100%		
Overall Placement Medal Expense		100%	
Hotel Expense for AWSA President			100%
AWSA National Official's Accommodations			100%
AWSA Officials Banquet (@ \$14 per official)	100%		
AWSA Officials Shirts	100%		
AWSA Towboat Meeting Room			100%
AWSA Board of Directors Summer Meeting Room			100%
AWSA Junior Development Meeting Room			100%
AW SA General Meeting Room or Venue			100%

Payment of entry fees will be as follows:

1. On June 1, 2023, USA-WSWS will distribute to the LOC up to \$10,000.00. If by June 1, \$10,000.00 of entry fees has not been received, the payment amount will be equal to the amount received with the remaining total to be paid upon reaching a total of \$10,000.00.
2. On July 15, 2023, USA-WSWS will distribute to the LOC \$30,000.00. If by August 1, 2023 \$30,000.00 has not been received, the payment will be equal to the amount received with the balance due one (1) day prior to the start of the Event.
3. The balance of all entry fees received less refunds will be paid no later than 10 days following the completion of the tournament. \$10,000.00 will be retained for refunding and settling other miscellaneous costs. Final reconciliation and distribution of the retained funds will be provided no later than 60 days following the completion of the Event.

### Refunds:

Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the entry fee (per person) is an administration and processing fee and is non-refundable. Late fees are also non-refundable. If a skier registered for the event and is unable to participate, the skier must submit a cancellation request to USA-WSWS in writing or by email to [usawaterski@usawaterski.org](mailto:usawaterski@usawaterski.org) prior to the start of his/her first event. If the skier does not submit a cancellation request, he/she will not receive a refund. Cancellation requests will be honored due to lack of qualification or medical excuse with documentation provided. USA-WSWS will pay refunds within 60 days following the conclusion of the Event.

## 21. AWARDS FOR COMPETITORS & LOC

Competitor Medals: USA-WSWS is responsible for, in conjunction with the LOC and AWSA, the development and purchase of event medals for competitors. Medals will be provided for the first five (5) event placements in each division. Medals and ribbons will be, at a minimum, similar quality as what was provided at previous Nationals. AWSA is responsible for approving the medal order.



Competitor Crystal Awards: USA-WSWS is responsible for the development and purchase of crystal awards for the first three (3) overall placements for each division. AWSA is responsible for approving the crystal order and reimbursing USA-WSWS for the award costs and shipping of the awards to the Event site.

LOC Award: USA-WSWS is responsible for the development and purchase of a crystal award for the LOC. AWSA is responsible for approving the order and reimbursing USA-WSWS for the award cost and shipping of the award to the Event site.

It is the responsibility of each skier to pick up their awards after each event. Unclaimed awards will be sent back to USA-WSWS. It is the responsibility of the LOC to send any unclaimed awards to USA-WSWS headquarters. USA-WSWS will ship unclaimed awards to participants that request them for a \$25 shipping/handling fee.

LOC personnel are responsible for onsite presentation and distribution of awards, including Junior and Senior divisions. The LOC will provide an awards platform at the site that is centrally located (the "Designated Awards Site"). LOC personnel will be responsible for acquiring the award sheets from the Main Scoring station. All awards and overall awards will be distributed at designated celebration ceremonies on the day of the Event. Awards must be picked up at the award designation area.

AWSA is responsible for the presentation of the Junior (Girls/Boys 1-5 Divisions) overall awards and the organization and identification of special awards during the Junior Awards Banquet (i.e., Correct Craft NOPS Award, Jimmy McCormick Scholarship, etc.).

See Attachment C.

## **22. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Except where otherwise noted, all expenses in connection with the organization and production of the Event are the responsibility of the LOC. The LOC shall provide USA-WSWS/AWSA with a settlement statement (See Attachment E) for applicable activities for the Event. Applicable activities are those in which USA-WSWS and the LOC have mutual interest as stated in other sections of this Agreement. Such statements are to be provided no later than September 30, 2023. All monies due to any party under the terms of this Agreement must be paid no later than October 31, 2023.

USA-WSWS/AWSA shall provide the LOC with a statement of income and expense and a settlement statement for applicable activities for the Event. Such statements shall be provided no later than September 30, 2023. All monies due the LOC under the terms of this Agreement must be paid no later than October 31, 2023. Both parties agree to expedite the financial reconciliation in less time if possible.

The LOC is responsible for the National Tournament sanction fee, consistent with USA-WSWS/AWSA sanctioning requirements.

## **23. INSURANCE**

As part of event and practice sanctioning and upon payment of all sanctioning fees USA-WSWS provides General Liability, Umbrella Liability, and Participant Accident Coverage for the protection and benefit of its Event organizers, clubs, associations, sport disciplines, divisions, and individual members as generally applicable to USA-WSWS sanctioned events. Upon approval of sanctioning, certificates of insurance will be provided by USA-WSWS. The LOC shall obtain any additional insurance coverage, at the LOC's expense, as it may deem appropriate.

## **24. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

The LOC and Chief Judge are responsible for establishing the "Official Schedule of Events." The LOC, AWSA, and USA-WSWS Event Staff will work closely to assure an efficient tournament schedule.

## **25. OFFICIALS**

AWSA is responsible for naming and assigning all chiefs, appointed judges, drivers, scorers, safety directors, technical controllers, and announcers per AWSA Rule 6.01.A as outlined in the table below. These individuals shall be referred to as “Appointed Officials.” USA-WSWS is responsible for providing a medallion or other suitable recognition award for all Appointed and Assigned Officials. USA-WSWS, AWSA, and the LOC will work together in selecting the Announcers.

For this Event, there will be \_\_\_\_ Total Officials. The LOC in conjunction with the AWSA President will determine the number of officials for this event.

**Judges:**

1 Chief Judge  
\_\_\_\_ Assistant Chief Judges  
10 Appointed Judges  
10 Assigned Judges

**Total:** \_\_\_\_

**Scorers:**

1 Chief Scorer  
1 Assistant Chief Scorers (Chosen from the appointed scorers)  
9 Appointed Scorers

**Total: 11**

**Drivers:**

1 Chief Driver  
1 Assistant Chief Driver (Chosen from the appointed drivers)  
9 Appointed Drivers

**Total: 11**

**Tech Controllers:**

1 Chief Technical Controller (Chosen by LOC)  
\_\_\_\_ Appointed Technical Controllers (Chosen by LOC)

**Total:** \_\_\_\_

**Safety:**

1 Chief Safety Director  
\_\_\_\_ Appointed Safety Directors (Chosen by LOC)

**Total:** \_\_\_\_

**Announcer:**

1 Chief Announcer (Chosen by LOC)  
\_\_\_\_ Appointed Announcers (Chosen by LOC)

**Total:** \_\_\_\_

**A. OFFICIALS’ LUNCH**

The LOC will provide lunch for all Appointed/Assigned Officials during the days of the Event. Lunch, at a minimum, will include a sandwich and bottled water.

**B. OFFICIALS’ HOSPITALITY**

During each day of the Event, the LOC will provide a rest area for all Appointed Officials. This officials’ rest area will hereafter be referred to as the “Official’s Hospitality Area.”

1. The Officials' Hospitality Area will be available to officials during each day of the Event, beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of competition and ending one (1) hour after competition stops for the day.
2. The Officials' Hospitality Area must have a minimum of 300 square feet of usable space.
3. This area must be air-conditioned.
4. The Officials' Hospitality Area shall include comfortable chairs for at least 15 persons.
5. The LOC shall provide refreshments in this area during each day of the Event, to include at a minimum:
  - a. Ice water
  - b. Cold soda or other beverages
  - c. Fruit
  - d. Snack foods
6. The LOC may petition the "Official Soft Drink" sponsor and any other food or beverage providing "Official" sponsor for free snack foods or beverages to be used in the Officials' Hospitality Area.

### **C. OFFICIALS' WATER**

Officials will be provided cold water at all judging, scoring, driving, safety, announcing, and technical controller stations at all times throughout the Event.

### **D. OFFICIALS' AWARDS**

Appointed/Assigned Officials: USA-WSWS is responsible for the development and purchase of official's medals for appointed/assigned officials as outlined in this Agreement. Medals and ribbons will be, at a minimum, of similar quality as what was provided at previous Nationals and, if applicable, be different from the competitor medals. AWSA is responsible for approving the official's medal order.

Officials Recognition Awards: USA-WSWS is responsible for development and purchase of the following recognition awards for officials to be distributed at the officials' banquet. AWSA is responsible for approving the design/purchase of these awards and reimbursing USA-WSWS for the cost, including any additional die charges, and shipping of the awards to the Event site.

1. Tommy Dorwin Judge Award
2. Fred Wiley Driver Award
3. Mary Jo Powers Scorer Award
4. Tommy Bartlett Announcer Award
5. Robert L. King Safety Director Award
6. Outstanding Technical Controller Award

All officials' awards may be picked up at the main building during the event or at the banquet, they will not be shipped, and will be returned to AWSA.

### **E. OFFICIALS' AWARDS BANQUET**

The LOC will organize and provide a Saturday afternoon/night officials' banquet and will provide each appointed or assigned official with free banquet entry. USA-WSWS will pay the LOC \$14.00 per appointed official, USA-WSWS staff, and USA-WSWS sponsors that attend. The LOC will be responsible for setting and collecting any fees they feel are appropriate for incremental guests. Additionally, the LOC will provide free banquet entry for a maximum of five (5) USA-WSWS staff and/or Event sponsors. USA-WSWS will provide the LOC with a list of the five (5) designated USA-WSWS staff and/or Event sponsors by August 1, 2024. The LOC is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the Officials' Awards Banquet.

### **F. APPOINTED OFFICIALS' SHIRTS**

USA-WSWS will provide each Appointed Official an Event t-shirt with sponsor logos prominently displayed for each day of competition.

## **G. APPOINTED OFFICIALS' CREDENTIALS**

No credentials will be provided. If needed, USA-WSWS can create "daily lunch tickets" for officials.

## **26. MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS, & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **A. MEETINGS /FUNCTIONS**

The LOC is responsible for providing meeting rooms (or a location on site) for the following:

1. AWSA Board of Directors Meeting – meeting room with hollow square seating for 30 people, plus additional seats around room for another 25 people. Area for lunch service. A/V capabilities.
2. National Tournament Officials Meeting
3. Towboat Committee Meeting – casual meeting for about 15 people.
4. Rules Committee Meeting (if needed) – casual meeting for 15 people.
5. Junior Development Committee Meeting – casual meeting for about 10.
6. Membership Meeting – head table for five (5), A/V capabilities.
7. Junior Development Committee (if needed) – casual meeting for 15 people.
8. Officials' Awards Banquet

The LOC will be responsible for selecting and negotiating with the National Host Hotel. With the exception of the Officials' Awards Banquet, USA-WSWS or AWSA shall be responsible for payment of refreshments, lunches, audiovisual equipment, or other special needs associated with all meetings.

### **B. OFFICIALS' HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The LOC and AWSA President will agree upon the Officials count by May 1, 2024, prior to the event.

The LOC may host some Appointed Officials in local residences. Appointed Officials will plan to arrive no sooner than \_\_\_\_\_, August \_\_\_\_ 2024, and depart on \_\_\_\_\_, August \_\_, 2024, unless other arrangements are made.

The LOC is responsible for communicating with all officials receiving accommodations regarding arrangements, confirmation, and accountability. This final list of officials and their contact information will be provided by AWSA by May 1, 2024. Contact information will include name, address, email, cell phone number, and region represented. Upon receipt, the LOC may begin requesting information from officials for their assigned housing (e.g., hotel, residences, RV, or on their own), arrival dates, departure dates, and any special needs.

Hospitality will meet or exceed previous Nationals efforts. Appointed Officials staying at the host hotel will have the opportunity to eat breakfast at the hotel.

The LOC will provide hotel and/or Airbnb accommodations for all Appointed Officials up to a maximum of room nights based on the table in the Officials section. Should the need arise for additional official hotel room nights, the LOC and AWSA will determine in advance which organization has the financial responsibility. Appointed Officials staying in the hotel will be provided a private room for their own use in coordination with this Event. Where both spouses (or significant others) are officials, only one room will be provided. Officials not needing rooms for their own personal housing in coordination with this Event shall be requested to notify the LOC so that the total hotel expense can be minimized.

1. Number of days for hotel/onsite accommodations will be as follows:
  - a. Officials not specified otherwise below will have reserved rooms up to the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (5) nights, ranging from August \_\_, 2024, through August \_\_, 2024.
  - b. The Chief Judge, Chief Scorer, Assistant Chief Scorer, Chief Driver, and Assistant Chief Driver and up to one (1) Appointed Driver may require one (1) additional room night prior to the Event.

- c. The Chief Technical Controller and two (2) additional Technical Controllers may require additional room nights prior to the Event.
  2. The LOC shall ensure hotel accommodations for Officials meet the following standards:
    - a. The quality of the hotel shall be rated at a minimum of three stars, as graded by Expedia.com, Travelocity.com, Hotels.com, or AAA. Any hotel less than three stars must be approved in advance by USA-WSWS and AWSA.
    - b. The individual rooms will include high speed internet availability. The cost will be the responsibility of the Official unless the LOC requires the Official to perform work requiring a high-speed connection.
    - c. The hotel must provide continental breakfast if the LOC does not provide breakfast at the site. The LOC may need to coordinate with the host hotel to setup breakfast if needed outside of normal operating hours.
  3. Reservations, confirmations, and accountability:
    - a. The LOC is responsible for communicating with all officials receiving accommodations regarding reservations, confirmations, and accountability. This list of officials and their contact information will be provided by AWSA beginning March 15, 2024. Upon receipt, the LOC may begin requesting information from officials for their arrival dates, departure dates and any special needs.
    - b. Costs associated with officials arriving late or departing early without checking out, causing charges for vacant rooms, will be the responsibility of that Official. USA-WSWS and AWSA will assist the LOC in recovering these funds if necessary.

## **27. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

USA-WSWS will provide the following public relations functions:

1. USA-WSWS will prepare and distribute one or more news releases to local area news media. Cooperation of the LOC is requested in developing the media list.
2. USA-WSWS will prepare a media information kit for distribution prior to and during the tournament.
3. If applicable, USA-WSWS will arrange a media reception and/or press ski day to be held on a date mutually agreed upon by the LOC and USA-WSWS. USA-WSWS will provide the media kits and contact area press. The LOC will assist with the onsite media day activities by providing refreshments, skiers, towboats, drivers, observers, and safety personnel.
4. USA-WSWS personnel will assist the media in obtaining interviews, setting up camera positions, and providing color commentators for radio and/or television broadcasts, etc.

The LOC may publish and distribute Event information previously approved by USA-WSWS.

The LOC will assist USA-WSWS in locating skiers for media interviews during the Event.

## **28. COMPETITIVE EQUIPMENT**

USA-WSWS will provide the below listed ropes to the LOC through its contract with Masterline Ropes Inc. prior to June 1, 2024. If the LOCs required equipment is different than the below, USA-WSWS will need to work with equipment vendors to see if substitutes are acceptable.

1. Twelve eight-loop, color section slalom lines. There are two (2) types of ropes required – Optimized and Pro Mainline. That means two (2) of each kind of rope on both docks and two (2) spare ropes of each kind available.
2. Four (4) main section jump lines
3. Four (4) handle attachments
4. Six (6) 4-foot shock tubes
5. Two (2) slalom long line extension
6. Three (3) Junior Skier lightweight lines with extensions (two (2) for each dock plus a spare)

7. Three (3) Junior Skier mid-weight lines with extensions (two (2) for each dock plus a spare)

Masterline (or another similar vendor) will have additional ropes and handles onsite that the LOC will have access to purchase at wholesale cost on a case by case basis throughout the duration of the Event. The Masterline name will be promoted in announcer's commentary in a social and friendly format. I.e., "The skier is coming into the course on a Masterline tow rope," "The boat judge will shorten the Masterline tow rope and bring the skier back in for their next pass," etc.

## **29. TOWBOATS FOR COMPETITION**

AWSA is responsible for selecting and coordinating the official towboats used in competition for the Event. AWSA is responsible for making the towboat assignments for each event.

USA-WSWS and AWSA will ensure the towboats will be delivered to the site in ready-to-go condition between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August \_\_, 2024. All towboats will be turned over to the Chief Driver and LOC representative upon delivery. The Chief Driver, LOC representative, and the boat owner will inspect each boat, noting on the USA-WSWS Towboat Inspection Form any damages (scratches, torn upholstery, broken or missing parts, etc.). Thereafter, the boat will be under the Chief Driver's control until the end of the Event or when no longer needed for the Event.

Upon release, the Chief Driver, LOC representative, and boat owner will inspect each boat and any new damages will be noted on the USA-WSWS Towboat Inspection Form. Costs associated with repairs to towboats will be shared equally between the LOC and AWSA.

## **30. SITE**

The LOC is responsible for providing a water ski site that meets the demands of Record Capability water ski competition to include the following detailed items:

### **A. COMPETITION COURSES**

An AWSA/IWWF regulation jump course, jump ramp, slalom course, and trick course will be provided for each corresponding competition lake. All courses, including the jump ramp, must meet the requirements for Record Capability tournaments as defined in the current AWSA and IWWF Rulebooks.

### **B. SLALOM, TRICK, AND JUMP TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

The LOC is responsible for providing technical equipment required for a Record Capability tournament. However, the Chief Technical Controller will work with the LOC to identify the needed equipment. The LOC is responsible for costs associated with shipping, transporting, and/or renting the required equipment. The below text does not reflect any changes that might be made to the AWSA & IWWF Rules in the year of the Event, changes which the LOC would be responsible to address, providing they have been communicated in writing to the LOC 30 days prior to the Event.

#### **1. JUMP EVENT EQUIPMENT**

- a. The LOC shall provide a regulation approved Video Jump Measurement System which meets AWSA and IWWF standards and requirements for Record Capability tournaments.
- b. The Technical Committee Chairman will provide an Excel spreadsheet of required equipment for a Record Capability tournament as outlined in the AWSA Rules 120 days in advance of the Event.
- c. The LOC shall send the Technical Committee Chairman the completed Excel spreadsheet 30 days prior to the start of the Event.
- d. For each multiple grid configuration, the LOC shall provide a video jump computer, a recording and camera system, and at least one (1) backup system.

- e. If the video jump computer operator cannot see the jumper's approach to the ramp, the LOC shall provide a camera and monitor to forewarn the operator of the jumper's approach.

## **2. SLALOM EVENT EQUIPMENT**

- a. The LOC shall provide elevated slalom judging towers which meet Record Capability requirements, for each slalom lake in compliance with IWWF and AWSA Rules.
- b. The LOC shall provide an entrance gate video camera, recorder, and monitor system for each slalom tower as required by the current AWSA and IWSF Rulebooks.
- c. The LOC shall provide at least one (1) backup gate video system for each slalom lake.

## **3. TRICKS EVENT EQUIPMENT**

- a. The LOC shall provide a video-based video frame counting timing computer.
- b. The LOC shall provide a backup recording device.
- c. The LOC shall provide a video camera and transmitter for each boat required (the video shall be recorded from the boat and transmitted to a shore-receiving unit at the judge's tower, trailer, etc.). If transmitting the signal is not feasible, the LOC will provide enough videotape or digital media cards to make a tape switch after every five (5) skiers and provide the necessary manpower to ensure the tapes arrive at the frame counting timing computer in a timely fashion.
- d. The LOC shall provide a backup video frame counting computer, two (2) backup video cameras, and two (2) backup transmitting systems.

# **C. JUDGING AND SCORING AREAS**

## **1. JUDGING AREAS**

- a. The LOC shall provide judging areas for each lake of competition for the slalom, trick, and jump events. These judging areas shall meet Record Capability Requirements and comply with AWSA and IWWF Rules as applicable. The LOC shall work directly with the Chief Technical Controller and Chief Judge to ensure technical and logistical requirements are met.
- b. Trick and Jump judging areas will provide appropriate shelter from weather with an enclosed building, trailer, or tent with air conditioning and be of appropriate dimensions to ensure proper housing of all required technical equipment and Officials so that duties may be performed without duress. Slalom judging areas may be outside (e.g., scaffolding or tower but must provide appropriate shelter from weather).
- c. Judging areas must be deemed safe by the Chief Safety Director and shall not impose a hazard to officials or skiers. The transporting of officials or skiers to or around the judging areas must also not impose a hazard.

## **2. SCORING AREAS**

- a. All scoring stations will provide appropriate air conditioning in tents, buildings or trailers to ensure the proper housing of required technical and/or scoring equipment and Officials for each competition lake.
- b. The station provided for jump scoring will also house the video jump measurement judging stations. In other words, video jump measurement and jump scoring will be housed together.
  - i. The jump event scoring station will be in the area central to the jump competition.
  - ii. Each scoring station for the jump event will have an unobstructed view of the jump competition. This view may be either direct or via a live feed through a monitor at the scoring/video judge station.
- c. Each station provided for trick scoring will be in an area central to the tricks competition, with reasonable access to the tricks event judges.
- d. An air conditioned room or trailer station will be provided to house the Master Scoring station. The Master Scoring station may be housed in the same station as one of the event scoring stations.
- e. The LOC will provide at all scoring stations (event scoring stations for each lake and Master Scoring):

- i. Tables and chairs
- ii. A computer and printer
  - 1. Computers may be laptop or desktop
  - 2. The scoring computers must be able to run the most current software used for the Event.
  - 3. The Master Scoring computer must have a free USB port for exchanging data through a USB memory stick.
  - 4. The Event scoring computers must have the capability to exchange data with the Master Scoring computer through a USB memory stick or network connection.
- iii. Printers must be compatible with their companion computers, i.e., they must both be capable of handling one or more of the following: parallel, serial, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or USB connections.
- f. The LOC will provide:
  - i. One (1) high-speed copier or printer with 3,000 free copies (\$0.03 per copy over 3,000).
  - ii. 5,000 sheets (one (1) standard box) of “8 ½ x 11” copier/printer paper.
  - iii. General office supplies

#### **D. REGISTRATION AREA**

The LOC shall have a designated area for skier registration. The LOC shall provide volunteers for registration as outlined in Attachment C. The LOC is responsible for the assembly of all athletes and official goodie bags, to be distributed at registration.

#### **E. MEDIA AREA**

The LOC shall provide a controlled air conditioned room or trailer equipped with internet access, tables, chairs and electricity.

#### **F. VIP AREA**

The LOC will host a VIP/Ambassador area at the Event with snacks and drinks (no food will be provided). VIPs, including lifetime Ambassador Member and select vendors and sponsors will receive access to this area.

The LOC does not plan to provide a dedicated VIP/Ambassador only area. These individuals will have access to the clubhouse and outside eating area, in addition to having access to food in the clubhouse (credentials/or coupon provided daily by USA-WSWS (no food will be provided).

#### **G. BANNER MOUNTING POSTS & BANNER PLACEMENT (feather flags, etc.)**

The LOC shall be responsible for set up, maintenance, and costs associated with placement of all onsite banners (sponsor and other). All banners must be received by the LOC as early as possible, but no later than 10 days prior to the Event. All banners received by the required time must be in place prior to the start of the Event. Banners received late will be installed at the earliest possible time. The number of banners displayed will be determined by the individual sponsor contracts. USA-WSWS will determine the number of banners to be displayed by each sponsor and work with the LOC on the banner layout.

#### **H. STARTING DOCKS**

A starting dock, to be located to provide the most efficient entry into the competition course with a minimum of rough water, will be provided for each competition lake. The docks should be secured from spectator access. Covered contestants' area and a bulletin board should be located near the starting docks. Starting docks shall be equipped with fenders, bumpers, or other means to protect boats.



## **I. TOWBOAT FACILITIES**

Adequate docking/mooring areas will be provided to accommodate all competition towboats that have been launched but that are not in actual use. These areas will provide fenders, bumpers, or other means to prevent damage to boats. If damage to a towboat arises, please refer to AWSA Towboat manual. A secure land area will be provided for storage of additional boats and trailers.

A means of safely and efficiently fueling towboats will be provided. All fueling and fuel storage areas will be clearly marked with “No Smoking” signs, secured from unauthorized access, and equipped with adequate fire extinguishers. I

## **J. PUBLIC FACILITIES**

The LOC shall provide the following:

1. Adequate viewing and sitting areas for spectators.
2. Adequate restroom facilities.
3. Adequate concession stands for food services.
  - a. Public address systems with a device to play music, and sufficient power and range to service all contestant and spectator areas.

## **K. PARKING**

The LOC shall designate parking areas and direct traffic to said areas. Designated parking spaces and areas are provided by the facility and LOC. VIP and vendor parking area will be designated.

## **L. ALTERNATE SITE**

Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, in the event of an occurrence beyond the control of the LOC, including, but not limited to, acts of God, governmental action, climatic events rendering the site unsuitable for the Event or compromises the safety of participants, officials, or spectators of the Event, the LOC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to notify USA-WSWS/AWSA of such and to move the Event to an alternate site. Said alternate site must be approved by USA-WSWS/AWSA, and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

## **31. TOURNAMENT RADIOS AND CARTS**

The LOC will provide a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ radios for a \_\_\_\_\_-lake site for tournament communication with the officials, USA-WSWS staff and media. Additionally, the LOC will provide a minimum six (6) golf carts for a four-lake site (for use by Chief Judge, Chief Scorer, Chief Safety, Chief Technical Controller, Assignment Judges, and AWSA President). Any adjustments to the requirements will be provided to the LOC by July 1, 2024. The LOC and AWSA shall agree on the total number of radios and golf carts by July 1, 2024.

## **32. OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

The LOC shall provide the following:

- A. All gasoline for towboats
- B. Extra buoys, anchors, and anchor line
- C. Bulletin boards at each starting dock
- D. American flag for daily opening ceremonies

## **33. SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The LOC will notify the local fire department of the Event and request an emergency vehicle to be situated in a location that will provide ready access to the site at all times. In addition, the LOC will provide the following safety equipment at each competition area:

- A. Extra Coast Guard-Approved (USCG) flotation devices
- B. First aid kits with triangular bandages, Band-Aids, and gauze wrap
- C. Rigid backboards with cervical immobilization devices attached
- D. Tools for cutting tow lines, straps, etc.
- E. Blankets and towels
- F. The towboat will be the safety boat, the boat judge will be first responder, a USCG approved vest will be in each boat, and an appointed safety person will be at each lake during competition
- G. First aid treatment area.

#### **34. SECURITY**

If the venue is on a public lake, the LOC agrees to provide general site security during overnight hours beginning Monday, August \_\_, 2024, and continuing to Saturday, August \_\_, 2024. All costs for onsite security will be the responsibility of the LOC. Venues on private lakes may not need overnight security.

#### **35. MODIFICATIONS**

Any modification of this agreement, to be valid, must be in writing, dated, and signed by all parties hereto, and emailed and distributed via certified mail or some equivalent "proof of" delivery service.

#### **36. PROPRIETARY AND CONFIDENTIAL**

The information contained herein, as well as the terms and conditions of this Agreement, are considered by USA-WSWS to be of proprietary nature and confidential. In this respect, the LOC and its affiliates must refrain from copying or disclosing its contents to any third party.

#### **37. COOPERATION**

Each party hereto shall execute any and all further documents which are necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this Agreement, provided such documents do not affect the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Either party has the right to audit the other party's financial statement.

#### **38. CONSTRUCTION**

These parties acknowledge that this Agreement has been derived as a consequence of negotiation and that they have both contributed hereto. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be construed evenly against each party hereto.

#### **39. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE**

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and Palm Beach County applicable to contracts entered into and to be performed within Florida.

#### **40. LIABILITY FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT**

The LOC shall be notified in writing distributed via certified mail or some equivalent "proof of" delivery service by the Executive Director of USA-WSWS of a breach under this Agreement and provided an opportunity to dispute, rectify, or cure. In the event the LOC does not meet the terms and conditions of this Agreement, final payment to the LOC will be reduced.

#### **41. ASSIGNMENT**

Neither USA-WSWS nor the LOC shall assign any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other parties, and any purported assignment without such prior written consent shall be null and void and of no force and effect.

**2024 GOODE U. S. WATER SKI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

**Signature Page**

The representatives of the organizations listed below agree to the foregoing provisions:

**FOR LOC:**

\_\_\_\_\_ / Tournament Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR USA-WSWS:**

Nate Boudreaux/ Executive Director

Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR AWSA:**

Lyman H. Hardy/ President

Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ATTACHMENT A

### WATER SPORTS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (WSIA) AND RELATED MEMBERS

1. All USA-WSWS approved tournament water ski boats manufacturers, including but not limited to:
  - a. Nautique: Ski Nautique
  - b. Master Craft: Pro Star
  - c. Malibu: Response TXI
  
2. Any additional water ski boat manufacturers and marine manufacturers, including but not limited to:
  - a. Indmar Marine Engines
  - b. Discount Inboard Marine
  - c. OJ Props
  - d. PTM Edge
  - e. Acme Props
  - f. Skier's Choice
  - g. Enovation Controls (Zero Off)
  - h. SeaDek
  - i. Splash Eye
  
3. All Water Ski manufacturers, including but not limited to:
  - a. Connelly Skis
  - b. D3 Skis
  - c. EZ Ski
  - d. Goode Skis
  - e. HO Sports
  - f. O'Brien
  - g. Radar Skis/Square One
  - h. Quantum
  - i. Stokes
  - j. Jobe
  - k. Sans Rival
  - l. Goodman
  
4. All national manufacturers of ski ropes/handles and releases, including but not limited to:
  - a. Masterline
  
5. All national retailers and manufacturers of water ski equipment, including but not limited to:
  - a. Bart's Water Sport
  - b. Performance Ski and Surf
  - c. Adrenaline Water Sports
  - d. Bennett's Ski School
  - e. Body Glove
  - f. Camaro USA
  - g. Eagle Sports
  - h. H20 Pro Shop
  - i. Liquid Force

**B-1**  
**USA-WSWS EVENT SUPPORT FOR AWSA NATIONALS**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

USA-WSWS Headquarters Staff will process the advance online registration and provide all information to the LOC as needed. The LOC will handle any onsite registration with assistance from USA-WSWS Staff. Staff will provide the following:

**REGISTRATION AREA**

USA-WSWS Staff will be available remotely during the length of Nationals for problem solving and education throughout the week of the tournament. USA-WSWS staff will perform the following duties:

- a. Teach a minimum of two (2) volunteers, provided by the LOC, the process of registration, check-in, and overall event information.
  - i. At least one (1) “learning” session must take place between USA-WSWS Staff and LOC volunteers in advance of the start of the tournament.
- b. Provide contact information to volunteers of the Qualifications Judge (i.e., Chief Judge) for any questions arising from registration.
- c. Place a notice in *The Water Skier* magazine and [www.waterskinationals.com](http://www.waterskinationals.com) promoting that onsite registration is not required. The notice will include the registration rules and reasons onsite registration would be needed/required by the skier.
- d. If requested by the LOC, provide a data collection survey in OLR that each registered skier must complete. At the conclusion, an electronic output of data will be available to AWSA and the LOC.

**DESIGNATED AWARDS SITE**

LOC personnel will manage the Designated Awards Site during the length of Nationals. USA-WSWS will perform the following duties:

- a. Purchase and deliver all competitor medals and overall awards to the LOC.
- b. Purchase and deliver all Officials T-shirts, medals and recognition awards to the LOC.
- c. Order and coordinate delivery of the Step and Repeat to be used as the backdrop for the awards.
- d. The awards podium will be built prior to the start of Nationals by the LOC and include the Step and Repeat backdrop which will be provided by USA-WSWS
- e. Coordinate the designated sponsor representative to distribute awards based on the agreed upon schedule.
- f. Coordinate with event announcers, photographers, and sponsors to increase crowd size for awards.
- g. Coordinate with the LOC, national sponsors, and local sponsors for other uses of Designated Awards Site.

**SPONSORSHIP FULFILLMENT**

USA-WSWS will:

- a. Coordinate and ship banners from USA-WSWS and/or USA-WSWS Sponsors to arrive at the Nationals site no later than 10 days prior to the first day of the Event.
- b. Work with LOC personnel and volunteers to coordinate the placement and hanging of all banners prior to the first day of the event.
- c. Coordinate the booth space, arrival, loading, maintenance, and departure of all USA-WSWS National Sponsors in conjunction with USA-WSWS Director of Marketing and Partnerships and LOC.

**ATTACHMENT C-1**

**SETTLEMENT STATEMENT – 2024 U.S WATER SKI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**ENTRY FEES**

<b>Entry Fees Received by USA-WSWS (#3515)</b>	\$ _____
<b>Less 3% Credit Card fees (#7020)</b>	\$ _____
<b>Less Administrative Refunds (#3515)</b>	\$ _____
<b>Less Final Approved Skier Refunds (#5540)</b>	\$ _____
<b>                    Remaining Entry Fee Balance</b>	\$ _____
<b>Entry Fees Due LOC @ 80% of Entry Fee Balance (#5516)</b>	\$ _____
<b>Entry Fees due AWSA @ 10% of Entry Fee Balance (#5515)</b>	\$ _____
<b>Entry Fees Due USA-WSWS @ 10% of Entry Fee Balance (#3516)</b>	\$ _____

	<b>USA-WSWS</b>	<b>AWSA</b>	<b>LOC</b>
Entry Fees Received by USA-WSWS (Less 3% credit card fees, administrative refunds, and final approved skier refunds)	5%	5%	90%
Exhibit Fees/Vendor Fees	100%	0%	0%
Exhibit expense due to LOC	100%	0%	0%
Medal Expense for Divisions	100%	0%	0%
Overall Placement Crystal Expense	0%	100%	0%
Hotel Expense AWSA Officials & President	0%	0%	100%

**ATTACHMENT C-2**  
**SETTLEMENT STATEMENT – 2024 U.S WATER SKI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**EXHIBIT/TRADE SHOW FEES**

**EXHIBIT EXPENSES DUE TO LOC**

LOC Fee for Set-Up	\$1,500.00
Tent Rental for Exhibit Space	\$ _____
Electrical Set-Up and Power Use	\$ _____
Tables, Chairs, and Other Costs	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL NET EXHIBIT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>LESS EXHIBIT SPACE FEES DUE USA-WSWS</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>BALANCE NET EXHIBIT FEES DUE TO LOC</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>



**ATTACHMENT C-3**  
**SETTLEMENT STATEMENT – 2024 U.S WATER SKI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**SUMMARY**

<b>ENTRY FEES DUE TO LOC</b>	\$ _____
<b>BALANCE NET EXHIBIT FEES DUE TO LOC</b>	\$ _____
<b>OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	
Officials Banquet Tickets (X @ \$14.00) to LOC	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Total Other Income/Expense	\$ _____
<b>ADVANCED FUNDS PROVIDED</b>	
Date / Check # _____	\$ _____
Date / Check # _____	\$ _____
Date / Check # _____	\$ _____
Date / Check # _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ADVANCED PAYMENTS</b>	(\$ _____)
<b>SETTLEMENT</b>	\$ _____

**USA WS American Water Ski Association  
Budget vs Actual June 30, 2023**

	AWSA General		35 + Fund (RTF)		Elite Team Fund (RTF)		**U14 (RTF)		U17 Fund (RTF)		U21 Fund (RTF)		**Other Team Restricted Funds		Actual
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Begin Balance 1/1/23	120549.13	120549.13	1694.79	167.19	2820.54	3645.70	2731.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	131609.23				
<b>Income</b>															
Contributions															
General Support	27720.00	27225.00	202.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	210.00	0.00	159.09	0.00	676.09				
Towboat Licensing	5000.00	0.00									27225.00				
Interest Income	50.00	42.97													
National Entry Fee	15750.00	0.00													
Regional Support	1500.00	1500.00													
Team Support - Auction Items															
Total Team Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
<b>Total Income</b>	50020.00	28767.97	202.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	210.00	0.00	159.09	0.00	50020.00				29444.06
<b>Expense</b>															
Awards / U.S. Open	7000.00	106.05													
Memberships/USAWS	2000.00	0.00													
Directors Insurance	1250.00	1175.45													
Officials Maintenance	500.00	0.00													
Meeting Expenses (Includes Pink Sheet Inventory)	2500.00	422.18													
Travel	1500.00	0.00													
Scoring Website	3000.00	0.00													
Bank Service	0.00	0.00													
Uniforms (paydown of inventory)	0.00	0.00													
Nationals Webcast	5000.00	0.00													
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00													
Team Expenses	0.00	1080.00													
Elite PA World Team	20000.00	5538.88		167.19		1922.35	2941.88	0.00	1080.08	0.00	7024.31				
Programming	4500.00	0.00													
Junior Development	0.00	0.00													
<b>Total Expense</b>	47250.00	8322.56	0.00	167.19	0.00	1922.35	2941.88	0.00	1080.08	0.00	14434.06				
<b>Net Income</b>	2770.00	20445.41	0.00	-167.19	0.00	-1877.35	-2731.88	0.00	-920.99	0.00	15010.00				
<b>Ending Balance 7/31/23</b>		<b>140994.54</b>	<b>1896.79</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2880.54</b>	<b>1768.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-920.99</b>	<b>146619.23</b>						
<b>Notes:</b>															
**Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 06/30/23															
Physician	982.58														
Can Am Team	-														
MW Genl Team	-														
World Games	-														
Unallocated Team Funds	-														
PanAm Funds	-														
<b>Total</b>	<b>982.58</b>														

<b>****Junior Development Funds held in AWSA Bank Accounts</b>	
Balance Jan 01, 2023	11,553.89
Income	2,125.00
Expenses	(14,524.24)
Bal-July 31, 2023	(845.35)

NOTE - Assets in Bank = 147,836.54

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**USA WS American Water Ski Association  
Budget vs Actual June 30, 2023**

	**Physician Restricted Funds		***Unallocated Team Restricted Funds		Junior Development Restricted Funds	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Begin Balance 1/1/23		2062.66		0.00		11553.89
<b>Income</b>						
Contributions						
General Support			159.09			2125.00
Towboat Licensing						
Interest Income						
National Entry Fee						
Regional Support						
Team Support - Auction Items						
Total Team Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	0.00	0.00	159.09	0.00	0.00	2125.00
<b>Expense</b>						
Awards / U.S. Open						
Memberships/USAWS						
Directors Insurance						
Officials Maintenance						
Meeting Expenses (includes Pink Sheet Inventory)						
Travel						
Scoring Website						
Bank Service						
Uniforms (paydown of Inventory)						
Nationals Webcast						
Fundraising Expenses						
Team Expenses		1080.08				14524.24
Elite PA World Team						
Programming						
Junior Development						
<b>Total Expense</b>	0.00	1080.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	14524.24
<b>Net Income</b>	0.00	-1080.08	0.00	159.09	0.00	-12399.24
<b>Ending Balance 7/31/23</b>		<b>982.58</b>		<b>159.09</b>		<b>-845.35</b>

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Notes:

\*\*Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 06/30/23

Physician

Can Am Team

MW Genl Team

World Games

Unallocated Team Funds

PanAm Funds

Total

# Financial Statement Notes at July 31, 2023.

04/08/2023

- 1 Contributions for Teams = \$676. Very little support for Teams.
- 2 General Support from USAWS-WS, at \$27225, is \$495 less than Budget.
- 3 National Entry Fee = not yet know. (2022 = 580 skiers @ \$21 each) vs (2021=667 skiers @ \$21 each)

4 Regional Support for Junior Development = Regional Most Improved Awards, billed at \$425/region = \$2,975 which is less than last year (\$700 per Region) due to the Committee's successful efforts to reduce costs by finding a new vendor

5 Membership Expense, at \$0.00, is considerably under Budget.

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	06/06/2022			0.00
				0.00

Awards:	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	03/08/2023	USA Water Ski & Wake Sports, Inc SD Postage for Banquet Awards shipping		106.05
				106.05

7 Directors Insurance, at \$1175.45, is double last year's, but just under budget.

8 Meeting Expenses: Net expense includes Meeting Expenses in January 2022, Pink Sheet Scoring Pad Inventory balance and Office Expenses

Type / Date	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Pink Sheets	Meeting	Office
Bill / 03/25/2021	03/25/2021	14031	Minuteman Press	300 Trick Sheet Scoring Pads-100 Sheets per pad	930.01		
Check / 05/26/2021	05/26/2021		Bank OZK Debit Card	Jeff Surdej USPS	22.59		
Deposit / 06/02/2021	06/02/2021	1271	Scott Stuart McNeerney	Postage for Pink Sheets ? - Scott McNeerney, CA	-22.59		
Deposit / 07/15/2021	07/15/2021	1046	K. M. Mason	Pink Sheets (20 PKS)	-60.00		
Deposit / 07/28/2021	07/28/2021	7797	Darr W. Leutz	Pink Sheets (20 Pads)	-62.50		
Deposit / 07/28/2021	07/28/2021	5604	Minnesota Water Ski Association	Pink Sheets (16 Pads)	-50.00		
Deposit / 07/28/2021	07/28/2021	2738	San Marcos River Ranch POA, Inc	Pink Sheets	-70.00		
Deposit / 09/02/2021	09/02/2021	2127	Waters Edge Water Sports	Pink Sheets	-125.00		
Deposit / 10/25/2021	10/25/2021	10588	V Dean Chappell	Pink Sheets	-25.00		
Check / 02/04/2022	02/04/2022	995006	USA Water Ski & Wake Sports, Inc Jersey Milkes for AWSA Board Meeting	Quikbooks Pro Plus 2022		491.50	268.74
Check / 05/05/2022	05/05/2022	DC	Bank OZK Debit Card	Pink Sheets	-145.00		
Deposit / 06/23/2022	06/23/2022	2156	Jeff Surdej	Pink Sheets	-25.00		
Deposit / 06/23/2022	06/23/2022	1352	James D Powell	Pink Sheets-10 Pads	-150.00		
Deposit / 08/21/2022	08/21/2022	5804	Mystic Lakes Ski Club	Pink Sheets-Nationals	-30.00		
Deposit / 09/02/2022	09/02/2022	1946	Jeff Blair	Pink Sheets	1,604.23		
Check / 10/04/2022	10/04/2022	DC	Minuteman Press	500 Trick Sheet Scoring Pads-100 sheets per pad	-40.00		
Deposit / 10/18/2022	10/18/2022	1887	Jeff R Surdej	Pink Sheets	500.00		
Check / 10/26/2022	10/26/2022	995025	Peaches Boutique	Pink Sheets-Shipping	-40.00		
Deposit / 11/18/2022	11/18/2022	1950	Jeff R Surdej	Pink Sheets	-20.00		
Deposit / 1/22/2023	1/22/2023		Jeff R Surdej	Pink Sheets	-12.00		
Deposit / 06/06/2023	06/06/2023		Jeff R Surdej	Pink Sheets	-24.00		
Deposit / 06/06/2023	06/06/2023		Jeff R Surdej	Pink Sheets	-12.00		
Deposit / 06/06/2023	06/06/2023		Jeff R Surdej	Pink Sheets	-24.00		
Deposit / 06/06/2023	06/06/2023		Jeff R Surdej	Pink Sheets	-40.00		
Deposit / 07/27/2023	07/27/2023		Jeff R Surdej	Pink Sheets	-36.00		

Check / 08/08/2023	Bank OZK Debit Card	Quickbooks Pro Plus 2023	590.18
			2,043.74
			0.00
			590.18
			0.00
			590.18
			422.18

9 Travel: Zero to date.

10 Uniform Inventory

Type / Date	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
	08/20/2022	2523	Jack Mills	Balance Forward	-605.80
	08/20/2022	1528	Eric H Lee	Shann Mills--Jacket-Small	-50.00
	08/20/2022	10480	Coble Water Ski School	Eric Lee World Uniforms	-140.00
	08/20/2022	2162	Jeff R Surdej	World Shirts-1 Small & 1 Medium Pack	-80.00
	09/02/2022	1947	Jeff Surdej	Uniforms	-2,730.00
	09/22/2022	995023	Jeff Surdej	Uniforms-Jackets	-100.00
	09/30/2022	995022	Peaches Boutique	Uniforms-Womens Shorts/Jacket	205.44
	10/12/2022	995026	Jeff R Surdej	Uniforms-Inventory	76.91
	10/25/2022	995030	Jeff R Surdej	500 Custom Patches for next 125 Uniforms	1,173.86
	10/26/2022	995031	Peaches Boutique	Shipping for next 80 uniforms @ \$15.00 each	1,200.00
	11/06/2022	2471X	PayPal	Uniforms-surDiak Corporation	-100.00
	11/08/2022	1950	Jeff Blair	Uniforms	-250.00
	11/30/2022	1888	Jeff R Surdej	Uniforms	-200.00
	12/06/2022		Angie's Quick Stitch	Uniform Jackets-Embroidery=43x\$10	430.00
					<b>-99.59</b>

Receipts	2023	-
	2022	(3,650.00)
	2021	(5,500.00)
	2020	-
	2019	(2,800.00)
		<u>(11,950.00)</u>
Expenses	2023	-
	2022	4,156.21
	2021	698.05
	2020	500.00
	2019	6,496.15
		<u>11,850.41</u>
		<u>-99.59</u>

11 Nationals Webcast

	2023 Paid	Regions
AWSA	\$ -	\$ -

12 Team Expenses and Fund Balances

2nd Quarter Contributions have not been received. 2023 Contributions are virtually non-existent. The lack of 2022 Team Funding has reduced Elite Team and U17 Team funds to zero.

AWSA General	3.5 + Fund (RTF) Actual	Elite Team Fund (RTF) Actual	**U14 (RTF) Actual	U17 Fund (RTF) Actual	U21 Fund (RTF) Actual	Junior Development Restricted Funds Actual
0.00	1694.79	167.19	2820.54	3645.70	2731.88	11553.89
Begin Balance 1/1/23						
Income						

Contributions		202.00	0.00	60.00	45.00	210.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>202.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>210.00</b>
Expense						
Team Expenses		0.00		0.00	1922.35	14524.24
BUDGET - World Teams		5538.88	167.19			
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>5538.88</b>	<b>167.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1922.35</b>	<b>14524.24</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>202.00</b>	<b>-167.19</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>-1877.35</b>	<b>-12399.24</b>
<b>Ending Balance 07/31/23</b>		<b>1896.79</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2880.54</b>	<b>1768.35</b>	<b>-845.35</b>
Budget \$	\$ 20,000.00					161.45

13 Junior Development: The Fund is replenished thru Sponsorships, Nationals Banquet Ticket Sales, Online Auction and Raffles. See 2023 Budget below.

### National Junior Team Budget as of 1/16/23

	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Fund Balance
<b>Actual &amp; Projected Income:</b>					1/1/2023
Regional MI Awards (5 regions @ \$300 to \$700 in 2022)	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	Income
Online Auction	\$7,122.00	\$8,000.00	\$5,917.16	\$0.00	Expense
Banquet Tickets (200 @ \$15)	\$3,375.46	\$3,500.00	\$3,128.50	\$3,500.00	7/27/2023
Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,800.00	\$15,000.00	
Raffle at Nationals	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,700.00	\$4,000.00	
USA Waterski & Wakesports Donation				\$5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$14,997.46</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$22,045.66</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	

### Actual & Projected Expenses:

Banquet	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,627.12	\$5,000.00
National Entertainment Budget	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
2020 Jr. Team Coaching Stipends (25 @ \$300)	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2021 Jr. Team Coaching Stipends (25 @ \$200)	\$4,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr. Team Coaching Stipends (10 @ \$200)*	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00
Junior Development Clinics	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00
Junior Team Swag	\$2,768.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,909.95	\$3,000.00
All Star Team Swag (6 kids @ 5 regions)	\$672.51	\$700.00	\$675.22	\$700.00
Awards for Most Improved (Regional / National)	\$4,900.76	\$5,000.00	\$5,474.99	\$5,500.00
Sponsor Banner	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$21,941.27</b>	<b>\$20,900.00</b>	<b>\$19,787.28</b>	<b>\$23,400.00</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$6,943.81</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,258.38</b>	<b>\$7,600.00</b>
* For kids who cannot attend JD Clinic				
<b>Account Balance as of 1/16/23</b>	<b>\$11,553.89</b>			

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**PAN AM REPORT FOR 2023 SUMMER MEETINGS**  
**JULY 19, 2023**

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IWWF Tournament Council Representative  
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I. Pan Am Confederation Leadership

A. Executive Committee

1. President- Isabel Mancheno (COL)
2. Secretary General- Karen McClintock (CAN)
3. Vice-President- Javier Julio (ARG)

B. Tournament Council for Waterski

1. Chair- Dana Garcia (USA)
2. Voting Member- Robert Ritter (CHI)
3. Member- Mario Pigozzi (DOM)
4. Voting Member – Larry Gisler (BRA)
5. Voting Member- JoAnne Moore (CAN)
6. Voting Member – Santiago Correa (COL)
7. Voting Member – Felix Loreto (PER)
8. Voting Member- Sergio Font (MEX)
9. Voting Member – Javier Julio (ARG)

C. New IWWF PanAm Website: <https://www.iwwfpanam.sport/>

II. World Title Events & Pan Am Events – 2023

A. The 2022 IWWF World Under 17 Waterski Championships- Completed

1. Lago Los Morros, Santiago Chile
2. January 5-8, 2023
3. USA TEAM: Alexia Abelson, Jake Abelson, Emma Davis, Liz Hall, Alana Jones, Chase Sparks.
4. USA Indep: Vittorio Bloyer, Damien Eade, Jaeden Eade, Gage Kacprowicz, Erick Macias, Ty Meeker, Solie Stenger, Camryn Waters
5. Overall Team Placement
  - a) *#1 USA with 7810.76 points*
  - b) *#2 Canada with 7729.62 points*

- c) *#3 Chile with 7470.44 points*
- B. The 2023 IWWF World Under 21 Waterski Championships- Completed
  - 1. Chapala Mexico
  - 2. June 12-17, 2023
  - 3. USA TEAM: Alexia Abelson, Jake Abelson, Blaze Grubbs, Kennedy Hansen, Will Roberts, AnneMarie Wroblewski
  - 4. USA Independents: Zachary Butterfield, Sophia Janzig, Kendra Nathan, Sage Pottbecker, Edward Roberts, Cade Stockstill
  - 5. Overall Team Placement
    - a) *USA with 8082.82 points*
    - b) *Chile with 7608.11 points*
    - c) *Australia with 7044.26 points*
    - d) *Canada with 6465.42 points*
- C. 35+ Pan Am Championships, 2023
  - 1. Skyview Lake Waterski Club, Harmony North Carolina
  - 2. September 21<sup>st</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup> 2023. (Famil 9/18-9/20/23)
  - 3. Team Event and Top 5 Independent Qualifiers
  - 4. Rules and Indep Qualifiers can be located:  
<https://www.iwwfpanam.sport/techical-bulletins>
  - 5. Independent Skiers pulled from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 IWWF Ranking List and July 18, 2023 Dynamic List (Tuesday List).
- D. The 2023 IWWF Open World Championships- Future
  - 1. Jack Travers Ski School aka Sunset Lakes in Groveland Florida
  - 2. October 10 -15, 2023 (Famil Sat Oct 7-Oct 9)
  - 3. Independent Qualifiers are listed:  
<http://iwsf.com/dbheadlines/headlinefiles/Individuals%20IWWF%20Open%20World.pdf>
  - 4. USA and Pan Am Officials
    - a) *Lisa Steiner (USA)- ACJ*
    - b) *Robert Howerton (USA)- Scorer*
    - c) *David Carter (USA) – Homologator*
    - d) *Kurtis McMillan (USA)- Safety Director*
    - e) *3 of 10 Judges are USA and 5 of 10 are Pan Am*
      - (1) Richelle Muhltner (USA)
      - (2) Cyndi Benzel (USA)
      - (3) Nikki Lee (USA)
      - (4) Angelica Cifuentes (COL-PanAm)
      - (5) Robert Ritter (CHI-PanAm)
    - f) *Drivers:*
      - (1) Scott Greenwood (USA) Chief Driver
      - (2) Glen Martin (AUS) Driver
      - (3) Manuel Domini (ITA) Driver
      - (4) Mario Pitozzi (DR) Driver
      - (5) Scot Ellis (USA)- Alternate



- E. The 2023 Pan American Games (XIX) - Future
  - 1. Lago Los Morros, Santiago Chile
  - 2. October 21 – 24, 2023
  - 3. The U.S. qualified to attend the games based on the podium finish at the Pan Am Championships (Dec 2022).
- F. Pan Am Championships 2024 (Elite, U14, U17, U21) – Next Year- 2024
  - 1. October 2024
  - 2. Club Los Lagartos, Bogota, Colombia
- G. IWWF World Under 17 Waterski Championships, 2024
  - 1. July 27-Aug 3 2024
  - 2. Predator Bay Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- H. IWWF World Over 35 Waterski Championships, 2024
  - 1. Sept 3-8 2024
  - 2. Agrinio, Greece
- I. IWWF World Under 21 Waterski Championships, 2025
  - 1. July 26- Aug 2, 2025
  - 2. Predator Bay Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- J. IWWF World Over 35 Waterski Championships, 2026
  - 1. July 25 – Aug 2, 2026
  - 2. Predator Bay Calgary, Alberta, Canada

### III. Pan Am Judges- USA

- A. Kerri Lee is our point person for testing and re-testing of officials
- B. Bob Harris has been working closely with Kerri and the two of them are doing a great job testing and re-testing our US Officials.
- c. If you are interested in upgrading to Pan Am or needing a retest- please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/rHko42ojvaVLfNUa9>
- D. If you are interested in becoming a Pan Am Scorer, please reach out to me directly.

### IV. The Waterski Pro Tour (which replaced the Elite Point System), Year #3.

- A. Site: <https://www.waterskiprotour.com/>
- B. Framework and Rules are here: [https://www.waterskiprotour.com/files/ugd/006129\\_b8265c4d23004bc8b1069ea2dcd5732a.pdf](https://www.waterskiprotour.com/files/ugd/006129_b8265c4d23004bc8b1069ea2dcd5732a.pdf)
- C. Become an Organizer: <https://www.waterskiprotour.com/application-form>
- D. The Pro Tour is going strong this year with Four Events in Europe this Summer, followed by one in Calgary, and Eight Total in the USA. The Botas Pro Am in Spain declined the Tour this year, which was unfortunate.

### V. World Waterski Council Updates since the Winter Meetings, highlights

- A. Rule 8.15: Boat Path/End Course Video
  - 1. Rule Applicable on June 10, 2023

2. Changes to BPMS Re-Re-Ride Rules

3. located:

[https://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Rule-8\\_15-Revised-June-2023.pdf](https://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Rule-8_15-Revised-June-2023.pdf)

B. Trick Working Group

1. Make suggestions re Trick Credit Rules, Points, Etc

2. Team: Sergio Font (leader), Wayne Briant, Martin Kolman, Matt Rini

VI. Tournament Sanctioning; Record Sanction (RC) vs Ranking List (RL)

A. If you expect a World Record may be set at your event- sanction for Record (RC)

B. If you expect trick runs at 11,000 or more- sanction for Record (RC)

C. If you do not want the extra work of a World Record- Sanction as Ranking List (RL)

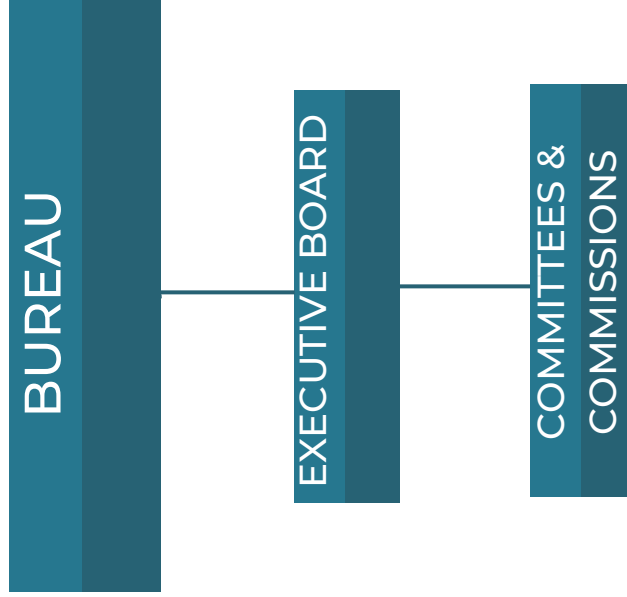
VII. IWWF Organizational Chart

A. I present this as informational only

B. Please see attached



# Organizational Chart IWWF



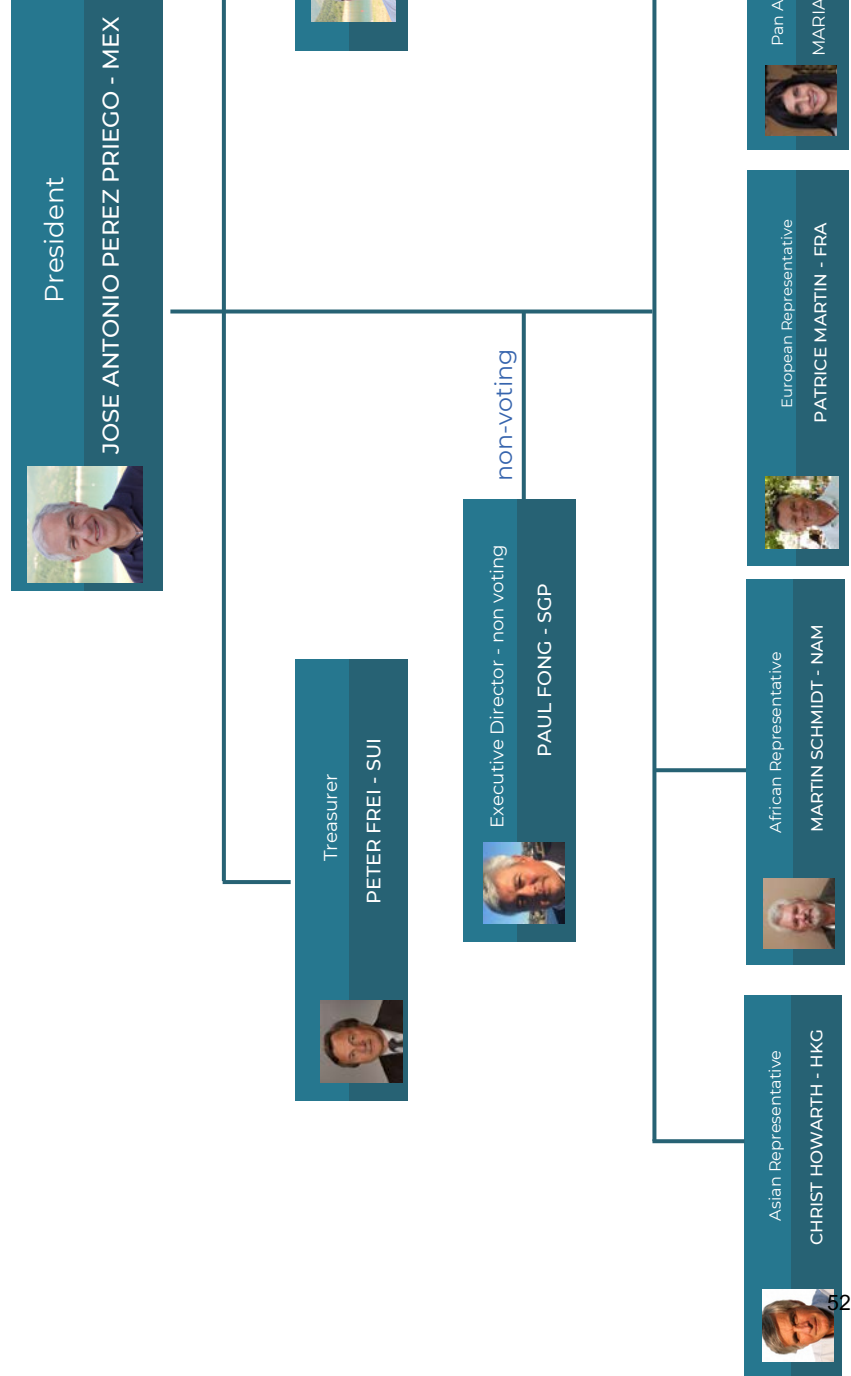
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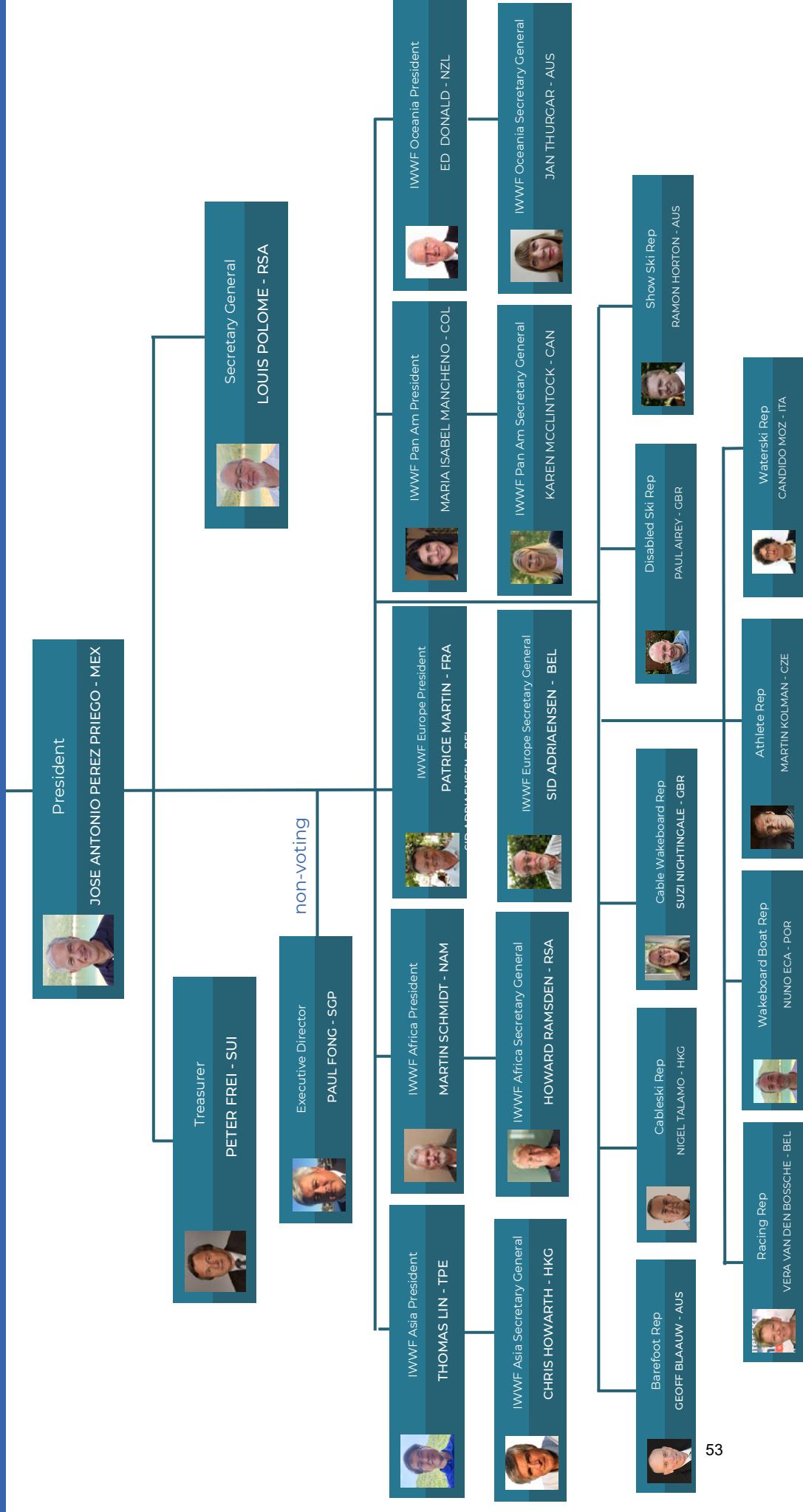
# Organizational Chart IWWF Bureau





International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation

# Organizational Chart IWWF Executive Board





# Organizational Chart

## Committees & Commissions

### Chairpersons

04/08/2023

Appeals  
JEFF SMITH - USA



International Hall of Fame  
GEOFF BLAAUW - AUS



Media & Communications  
PAUL FONG (INTERIM)



Safe Sport  
KAREN MCCLINTOCK



Medical  
DR LORENZO BENASSA



Sports Business  
COLIN HART



Athletes  
MARTIN KOLMAN - CZE



Anti-Doping  
GERHARD PROPST - AUT



Coaching Development  
CURRENTLY VACANT

Doping Hearing Panel & Appeals  
JEFF SMITH - USA



Environment  
LEON LARSON - USA



Kneeboard  
MARK GARNETT - GBR

University  
PHIL CHASE



Women in Sport  
JENNYFER CADENA



Wakesurfing  
MARIA BULCAKOVA



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AWSA RULES COMMITTEE REPORT  
AUG 8, 2023**

The AWSA Rules Committee has been pretty quiet this year.

We had one addendum regarding tricks.

With the approval of 80% of normal speed for the trick reviews which was approved by IWWF, the TC Committee along with the Rules Committee have approved new wording. This will allow Class C tournaments to also apply this for judging purposes.

The scores will be considered to have a level playing field without a perceived advantage or disadvantage to those skiers, if the skiers have the option to be judged by this playback option.

Currently Chip Shand, who developed the trick timing programming, will be able to incorporate the newer rules for all skiers.

Below are the new rules that apply this option.

**11.08B5 *Video Judge (Option for Class C) (Reference IWWF 9.12 for Class E/L/R)***

- a. Each Judge may watch the pass at either normal speed or 80% of normal speed.***
- b. After having finished their first view and call, all Judges will have one complete review (without pauses) at normal speed or 80% of normal speed.***
- c. Additional reviews of individual tricks may be allowed by the Chief Judge or his designate, if they are required, to resolve a majority issue in the scoring of the pass.***

11.08E Video-Based Frame-Counting Device Operators: When using this method, two judges (minimum rating of one Regular and one Assistant for Class E or two Assistants for Class C) may replace the official timer and backup timer as defined above. The two judges must agree on the starting frame and shall make a determination of the last trick completed in time. If these two judges disagree, the Chief Judge (or his designee) will resolve the disagreement. The shore judges should not be permitted to observe the display of the video-based frame counting device while the timing determination is being made by the timing officials. ~~**Another option is for the Video**~~

***Judges may ~~to~~ perform timing duties as described in Rule 11.08B5 (4 with change) and 11.09C.***

***11.09C IF the video system allows it, the timing of the trick pass can be done by the event Judges. In this case, after the conclusion of the judging procedure, the event judges will view and agree on (by majority) the beginning of the trick pass, and the last trick in time. A completed trick shall be judged to have been in time if the part of the ski under the binder is on the water in the last frame picture.***

Currently we are working on placement for this approved policy. Discussion regarding sex vs sex/gender have come up. Even though the BOD has approved the intent, the rules committee is struggling with approval for fear of legal repercussions.

**Action Item 3 - AWSA EC recommendation on AWSA transgender participation**

Motion to require skiers to ski as gender on their birth certificate - Jim / Robert – Motion PASSES (Unanimous)

Add rule ***3.01E Skiers must ski as same sex/gender on their birth certificate.***

Don't forget to submit any changes to us for review.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richelle Muhlitner, AWSA Rules Chair



# AWSA Announcers Committee Report Summer 2023



## Current Committee Members

Eastern Region – Jim Powell (Chair)

Midwest Region - Cole Kalkbrenner

South Central Region - Todd Leach

Southern Region - Tommy Newman

Western Region - Ryan Nason

Please send comments to:

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Chair, AWSA Announcers Committee

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## Add Announcers “Special Committee” to AWSA P&P

This was approved at the winter meeting. Need to follow up with Bylaws committee.

## Announcers Tips

a concise one sheet of Announcers Tips

- i. This has been completed and is out for comments
- ii. We’ll request that it be published on USA WSWS website shortly.

## Initiatives in the works:

- 1) Technology Recommendations
- 2) Skier Information / Bios
- 3) Announcers Training and Development
- 4) Rules Recommendations
  - i. 6.02, H - It is also recommended to appoint 1 announcer per lake for Regional tournaments.
  - ii. 6.03, J - It is also recommended for all tournaments that the LOC appoint 1 announcer per lake.

## **National Drivers Committee Report**

**August 2023**

### **Committee Members**

Chris Eller-Chair

Scott Ellis-Athlete

Jon Travers-Athlete

Mark Roske-West

Chris Kosek-Midwest

Scott Greenwood-South Central

Eric Kelly-South

Al Harris-East

Will Bush-Consultant

The practical evaluation for testing/upgrading drivers was revised in April to reflect current measurements using centimeters. This allows for better use of BPMS to help conduct this test and give actual real results. Jump testing protocol was also update to reflect current driving practices and encourage drivers to have no movement towards the ramp on higher level jumpers.

The driver portal with BPMS data is very close to being finished. This will allow drivers to upgrade in ways different and more quickly than what we are able to accommodate currently. Each driver will have a personal login and password to retrieve their driving data.

Ham Wallace submitted a resume to the Southern Region Council for Emeritus status. The Southern Region voted unanimously in favor. The Drivers Committee then also voted unanimously to forward to the board for approval.

Thanks to everyone on the committee for their work this summer.

## AWSA Bylaws Committee Report

**Date:** July 11, 2023  
**To:** AWSA Board of Directors  
**From:** Karen L. Melnik, Chair AWSA Bylaws Committee  
**Re:** 2023 Summer Report, AWSA Bylaws Committee

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The committee members, to include Jeff Clark (S), Michael Tilton (E), Lisa Holland (SC), Bill Murbach (MW), Chris Converse (W), Brian Detrick (AAC), Karen Truelove (AAC), and I would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to serve the organization.

**Action Item 1:** The committee approved a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors to amend the AWSA Policy & Procedures, section 3.3, from:

Effective January 2018, the number of AWSA director seats on the USA-WSWS Board of Directors will be controlled by Article VIII section A 2 of the AWSA Bylaws. Each year, at the summer AWSA Board meeting, the Board shall elect sufficient Directors, from the regionally elected USA-WSWS Directors, to fill allocated seats. At the January 2019 meeting of the AWSA board it was approved to select the nominees utilizing an alternating regional process. Commencing with the preparation of the slate of nominees for election in 2019 for seating in 2020 the Nominating Committee SHALL use the following table to determine the nominees for the open seats. **(chart remains unchanged)**

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Seated	W	SC	E	S	MW	W	SC	E	S	MW
Seated	MW	W	SC	E	S	MW	W	SC	E	S
Seated	S	MW	W	SC	E	S	MW	W	SC	E
Alternate	E	S	MW	W	SC	E	S	MW	W	SC
Alternate	SC	E	S	MW	W	SC	E	S	MW	W

**Amended 3.3:** AWSA bylaws Article VIII determines how seats on the USA-WSWS Board of Directors will be distributed between the AWSA regions. Effective in 2020, AWSA is allocated three (3) seats on the USA-WSWS Board. As long as AWSA is allocated three (3) seats, the following table shall be used to determine which three (3) regions have a seat on the USA-WSWS Board and which two (2) regions are alternates in a given year.

Rationale: The amended language reflects the current practice of each Region selecting a Director to serve on the USA-WSWS Board. The above chart, which remains unchanged, identifies the three Regional Directors who will serve as voting members on the USA-WSWS Board, and the two alternates, in any given year.

**Action Item 2:** The committee approved a motion to recommend that the AWSA Directors seated on the USA-WSWS Board request that the USA-WSWS Board amend its Policy & Procedures Manual, section 3.2.5 (chart), Sports Discipline Director Seating per Article VI, Section 4(a) effective January 2010, to accurately reflect AWSA’s seating on the USA-WSWS Board, per AWSA’s Policy & Procedures, section 3.3 chart.

Current USA-WSWS Policy & Procedures, 3.2.5:

	Odd Year Seating	Even Year Seating
ABC	0	1
AKA	0	1
AWSA	MW-SCR-W	E-S
NCWSA	1	0
NSSA	1	1
NWSRA	1	0
USA-WB	1	0
USHA	1	0
USA-AWSWS	0	1
INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR	1	0
AAC	2	2
TOTAL DIRECTORS	10	8

Rationale: The above-chart does not reflect AWSA’s current seating schedule (*i.e.*, Regional Director seated for three years as a voting member, followed by two years as an alternate).

We remain open to the membership and the Board of Directors for issues to consider.

**INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**  
**AWSA Board Report**  
**August 2023**

The U.S. team competed successfully to achieve the gold team medal at the Under 21 World Championships, held in Mexico in mid-June. Congratulations to our team skiers and independent athletes, and many thanks (and congratulations) to our team staff (April Coble Eller, Erin Kalkbrenner, and Mary Beth Wroblewski, M.D.).

Remaining on the 2023 schedule are the Open World Championships, Pan Am Games, and 35+ Pan Am Championships. The teams for these events will be selected and announced, as set forth in the applicable Qualifications and Procedures on the USA-WSWS website.

The IAC will meet in late fall 2023 to review and update the Q&Ps for 2024 events, to review its nominations for officials and drivers for those events, and to generally review and update its procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Smith  
Chair

## **Judges & Scorers Committee Report**

July 2023

### **The status of testing materials:**

The membership records are still a priority and the LMS portion of the Integress database release date is being identified as possible by mid-2024 and therefore the current testing videos are available via DropBox.

Slalom is still in the process for updates and upgrades for both Regular and Senior tests. The previous test has been modified for current YouTube access and is working for both regular and senior testing. The committee is discussing a more rigorous test for slalom with a segregation of required scores for Senior and Regular assessments.

Creation of a post-clinic assessment, specifically for online clinics, has been developed and requires an 80% score on each module and will allow multiple retakes. These TestMoz modules are administered by Floyd McCreight and Debbie Kern. Confirmation of information presented and digested is the expectation and ensure more universal expectations for what a judge or scorer gleans from the clinic.

Renewal testing has been recommended and may be piloted over the next year for a cycle possibly on a 4-year basis. Details are still being determined for levels and expectations. Consistency in expectations nationwide is the focus of this project.

### **Foreign officials:**

The documentation for newly tested or re-tested PanAm officials has allowed for a segregation of records and expiration dates for Senior vs PanAm level judges, scorers, and drivers in the officials' directory now that IWWF has more clearly defined how various levels equate from various federations. Several non-USA officials that were tested via the PanAm program are now included in the AWSA directory if they are current AWSA active members including completion of the SafeSport requirements.

EMS staff have identified that some non-USA administrators added unqualified officials (and skiers) to the database and that the process is being restricted to confirm those listed meet federation and discipline requirements.

An effort has been made to include all re-tested PanAm Judges, Scorers and Drivers from AWSA in the EMS database system with accurate testing dates and re-test dates. This project was implemented to allow and track AWSA officials working in IWWF administered events and continues to focus on new tracking dates. This data is entered by hand and is a continuous work in progress.

IWWF has identified the training criteria is the responsibility at the Federation level for what USAWSWS identifies as SafeSport. This adds to the complexity of the transition from foreign to AWSA. We are still looking into how we may want to handle this similarly to the Drivers Committee Attestation form, but that has not been confirmed at this time.

The sanctioning system has been updated to allow AWSA members that are not necessarily in the Officials Directory to be added to the sanction application process. Confirmation of SafeSport is included in the verification process for added officials. Ratings information will be confirmed by the administrator or contact involved in the application by the LOC.

### **Tournament expectations:**

The consensus of the committee is that the resource of live posting scores is a component of WSTIMS that should be a preferred activity at all events when possible. Accurate entry of officials assigned to events continues to be a critical component of all events, especially E or higher classes. This information is often

the logged information that comes to play when questions or concerns create a need to review events. This information of who worked events or groups is important and shall include integration of driving records that reflect SurePath data being part of the submitted scorebook both for data analysis and for verification of maintaining expected tolerances by the drivers' and technical committees. The jump event SurePath data is still being assessed for updates in the rulebook, which makes including data from all classes appropriate to include.

Trick scores and trick videos via the WSTIMS Live Scoring component is also an expectation for C, E, L or R events. Many class C events are utilizing video timing and the process of accurate file naming and uploading is a strong foundation for officials upgrading or maintaining skills for all levels of events and should be included when possible. All trick videos should be uploaded to the Live Scoring system if possible as this helps confirm essential information related to scores, credit for officials and assessment for future testing.

The variety and broad range of data associated with posting this information allows for a resource for conversation and review when the committees assess future expectations and proposals to rule, technical or policy manuals.

The Seeding committee is asking for scorers or the person(s) submitting scorebooks to adhere to timeframes listed in sanction documentation and to include all items required to complete a tournament scorebook package as a single upload.

There have been recurring issues with the transfer of information from the membership database to the legacy (OLR) system that result in missing home federation information. This often results in inaccurate information related to qualification for L or R events. The correction of this data does impact the timely posting of data and must be addressed by headquarters and the scorer. These challenges are still being investigated as to the cause, but Integress is aware of the problem and working to address the issues.

#### **Fast track:**

The quantitative requirements are clear cut, but numerous skiers don't realize that the program isn't restricted to just senior upgrades and the committee is recommending a regular rating option be more visible. The focus is for a top-level judge to be cognizant of the rules as well as administrative tasks related to the rating. The committee continues to review practical, written and experience minimums for all fast-track officials.

A topic still being reviewed is for a Fast Track judge being restricted as an event judge for a limited time to ensure that administrative experience and expectations are being met. Further conversation is needed on this topic.

#### **Manuals, Testing and Clinic materials.**

Bob Harris, Dave Allen, and TG Powell are working to implement Senior Clinics for Judges and Scorers to address rule, technical and software changes that impact each category of official. Details will be shared once we confirm the when, where, and how.

#### **Officials Applications.**

The committee is investigating how an application form could be tied to a person's profile so that paper applications are no longer needed. Electronic dating and signatures for the required fields and a tracking system would be part of the process. This question may need to be an Integress question or how to integrate a Google or PDF form application into our membership system to eliminate lost paperwork.

### **Judges & Scorers Committee**

Robert Howerton – chair  
Ray Crenshaw  
Jane Greenwood  
Kate Knafla

Tom Nathan  
TG Powell  
Alex Lauretano - AAC

Jim Grew - Consultant  
Melanie Hanson - Consultant



NATIONAL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT  
JULY 2023

- Financials
  - 2023 budget attached (see below)
  - Still working on Sponsorships
  - Most items coming in under budget
- Fundraising
  - Working on Sponsorships
  - Raffle at Nationals
- National Jr. Team
  - 23 kids named to team in January
  - Each junior team skier was given a custom Eagle life vest and sun shirt
  - 10 juniors attend the National Jr. Team Clinic at Travers end of March
  - Others who could not attend clinic received a \$200 coaching stipend
- All Star Teams for Nationals
  - All Star Team skiers from each region will receive a bib. Each region will be a different color. Hoping to create more fun with the All Star competition this year!!
- National Jr. Awards Party
  - Will be onsite, Friday, 8/11, at the jump pavilion prior to the evening event. Trying to get as many kids there as possible.
  - This year we are not selling tickets. National JD Committee will provide pizza/drinks for the kids and a mobile gaming truck for entertainment
- Most Improved Awards for Regionals and Nationals
  - Ordered this year from Crown Awards; reduced costs significantly. Western region opted out of regional Most Improved, thus 4 regions participated and each of the four paid \$425. Last year each region (all 5) paid \$700 for Regional Most Improved awards.

## National Junior Team Budget as of 7/19/23

	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Budget 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	
<b>Actual &amp; Projected Income:</b>						
Regional MI Awards (5 regions @ \$300 to \$700 in 2022)	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,700.00	\$425/ 4 regions in 2023
Online Auction	\$7,122.00	\$8,000.00	\$5,917.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banquet Tickets (200 @ \$15)	\$3,375.46	\$3,500.00	\$3,128.50	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	not charging for banquet tic
Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,800.00	\$15,000.00		
Raffle at Nationals	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,700.00	\$4,000.00		
USA Waterski & Wakesports Donation				\$5,000.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$14,997.46</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$22,045.66</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>	
<b>Actual &amp; Projected Expenses:</b>						
Banquet	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,627.12	\$5,000.00	??	food pizza and drinks
National Entertainment Budget	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$450.00	energized games (not paid
2020 Jr. Team Coaching Stipends (25 @ \$300)	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2021 Jr. Team Coaching Stipends (25 @ \$200)	\$4,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Jr. Team Coaching Stipends (10 @ \$200)*	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	10 kids so far
Junior Development Clinics	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Junior Team Swag	\$2,768.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,909.95	\$3,000.00	\$2,825.55	vests
All Star Team Swag (6 kids @ 5 regions)	\$672.51	\$700.00	\$675.22	\$700.00	\$750.00	waiting on invoice from Ma
Awards for Most Improved (Regional / National)	\$4,900.76	\$5,000.00	\$5,474.99	\$5,500.00	\$4,100.19	includes 2 regions most im
Sponsor Banner	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$21,941.27</b>	<b>\$20,900.00</b>	<b>\$19,787.28</b>	<b>\$23,400.00</b>	<b>\$13,125.74</b>	
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$6,943.81</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,258.38</b>	<b>\$7,600.00</b>		
<b>* For kids who cannot attend JD Clinic</b>						
<b>Checking Account Balance as of 1/16/23</b>	<b>\$11,553.89</b>					

## AWSA Seeding Committee Report

### Report from Seeding

The biggest challenge effecting seeding are the ongoing challenges regarding membership validation and EMS license validation. This affects seeding because it causes scores to be rejected during tournament uploads causing multiple tournament uploads after the fact, or scores not being sent to the world ranking list. Most of these issues really are struggles with folks renewing memberships timely, completing safe sport requirements, and not updating membership information to properly tie to EMS. When these issues aren't resolved before the tournament it creates more work for the seeding reps. This issue is compounded by continued challenges with the timely and effective sync'ing of data between the membership systems and the AWSA database. These issues have greatly diminished this year but do still exist.

The biggest upcoming change to the tournament upload process will be the changeover at IWWF of the world ranking list to EMS. This will require a new file and format to be developed and forwarded to EMS for class L and R scores. This task is underway but will require some coordination with the EMS team for testing.

I do have hopes of redesigning and re-writing the tournament package upload process because there are many challenges and limitations to the existing procedures. But that is a fairly significant effort so I need to determine when I can carve out the time to undertake this task.

David Allen

Chairman Seeding Committee