

IWWF Waterski Council Winter Meetings beginning December 19, 2022

Notes Presented by Dana Garcia, USA Pan Am Representative

WSC Meeting #1

December 19, 2022 at 4 am PST

Attendance:

Candido Moz (ITA) – Chairman & European Rep
Dana Garcia (USA) – Pan Am Rep
Gavin Kelly (GBR)- European Rep
Nigel Talamo (HKG or GBR)- Rep for Europe or Asia??
Larry Gisler (BRA) – Pan Am Rep
Sergio Font (MEX) – Pan Am Rep
Glenn Williams (NZL) – Oceania Rep
Bruce Cockburn (AUS) – Oceania Rep
Dimos Alexopoulos (GRE) – European Rep
Ryan Dodd (CAN) – Athlete Rep
Martin Kolman (CZE) – Athlete Rep
Rodrigo Miranda (CHI)- Alt Athlete Rep for Pan Am
JoAnne Moore (CAN) – Pan Am Alternate
Jerry Jackson (USA) – invited presenter
Will Bush (USA) – invited presenter

Item list

1: General Rule Changes

Item 1.01 - Rule 5.09- Rope Type – Proposed Change

g) Differing rope specifications

Organisers will supply ropes that meet the above specifications.

Ropes may be:

- 1) the same brand with the same specifications.
- 2) the same brand with differing specifications; or
- 3) different brands altogether.

A minimum of 2 ropes of each type must be supplied. The LOC is responsible to determine which type of ropes will be used.

At a World Championships there will be no more than 2 types of rope supplied. 30 days before the start of a World Championship Event, the organizer must announce the rope(s) supplied for the event.

If different ropes specifications are used, skiers will be permitted to choose which rope to use **before their first pass**. No re-ride will be granted if a skier receives the wrong rope.

A skier cannot provide his/her own slalom rope.

Passed with Unanimous Approval

Item 1.02 - rule 5.13 - Video Specification

Video to be used:

For Judging purposes and record review process, only video from the official cameras can be used.

The official camera may be any video from the same view (example from boat) as determined by the Homologator and Chief Judge

Candido, should this be changed to remove the word "Official Camera"? The second sentence indicates that it could be any camera (judges are on shore). Or does this open up issues at major tournaments? For most weeknd tourn, it shouldn't be an issue to use any video.

The TC/CJ should be able to use any video that's available to help make the correct call.

Video to be used: CHANGE to read:

For Judging purposes and record review process, only video as determined by the Homologator and Chief Judge can be used.

Item approved with Majority, however the language will need to be re-written. This is only to confirm a record and only approved by the CJ and Homologator. To be clear- this is to approve Records not to allow a judgement call to be overruled at a tournament.

Item 1.03 - Rule 8.15 - Boat Path

8.15: Boat Path/End Course Video

The Boat shall follow, as closely as possible, a straight path on the centreline of the course. This path shall be maintained from the entrance pre-gates and continue for as long as the skier is in the course.

Boat Path Measurement System

A Boat Path Measurement System, (BPMS) is required for:

- Record Capability(R), Rankings Lists(L), and Pro events
- All passes ~~at 11.25 and shorter~~ shall be monitored with applicable buoy and cumulative deviation tolerances **with re-ride situations applied at 11.25 and shorter.**
- Titled Events (World or Confederation)

All passes ~~at 14.25 and shorter~~ shall be monitored with applicable buoy and cumulative deviation tolerances **with re-ride situations applied at 14.25 and shorter.**

BPMS may be RTK-GPS or Video based. The use of RTK-GPS systems is preferred and strongly recommended. The BPMS will be installed and calibrated according to the homologation guidelines under the responsibility of the Homologator.

The Chief Judge will assign a Judge or Driver to monitor the BPMS. Re-rides will be awarded for any path that exceeds the tolerance for Buoy and/or Cumulative Deviation.

Passed with Unanimous Approval

We also discussed increasing the max number of mandatory re-rides from two to three. After much discussion the group agreed this was not the solution.

Declined with Majority Vote

Item 1.04 - Rule 10 - Ramp declaration

Discussion- the group decided to remove this obligation. We must rely on the homologator to measure the ramp before an event.

Passed with Unanimous Approval

Item 1.05 - Rule 10.06 - Jump 1st segment

Rule 10.06: Boat Timing & Re-ride Situations. Confirming- Jump Segment 1 (52M) has very limited situational use:

For Record Capability, Ranking List and Elite events the published 3 segment times should be used when:

Open Men/U21 Men speed 57 above 60 metres

Open Women/U21 Women speed 54 above 45 metres

U17 Men speed 51 above 38 metres

U17 Women speed 51 above 38 metres

For distances below these specifications, the 1st segment tolerance check is not required. Segments "1+2" and 3 must be in tolerance in all cases except as otherwise noted in the appropriate Jump Timing Re-ride Chart.

CLARIFICATION

Segment 1 is NOT used for any other age division (u14, over 35 and so on...) Confirmed with Group with unanimous agreement.

Action Item- Larry Gisler to investigate the relevance of the numbers for U17 Men and U17 Women and return with factual support and proposal to change the max speeds for these two divisions. Currently both are 38 meters.

Item 1.06 - Rule 12.02 - Re-ride

Rule 12.02: Re-ride Criteria. Re-Ride Conditions exceeding 10 minutes and weather. We accidentally omitted a delay due to tournament circumstances when we added "weather holds" to this rule. This was just a "clerical fix".

REVISION:

If a skier's turn in jump or slalom or tricks is interrupted between passes due to the above listed circumstances or due to a weather hold initiated by the Judges, and the interruption causes a delay exceeding ten (10) minutes, then the skier shall be allowed a free warm up pass/ jump with a protected score on passes already completed. The warm-up pass is not scored although the skier will be given the distance in the case of jump. The timing for the 10 minutes shall be from the moment the skiing is placed on hold or the boat is stopped (whichever comes first).

Passed with Unanimous Approval

Item 1.07 - rule 14.04 - Driver selection

2023 Elite Worlds Driver Proposal inclusive of Driver Surveys, BPMS Data, Resumes, & Recommendations. Full Proposal to be presented during the meeting along with the Driver Surveys done with Elite Athletes

The committee agrees in theory with the proposal. No dissent voiced during the meeting.

Federations will continue to submit the drivers for consideration. The TC will use all the relevant data including BPMS (SurePath Data), Driver Surveys, Resumes, & Recommendations. The goal is to select the best drivers for each event. The drivers may be selected for specific events based on their skill sets.

For example- driver recommended for Slalom only and/or Jump only.

The TC will provide survey data to federations so they may assess their best drivers.

The TC is not obligated to select drivers solely due to regional preferences.

Issues also covered:

Inability of some drivers to gain experience at high level events due to their location

The BPMS/SurePath Data is not readily available to drivers yet

The Survey was criticized as being “subjective”. However the current system is arguably more “subjective” and rooted in “preferentialism” due to the selection controlled by a tight group of federation representatives. The Athlete survey takes into account a much larger number of respondents and is actually what the skiers want.

Item 1.07 - Rule 14.13 - Skier Eligibility

A Federation may select its team in any manner it desires however, each team member must be a citizen of the Federation represented, or otherwise qualify to ski as a representative of that Federation in accordance with IWWF policy. In case of doubt as to the nationality of a competitor, the Judges normally will refer to his passport. If a skier does not have a passport from the country for which he is skiing, he must prove qualification to ski for that country under IWWF policy. Each Federation shall certify to the Judges that all members of its team meet these qualification requirements. Skiers who have already skied for one country in a previous World or Confederation Championships may not change countries without consulting and fulfilling the rules laid out in the IWWF Rules of Eligibility. **Team Representatives must present the passports or National Identity Cards to the Chief Scorer for checking eligibility before the start of the Competition.**

Remove last paragraph.

I still think it is outdated with EMS holding all of this info
Passport does not matter- **it is what shows IN EMS that matters**
and I am sure I explained this was too much work for the scorer- during one of our winter meetings

Passed with Unanimous Approval

Item 1.08 - rule 14.12 - Entry Administration

This is a “clean-up” item. EMS cannot handle a skier entered multiple times- as an Individual and as a Team Reserve. This Rule Change designates every entered skier, who is not designated as a team skier, as an automatic TEAM RESERVE/ALTERNATE.

14.12: Entry and Administration

Each Federation must register the list of skiers it wishes to enter through the IWWF Event Management System (EMS) not later than 60 days before the scheduled start of the first competition day of the IWWF World Championships. Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until they have paid a fine of US\$200 to the IWWF. This does not include those skiers who may additionally qualify through the Weekly Ranking List or Pro Ranking.

An entry is considered complete when the Skier’s name is registered in EMS and the full Entry Fee Payment has been received. The entry fee payment must follow the process described in the Competition Bulletins.

As far as possible the events that each skier will participate in, including their chosen ramp ratio, will be completed in EMS.

Official reserves should also be listed. There is no limit on the number of official reserves for each team and no entry fee is required for these skiers.

Any skier entered as a Wild Card or Individual is also to be considered as a TEAM reserve.

Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays a fine to the IWWF of US\$10 per skier per day after the 60 days deadline, for each skier not officially registered.

Passed with Unanimous Approval

Item 1.09 - Rule 15.04 – Overall

Who Qualifies for an OA Score in an event. Can a skier who scores Zero in one event still receive an OA Score? **ANSWER- YES- A ZERO SCORE STILL ALLOWS A SKIER TO COMPETE AS OA. If the skier takes to the water and falls all three jumps- they are still in the OA competition**

15.04: Overall and Team Competition

a) Qualification for Individual Overall Scoring

To qualify for overall, a competitor must ski in slalom, tricks and jump.

b) Round Selection for Overall Score

Individual overall results shall be calculated on the better score of either the preliminary or the final round for each skier qualified for the individual overall. Scores obtained in running off a tie shall not count towards overall.

c) Individual Overall Scoring Method

Each overall competitor shall be awarded in each event a certain number of overall points according to the relationship of his best score in either the preliminary round or the final round to the best score in the event during either round by a skier who is qualified as an overall skier.

The best performance in an event in either round by an overall skier shall be awarded 1000 points and be referred to as the “Best overall skiers score”. All other performances shall be calculated according to the following formulae:

Item 1.10 - Rule 18 World 35+ Championships

This item has been tabled until our next meeting(s).

At this time Rodrigo Miranda joined the meeting as our Alt Athlete Rep while Ryan Dodd left the meeting.

Item 1.11 - Rule 24 – Ranking

Including Language in Rule 24 which we explains what is “one increment”

Rule 24 – World Ranking List

The World Ranking List is a list of the best men and women skiers in each event ranked by performance. Lists are also produced for skiers meeting the age criteria and based on skiing the appropriate age division rules (see rule [2.03](#) – Excluding U-10).

If a skier competes in a different age division, a Slalom score at 58, 55, 52 or 49 will be equal to a score at any slower speed of 55, 52, 49 or 46. A Tricks score will be accepted as it is. A Jump score will be accepted as it is regardless of speed/ramp height, except that, a Jump performance done in an age division different from the Natural Age Division, will only be used in the Under 21 or Open Division Ranking List, regardless of the skier age, requested speed and ramp height.

The ranking is based on the average of each skier’s two best scores from two separate competitions and two separate sites. Only one score in each event is considered from each competition. Each IWWF Federation sanction Record Capability or World Standings List competitions from which the performances are taken. Performances are taken from published results and submitted by the sanctioning Federation or Confederation.

Any Trick Score over 11,000 point that is submitted to the Ranking List must either:

- a) Be performed in a “Record Capability” competition.
- b) Be performed in a “Rankings List” competition AND be ratified by a three judges panel appointed by the World Waterski Council.

If a skier records only one qualifying performance, he/she will not be eligible for the list. Ties on the ranking list will be broken by taking the highest score first to break the tie, then backed up by the second score, then the third score and so on.

If a performance in a Rankings List competition exceeds the current World Record, it will be placed on the rankings list as one increment below the current record. If a record score is made in a Record Capability competition but is subsequently rejected, it will be placed on the rankings list as one increment below the current record.

Tricks 10 points, Jump 0.1m, Slalom 0.25 or 0.50 buoy.

2: Record and Homologation standard

Item 2.01 - Rule 23 - Recognized Records

Canada is requesting that the TC re-visit the allowance of World Records for the +35 Divisions outside of the World Championships. Currently only U17, U21, and Open are recognized outside of the World Championships and can be obtained in a Record Capable Tournament.

Declined with Majority Vote

Too much work for the homologators and administrators.

Action Item- Create a "BEST PERFORMANCE" SCORE for each age division. This can be obtained without any record approval process and is directly linked to the Ranking List. Candido will ask Bob to go back and research the best scores from a number of years and create this list. It will then be automatically updated when a skier surpasses the current "Best Performance".

Item 2.02 - Disapproved Record

US is asking IWWF TC to keep a list of declined records for one year. All agreed and Candido will work on this in conjunction with Bob Corson. Bob still maintains the Ranking Lists and the Records. We also discussed the detail provided to skiers when their record is declined.

Item 2.03 - Rule 23- Records

Jerry Jackson and Will Bush Project

The new language to Rule 23 was presented and agreed to in concept . The committee asked for a few more changes. I anticipate the next revision will be passed quickly. I will include the final version in my full submission.

Item 2.04 – Record Application Form 2022

Another Jerry Jackson and Will Bush Project

The new form was presented and agreed to in concept . The committee asked for a few more changes. I anticipate the next revision will be passed quickly. I will include the final version in my full submission.

Item 2.05 - Rule 25 - Homologation Changes

Another Jerry Jackson and Will Bush Project

Passed with Unanimous Approval

Clean up of Homologation Guidelines:

Slalom- moved 8.20 to Section 25, DELETING 8.20.

Tricks- moved 9.25 to Section 25, DELETING 9.25.

Jump - moved 10.18 to Section 25, DELETING 10.18.

3: Eye Tricks

This item has been tabled until our next meeting(s).

4: Skiers changing Nationality **This item has been tabled until our next meeting(s).**

Item 8.00: previous score, white/IWWF flag scores, new scores

Item 8.01: IWWF-World-Eligibility-Rules-Athletes

Item 8.02: IWWF-World-Eligibility-Rules-Officials

Item 8.03: IWWF-World-Eligibility-Rules-Representative-Members

5: Boat Path Portal

Passed with Unanimous Approval. The WSC will formally request the funding of \$5,000.00 startup and \$750/year from the IWWF Exec.

Boat Path Analysis Portal

The World Drivers Committee is requesting funding for development of a web-based portal which would allow access only to authorized users for the purpose of analyzing and reviewing boat path data currently collected via WaterSkiConnect from tournaments, clinics, training sessions, etc.

This portal will provide authorized users with the on-line tools to analyze data:

1. INDIVIDUALS:

Individual drivers will be provided secure access to their personal data only. The driver will be able to review passes from a given day or a summary over a given time. Drivers will be able to compare their results and statistical information against summary data from a pool of drivers. (All personally identifiable information from the driver pool / comparable data sets will be removed).

2. CONFEDERATIONS:

Each Confederation Drivers Committee Representative will have access to driver data for their respective CONFEDERATION ONLY. Confederation Drivers Committee Representatives will have access to high level aggregate data across Confederations (Aggregate data will not include any personally identifiable information).

Each Confederation Council shall adopt, for their CONFEDERATION ONLY, a policy regarding how data can be shared with and accessed by a National Federation within the Confederation.

3. WORLD DRIVERS COMMITTEE:

The World Drivers Committee consists of the Chairs from the respective Confederation Drivers Committees (E&A, Oceania and PanAm). The World Committee will have access to all the data including access to high level aggregate data. Limited, specific exceptions may be granted by the Committee.

The anticipated development cost is \$5000, with annual hosting and maintenance costs of \$750. Development time frame is estimated at 6 months.

6: Discussion Items - **This item has been tabled until our next meeting(s).**

The first WSC meeting ended at approx 6:30 am PST

Submitted by Dana Garcia
Pan Am WSC Chairman and IWWF WSC Member