

Kelly Koehler

I am sure many of you know me by another last name, but when I learned to waterski at age 7, I was, and always will be proud to be a Koehler. At that early age I was exposed to competitive water skiing and my parents owned the 1st Ski Nautique in the Kansas/Missouri area. Needless to say, life happened, and they traded the awesome boat for a farm tractor. I always told my parents as we were rolling out of the HOT hay fields, "When I get married, I am going to have a boat and water ski!!" As you may guess, the 1st major purchase was a washer and dryer, the 2nd was a boat.

Since that time, I have had the opportunity to experience MANY aspects of water skiing with my family, both kids as national competitor medalists' and judges, and myself holding several state, regional and national positions which I will briefly profile. But the most important thing I feel that has come from AWSA and competitive waterskiing is the comradery of friends and families that have sustained through all the challenges.

I am a Sr. Judge, Sr Driver, Reg Scorer, and Level III Coach.

I have been the Regional Representative for the Jr. Development Committee (MW) & the Judges and Scorers Committees (SCR). I received the USOC Jr Development Coach of the Year Award.

I have been Assignment Coordinator, Asst Chief Judge, and Chief Judge of both the MW and SC Regions.

I have also been honored to be an Appointed, and Assistant Chief Judge of the US Nationals, as well as Chief Judge of the 2021 Nationals.

As SC Regional Director, I feel it is important to:

- Preserve the integrity of competitive events, while balancing and encouraging the "Fun" aspect of the sport.
- Promote safe and enjoyable events for family.
- Maintain membership in AWSA by active involvement, communication, and collaboration with members, including collegiate, grassroots, ski clubs, homeowners, and the precious newbies!
- Monitor and push for evolution of the sport through the challenging times of World health, legal and insurance battles.
- Communicate with the Board of Directors – Council persons – website with transparency to repair and increase trust in the Leadership of USAWS.
- Be the best I can be for the "Voice" of the people of waterskiing with a thought through, reasonable, and logical perspective using my knowledge and experience.

I have been honored to be a part of the South-Central Leadership. In the future I will continue to enjoy the sport, play with my best of friends, stay in shape, get sore skiing, and overall enjoy this great sport we all Love.

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