

# **American Water Ski Association**

## **South Central Region**

### **Policies and Procedures**

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## **1.0 TOURNAMENTS**

### **1.1.1 Bids for Regional Tournament Site:**

Bids for the next year's SC Regional Tournament shall be submitted in writing to the EVP by 15 July preceding the selection. (1/02)

Announcement of the bids and presentations by the bidders will be made at the summer Annual General Membership Meeting. Balloting for the site selection will be done at the Regional Banquet and all AWSA members with legal residence within the South Central Region, including junior members, will be eligible to vote for the site. Votes will be cast in writing on forms provided for that purpose. Persons appointed by the EVP will handle vote collection and counting. (1/02)

The following list of requirements is intended to be a guideline for water ski clubs who are hosting the annual SCR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. Please note that some items are listed as mandatory and other items are listed as customary and/or optional.

## **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

1. The SCR Regional Tournament will be an AWSA sanctioned "Record Capability Tournament". The class of each event whether "E", "L" or "R" will be determined by the Regional Council (1/04). The entry fee will be a maximum of \$110 - 1 event; \$120 - 2 and 3 events, and Family (3 or more) - \$350.00. (1/10).

2. The hosting club will provide a meeting room of adequate size for the Friday night SCR Annual Membership-Council Meeting.

3. The hosting club will provide trophies, medals, or plaques for the first

three (3) places of each event for each division and for overall in each division.

4. The hosting club will provide room accommodations during the tournament (the same number of nights as the tournament) for the following appointed tournament officials (updated 1/10; 2/18):

CHIEF JUDGE	CHIEF DRIVER
ASST. CHIEF JUDGES	ALL APPOINTED DRIVERS
ALL APPOINTED JUDGES	CHIEF SCORER
CHIEF TECHNICAL CONTROLLER	ALL APPOINTED SCORERS
ASST. CHIEF TECHNICAL CONTROLLER	ASSIGNMENTS
COORDINATOR	
CHIEF SAFETY DIRECTOR	
ASST. CHIEF SAFETY DIRECTOR	

If for any reason, an alternate official takes the place of an appointed official for the remainder of the tournament, that alternate shall receive room accommodations equivalent to that of an appointed official. Any official may choose to ski free in lieu of room accommodations.

## **CUSTOMARY - OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Provide for a Saturday Night Awards Banquet.
2. Provide Goody Bags for contestants to include T-shirts, banquet tickets, etc.
3. Provide a DESIGNATED time BEFORE the tournament begins for the contestants' site familiarization. Site familiarization is to consist of 1 jump or one trip down and back on slalom or tricks. (8/96) Practice on unused water during the tournament shall be at the option of the tournament sponsor and offered equally to ALL contestants. (1/02)

### **1.1.2 Scheduling, Practice and Miscellaneous**

Regional site selection is by majority vote, with runoffs held between the

top two to establish a majority by one bidder. (1/88)

Technical Controller shall have priority over practice at the tournament site on the day before the tournament, should site still need preparation. (1/89)

All "Junior Events" shall be scheduled to finish before the awards banquet. (1/96)

### **1.1.3 Entry Qualifications and Skier Seeding**

All skiers will be allowed entry if they are qualified at Level 5 (ranking order level) or above on the National Ranking List. Those persons qualified in two events may also ski their third event.

Regionals are to be seeded by the Seeding Committee. (1/89)

Background information for the above:

1. Advancement to Regionals will be based on the Nationals Rankings List for the SCR as of the Cut-off Date (COD) on the Friday of the SCR Junior Development Tournament but not more than 21 days before the start of the current Regional Tournament.

2. At the COD the Rankings List Average of the last ranked skier in each division in the S,T, and J events and Overall will be established as the Cut-off Average (COA).

3. After the COD, skiers may still gain entry to Regionals in any event or Overall through two (2) Last Chance Qualifying methods (LCQ's):

A. Any skier who records a score or achieves a rank EQUAL TO OR ABOVE THE COA at any State Championship, or at any class C and above tournament between the COD and the start of the Regional Tournament.

B. Any skier who places in the top three at any three-event SCR State Championship, top five in the SCR Junior Development tournament, or top five of the previous AWSA National or SCR Regional Tournament.(1/09)

C. Any skier selected to a SCR state's regional team. (7/17)

4. For skiers without a current ranking order level; i.e. who have not posted any tournament scores in 12 months, the following protocol will be followed to determine a qualifying Regional Tournament ranking level. The Qualification

Official (QO) will review the most recent archived National Ranking List for the immediate past ski year. If there is a ranking order level entry for the skier in that listing the QO will use that level minus 1 to determine a current ranking level. For example, a level 8 skier would now be qualified at level 7. If the QO must go back two years to find a ranking level then that level minus 2 will be used; if three years then minus 3 and so on. Seeding values for these individuals will be such that they are the first to ski in their age division/event at the Regional Tournament. If there is more than one of these individuals in a division/event they will be seeded alphabetically by last name; i.e. A-Z. (1/10)

#### **1.1.4 Towboat Selection**

Events at Regionals shall be divided into groups equal to the number of the qualified towboats participating. Each group shall be of approximate "equal weight". Towboat selection shall then be done by the Chief Judge and Chief Driver by random draw in the presence of all the qualified towboat manufacturer's representatives. (8/91)

#### **1.1.5 Officials Qualifications, Selection and Accommodations**

It is required that individuals serving as Chief, Assistant Chief, Appointed or Assigned Officials at Nationals and Regionals comply with the following rotation schedule: Judges - no more than 3 consecutive years. All other officials are exempt from rotation until further notice. The EVP may make exceptions to the rotation rules whenever needed to ensure a quality level of officiating or driving. If an individual is picked by the AWSA President to serve as a Chief or Asst. Chief at Nationals on a year when he/she was due to rotate out, then they should accept that position and sit out the following year. (1/07)

The drivers selected for Nationals shall be included among the Appointed Drivers for Regionals. (1/07)

Appointed officials are to be selected by popular vote (pending the EVP's approval), ~~except that the last 2 appointed judges for Regionals shall be appointed by a committee composed of the EVP, Directors, and any SGR members of the national Judges and Scorers Committee, with input from the Regional Council (7/13; repealed 7/15).~~ Officials chosen for Regionals must

have a rating of at least Regular: STJ (7/13). Officials chosen for the AWSA 3-event National Tournament must have a rating of Senior: STJ. Those eligible to vote are officials currently rated Regular or Senior, prior year Nationals' skiers (including Junior Members), and Regional Council members. To appear on the ballot, the official should notify the EVP or his designate on the official nomination form, as found in the Regional Guide, by the published deadline. (7/13)

Number of judges appointed for Regionals: Chief Judge, Asst. Chief Judge, 5 appointed. Quantity of Assigned Judges will be determined by the EVP, SCR Council, and Tournament Director.(1/02)

Number of drivers appointed for Regionals: Chief Driver, Asst. Chief Driver, 4 appointed and two alternates; plus any Nationals drivers not already appointed as Regionals drivers (1/14).

Number of scorers appointed for Regionals: Chief Scorer, Asst. Chief Scorer, 4 appointed.

Number of Safety Directors appointed for Regionals: Chief Safety Director and Asst. Chief Safety Director.(1/06)

The Tournament Director will obtain & provide the safety swimmers and/or safety boat crews, as needed, who will work under the direction of the Chief Safety Director.

All Regional Officials shall receive complimentary banquet tickets (no duplication if also a skier). (1/89)

#### **1.1.6 Officials Award and Drivers Award**

The Regional Outstanding Driver's Award recipient shall be chosen by the Chief Driver from among the drivers of the Regional Tournament excluding the Chief Driver. (1/96).

The Regional Outstanding Official's Award recipient shall be chosen by the Chief Judge from among the other Officials for the Regional Tournament excluding the Chief Judge. (1/96)

The Regional Outstanding Scorer's Award recipient shall be chosen by the Chief Scorer from among the other scorers for the Regional Tournament excluding the Chief Scorer. (1/06)

### **1.2.1 Scheduling Tournaments**

Tournament dates in federations or other specific areas will be arranged by those federations/locales prior to the SCR Midwinter Meeting if the sites wish to have the tournaments listed in the SCR Guide.

The final schedule shall be approved by the Council (1/8/89). Conflicts should be avoided unless agreed on by both parties. A conflict is defined as two sites within 100 miles of each other having a tournament on the same day. (1/89)

Tournaments not scheduled at the Midwinter Meeting are to be approved or disapproved by the EVP upon request by the club. (1/89).

The Regional Junior Development tournament is to be bid for at the previous SC Regionals in a similar manner to Regionals site bids, and a date should be specified in the bid. (1/93)

State Championship weekends for each state shall be agreed upon at the mid-Winter meeting. ~~Within each state, no other competing tournaments shall be sanctioned on the weekend of its State Championship tournament. (1/15; repealed 1/18)~~

### **1.2.2 Regional Sanction Approval and Sanction Fee**

Tournament sanctions must be approved by the EVP, a task accomplished electronically in coordination with AWSA Headquarters.

The EVP may check listed officials at random to see if they have actually been contacted. Council authorizes the EVP to refuse sanctions to those who list officials without their consent. (1/88)

For a tournament to be announced in the Regional Guide, it must be AWSA sanctioned. (1/89)

Tournament sanctions are to be refused for the following year to any club that does not pay its head tax by the Winter Meeting. (1/90)

A Regional Sanction fee of \$60 will be assessed for each sanctioned event held within the SCR except for the Regional Tournament. Sanction fees must be submitted to the EVP and paid prior to approval. (1/10)

### **1.2.3 Head Tax**

Regional Head Tax for all AWSA sanctioned tournaments other than "Grass Roots" is \$2.50 per skier recorded in the scorebook. This tax shall support Regional expenses. (1/14) Additionally, a head tax surcharge of \$4.00 per contestant is to be levied for the Regional Championship Tournament only. (total of \$6.50 per skier). The surcharge amount is to go to the Regions general expense account to fund various Regional programs as directed by the Council.(1/00)

If any tournament head tax is not paid before the AWSA Winter Regional Meeting, the fees will be doubled. (1/90). Any SCR site selected by the AWSA Board of Directors or International Activities Committee to host a tournament or selected by the SCR to host the SCR Junior Development Tournament will be excused from paying the head tax for these tournaments ONLY. (1/10)

### **1.2.4 Tournament Operational Guidelines**

A tournament skier is requested, but also obligated, to perform some sort of assistance in producing that tournament. A mandatory assignment by the Chief Judge is proper when necessary. (1/89)

A separate person may be, and is recommended to be, assigned to coordinate each of the three events of a local tournament. This person need not be an appointed judge or specifically rated, but should be qualified to oversee his/her event. (1/89)

### **1.2.5 Miscellaneous Tournament Guidelines**

No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed by an official or contestant in any tournament until that official's or contestant's participation in that tournament is complete for that day. (1/78)

Any dogs at a tournament are to be on a leash at all times. If the tournament announcement requests no dogs be allowed, they shall not be allowed. (1/89)

## **2.0 MEETINGS AND RECORDS**

### **2.1 Records**

As stated in Article V of the SCR Bylaws, the EVP has the responsibility to consider the approval of all Regional Records. Any application for a Regional record must be submitted on the SC Regional Record Application Form and be properly completed and signed by the Chief Judge, Chief Scorer and Technical Controller and sent to the current EVP for approval. (1/02)

Regional Records may be set only at Record tournaments (Class E, L or R), (8/93) except that records may be set at the Regional Junior Development Tournament if run as a Class C tournament, but with timing per Record tournament requirements. (1/94)

Only U.S. citizens, “legal” residents of the SC Region may set regional records. Students are not considered “legal” SC Regional residents. (8/93)

Beginning with the Regionals 1993, a new set of “Regional Tournament Records” is to be established and published. Eligibility to set these records shall be the same as for other Regional Records. (8/93)

### **2.2. Site of Next Meeting**

The Council determines the site of the Mid-Winter meeting at the previous Annual Membership Meeting. (1/78)

### **2.3 Minutes of Meetings**

Minutes of each Membership and/or Council Meeting shall be posted on the SCR website by the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the meeting. These minutes will be pending approval at the following scheduled meeting. (1/06)



## **2.4 Directors and National Committee Members Expenses**

National committee members required to travel to National Meetings more than 300 miles from their homes may receive a \$600 check to offset expenses with approval of the EVP. (1/19)

National Directors including the EVP shall receive a \$600 check to offset expenses for each Board Meeting attended. (1/19) Applies to Alternate Directors and other EVP-approved substitute directors who travel, attend in person, and serve in place of elected Directors (2/18) In addition, National Directors required to travel more than 550 miles from their home of record for the SCR Midwinter meeting shall receive a check for \$300 to offset expenses. (1/10)

## **3.0 MEMBERSHIP AND COUNCIL**

**3.1 Council sets Regional policy.** The membership only directs the Council; therefore, a Council vote is necessary on those issues voted on by the membership to make them official policy. (1/9/88)

**3.2** The SCR Bylaws can be amended at either the SCR Annual or Council-approved Midwinter Meeting (Art XII, Sect. 1.) However, it is preferred that such amendments be approved at the Midwinter Meeting.(1/06)

**3.3** As stated in Article VIII of the SCR Bylaws, each AWSA affiliated club that has at least 8 senior AWSA members as of May 1st may be eligible for a seat on the Council. Each club will be notified by June 1 and must submit the Councilman's name to the EVP by July 1. Approval of the Councilman may be made at the Annual Membership meeting, allowing the club a seat on the Council for that year. (1/02)

#### **4.0 NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

**4.1** In accordance with the stipulations of the SCR Bylaws, Art IX, 1C, Council must approve the names of individuals submitted by the Nominating Committee for election at the Annual Summer Membership Meeting.

To be included on the absentee ballot, names must be submitted by 31 May of each year and posted on the SCR website by 2 June.(1/06)

#### **5.0 POLICY APPROVAL, CHANGES AND ENFORCEMENT**

**5.1** Regional Council has the authority to set, change and enforce policy at any Regional Council Meeting (provided there is a quorum present) within the bounds of the Regional and National Bylaws.