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**Waterski Additional Rules 2020**



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The British Waterski Additional Rules should always be read with reference to the IWWF Waterski Rules and the E & A Additional Rules.

Priority for the use of these three rule books for running and judgement of all events is as follows:

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2. E & A Additional Rules. (Europe & Africa).
3. British Waterski Additional Rules.

Clarification of any of these Rules can be provided by the British Waterski Technical Working Group (Toutech), Email: [toutech@bwsf.co.uk](mailto:toutech@bwsf.co.uk)

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1.1 Tricks Records

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| WORLD | 12570 | Alexi Zharnasek, BLR | Trick Jam, Florida 29 April 2011 |
|  | **11260** | **Erika Lang USA** | **Sunset Lakes Fall Classic 5th Oct 2019** |
| EUROPEAN | 12570 | Alexi Zharnasek, BLR | Trick Jam, Florida 29 April 2011 |
|  | 10040 | Clementine Lucine FRA | Pickos Open, SRB, FL 18 Sep 2011 |
| BRITISH | **11030** | **Joel Poland** | **U21 Worlds Canada 2019** |
|  | 6820 | Nicola Rasey | Martigues, FRA 1984 |
| UNDER 10 | 2080 | Thomas Poole | 3 Round Trick, Thorpe, 7 May 2006 |
|  | 1690 | Amber Butterfield | Princess, 18 Sept 2011 |
| UNDER 12 | 4350 | Stephen Critchley | British Youth, Town Loch, 19th Aug 00 |
|  | 3260 | Lauren Williams | British Youth, Gosfield, 27 July 2007 |
| UNDER 14 | 7150 | Thomas Asher | British Youth, Kirtons Farm, Aug 94 |
|  | 5240 | Rachel Crosland | GB v FRA v ITA, , ITA October 94 |
| UNDER 17 | 9610 | Joel Poland | E&A Youth Italy, 13th Aug 2016 |
|  | 6060 | Corinna Williams | Euro Youth Cup Aug 1992 |
| UNDER 21 | **11030** | **Joel Poland** | **U21 Worlds Canada 2019** |
|  | 5840 | Sarah Gatty Saunt | European U/21 Krenek CZE Aug 97 |
| CATEGORY 2 | 9100 | Tom Asher | Hazelwoods, 9 August 2008 |
|  | 5370 | Philippa Shedd MBE | Int Seniors, Tallington Aug 1995 |
| 35+ | 6810 | Jason Seals | 35+ World Champs, Florida Oct 14 |
|  | 5780 | Philippa Roberts MBE | Int . Veterans, Tallington, Aug 96 |
| 45+ | 5090 | Andy Mapple OBE | Senior World Mexico, Nov 2012 |
|  | 4200 | Philippa Shedd MBE | Senior World/E&A, 6th Sept 2010 |
| 55+ | **3980** | **Mick Hazelwood MBE** | **Hazelwoods, September 2019** |
|  | 3480 | Philippa Shedd MBE | Palm Bay, Florida 7th July 2018 |
| 65+ | 2130 | Ernie Ward | British Seniors, Tallington, Jul 98 |
|  | 1580 | Vivien Brown | British Seniors, Gosfield, 13 Aug 2011 |

1.2 SLALOM RECORDS

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| WORLD | 2.5 | @ 9.75m/58kph | Nate Smith, USA | Ski Ranch, Covington 7th Sep 2013 |
|  | **4.5** | **@ 10.25m/55kph** | **Regina Jaquess USA** | **Lymand Land USA, FL, 6th July 2019** |
| EUROPE | 1.5 | @ 9.75m/58kph | Freddie Winter, GBR | Napoli Italy, 17th July 2016 |
|  | 1 | @10.25m/55kph | Manon Costard, FRA | E&A Championships 2018 |
| BRITISH | 1.5 | @ 9.75m/58kph | Freddie Winter | Napoli Italy, 17th July 2016 |
|  | 3.25 | @ 10.75m/55kph | Nicole Arthur, GBR | Diablo Shores, USA Sept 2010 |
| UNDER 10  From 2016 | 5  3 | @55kph  @16m/52kph | Benjamin Turp  Harrison Crossland | Princes 11th September2010  Hazelwoods, UK, 17th Aug 2016 |
| From 2017 | 3 | @13m/49kph | Harrison Crossland | McCormicks, USA, 28th Oct 2017 |
|  | 3 | @52kph | Stella Gamski | Thorpe, UK , 18th Sep 2016 |
| UNDER 12 | 4 | @ 13m/55kph | Robert Hazelwood | Three Sisters, GBR 11 Aug 2011 |
| From 2017 | 3 | @13/52kph | Noah Pollard | Hazelwoods, 30th Sep 2017 |
|  | 1 | @13m/55kph | Amelia Winter | British Youth, Thorpe, 30 July 2004 |
|  | 1 | @13m/55kph | Charlotte Wharton | South Lake, 3rd August 2007 |
| UNDER 14 | 2 | @ 11.25m/55kph | Joel Poland | E&A Youth , Nemours, 22 Aug 2013 |
|  | 2 | @ 11.25m/55kph | Benjamin Turp | Gosfield Lake 28th Sep 2014 |
|  | 4 | @ 12m/55kph | Amelia Winter | Princes 17 September 2006 |
| ***From 2018*** | ***2*** | @12m/52kph | Molly Lee | Thorpe 7th October 2018 |
| UNDER 17 | 4 | @ 10.75m/58kph | Robert Hazelwood | OWSC, 11th June 2016 |
|  | 2 | @ 11.25m/55kph | Nicole Arthur | World Juniors Florida 03 Sept 2004 |
| UNDER 21 | 3  **3** | @ 10.25m/58kph  **@ 10.25m/58kph** | William Asher  **Robert Hazelwood** | E&A Under 21 Thorpe, Aug 2003  **Lago Valle Maipo, Chile, 3rd Mar 2019** |
|  | 1 | @ 10.75m/55kph | Nicole Arthur | Sesena ESP, 8 October 2006 |
| CATEGORY 2 | 5 | @ 10.25m/58kph | Freddie Winter | Lake Hancock, USA 27th Apr 2016 |
|  | 1.5 | @ 11.25m/55kph | Philippa Roberts | Int. Veterans, Tallington,Aug 1995 |
| 35+ | 5.5 | @ 10.25m/55kph | Jeremy Newby-Ricci | Gravon, France, 8th Sep 2013 |
|  | 4 | @ 11.25m/55kph | Philippa Shedd, MBE | Palm Bay, Florida 28 Aug 2004 |
| 45+ | 1 | @ 9.75m/55kph | Andy Mapple OBE | 35+ World Champs Florida Oct 2014 |
|  | 3 | @ 11.m/55kph | Philippa Shedd MBE | Palm Bay USA 22 July 2006 |
| 55+ | **2** | **@ 10.75 /55kph** | **Tim Hazelwood** | **Hazelwoods Ski World - Nationals 2019** |
|  | 3 | @ 16m/55kph | Vivien Brown | British Snrs, Cirencester 8 Aug 2004 |
| From 2013 | 1 | @10.75/52kph | Philippa Shedd MBE | Palm Bay, USA, 2nd July 2017 |
| 65+ | 2 | @ 12m/55kph | Anthony Newby-Ricci | Gravon, France. 5th Sept 2009 |
| From 2013 | 0.5 | @ 10.75/52kph | Jonathon Cohen | Sesena, Spain, 1st Oct 2017 |
|  | 1 | @14m/49kph | Carol Worship | Gosfield Lake 16th July 2014 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**1.3** **JUMP Records**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| WORLD | 77.4m |  | Ryan Dodd, CAN | Palm Bay, USA, 1st July,2017 |
|  | 60.3m |  | Jacinta Carroll AUS | Lake Grew, FL, USA, 27 Sep 2016 |
| EUROPEAN | 71.9m |  | Bojan Schipner GER | Isle Hancock, USA, 1st May 2014 |
|  | 58.6m |  | Natalia Berdnikava, BLR | Winter Garden , USA 23 Jun 2012 |
| BRITISH | 71.5m |  | Jason Seels | Lake Grew, USA, 16th April 2010 |
|  | 51.5m |  | Jakalyn Hunter | Lacanau 7 July 2006 |
| UNDER 14 | **43.8m** |  | **Tom Parkin** | **Hazelwoods, 1st August 2019** |
|  | 30.1m |  | Charlotte Wharton | Hazelwoods. 21st June 2009 |
| UNDER 17 | 56.7m |  | Jack Critchley | Yth Nationals , Hazelwoods Aug 2013 |
|  | 40.1m |  | Charlotte Wharton | Hazelwoods, 26 June 2011 |
| UNDER 21 | 68.9m |  | Jack Critchley | Hazelwoods, 20th Aug 2017 |
|  | 47.7m |  | Charlotte Wharton | U21 Euros, Norway, 24th Jul 16 |
| CATEGORY 2 | 58.3m |  | Tom Asher | Hazelwoods, 9 August 2008 |
|  | 44.5m |  | Jakalyn Hunter | Int Seniors Tallington 11 Aug 2002 |
| 35+ | 65.7m |  | Jason Seels | 35+ World Champs, Florida Oct 14 |
|  | 42.6m |  | Philippa Shedd, MBE | Int. Veterans, Tallington, Aug 96 |
| 45+ | 55.5m |  | Tim Hazelwood | Hazelwoods, 21st Aug 2014 |
|  | 30.7m |  | Philippa Shedd MBE | E&A Segrate, 6th Sept 2010 |
| 55+ | **48.4m** |  | **Tim Hazelwood** | **Hazelwoods, Uk, 3rd Aug 2018** |
|  | **31.2m** |  | **Philippa Shedd MBE** | **35+ Worlds, Chile,2nd Dec 2018** |
| 65+ | 28.6m |  | John Granger | Night Jump Lincoln 14 July 2004 |
|  | 14.3m |  | Viv Brown | GB Seniors, 13 Aug 2011 |

1.4 Ski Fly Records

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| WORLD | 95.0m |  | Freddy Krueger USA | Michigan, USA 7th Aug 2015 |
|  | 69.4m |  | Elena Milakova RUS | US Masters 26 May 2002 |
| EUROPEAN | 85.4m |  | Jason Seels GBR | Orlando Florida 21 May 2004 |
|  | 69.4m |  | Elena Milakova RUS | US Masters 26 May 2002 |
| BRITISH | 85.4m |  | Jason Seels | Orlando Florida 21 May 2004 |
|  | 57.9m |  | Sarah Gatty Saunt | Okaheelee USA 22 Sept 00 |

1.5 Overall Records

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| WORLD | 2819.76  [3@10.25](mailto:4@10.25)  10750 Points  66.3m |  | Adam Sedlmayer CZE | Lake Hancock, USA, July 2018 |
|  | 3126.52  3@11m,  9740 points, 58m |  | Natalia Berdnikava, BLR | Masters LCQ, USA 19 May 2012 |
| EUROPEAN | 2819.76  See World |  | Adam Sedlmayer CZE | Lake Hancock, USA, July 2018 |
|  | 3126.52  3@11m,  9740 points,  58m |  | Natalia Berdnikava, BLR | Masters LCQ, USA 19 May 2012 |
| BRITISH | **2796.92**  **1@10.25**  **11030 points**  **65.7m** |  | **Joel Poland** | **World U21, Canada July 2019** |
|  | 2273.99  [1.5@11m](mailto:1.5@11m), 4990points,  47.2m |  | Charlotte Wharton | Malibu Multi, July 2016 |

2. BRITISH RECORD REGULATIONS

2.1 Framework

1. No person may claim a British record unless at the time of the performance they are a current member of British Water Ski and in possession of a current Competition Licence.
2. From and including 2010 all British Records must be from performances at IWWF or Region E&A Record (R) or Rankings List (L) Homologated Competitions.
3. Under 10 and U12 records must be from IWWF or E&A R or L homologated performances at competitions under British Water Ski Under 10 and Under 12 regulations.
4. Under 14, Under 17 and Under 21 and all Senior Age Category records must be from IWWF or E&A R or L homologated performances at competitions under IWWF or E&A Under 14, Under 17 and Under 21 and 35+ regulations.
5. Category 2 records must be from IWWF or E&A R or L homologated performances at competitions under British Water Ski Category 2 regulations.
6. British National records (open men and open women) must be from IWWF or E&A R or L homologated performances only.
7. Any Tricks record application over 7000 points set at overseas R or L homologated events must be accompanied by the Judges sheets.
8. Any performance equalling or exceeding the existing Region E&A or World record will not be accepted as a British record unless it was performed at a Record Capability (R) competition and the record is accepted by the Region E&A or World Waterski Council. (See Note on Region E&A Rule below).
9. Any performance equalling or exceeding the existing Region E&A or World record not performed in a Record Capability (R) competition and not accepted by either the IWWF or the E&A Waterski Councils as a record but accepted as a performance on the IWWF or E&A Ranking List, will be accepted as a British record at the next score below the existing IWWF or E&A record. This will be 10 points less in Tricks, 0.1m less in Jump and ½ (or ¼) buoy less in Slalom. Only those scores performed at L homologated events, where all the requirements of the regulations of L homologation were met, will be considered by the British Waterski Tournament Working Group for ratification. This Rule applies to British Open men and Open women’s records only.
10. If a skier breaks a record it is up to that skier to inform [toutech@bwsf.co.uk](mailto:toutech@bwsf.co.uk) as quickly as possible of the performance, location, date, skiers name, age category and the Competition name and send a copy of the official results.
11. Should a Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 17 or Under 21 skier compete in an older age category or open competition, the performance will count for British record purposes as the category in which he/she competed and not his/her actual age category, however (for tricks ONLY) if the performance betters the current Open record it will count in both the relevant age category and the Open Category.
12. Should a Senior or Category 2 skier compete in a younger age category or open competition, the performance will count for British record purposes as the category in which he/she competed and not his/her actual age category.
13. For competitions where British Waterski Selection committee selects the British entry, the category in which the skier is entered will be at the discretion of that committee.

# 2.2 RATIFICATION OF BRITISH WATERSKI RECORDS

To have a record entered into the history of the sport means that the performance should not be open to question. This is especially important in the Trick event and it must be understood that a score announced at a competition may not necessarily be a record score. Therefore, all Trick Records are subject to a video review.

All British Waterski Records will be normally be ratified by the Technical Working Group. The only exception is that any Record, accepted as a World or E & A Record, by the IWWF or E & A, will automatically be accepted as ratified as a British Record.

**Slalom and Jump Records**

For all potential Records in Slalom and Jump the results of Competitions homologated to L or R will usually be accepted as a British Record. Except that in circumstances that the Tournament Working Group consider exceptional the Tournament Working Group may agree to review the homologation dossier, DVD or Video recordings and/or the Judges sheets to decide if the potential Record will be ratified as a British Record.

**Tricks**

A recording of the skier’s runs is required by the Technical Working Group for the ratification of all British Trick Records over 7000 points. It is the skier’s responsibility to provide this recording. All Officials are required to assist skier’s gain a copy of the official recording where a potential Record has been performed.

All Open, U21 and other potential Trick Records over 7000 points will be reviewed by a panel of 5 Judges appointed by the Technical Working Group.

Normally for potential records of below 7000 points the Technical Working Group may accept the results of the Competition but in circumstances considered exceptional the Technical Working Group may require a review by a panel of 5 Judges.

**Trick Record Review Process**

The Technical Working Group shall review the official recording of trick runs from the competition and agree the tricks performed within the 20 seconds. If the official recording (DVD or Video) is not available or is of such poor quality that it is not possible to ascertain if some trick were performed according to the rules, an alternative recording from the boat may be used. Where the official recording is not available or of poor quality and no alternative recording is available the Record shall not be allowed.

The 5 Judges (J1 or J2) appointed by the Technical Working Group may review the recording independently or together and shall confer between themselves in an attempt to agree the correct result. They will submit to the Technical Working Group a list of the Tricks performed with any disallowances clearly shown. There is no limit to the number of times each judge may review the recording before submitting the list.

In the unlikely event of the 5 Judges failing to agree the judgement of any of the tricks, the Technical Working Group may accept a majority decision of the 5 Judges but this should be avoided whenever possible and the 5 Judges will be encouraged to confer and reach agreement on the judgement of all tricks.

Where the 5 Judges agree on the judgement of all tricks in the skiers run, or the Technical Working Group accepts a majority decision as above, the score will be accepted as a new British Record.

Any new Record agreed by the Technical Working Group may be a greater or smaller score than the original result of the Competition at which the new record was performed.

The Technical Working Group will make every effort to notify the skier of the result of the review within about one month of the day of receipt of the copy of the official recording.

The object of this “process” is for the Record to be the actual score the skier performed.

NOTE: - E&A Region Additional Rules – Rule 24 Europe & Africa Records

Rule 24.1e states: - “No Federation shall ratify a National Record if it equals or exceeds the current World or E&A Record, unless it is also ratified as a World or E&A record.

3. PRICE STRUCTURE FOR CURRENT YEAR

3.1 Competition Licences

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Annual Charge |
| Competitors Licence except below | £42.50 VAT exempt |
| Licence up to and including year of 17th birthday | £20.00 VAT exempt |
| Licence for competitors over 65 years of age | £25.00 VAT exempt |
| One off Licence fee | £15.00 VAT exempt |

3.2 British Competition Levies

Competition organisers are required to pay £1.50 per competitor’s tow to British Water Ski based on the number of competitor/tows for their event.

British Water Ski after the competition is over will invoice the organisers for their levy, based on the actual number of competitor/tows.

Please note if a competition is cancelled then a one-off fee of £60.00 will be levied.

**3.3** **E&A levies and charges**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Region E&A International Calendar Competition (Rankings List) | £180 plus VAT |
| Region E&A Cash prize events | £270 plus VAT |
| Normal Homologation E&A Non Calendar Competitions | £90 plus VAT |

3.4 Site and Course Checking for Normal Homologation EVENTS

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| --- | --- |
| One day ski site check and course survey | £65.00 plus VAT plus travel and accommodation (if necessary) of Homologator |
| It is recommended that should any part of the Slalom, Trick or Jump courses be moved or receives major work during the season, a re-check on the Homologation of the course should be carried out as soon as possible. | |

3.5 Suggested Entry fees for National Championships

These entry fees do not include familiarisation

British National Championships/Youth/35+

Per Event £50.00 VAT Exempt

Per three events £120.00 VAT Exempt

When the National Championships are run together competitors may enter their own AGE Category PLUS the Open Nationals if they wish. An additional entry fee will be charged for each extra category.

**3.6** **Sundry Items**

|  |  |  |
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| A | Steel Jump Plans available on download from IWWF web pages | f.o.c. |
| B | IWWF World Technical Rules\*\* | Download |
| C | Video Jump Measurement Programme | Download |
| D | IWWF Confederation E&A Additional Rules\*\* | Download |
| E | IWWF Safety Manual | Download |
| F | IWWF Tricks Manual | Download |
| G | Running a competition | Download |
| H | Information for clubs holding Competitions | Download |
| I | Obligations for staging a National Championship | Download |
| J | Application form for a competitor’s licence | Download |
| K | Entry form for calendar competitions | Download |
| L | Competition Technical Equipment for sale or hire | Various costs |
| M | Slalom & Jump Timing Charts | Download |

* All orders should be accompanied by a cheque for the relevant amount.
* The official British Water Ski overall scoring programme is designed and provided by Ian Collins on 07774 181211 or email [ian@wskisoft.co.uk](mailto:ian@wskisoft.co.uk).
* Items c –e are available on download from [***www.IWSF.com***](http://www.IWSF.com)
* Item f is available on download from [***www.IWWF-ea.eu***](http://www.IWWF-ea.eu)
* Items g to k are available from the download section of [***www.bwsw.org.uk***](http://www.bwsw.org.uk)
* Item L Technical equipment is available for rent or purchase from Peter & Ian Collins. See [www.wskisoft.co.uk/vj.htm](http://www.wskisoft.co.uk/vj.htm) for details and price list.
* Item M is available for download from www.tournamentwaterskiing.org.uk

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| 1. DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS   All officials must be current members of British Water Ski in order to officiate at competitions. Officials Membership status can be checked on the BWS website. This is particularly important as Officials Insurance cover is not valid until membership is current.  4.1 Judges | | | |
| **J1 International**  Jill Howard  Gavin Kelly  **J2 International**  Gill Asher  Tom Asher  John Battleday  Roy Collins  Claire Ellis  Ben Hazelwood  Rob Hazelwood  Clair Hoile  Nick McGarry  Barry Odell  *Sanchia Outram*  *Tom Poole*  Harry Spavin  *Rob Spavin*  David Stevenson  Mick Turner  Catherine Wharton  Charlotte Wharton  Paul Wharton | **J2\*(2event)**  **International**  Mike Burke  Mark Burridge  *Jack Critchley*  Peter Davies  June Fladborg  Patric Foley-Brickley  David Grey  Gill Heath  Kevin Heath  Stuart Hills  Natalie Jones  Richard Mattos  Val Parkin  Vince Turp  Chris Wharton | **J3 National**  Eleanor Benjamin  Mike Burke  Amber Butterfield  Arron Davies  David Grey  Marc Grinaff  Andrew Haslam  Cathy Haslam  Tim Hazelwood  Stuart Hills  Natalie Jones  Bobby Miller  Pat Nicholson  Val Parkin  Vince Turp  Chris Wharton  **National Junior Judge 3 Event**  Tom Parkin | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **J3 (2 event)**  Adrian Asher  Viv Brown  Tom Burke  Sue Campbell  Ian Daws  Andy Dyson  Allan Fardon  Paul Higgs  Jim Metcalf  Rodney Rowlands  Stuart Scott-Ely  Oli Scutt  Rod Scutt  Matt Sherriff  Beverly Stephenson  Carl Turp  Harry Young |  | |
| 4.2 Homologators | | | |
| **H1 (International)**  Peter Collins  Peter Davies  Robin Nichols  Nigel Talamo | **H2 (Senior)**  Ady Asher  Mark Burridge  Jill Howard | **H3 (National)**  Matt Sherriff  *James Timothy* |  |
| 4.3 Scorers | | | |
| **S1 (International)**  Paul Airey  Jill Howard  Catherine Wharton | **S2 (International)**  Audrey Collins | **S3 (National 1)**  Sue Campbell  Gill Heath  Pat Nicolson  Sanchia Outram  Sarah Sherriff  Charlotte Wharton | **S4 (National 2)**  Ben Hazelwood |

NOTE:

All qualified Int. Judge 1s, Int. Judge 2’s and National 3 Event Judges are deemed to be (S4) National 2 Scorers

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| **4.5 DRIVERS**  **D1 (International)**  Adrian Asher  Ian Campbell  Phil Ingle  Tony Song  Vince Turp  Paul Wharton | **D2 (International)**  Mark Burridge  Tony Cise  Peter Davies  *Nathan McGarry* | | | **D3 (National 1)**  Andy Finley (2 Event)  *Peter Hogben (2 Event)*  *Jamie Bloemsma (2 Event)*  *Steve Glanfield (2 event)*  *Greg Perry*  *Will Oliver* | | **D4 (National 2)**  John Battleday  Paul Hammersley  Tim Hazelwood  Chris Wharton  Stuart Wood  *Andy Dyson (2 Event)*  **D5 (BWS Driver)**  Andy Wetherell  Campbell Cavanna |
| 4.5 Technical Officers | | | | | | |
| Ian Collins  Peter Collins  George Hazelwood  Richard Mattos | |  |  | |  | |

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| 4.6 Committees |  |  |  |
| **Waterski Committee**  Chair- Steve Sopp  Mark Beard  Roy Collins  George Hazelwood  Derek Rasey  Vince Turp  Stuart Hills  Gavin Kelly  Hilary Winter  Ali White  John Battleday | **Waterski Technical Working Group (Toutech)**  ***Core Group***  Gavin Kelly  Barry Odell  ***Advisers***  Ian Collins  Mark Burridge  George Hazelwood  Paul Airey  Jill Howard  Richard Mattos  Catherine Wharton | **Selection Committee**  Chair - Steve Sopp  Mark Beard  Barry Odell  Derek Rasey  Tom Williams |  |

**SECTION 2 - BRITISH ADDITIONAL RULES**

Wherever feasible the current International Water Ski & Wakeboard Federation Waterski Rules and any amendments applicable to Region E&A (Europe and Africa) will apply at all British Water Ski Calendar competitions, except for details such as Slalom start speeds and except as amended in the following British Waterski rules. The Waterski Committee has the power to make exceptions to these rules if it believes they are in the interests of the sport as whole.

British Water Ski Bylaws concerning competitor behaviour, official’s behaviour and Doping Rules apply to all persons taking part in water skiing in Britain. Copies of these rules are available free of charge to licence holders and officials and are published on the British Water Ski Web pages

1. BRITISH WATER SKI AGE CATEGORIES

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Open | Any age |  |
| Under 10 | Under 10 (Slalom & Tricks only) \*\*\* | (up to & including year of 10th birthday) |
| Under 12 | Under 12 (overall is Tricks & Slalom)  There is also a Jump U12 cat | (up to & including year of 12th birthday) |
| Under 14 | Under 14 | (up to & including year of 14th birthday) |
| Under 17 | Under 17 | (up to & including year of 17th birthday) |
| Under 21 | Under 21 | (up to & including year of 21st birthday) |
| \*Category 2 | 25 and over |  |
| 35+ | 35 to 44 | } ages for these categories |
| 45+ | 45 to 55 | } are at 31st December |
| 55+ | 55 and over | } of the previous year |
| 65+ | 65 and over | } |
| 70+ | 70 and over | } |
| 75+ | 75 and over | } |
| 80+ | 80 and over | } |
| 85+ | 85 and over | } |

\*Category 2 - Any special rules for this category have been set by British Water Ski solely for domestic purposes. In 35+ Championship any senior skier may ski at 58kph in Cat 2, with the same rules as open category.

\*\*\* An Under 10 skier wishing to slalom in the Youth Championships, must also compete in tricks. Two rounds of tricks may be entered with the best score counting to the overall result. A skier who fails to start and actively compete in tricks will receive a zero score in slalom. Both rounds of Tricks must be entered before the competition starts. An under 10 may ski in tricks only

6.  BRITISH WATERSKI COMPETITION RULES

6.1 SET DOWN AT THE END OF EACH COMPLETED PASS

This is a clarification of world rules. At all speeds below the maximum, for any age Category (except +65, see below), where the skier completes the pass (6 buoys), the boat will continue to the next pass (speed) without stopping.

There is no requirement or need for the boat to “set down” or stop when the skier is not shortening the rope. Under exceptional circumstances, (Normally adverse water conditions) after discussion with the Competition organiser and boat driver(s)the Chief Judge may opt to “set down” for a specific time. When the Chief Judge opts to “set down” it will be at both/either end of the course and a notice will be posted before the start of the first round of the event. When no notice is posted the event shall proceed normally with no “set down” between passes.

It should be noted that at most sites there is very little or no advantage in water conditions by allowing “set down” between passes.

Under Rule 6.2 below, 65+ skiers have an option to “set down”. All other age category skiers are required to continue to the next pass as detailed above***.***

6.2 Special Slalom Options/Rules

In all competitions, including National competitions, 65+ Ladies and 65 + Men may opt to set down after every pass.

In all competitions, including National competitions, younger skiers may ski in an older category than the one for which they qualify, and Senior skiers may ski in a younger category. In these cases, they will comply with the rules associated with the category in which they have chosen to ski.

In all cases where skiers are being scored with shortenings at different speeds, for comparison purposes each 3 kph decrease will reduce the score by six buoys (i.e. 14.25 metres @ 52 kph will equate to 16 metres @55 kph or 18.25 metres @ 58 kph).

SKIERS WISHING TO USE ANY OPTION AT AN EVENT MUST NOTIFY THE ORGANISERS IN ADVANCE ON THE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM AND SLALOM SHORTENING SPEED MAY NOT BE CHANGED DURING A COMPETITION

**6.3 Special Slalom RERIDE Rule**

All Skiers who start at 49 kph or less (men) and at 46 kph or less (women) who fail on their first pass may, at the organiser’s discretion, have a second "go" from the other end and may continue if successful. Once taken the second (chance) pass is the score that counts. This also applies to E & A Rankings list competitions. However please note only the first attempt will count towards Rankings and the Handicap League, the second attempt will only count for the competition on the day.

**6.4 Jump Height/Speed Regulations**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **Max jump speed** | **Ramp height** |
| **Under-12** | Girls | 45 kph | 1.35m or 1.50m recommended 1.35 |
| Boys | 45 kph | 1.35m or 1.50m recommended 1.35 |
| **Under-14** | Girls | 45 kph | 1.35m or 1.50m |
| Boys | 48 kph  Recommended 45Kph up to 20m | 1.35m. or 1.50m |
| **Under-17** | Girls | 51 kph | 1.50m |
| Boys | 51 kph | 1.50m or 1.65m |
| **Under-21**  **Cat. 2/Open** | Women | 54 kph | 1.50m or 1.65m |
| Men | 57 kph | 1.50m or 1.65m or 1.80m |
| **35+** | Women | 51 kph | 1,50m |
| Men | 57 kph | 1.50m or 1.65m |
| **45+** | Women | 51 kph | 1.50m |
| Men | 54 kph | 1.50m |
| **55+** | Women | 51 kph | 1.50m |
| Men | 51 kph | 1.50m |
| **65+** | Women | 48 kph | 1.50m |
| Men | 51 kph | 1.50m |
| **70+** | Women | 45 kph | 1.50m |
| Men | 51 kph | 1.50m |
| **75+** | Women | 45 kph | 1.50m |
| Men | 48 kph | 1.50m |
| **80+** | Women | 45 kph | 1.50m |
| Men | 48 kph | 1.50m |
| **85+** | Women | 45 kph | 1.50m |
| Men | 45 kph | 1.50m |

**6.5** **British WaterSki Overall Scoring**

The following amendment to World Rule 15.04c will be used at all National, U14, U17, U21, 35+, and All Regions competitions and is recommended for all other competitions: -

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Tricks and Slalom | Skiers score  Score of top competing overall skier | x 1000 |
|  |  |  |
| Men’s Jump | Skiers score - 10 metres  Score of top competing overall skier - 10 metres | x 1000 |
|  |  |  |
| Ladies Jump | Skiers score - 7 metres  Score of top competing overall skier - 7 | x 1000 |

Slalom score: This means the score in buoys from the start speed of the competition.

Score of top competing overall skiers: This means the highest score of the skiers who have entered all three events. Any skier who is competing in one or two events only is classed as a "specialist skier" and the scores will not be used in the calculation of the overall points

**6.6** **Change of skier starting order or age category**

See IWWF Waterski Rule 14.12 for a change of order. Once disqualified from any EVENT at a tournament, that skier may not ski in the same event in ANY age category in that tournament.

* 1. No change of age category or starting order is permitted after the published starting time of the first event of the competition. An exception to this is where the Chief Judge and Scorer agree a genuine error has been made then a skier may be changed to their actual age category only. (The actual Age Category for a Youth Skier is the youngest age category for which they are qualified.) It is the responsibility of the skier to notify the Chief Judge or Scorer if they have been placed in the wrong age category before the published starting time of the first event.
  2. A skier who on the entry form enters an older age category than their actual age category but initially is placed in their actual age category will be permitted to ski in the older age category only if he notifies the Chief judge or the Chief Scorer of the error before the published starting time of the first event. Can apply only to any U17 age category skiers who can ski in a higher category up to U21.

1. INTERPRETATION OF WORLD AND E&A ADDITIONAL RULES

The IWWF Region E&A Additional Rules make variations from the IWWF Waterski Rules. Unless otherwise stated in these British Waterski Additional Rules the variations apply in Great Britain.

**7.1 Falls in Jumping**

The following guidance is given to Judges and Safety Directors. (As the suggested actions are not covered in detail by the IWWF Rules they can only be taken at British Water Ski competitions).

If a skier falls and states within 3 minutes that he wishes to continue, but the boat judge reports that he thinks the skier may be injured:

The Safety Director / Chief Judge should stop the competition for long enough for the Doctor/Medical personnel to examine the skier and report (see IWWF Rules 4.01 and 4.02). If the delay causes problems for the completion of the competition the next competitor (s) should ski whilst the skier is being examined.

If the Doctor/Medical personnel, then reports that the skier is not injured and would have been in a fit condition to ski within 3 minutes he should be allowed to take his other jump.

If the Doctor/Medical personnel reports that the skier would not have been in a fit condition to ski within the 3 minutes, he should not be allowed to jump again (even if, by the end of the examination he is in a fit condition to jump again).

7.2 Smoking in Boats - (Tow boats and rescue boats)

This is not permitted at any British Water Ski competitions.

**7.3** **Alcohol**

Officials are reminded that alcohol can impair performance and judgement. They should be mindful of this for the duration of a competition.

**7.4** **Officials Punctuality**

Officials shall attend any meetings called by the Chief Judge and be on site for the whole duration of the competition unless specifically excused by the Chief Judge and shall be in their positions at least 10 minutes before the start of each event.

Appointed drivers shall arrive on site in adequate time before the scheduled start time of familiarisation.

**SECTION** 3 - ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS

8. BRITISH WATERSKI CALENDAR COMPETITIONS

All clubs wishing to stage British Waterski Calendar Competitions must adhere to the following rules. Clubs should attempt to avail themselves of the latest competition technology where possible.

**8.1** **Definition**

Calendar Competitions may be defined as those competitions allowing entries for skiers of more than one club.

The following competitions are eligible to be applied for as Calendar Competitions:

Regional Championships

Other Regional Competitions

Inter-Regional Competitions

Inter-Club Competitions

Open Competitions

Cash Prize Competitions

The National Championships have separate obligations that are available from British Water Ski on request. The Calendar competition obligations listed below do not apply to National events. Any Club wishing to offer to host a National Championship should make their offer to British Water Ski prior to the end of October of the previous year.

NOTE: Calendar competitions may not be held on the weekend of the British National Open Championships, except that a Backyard Event may be held on the weekend of the National Championships.

**8.2** **Fees**

Each competition will be subject to a levy payable to British Water Ski, details of which are included on the price list contained in this book.

8.3 Registration

The Club shall register the competition on Team Up Calendar and complete a Competition Application Form prior to 28 February in each year. Any payments due for Site Inspection and / or Region E&A Homologation must be paid at the time of registration. Competitions may be registered during the season, provided the following conditions are met:

* + - * 1. At least 4 weeks’ notice is given
        2. There is no other Competition on the same date in the UK or Toutech are contacted ([toutech@bwsf.co.uk](mailto:touyech@bwsf.co.uk)) and confirm the competition can go ahead.
        3. Toutech are advised by email and will arrange for all Licence holders to be notified of the event.

Note E&A Rule 7 is applicable if registering an E&A/World Rankings list competition.

The Club shall be a fully paid up member club of British Water Ski registering all its members to British Water Ski and the affiliation fee for the current year shall have already been paid. The Club may not register a calendar competition if it is in debt to British Water Ski. The Club shall hold adequate insurance to cover all eventualities connected with running a competition.

A Waterski Forum is held in November each year where the provisional calendar dates are finalised. Clubs wishing to stage events are strongly recommended to attend this Forum as only by meeting together can conflicts of dates and/or events be resolved. Priority will be given to the sites hosting the National events, followed by three event Rankings list. The provisional dates agreed at the Forum then become priority events.

Clubs unable to attend the forum are recommended to notify their dates on the Team Up calendar before the Forum meeting.

Clubs wishing to add dates to the Calendar between the Forum and the final cut-off date may not interfere with the priority events.

Any club cancelling a calendar competition without good reason after 15th March in a season will be obliged to pay the minimum competition levy.

8.4 HOMOLOGATED COMPETITIONS

Clubs who wish to hold homologated competitions (to E&A standards) must notify British Water Ski and the club will need to provide the required number and level of officials specified by Confederation E&A for homologated competitions. Rules for homologated competitions are available in the IWWF World Rules and E&A Additional Rules.

A fee is payable by the Club to British Water Ski for any competition listed on the E&A Calendar or any competition homologated to E&A standards. The costs of these fees are shown in the price list.

Clubs are advised that it may be necessary to close the water for skiing for all or part of the day of homologation (usually the day before familiarisation) to enable the Homologator to carry out his checks and re-checks.

**8.5** **Site Checks for all Competitions**

The site installations for slalom and jump must have been checked and certified by a qualified Homologator as complying with minimum Normal Homologation standard earlier in the same season. A copy of the computer printout must be sent to the Technical Working Group. Spot checks may be arranged by the Technical Working Group before, during or after the competition.

The costs for such checks are shown in the price list.

**8.6** **Officials**

Named officials at any competition are required to be current members of British Water Ski.

The Club is responsible for finding the necessary number of officials of the class required for the level of competition. The number and class of judges and officials required are shown in the table below.

Chief Judge

The Club shall appoint a qualified British Water Ski Judge as Chief Judge. The Chief Judge must satisfy himself that the courses and installations for the competition meet the current rules and send in a report together with a copy of the results. Chief Judge's report forms available to download on the British Tournament Waterskiing website. It is recommended that wherever possible the Chief Judge should not act as an event Judge. Where it is necessary for the Chief Judge to act as event Judge, he/she must always be available on the shore or main tower.

Except in exceptional circumstances the Chief Judge should not operate as the boat judge.

For information on Slalom Judging Positions for Normal, Ranking List and Record Capability competitions the World Rule 8.12 should be consulted.

Scorers Status

J1 Judges and J2 3 Event Judges are considered to be S4 (National 2 Scorer)standard.

Officials – Minimum Requirements

If the following minimum requirements as defined in the E&A Additional Rules are not met the results of the skiers in these divisions will not be valid for the Standings List, Handicap League Results, Qualifications or seeding purposes and their licences will not be signed.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **E&A Rankings List** | **E&A Normal Homologation** |
| Chief Judge | Level 2 Judge (J2) | Level 2 Judge (J2) 3 or 2 event depending on events being held. |
| Homologation | Level 1 (H1) or Level 2 (H2) (Tricks Only) in his/her own Country | Pre-check by Level 3 (H3) Homologator BEFORE the competition within the current season |
| Scorer | Level 3 Scorer (S3) minimum | Level 3 Scorer |
| Drivers | Level 3 (D3) Minimum | Level 4 (D4) National 2 |
| Duplication | Any duplication of duties by the Chief Judge or Scorer is limited to two functions but this should be avoided if possible. | Any duplication of duties by the Chief Judge or Scorer is limited to two functions but this should be avoided if possible. |
| Homologation Dossier | To E&A www.iwwf-ea.org | To E&A www.iwwf-ea.org |
| SLALOM | | |
| Timing | Automatic | May be by stopwatch |
| End Course Video | Required | Not Mandatory |
| Video Gates | Recommended | Recommended |
| Judging Towers | both sides perfect sight | both sides perfect sight |
| Speed Control | Recommended | Recommended |
| Back Up Timer | Not needed if Speed Control used | Not needed if Speed Control used  Otherwise |
| Judges | Minimum for 5 Judge panel  3 level 2 and 2 level 3  Or for three judge panel  Minimum 2 level 2 and 1 level 3 | Minimum for 5 Judge panel  5 level 3 Judges or if Gate Video used 3 level 3 Judges |
| Boat Judge | Minimum (J3) National Judge (2 or 3 Event) | Minimum(J3) National Judge (2 or 3 Event) |
| TRICKS | | |
| Timing | Video Timing | Semi Automatic 20s |
| Video | Required | Not mandatory |
| Judges | Minimum 3 level 2 and 2 level 3 or if immediate review available minimum 2 level 2 and 1 level 3 | Minimum 5 level 3 or 3 level 3 if immediate review is available |
| Timer | Top 3 ratings | Appointed by Chief Judge |
| JUMP | | |
| Timing | Automatic | May be by stopwatch |
| Video Jump Measurement | Required | Minimum Meter Stations |
| Distance Calculation | Computer | Computer |
| Program Check | Yes | Yes |
| Judges | Minimum 2 level 2 and 1 level 3 | Minimum 3 level 3 Judges. If video jump is used the two shore Judges may act as video Judges provided, they can see the full jump course |
| Video Judges | Minimum 1 level 2 and 1 level 3 | Not required |
| Backup Timer | None needed with Speed Control | None needed with Speed control |
| Speed Control | Recommended | Recommended |



8.7 Homologation Standards

The following chart shows the standards of homologation from World to British level and what skier performances may be used for.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ISSUING  AUTHORITY | HOMOLOGATION LEVEL | SKIER PERFORMANCE For QUALIFICATION | | | | | | | |
|  |  | World / E&A  Record | IWWF  Ranking  List | E&A  Ranking List | Qualification  For World Events | Qualification  For E&A Events | British  Record | British  Standings  List | British  HandicapLeague |
| IWWF / E&A | Record | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| IWWF / E&A | Rankings List | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| E&A | Normal | No | No | Yes\* | Yes\* | Yes\* | No | Yes | Yes |
| BRITAIN | Backyard Event\*\* | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

\* Subject to a maximum standard. See E&A Additional Rules

\*\* British Backyard Events are only valid if the courses on that site have been surveyed in that season, before the event. This “site check” is NOT a full homologation as required by E&A or IWWF. Please see Backyard Events on Page 25

When a new proposed British Record exceeds the IWWF or E&A record the performance will only be accepted as a new British record if it is agreed by E&A or the IWWF as a new World or E&A record, or reduced as stated in Rule 2.

8.8 Foreign Officials

Foreign officials may be used providing they have passed the British Water Ski National Judge exam or are already an International Judge (J1 or J2) Please note that Foreign officials/Nationals are not covered under the BWSW insurance, therefore it is the sites/officials responsibility to ensure they take out the relevant insurance cover.

8.9 Limitations

It is not permitted for a driver or a judge to officiate in any event of a division or category in which they are competing.

8.10 Other Officials

A suitably experienced Safety Officer shall be appointed by the Club to undertake the duties in the Rule book. Experienced secondary staff and jetty marshal must be provided by the Club.

It is highly recommended that an experienced commentator is appointed.

**8.11 First Aid**

At all British Water Ski calendar competitions there must be qualified first aid personnel as follows:

Either a minimum of TWO personnel trained to the level of I. H. C. D. at Ambulance Aid One or Ambulance Aid Two or Emergency Medical Technician, A “Three” Day attendance Course” First Aid at Work certificate holders’ qualification or its recognised equivalent.

OR

ONE person with a minimum qualification as State Registered Nurse, or Accident and Emergency Nurse, or Paramedic, or Doctor, or its recognised equivalent.

NOTE – First Aid at Work Certificate Holders must register on the BWS data base by sending a copy of their certificate to BWS Headquarters.

ALL FIRST AID PERSONNEL MUST REMAIN ON THE COMPETITION SITE DURING THE WHOLE OF THE COMPETITION AND BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

In addition:

Either an ambulance or suitable vehicle with the necessary first aid equipment must be present OR, a room or designated area must be set aside where the above First Aid personnel and equipment can be based, this room must be in close proximity to the event, well lit, and have easy stretcher / patient access. The location and telephone number of the nearest hospital must be readily available.

The attending medical personnel must complete and sign the “First Aid Report” form stating their qualifications. This form is to be handed to the Chief Judge at the event.

Rescue equipment

The site must be equipped with a floating stretcher capable of being use to bring injured skiers ashore for medical treatment, all on water rescue personnel should be aware of the British Water Ski rescue guide lines available from the Chief Judge, British Water Ski or from the BWSW Website:[www.britishwaterski.org.uk](http://www.britishwaterski.org.uk)

If there is no land telephone line, then a mobile telephone must be ready to hand to use in an emergency.

Responsibility

The medical personnel shall complete and sign a form to state their qualifications and that the required equipment is in place. This form shall be handed to the Chief Judge prior to the start of competition. If a competitor is seen by medical staff/or attend hospital and wishes to continue skiing, then they must provide evidence from the medical staff to confirm they are fit to ski again.

**8.12** **Re-imbursement of Officials Expenses**

This rule applies to appointed qualified British Water Ski officials and any qualified officials co-opted to the panel on the day(s).

Accommodation

On site lunches and a minimum of bed and breakfast accommodation for the necessary number of nights shall be provided for qualified British Water Ski officials appointed to the competition. However, if any official wishes to make his own accommodation arrangements a minimum contribution of £30.00 per night cash shall be paid in lieu. If two or more officials wish to make their own shared accommodation arrangement a minimum contribution of £25.00 per night shall be given for the first official and £15.00 per night for each subsequent official.

Travel Expenses

The club shall reimburse appointed British Water Ski officials with travelling expenses based on the round-trip mileage. It is recommended that AA Auto route or a similar programme be used to establish the miles travelled. Basis per mile is one quarter of current unleaded litre price per vehicle. The maximum travel reimbursement payable to any official is £120. In the case where two or more officials share cars to travel to an event, only one mileage allowance will be paid.

Competition helpers

Other helpers such as, video operators, jetty marshals, etc. shall be offered lunch and/or refreshments appropriate to the time of duty they serve. This will be monitored by the Chief Judge.

8.13 Minimum obligations of Clubs organising Calendar Competitions

(In the case of National Competitions see also the separate document "Obligations for staging National Championships" In the case of British Inter Club series see separate rule following).

1. The Club shall conduct the competition in accordance with the regulations published in the current Waterski Additional Rules.
2. A Single or Multi Event competition must have at least 8 competitors in one of the events and at least 4 competitors in each of the other events. Note: E&A Rule 18 is applicable for E&A/World rankings List competitions.
3. The club shall register the number of rounds and format of the event with British Water Ski by the date shown at the start of this section.
4. It is mandatory for a computer to be used to measure the jump set up and for calculating the jump distances for an event. Only approved Jump measurement programmes may be used. The Chief Judge must see the grid set up with the measurement buoys and check buoys in place. And give the xy co-ordinates for the 23m and 46m (approx.) buoys on the CJ report form.
5. Clubs shall announce details of the competition and a closing date by which entries shall be received. Telephone entries cannot be accepted, nor those not accompanied by an entry fee. The correct competition entry form, available from the BWSW office or as a download from the web site must be used to certify the applicant has a competition licence and is a current member of BWSW. This entry form must be signed by the skier. Online entry systems may also be used. The Chief Judge or the Competition Scorer must receive these forms before the commencement of the competition. Entrants are referred to Rule 12.5 which shows the requirements to enter competitions. Provided the entry forms are received and signed the club and BWS are exonerated in the event of any subsequent insurance issues. In the event of a completed and signed entry form NOT being received, and the skier allowed to compete, places the officials and the club / site open to legal and insurance implications. Should an entrant not be found on the membership database by the close of business on the day before the competition they must not be allowed to enter the competition.
6. For Trick events the Club shall provide 2 video cameras and an adequate supply of memory cards In the case of Homologated Competitions the cards become the property of the Technical Working Group and must be collected by the Chief Judge and retained in case they are requested by the TC. They may only be used for technical purposes approved by the TC.
7. Clubs shall provide all other equipment normally required for a competition including an adequate number of suitable radios.
8. It is recommended that automatic timing be used for Slalom and Jump.
9. It is recommended that speed control be used for all events where possible. Under these conditions there must be adequate time allowed before the competition starts for the driver to set up the speed control parameters to the Chief Judge / Driver satisfaction.
10. It is recommended that video cameras be used to judge the entry gates in slalom where possible.
11. It is recommended that video trick timing be used to judge the start and end of the pass in Tricks where possible.

**8.14** **Results**

Slalom Results

Organisers must show on the slalom results the start speed of the competition and/or division and the number of buoys scored at speed and rope length, together with the total number of buoys scored.

Chief Judges Reports

Results from competitions will not be accepted for records or included in the British Standings List or Handicap League Table until such time as the Chief Judge's report is completed and submitted to the Technical Working Group. This must include the First Aid report where a reportable incident has occurred.

These reports must be filed within two weeks of the end of the competition.

**8.15** **Authorisation**

Each approved calendar competition will be issued with an authorisation code number and it is the responsibility of the Chief Judge to ensure that the event has been properly registered and accepted before signing any competitor’s licences.

9. BRITISH SKI LEAGUE

The Ski League is suspended until further notice

10. Novice Division rules – All Novice Skiers Must be a BWSW Member.

Novice Skiers do not need a licence to compete in Novice, however if they wish to compete having run the course at 49kph they will be required to obtain a competition licence.

1. Skiers may choose any speed for any pass. Having started at one speed a skier may change his speed to a slower or faster speed for each pass or continue at the original speed on each pass. (The only exception to this in the case of Rule 12 below.)
2. The number of points scored on each pass will be added together for the skier’s final score.
3. Skiers will not shorten in Novice Slalom. As a rule, a skier who can run the course at 49kph is NOT considered to be a NOVICE.
4. Skiers may use one or two skis.
5. All skiers shall be offered a maximum of four passes including skiers who fall on any pass.
6. A skier’s run will end at the completion of 4 passes or after 2nd fall.
7. The number of buoys correctly passed will score one point each.
8. Half buoy will be scored as per IWWF Tournament Rules. A quarter buoy is not scored.
9. Skiers may omit Buoys in each pass (see 11 below).
10. The entry gates and exit gates score an additional point and are optional.
11. A point will be scored if a skier passes around a turn buoy and crosses the line of the boat lane buoys at the next buoy. For two consecutive buoys on the same side to be scored a skier must ski around both boat lane buoys of the intermediate buoy. For Example, at Buoy 5 a skier must ski either around the boat lane buoys of buoy 6, or around buoy 6, to gain a full point at Buoy 5. Skiing directly from buoy 5 to the exit gates would only score a half a buoy at buoy 5
12. Any skier who completes a pass including the entry and exit gates will be required to the take next pass at the next highest speed.

11. TURN & BURN

The first round(s) of a multi round slalom event are completed normally by the skier.

At the end of the skier’s penultimate round the Skier is picked up by the boat and taken to the start dock. At this point the skier will can choose either

1. To wait his turn and ski the final round normally.

OR

2. To ski immediately at either the speed, or line length, they have just missed OR at the Speed or line length of their last completed pass. This will be then be counted as his final Round. Whatever speed or rope length is chosen by the skier it will be taken in the direction of the normal first pass from the starting dock.

If, in “Turn & Burn”, the skier misses this first pass, their score reverts to the start speed of the competition and his final round is finished. Otherwise the skier scores as normal. All the remaining skiers who do not take the choice to “Turn & Burn” will ski in the normal final round, once the penultimate round and “Turn & Burn” have finished

“Turn and Burn” can only be used ONCE in a competition but could be used as the final round of two, three or four round slalom competitions. All scores in “Turn & Burn” will count for the British Handicap League and Standing List.

Organisers have the option to offer Turn & Burn in a competition or not to offer it. Where offered in competitions it is at the option of the skier as above.

Organisers are NOT permitted to make Turn & Burn mandatory for any slalom event.

**Turn and Burn” may NOT be used in E & A or IWWF Ranking events.**

**12.** **BACKYARD RECREATIONAL AND FUN SLALOM COMPETITIONS**

Guidance to Clubs on running Fun Events for all standards of skier but particularly for newcomers and novices. **Please note this is guidance only**.

It is hoped that these events will also provide a bonus at Clubs by providing an accurate Slalom Course for their members to train on.

**COMPETITION FORMAT**

Informal, Fun, turn up and ski. First on site can be the first to ski. Skiers arriving after the start of the second round should be allowed to ski in that round and all subsequent rounds

* No Licence required.
* Individual and/or Team.
* BWSW Members only (For insurance reasons)
* Rounds (at Least). No limit on the number of Rounds, this will depend on time available and the number of skiers competing. All Skiers should have the opportunity to ski in each round.
* If a skier fails to run first pass, he receives a second pass from the opposite end of the lake.
* Clubs are encouraged to use the “Novice Division Rules” where appropriate for Novice Skiers.

**OFFICIALS**

* One BWSW Judge only (Any Category), who will be both Boat and Chief Judge.
* Calculator (Competent Club Official or BWSW)
* Boat Driver (Recommended BWSW or Experienced Club Diver)
* Jetty Marshall
* Homologator (Prior to the event, expenses paid by TC).

**SAFETY**

* First Aid cover should be provided by qualified Club Members.

**EQUIPMENT**

* Any Competition Boat fitted with Zero Off or Perfect Pass (Second boat on standby if possible)
* Three Radios
* 6 buoy or 4 buoy Slalom Course

**RECOMMENDED TEAM SCORING**.

Includes skiers of all standards. Maximum 4 skiers per Team. Each skier starts at 4 passes back from their PB score e.g. a PB of 4@55kph will start at 46kph. A skier with a score of 24 will start at a higher speed in the next round. All 4 scores are added together to form the Team Score.

**GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The emphasis of the event should be on fun and having a good day out. Perhaps enjoying another Club and Lake. It is expected that these Guidance Notes will be followed in principal but “nothing is cast in stone”. Clubs should try to give the skiers the best and equal conditions possible. Where Clubs wish, they may add their own rules provided everything is equal and fair for all skiers.

**NOTE**

The Course Homologation standard expected will be IWSF Normal Homologation, this is double the tolerances to those shown in the IWSF Rule Book. The Homologator will check the course and tell the club which buoy or buoys (if any) need to be corrected. He/she is not responsible for altering the course which must be carried out by Club officials. The course will then be checked again until the required standard is met.

For the purpose of these events only, the use of pre-gates is optional and may be omitted but their use is recommended.

SECTION 4 - GENERAL INFORMATION

13. BRITISH WATERSKI COMPETITORS LICENCES

Skiers wishing to enter any British Water Ski Calendar Competition must be in possession of a current British Water Ski competition licence.

Licences are not required for entry to competitions open only to members of the organising club or other non-calendar competitions. A competitor may not have his/her licence signed for a performance in such a competition.

13.1 ONE OFF LICENCES

The first exception to the above rule is when a member of the organising club wishes to enter a calendar competition at his/her own club. The skier must provide proof of membership of the club and of British Water Ski and pay a one-off licence fee (shown in price list) to the Chief Judge or Scorer for forwarding to British Water Ski

The second exception to the above rule is when a skier is entering his/her official regional championships. The skier must provide proof of membership of British Water Ski and pay a one-off licence fee (shown in price list) to the Chief Judge or Scorer for forwarding to British Water Ski.

The third exception to the above rule is when a skier wishes to enter a calendar competition not at his/her own club. The skier must provide proof of membership of British Water Ski and pay a one-off licence fee (shown in price list) to the Chief Judge or Scorer for forwarding to British Water Ski.

The skiers results from the competition will be included in the British Standings List, and the British Handicap League. The licence will not be valid for any further competitions.  The Chief Judge/Scorer should advise if any skiers have one-off licences when submitting the results

**13.2** **Licence Renewals**

Before the Season starts, existing licence holders will be sent a renewal form that should be completed and returned to British Water Ski together with:

* The renewal fee (see price list)
* The current British Water Ski membership number

No licence will be renewed if the current British Water Ski number is not given, or the correct fee not enclosed.

For any skier who has not held a licence before, they can download the new licence form from the website.

**13.3** **Use of the Competitors Licence**

Skiers may get their performance in each event entered on the licence and signed by the Chief Judge, who must be British Water Ski qualified, or, under his authority by a British Water Ski qualified Scorer. The best results of each skier in each event will then be computed at the end of each season to produce the British Standings List which will be published in November or December each year.

The competitors’ licence will also be used to verify the minimum entry requirements of skiers when this is required by the regulations of a competition. Performances from the current calendar year and the previous calendar year are valid for this purpose.

Licences cannot be signed at an event in Britain other than a registered British Water Ski National or Calendar competition. Licences may be signed abroad at homologated competitions run under the auspices of a Federation that is a member of the IWWF.

Licences cannot be signed for forerunners and it is not acceptable for skiers to ski in a "special category" for the purpose of getting entries in his/her licence. All licence entries must be for performances under normal competition conditions.

**13.4** **Penalties**

No skier may enter a calendar competition without a valid licence, except as in Rule 13.1 above.

No skier will be permitted to ski in any British Water Ski event if it can’t be proven that they are current members of British Water Ski and Wakeboard.

The Licence holder's list will be published each Friday on the British Water Ski Web Pages. This enables competition organisers and judges to check and see whose licences are valid.

Should a skier arrive at a competition without being registered with a licence the Chief Judge / Scorer will take the following action:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| A fine will be collected.  The licence fee will be collected | two separate cheques required  (see price list for charges) |
| A licence application form must be completed. |  |
| The skier must show proof of current British Water Ski membership. | |

If it subsequently turns out that the skier has already paid for a licence for the current year, the licence fee only will be refunded to the skier. The scores of the skier must be entered onto the licence application form and the form and the money sent to British Water Ski Headquarters.

**13.5** **Foreign Skiers**

Foreign skiers are not permitted to ski in any age category of British National Championships or Regional events unless they can prove residency in the UK for a period of at least ***Two*** years.

In the case of Homologated Competitions, other than the above, foreign skiers are only permitted to ski if the competition is on the IWWF Confederation E&A International Calendar or has been notified as a Non-Calendar International.

Foreign skiers are welcome to compete in other British Water Ski Calendar Competitions providing:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | * They prove membership of their home country IWWF Affiliated Federation or join British Water Ski. Foreign skiers’ resident in Britain or working here for the season are expected to join British Water Ski. |
|  | * They prove they have a competitor’s licence from their home country Federation or purchase a British Water Ski competitors’ licence. Foreign skiers’ resident in Britain or working here for the season are expected to hold a British Water Ski licence. |
|  | * They prove they have the permission of their Federation to compete. |

The results of visiting foreign skiers will not be shown in the British Standings List or the British Handicap League tables.

Clubs are advised to check that their insurance does not become null and void if British Water Ski membership is not held by the skier. Foreign skiers are advised that Personal Accident Insurance cover is not in effect if they are not members of British Water Ski.

However please note the IWWF Rules regarding Titled events which can be found on the E&A Waterski Council website www.iwwfeatc.com

14. BRITISH STANDINGS LIST

All skiers holding a British Water Ski Competition Licence will appear in the British Standings List. The British Standings List is produced in November of each year, based on the best results from the allowed rounds at each event contained on British Water Ski Calendar or from International Events. For British Water Ski Calendar competitions, the results are automatically included in the list. For International competitions in GB or abroad it is the skier’s responsibility to advise Toutech of the event entered and their results so that they can be verified.

All age categories are calculated together as one open class. Publication will be in mid-December in British Waterski & Wakeboard Magazine and online.

If a skier fails to complete a pass in slalom at the starting speed of the competition, for the purposes of the Standings List he/she will be classified as scoring the number of buoys at the minimum classification of 28 kph (men) or 22 kph (ladies).

The final date by which International results must be received by the 31st October in each season. Data received after that date will be included in the next year.

**Note:**  Head to Head scores are only valid for the British Standings List if the number of rounds rule is not breached. Each pairing of a head-to head counts as a separate round for the purpose of this rule

15. BRITISH HANDICAP LEAGUE

15.1 Annual Handicap

The Annual handicap is used to calculate the annual handicap results. It is calculated at the beginning of the season and is based on the average of the best 4 scores from the previous year. If a skier does not have 4 scores from the previous year, then the scores from the current year will be used, and the skier will not get a handicap until they have 4 scores. If the new annual handicap is calculated to be lower than the previous year’s handicap, the handicap for the current year will only be a maximum of 10% lower. This is to prevent the handicap of a skier that had a bad year (i.e. injury) from having an artificially low annual handicap.

The handicap results are based on the difference between an average of the best 2 scores from the current year and the annual handicap score.

International Events of any kind are not valid for the Handicap.

If an organiser is combining a British event with an International event in some manner, the skiers competing in the international part of the competition may not have their scores submitted to the handicap.

15.2 Rolling Handicap

The Rolling Handicap is used for producing the handicap results at each individual competition. It is calculated the same way as the annual handicap, using the best 4 scores from the previous year. During the year, any score that is greater than the 4 best scores from the previous year, is then used to recalculate the rolling handicap. This means that as a skier improves during the year, the rolling handicap will go up.

The results at a competition are based on the difference between the score from the competition and the rolling handicap.

**15.3 HANDICAP RESULTS**

The following table shows the scores that will be taken for The British Handicap system depending on the number of events or rounds held:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 2 or 3 Event Competitions | The 2 best scores for a skier for the event may be used towards the Handicap calculations (1 score for single round events). |
| Tricks Only Competitions | The 2 best scores for a skier for the event may be used towards the Handicap calculations (1 score for single round events). |
| Jump Only Competitions | The 2 best scores for a skier for the event may be used towards the Handicap calculations (1 score for single round events). |
| Slalom Only Competitions | The 2 best scores for a skier for the event may be used towards the Handicap calculations (1 score for single round events). |

Skiers are responsible for checking their scores are shown correctly on the results.

Clubs wishing to hold British handicap qualifying competitions must apply for them as Calendar competitions.  Entry forms must be made available to all applicants.  Entries must be accepted in the order received, except that a maximum of 20% of the total may be reserved for members of the organising club until the official closing date.  After the closing date, late entries may be accepted from any source.  No British competitions may be held after the 3rd weekend in October.

Entry forms must specify the events included, the format of the competition and the number of rounds.

**SECTION 5 - NATIONAL EVENTS**

16. RULES APPLYING TO ALL NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

**16.1** **OBLIGATIONS**

The obligations for clubs wishing to bid for a National competition are available from British Water Ski HQ. These include the technical standards required by British Water Ski/IWWF and payment of the levy as appropriate. (see price list).

Any Club wishing to offer to host a National Championship should make their offer to British Water Ski prior to the end of October of the previous year.

**16.2** **Homologation Standards**

In order to be homologated to Confederation E&A Standings List and Record Capability there are specific requirements shown in the E&A Additional Rules and these must be fully met.

It is recommended that for all National competitions the slalom course should be on a net or similar system.

**16.3** **Entry Requirements**

All competitors must be of British nationality or prove residency of 2 years.

All competitors must be current members of British Water Ski.

All competitors must be in possession of a current British Water Ski Tournament Competitors Licence.

All competitors must show proof that they meet the minimum standards set out below. Proof of qualifying standards may only be taken from British Water Ski Competitors Licence or an International Event results.

Competitors may enter individual events for which they qualify. Competitors who qualify for two events may enter the third.

**16.4** **Numbers in finals**

In all National championships, except where other specific rules are quoted, where a final round is included the number going through to the final of an event is based on the number of skiers on the start list at Midday the day before the Competition

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| No. of skiers starting in the Preliminary round within an age category | No. in Finals |
| 1 - 5 | All |
| 6 - 10 | First 5 |
| 11 - 12 | First 6 |
| 13 - 15 | First 8 |
| 16 - 19 | First 10 |
| 20 or more | First 12 |

To qualify for the Final Round a skier must ski and score more than zero in the Preliminary Round.

Note see exception for Under 10, Under 12s under British Youth Championships and for Seniors under British Senior Championships

Any skier qualifying for the finals and subsequently unable to take part will not be replaced by the next placed skier.

16.5 Number of Jumps

There will be three jumps in each round of all National competitions.

**16.6** **Familiarisation**

Official familiarisation will not be given at any National Championship or at the All Regions. However, for the Youth Championship/Trials, the organising club is encouraged to allow competitors to ski at club rates in the week prior to the competition.

In all cases the type of boat to be used must be notified in the entry information.

**16.7** **Competition schedule**

The proposed schedule of events will be agreed between the Organisers and the Chief Judge but must be approved by the Technical Working Group before publication.

16.8 Overall Scoring

At National Championships overall points will be awarded ONLY to those skiers entered in all three events. Skiers entered in one or two events only will be treated as "specialist skiers" and will not be awarded overall points. The 1000 point top score from an event will be awarded to the top placed "overall" skier.

17. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING STANDARDS / START SPEEDS

**17.1** **British National (Open) Championships**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Qualifying standards | Men | Women |
| Slalom | 6 buoys @ 58kph/14.25m | 3 buoys @ 55 kph |
| Tricks | 2000 points | 1500 points |
| Jump | 37.5metres | 20 metres |
| Slalom Start speeds Preliminary Round. | 58 kph | 46 kph |
| Slalom Start speed Final Round | 58 kph / 16 m | 55 kph / 18.25 m |

The results from the Preliminary and Final rounds will count for the Handicap League.

**17.2** **British Youth Championships**

To include the following 5 categories:

Under 10 Under 12 Under 14 Under 17 Under 21

NOTE An Under 10 may opt to enter as an Under 12/14 if qualified.

For under 12 skiers who enter the jump event, parents must sign a disclaimer form,

An Under 10 skier may choose whether to compete in the Under 10/12 or 14 Category but must be in the same age category for all events entered.

All skiers who start in the Preliminary Round may ski in the Final if they qualify under Rule 16.4 above. With the exception for Under 10/12’s, as below.

**Under 10 Competition**

Events: Slalom, Tricks and overall (based on the two events).

This competition will be divided into a Girls category and a Boys category.

The only qualification required is that the skier must have recorded a score in their licence in the events entered. Slalom start speed 28 kph. All skiers who skied in the preliminaries will be automatically through to the final round. **Medal placement will be based on the cumulative score from both rounds.**

**Under 12 Competition**

Events: Slalom, Tricks, Jump & overall (Overall will be based on Slalom and Tricks only).

There is NO requirement for a skier to compete in Jump to qualify for the overall. Jump is a stand-alone event for U12 skiers and requires parents to sign a disclaimer form as above

This competition will be divided into a Girls category and a Boys category.

The only qualification required is that the skier must have recorded a score in their licence in the event(s) entered. Slalom start speed 34 kph. All skiers who skied in the preliminaries will be automatically through to the final round. **Medal placement will be based on the cumulative score from both rounds.**

**Under 14 Championships**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Qualifying standards | Boys | Girls |
| Slalom | 6 buoys @ 49/18.25m | 6 buoys @ 43/18.25m |
| Tricks | 900 points | 450 points |
| Jump | Recorded Score | Recorded Score |
| Slalom start speeds | 43 kph | 37 kph |

**Under 17 Championships**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Qualifying standards | Boys | Girls |
| Slalom | 6 buoys @ 55/18.25m | 6 buoys @ 46/18.25m |
| Tricks | 1500 points | 750 points |
| Jump | 28 metres | 16 metres |
| Slalom start speeds - first round | 49 kph | 40 kph |

**Under 21 Championships**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Qualifying standards | Men | Ladies |
| Slalom | 3 buoys @ 58/14.25m | 6 buoys @ 52/18.25m |
| Tricks | 2000 points | 1250 points |
| Jump | 35 metres | 19 metres |
| Slalom start speeds - first round | 55 kph | 46 kph |

Maximum entry for combined age categories average 60 per event.

**NOTE**

These British Youth Championship rules are also used for the Youth Trials Competition when held, except that the Youth Trials is a 2 Round Competition, it does not have a preliminary and final.

For the Youth Trials Competition, the minimum start speed is waived in all categories as follows. A skier may nominate a speed and the driver and boat judge will monitor this speed manually until the minimum speed control speed of 28 kph is reached.

Scores under the official start speed shall, however, appear on the results sheet, but will not be carried forward for any other purpose.

For the Youth Nationals and Youth Trials ONLY there will be no competitions directly prior to the event, in order that familiarisation is available for all the competitors. Organisers are encouraged to allocate at least one day immediately prior to both these competitions for competitors familiarisation.

**17.3** **British National 35+ Championships**

There are no qualifying standards set for any 35+ Age Category. **However, all competitors must have a score registered at a British Calendar or International competition for each event entered in the current or last season.**

**Slalom start speeds**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category 2 Men | 52kph – shortening at 58kph |
| 35+ Men | 49kph – shortening at 55kph |
| 45+ Men | 46kph – shortening at 55kph |
| 55+ Men | 43kph – shortening at 55kph |
| 65+ Men  70+ Men  75+ Men  80+ Men  85+ Men | 43kph – shortening at 52kph and option to set down after each pass  43kph – shortening at 52kph and option to set down after each pass  40kph – shortening at 49kph and option to set down after each pass  40kph – shortening at 49kph and option to set down after each pass  37kph – shortening at 46kph and option to set down after each pass |
| Category 2 Ladies | 43kph – shortening at 55kph |
| 35+ Ladies | 43kph – shortening at 55kph |
| **45+ Ladies** | **43kph – shortening at 52kph or 55kph** |
| 55+ Ladies | 40kph – shortening at 52kph |
| 65+ Ladies  70+ Ladies  75+ Ladies  80+ Ladies  85+ Ladies | 40kph – shortening at 49kph and option to set down after each pass  40kph – shortening at 49kph and option to set down after each pass  37kph – shortening at 46kph and option to set down after each pass  37kph – shortening at 46kph and option to set down after each pass  34kph – shortening at 46kph and option to set down after each pass |

Maximum entry for combined age categories is 60 skiers average per event, with further limitation (if necessary) of maximum 20 in any age/sex category.

The results from the Preliminary round will count for the Handicap League.

**Numbers in Finals - all Senior categories**

All 35+ skiers who start in the Preliminary Round may ski in the “A” Final if they qualify under Rule 16.4 above. The remainder may ski in a “B” Final if it is held.

However, only those skiers who should have been in the Final Round (according to Rule 16.4 above) will be eligible for the top "x" placings -this will be known as the "A" Final.

The “A” Final will be held unless it is impossible to do so.

The “B” Final will only be held if there is enough time to complete all events. The Chief Judge after

consultation with the other officials and the organisers will decide as early as possible if the “B” final will be held. A notice will be posted on the Notice board, preferably on the day before the Preliminary Round and no later than Noon of the day of the Preliminary Round, stating if a “B” Final will or will not be held.

The scores performed in the "B" Final Round by the "extra" skiers will be used for the Standings List and the handicap league tables but cannot influence the placement of the skier in the Final of any event.

17.4 British All Regions Tournament

This competition will only be held bi-annually in the even numbered years, 2020, 2022, etc.Rules for this event if held are available from the Waterski Technical Working Group (Toutech)

17.5 Age Category Slalom Events

The recommended starting speeds for age category competitions are 37kph for ladies/girls and 40 kph for men/boys in all age categories.

18. PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Entry forms will be returnable to the Organising site.
2. The published regulations for the competitions will include the following:
3. The closing date for entries will be set at 14 days prior to the first day of competition. (note that acceptance of entries will not be confirmed before that date).
4. A requirement for entry must show the skiers best performances in each event as recorded in his/her licence. (Recording an incorrect performance may result in disqualification).
5. The entry forms will show details of the various separate categories in which skiers wish to compete. (Note that entries will be accepted with a view to achieving a reasonable balance of numbers between categories).
6. On the published closing date for entries (not before):
   1. If too many entries have been received either in total or in any category, consideration will be given to the balance between individual event performances and overall performances and entries with the lowest recorded performances maybe refused, without reference to the order in which the entries were received. A reserve list will be compiled and notified.
   2. If too few entries have been received at the closing date, either in total or in any category, consideration will be given to accept further entries strictly in the order received provided the skier shows proof of performances at the competition regulation ramp height and speeds, etc.
7. Any skier whose entry has been accepted and who subsequently pulls out from attending will not be entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
8. Skiers will be notified as quickly as practical after the closing date for entry whether or not their entry for an event has been accepted.

**SECTION 6 - OFFICIALS QUALIFICATIONS**

These rules are an addition to those published by the IWWF Confederation E&A. For regulations for other categories of Judges and Officials see International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation Confederation E&A Additional Rules. It is the duty of all officials to train and encourage new officials to the sport.

ALL OFFICIALS MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS OF BRITISH WATER SKI.

**ALL QUALIFICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO RENEWAL AND WILL LAPSE IF THERE IS NO ACTIVITY OVER THREE SEASONS.**

In addition, for qualifications to remain valid all officials are required to attend the British National Officials seminar at least once every three years.

In order to qualify as “attended” an official must attend the majority of sessions during the Seminar.

19. RULES FOR BOAT DRIVERS

There shall be three categories of British Competition Boat Driver. All applicants must be aged over 18 years. Applications upgrade for Assessments should be made to [toutech@bwsf.co.uk](mailto:toutech@bwsf.co.uk) or via the BWSW office.

**19.1 BRITISH WATERSKI DRIVER (D5)**

Anyone wishing to become a qualified Competition Driver must first register with BWSW as a British Waterski (BWS) Driver. BWS Driver must have achieved the SBDA and SBD3 qualifications and before applying for progression to National 2 (D4) must have some driving experience at Normal Homologation Events, Club Events, Backyard Events, and Non-Calendared Ladder Events. All experience should be recorded in a Drivers Logbook.

**19.2** **National 2 Driver (2 and 3 EVENT) (D4)**

All applicants must be a current member of BWSW and hold a British Waterski Drivers rating. Applicants must be able to show experience of competition driving from normal homologation events, non-calendar events such as Club Competitions, or Backyard events.

This experience should be recorded in a Drivers Experience Logbook. If possible, end course video recordings should be obtained. The qualification can be for Slalom and Tricks or all three events if evidence of experience can be provided.

The Candidate will also take a short written test that will contain questions on the IWWF Rules, the BWS Additional Rules and on the Zero Off Speed Control System. Application should be made to Toutech.

Approval of the application will be made by the Toutech Group based on their knowledge of the applicant and the evidence of experience and skills provided. The Applicant may be required to drive at a Drivers Assessment Day at which an evaluation will be made.

A National 2 Driver will be qualified to drive at all Normal Homologation Competitions and U14, U12, U10, 45+, 55+ and 65+ age categories for slalom and up to 51kph with 1.5m jumpers and all categories for tricks at Ranking List events.

**19.3** **National 1 Driver (2 and 3 EVENT) (D3)**

All applicants must be a current member of BWSW and already hold a National 2 qualification.

Prior to applying for this qualification applicants must be able to show recent experience of competition driving from both Normal Homologation and Ranking List events. This experience should be recorded in a Drivers Experience Logbook. If possible, end course video recordings should be obtained.

The qualification can be for Slalom and Tricks or all three events if evidence of experience can be provided.

The Candidate will also take a short written test that will contain questions on the IWWF Rules, the BWS Additional Rules and on the Zero Off Speed Control System.

Application should be made to Toutech. The Applicant will be required to drive at an agreed event or Drivers Assessment Day at which an evaluation will be made. Approval of the application will then be made by the Toutech Group based on their knowledge of the applicant and the evidence of experience and skills provided.

A National 1 Driver will be qualified to drive at all Normal Homologation and Ranking List events.

Note: Any N2 or N1 Driver must drive satisfactorily in at least one Calendar Competition each year in order to retain their qualification.

20. RULES FOR JUDGES

20.1 BWSW JUDGE (3 or 2 EVENT) (J4 or J4\*)

A BWSW Judge is a judge, who has taken and passed the appropriate Theoretical and Practical Examinations to become a National Judge but has not yet gained the necessary documented experience to be fully qualified.

**Functions**

BWSW Judges are not qualified to judge at any competition, they may function at an event only in addition to the required number of officials with the intent that they perform a judging function under supervision of a qualified judge in order to gain the practical evidence needed to become qualified as a National Judge.

20.2 NATIONAL JUDGES (3 OR 2 EVENT) (J3 or J3\*)

**Responsibility**

National Judges are designated by, and on the responsibility of, BWSW according to standards set by the E&A Confederation. They must be members of BWSW and remain so in order to retain their qualification.

All candidates for National Judge must be aged 16 years or over.

Application forms must be submitted to the BWSW Technical Working Group for approval.

Approval of application will be considered by the BWSW Technical Working Group based on their knowledge of the applicant and reports of Chief Judge(s) from Calendar competitions judged.

**Functions**

National Judges are qualified to judge at Normal Homologation Competitions.

**Examinations**

The exam consists of three parts, one theoretical, one practical (for tricks) and one experience.

**Theoretical Examination**

The candidate will sit a theoretical exam to become a BWSW Judge. The paper will contain questions on the IWWF event rules and BWSW Additional Rules. Applicants wishing to qualify as National 3 Event judges will need to answer the questions in the Tricks section as well as the other sections.

**Practical Examination – for qualification as a BWSW 3 Event Judge**

The exam is primarily a Tricks reading examination which must take place during a single competition. The candidate will also be required to show complete understanding of the slalom and jump scoring rules during the competition at which the exam is taken. (only needed if they can come straight in to National 3 event level).

The candidate shall write the Tricks runs of different competitors in the competition at which he takes the examination. He is not required to judge whether Tricks are performed according to the Rules or not. As there are not many British competitions that have enough Tricks passes of the necessary level, the practical exam may be taken using the official British Water Ski and Wakeboard, National Exam DVD under supervision of a Tournament Working Group authorised person.

Each of the following will be counted as one error:

* Omitting to write a Trick performed by a competitor during the pass or immediately before or after the pass.
* Writing a Trick which was not performed by the competitor.
* Writing a Trick other than the Tricks the competitor performed.
* Omitting to indicate that the skier starts in back position.
* Omitting to indicate the end of the pass.

Only 20 second passes for which the official score (before disallowed Tricks) is 1800 points or more will be considered. Each such pass with zero or one error will be counted as a success. Each such pass with two or more errors will be counted as a failure.

The pass mark is achieving 12 successes before having 6 failures.

**Renewal**

The conditions of renewal of nominations as National Judges are the responsibility of BWSW. A National Judge who fails to function to the satisfaction of the Technical Working Group will cease to be a judge.

**Practical Experience**

After the passing of the exam(s), it is necessary for judges to have acted as a judge under supervision at, at least, 3 competitions. Documented evidence from the Chief Judge on a “Judge Experience Log” (downloadable from the BWSW Web Site), should be submitted to the BWSW Technical Working Group before becoming fully qualified. Prior to this, the qualification will be as a BWSW Judge. Evidence needed is:

**Slalom**:

* practical experience and understanding of Tower judging, including video gates
* practical experience (where possible) and understanding of slalom boat judging

**Jump**

* practical experience and understanding of jump distance measurement
* practical experience (where possible) and understanding of jump boat judging

**Tricks**

* practical experience and understanding of trick writing

If a National Judge fails to operate as a judge for 2 years, they will be retained as a BWSW Judge and will need to obtain the necessary practical experience again to re-gain the qualification.

20.3 NATIONAL JUNIOR JUDGES (J3 Junior) (3 EVENT)

The qualification of National Junior Judge has been added to the List of “Officials Qualifications” to provide opportunities for all young people but particularly young skiers to become qualified and gain experience as Judges.

Examination standards are the same as those for British Water Ski and Wakeboard National Judge, only the Functions vary, therefore it will be possible to upgrade a qualified Junior Judge to National Judge on their sixteenth birthday. The British Water Ski and Wakeboard Tournament Working Group are keen to encourage young officials and ask all Chief Judges to encourage potential officials, and make use of, interest and young Officials wherever possible where the Rules allow.

**Responsibility**

* National Junior Judges are designated by, and on the responsibility of, British Water Ski and Wakeboard according to standards set by the EAME Confederation. They must be members of British Water Ski and remain so in order to retain their qualification.
* All candidates for National Junior Judge must be aged 14 years or over.
* An application must be submitted to British Water Ski Tournament Working Group for approval.
* Approval of the application will be considered by the British Water Ski and Wakeboard Tournament Working Group based on their knowledge of the applicant and reports of Chief Judge(s) from Calendar competitions.

**Functions**

* A Junior Judge may function as a Judge at Calendar Competitions, including Ski League, in all events.
* A Junior Judge may only operate in addition to the number of Judges required under Rule 8.8. Except where the Junior Judge is ONE of a panel of five Judges for Slalom and Tricks at Calendar Competitions
* A Junior Judge may not function as a Chief Judge.
* A Junior Judge may not function as a Boat Judge but should be encouraged to act as the third member of the boat crew in all events.
* A Junior Judge may only function as a Judge at National Competitions, if invited to do so by the BWSW Tournament Working Group
* A National Junior Judge, on reaching their 16th Birthday will be upgraded to national judge by the BWSW Tournament Working Group

21. RULES FOR HOMOLOGATORS

**21.1 NATIONAL HOMOLOGATORS (H3)**

**General**

National Homologators can only be approved by the Technical Working Group. All candidates for National Homologators must be members of British Water Ski and aged 16 years and over.

Functions

A National Homologator may function as an Assistant to a Senior or International Homologator at any competition for which the appointed Homologator is qualified

**Examinations**

There shall be both theoretical and practical exams.

**Practical Examination**

The candidate will be required to carry out a complete check of both a slalom and jump course under the supervision of a British Water Ski appointed Homologator and demonstrate his/her ability to carry out this work.

**Theoretical Examination**

This examination will be an oral exam carried out by a British Water Ski appointed Homologator and the candidate must satisfy the examiner of his/her basic understanding of checking a slalom and jump course.

Renewals

A National Homologator who fails to function to the satisfaction of the Technical Working Group will cease to be a National Homologator.

21.2 SENIOR & International Homologators (H2 and H1) refer to E&A additional rules. Can officiate at British E&A rankings list competitions.

22. RULES FOR SCORERS

All Scorers are required to use the British Water Ski official Overall Scoring Programme for all calendar competitions. This programme will be provided to qualified Scorers and those in training free of charge upon request. This will enable competition results to be sent by email and transferred to the Handicap league tables with a higher degree of accuracy.

**22.1** **National 4 SCORERS (S4)**

**General**

S4 Scorers can only be approved by the Technical Working Group. All candidates for S4 Scorer must be members of British Water Ski and aged 16 years and over.

**Functions**

A National 4 Scorer may function as an Assistant to a National or International Scorer at any competition for which the appointed Scorer is qualified.

A National 4 Scorer may calculate unsupervised any competition where results count for British Standings List or Handicap League results. A National 4 Scorer may not calculate unsupervised a National competition.

**Examinations**

Candidates must submit their calculation records from at least two British Water Ski Calendar competitions to the Technical Working Group for checking. These records must include all tricks sheets (all judges and all skiers), slalom record sheets, jump sheets (meter readers, computer printout, etc.) and full results.

The sheets will be checked for accuracy and conformation to the Rules. If, in the opinion of the Technical Working Group, the results are satisfactory then a National 2 Scorer qualification will be awarded.

**Renewals**

A National 4 Scorer who fails to function to the satisfaction of the Technical Working Group will cease to be a National 4 Scorer.

**22.2** **National Scorers (S3)**

**Responsibility**

National Scorers shall be examined and appointed by British Water Ski. Candidates must have functioned as Assistant Scorer at a minimum of two National standard competitions. They must be members of British Water Ski and remain so in order to retain their qualification.

**Functions**

National Scorers are qualified to function at Normal homologation and, in exceptional circumstances, at Standings List homologation competitions. In the case where the Confederation E&A TC has been unable to appoint a full panel to an International Calendar competition organised by his Federation a National Scorer may be appointed to the panel by his Federation.

**Examinations**

Examinations will be carried out by a Scorer nominated by British Water Ski.

The exam will consist of two parts, one theoretical and one practical.

**Theoretical Examination**

The theoretical exam shall consist of questions testing the candidate's knowledge of the Rule book and Confederation E&A Additional Rules in so far as they concern the duties of a Scorer and the memory for Tricks values.

**Practical Examination**

For the practical exam the candidate will be required to calculate a complete competition under the supervision of the examining Scorer and demonstrate his/her ability to carry out this work alone.

**Renewals**

A National Scorer who fails to function to the satisfaction of the Technical Working Group will cease to be a National Scorer.

23. RULES FOR TECHNICAL OFFICERS

Technical Officer is a role introduced by British Water Ski in 2001 specifically to ensure all the required Technical Installations for any competition are in place and in good working order. At National events the TO may be appointed by British Water Ski if considered necessary. At other competitions clubs may utilise the services of a TO at their own cost.

During the competition the TO is responsible to the Homologator and Chief Judge.

Technical Officers are appointed by the Technical Working Group on the recommendation of an existing TO following an apprenticeship of one season and after demonstrating their ability to install and manage all necessary technical equipment at three major events.

24. Insurance Cover for Officials

One of the benefits of BWSW membership is third party liability cover for registered Officials.  The points below are a brief summary of the cover provided:

* BWSW registered members acting as Officials on behalf of their discipline are covered by a comprehensive £10m liability scheme.  
  NB If you are not a member the cover does not apply.
* Cover provided is worldwide.
* Cover applies to officiating within the environment of a BWSW affiliated club at calendared and club events in the UK.  
  NB if you officiate at a non-affiliated club then the cover does not apply.
* Cover additionally applies to overseas officiating when appointed as an official at International events sanctioned by the international federations (E&A and IWWF).  
  NB if you officiate at a non-sanctioned event which does not form part of the international calendar the cover does not apply.
* Cover for drivers – third party liability for any boat driver whilst in the boat will be covered by any boat insurance.  Ensure that any boat you drive at events has adequate cover in place.
* Cover does not apply to non-UK residents.