

All-Africa Water Ski Tournament Additional Rules

Preamble

The main objective of the All-African Championships is to grow the sport of Tournament Water Skiing on the continent. The intention is to hold an event that will attract the best skiers, but also provide an opportunity to new skiers to ski alongside the best of the best. With that in mind, a Ranking List event would be ideal, but not a necessity.

Rule 18 – ALL-AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

These rules are to be used in conjunction with:

- IWSF Rule Book
- E&A Additional Rules

The All-Africa Championships falls under the control of AFCON. AFCON, together with the host (Federation or site), will decide on the options available within the rules below, and make them available no later than 6 weeks prior to the event.

18.01: Competition

The All-African Championships will be held bi-annually.

In order to promote skiing, there will be two different levels of entry:

- Tournament Division (as per the Rule Book)
 - Restricted to skiers who are citizens or residents of an African country, have proof of membership to their country's sports federation, and have permission from that federation to participate.
- League Division (mini-course slalom)
 - Restricted to skiers who are citizens or residents of an African country. Proof of membership to their country's sports federation and permission from that federation to participate is required, with exception to a first-time entry.

Skiers who are not citizens of an African country and reside outside Africa, may enter the tournament and ski in their respective age division, but will not be eligible to place on the podium.

18.02: Age Categories

The following age categories for the tournament are:

- Dolphin (boys & girls): Under 14 years of age
- Junior (boys & girls): Under 17 years of age
- Open (men & women): Open to any age
- Senior (men & women): 35 years of age and over

The contestant's age is determined as at midnight of 31 DECEMBER prior to the tournament

18.03: Events

In Tournament Division the intention will always be to have all three events, being:

- Slalom
- Ramp
- Tricks

If the number of entries for any particular event are too small, it may be decided to withdraw that event from the Championships.

League Division (referred to **League**) will be slalom through the mini-course, where the intermediate turn buoys are set 7m out from center of the boat path.

18.04: Qualifications

There are no formal qualifications for the All-African Championships, but the recommendations are as follows:

- Slalom: Clear slalom course at minimum speed of your age category
- Ramp: Land three consecutive jumps
- Tricks: None
- League: None

It is the responsibility of each Federation to check that skiers meet the above.

18.05: EntriesTeams

Each country will be entitled to send a team of 16 Tournament Division skiers and 16 League Division skiers. There is no restriction as far as the number of each sex.

Each country must submit their team skiers to the calculator prior to the first skier taking to the water.

Individuals

Any skier, who is not included in a team, may enter as an Individual. This also applies to League.

18.06: Competition Format

A maximum of 4 rounds of each of the events will be run (Slalom, Tricks, Ramp & League).

Scores will be extracted from all completed rounds of each event.

18.07: Individual Classification (*skier vs skier*)

There will be an All-Africa Champion classification for the:

- League Division
- Tournament Division for each age category used.
 - Slalom
 - Tricks
 - Ramp
 - Overall (sum of three events)

A skier who is not a team skier is entitled to win the Individual Classification, as long as they are African skiers as stated in Rule 18.01.

The event classification will be done on the highest performance of any round (best score to count).

Overall classification is the sum of the best scores from each event in any round.

Slalom: Score = Skiers Best performance (no of buoys achieved from base)

The base speed will be adjusted for the different shortening speeds.

Note: Skiers' best performance is the number of buoys achieved from their age category start/base speed. Start/base speeds have been adjusted so that the buoy count will be the same, regardless of their shortening speed.

Example: A score of 4 x 49 x 16m = 4 x 52 x 16m, 4 x 55 x 16m = 4 x 58 x 16m

This allows for skiers to know their position against other skiers without having to do a calculation.

Tricks: Score = (Skiers best performance X 1000)/EAME Lower Standard of their age category

Ramp: Score = (Skiers best performance X 1000)/EAME Lower Standard of their age category

League: Score = Skiers' best total points scored (sum of 4 passes) in any round

Each skier is allowed a maximum of 4 passes through the course. After each pass, the speed will increase by 3 kph. The maximum speed allowed is the shortening speed of the skier's age category. By calculation, the maximum start speed for any skier is 9kph lower than their age category shortening speed. However, should a skier start at a speed higher than their age category maximum start speed, the skier will forfeit the said passes, but will receive the same score for the missed passes as done on their first pass, but at the speeds the skier forfeited.

No skipping of speeds is allowed, and no shortening of the rope is allowed.

10 points are allocated for skiing through the entrance gates, and a further 10 points for every mini-course buoy rounded. To get credit for a buoy, the skier must go around the buoy and ski back to the path line closest to the turn buoy (wake). ¼ & ½ buoys are not applicable. Points accrued for each pass are then multiplied by a "speed factor" to calculate points for each pass, as shown below. The "speed factor" is used so that different age categories will receive the same points even though their maximum speed differs.

A League skier may continue skiing if they miss the gates or turn buoys, but is only allowed one fall in a round.

Points per pass = points x factor x (speed factor/100)

18.08: Team Classification (*country vs country*)

There will be Team classification for the:

- League Division
- Tournament Division
 - Slalom
 - Tricks
 - Ramp
- Overall (sum of all of the above).

The team classification will be based on the highest performances achieved in any round (best score to count). Four (4) scores to count for each team in the League Division and four (4) scores to count in each Tournament Division event.

Slalom, Tricks & Ramp

The best performance by any team member in an event of any round shall be awarded 1000 points, and referred to as the "Best Team Score". All other performances shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Team Score} = (\text{skiers best score} \times 1000) / \text{Best Team Score}$$

League

Team points are calculated in the same manner as in Individual Classification

$$\text{Team Score} = \text{Skiers' best total points scored (sum of 4 passes) in any round}$$

$$\text{points for event} = \text{Sum of 4 passes (Points achieved in each pass} \times \text{factor} \times (\text{speed}/100))$$

Team captains must submit their team skiers to the calculator prior to the first skier taking to the water.

18.09: Medals & Certificates & Trophy

Tournament Division medals (gold, silver and bronze) will be awarded to both female and male skiers in each in each age category, as per Rule 18:02, for each event.

- Slalom
- Tricks
- Ramp
- Overall

League Division medals (gold, silver and bronze) will be awarded to the top 3 League skiers (female & male combined).

AFCON to supply special AFCON medals for the best male & female skier in each event & overall.

- Best slalom skier
- Best trick skier
- Best Ramp skier
- Best Overall skier

A floating trophy will be awarded to the Overall team and an announcement made for best Slalom, Tricks, Ramp and League team.

18.10: Entry Fees

AFCON, in consultation with the host, may charge an entry fee.

All proceeds should be given to the host/venue to cover costs.

18.11: Records

All-African Championship Records will be recognised for all events in all divisions. Only performances obtained under Standing List or Normal Homologation will be considered for ratification.

For All-African Championship Records to be ratified under Normal List homologated tournaments, it is required that a video is available of the trick event and that the slalom and jump course is in Standing List Homologation.

African skiers can only establish All-African Championship Records at the All-African Championships.

ALL AFRICA CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

(As at end 2023)

DOLPHIN GIRLS (U14)

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	G Viljoen	RSA	2.0x55x13.00	9th All Arica champs April 2006
Tricks	S Martin	RSA	2240	3rd All Africa champs Feb 1997
Ramp	S Martin	RSA	23 m	3rd All Africa champs Feb 1997

DOLPHIN BOYS (U14)

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	E van der Merwe	RSA	3.0x55x12.00	11th All Africa champs April 2010
Tricks	S Bezuidenhout	RSA	2400	3rd All Africa champs Feb 1997
Ramp	S Bezuidenhout	RSA	34.6 m	3rd All Africa champs Feb 1997

JUNIOR GIRLS (U17)

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	M Hermann	RSA	4.50x55x13.00	5th All Africa champs Apl 1999
Tricks	S Martin	RSA	3070	5th All Africa champs Apl 1999
Ramp	S Martin	RSA	31.2 m	4th All Africa champs May 1998

JUNIOR BOYS (U17)

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	E van der Merwe	RSA	4.0x58x11.00	12th All Africa champs April 2012
Tricks	J du Preez	RSA	4740	5th All Africa champs Apl 1999
Ramp	J du Preez	RSA	42.1 m	5th All Africa champs Apl 1999

OPEN WOMEN

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	N Roettcher	NAM	2.25x55x12.00	15th All Africa champs April 2018
Tricks	C Zandberg	RSA	4610	2nd All Africa champs Feb 1996
Ramp	C Zandberg	RSA	34.4 m	2nd All Africa champs Feb 1996

OPEN MEN

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	E van der Merwe	RSA	4.0x58x11.25	13th All Africa champs April 2014
Tricks	M Blumberg	RSA	6210	2nd All Africa champs Feb 1996
Ramp	G Knight	NAM	51.6m	9th All Africa champs April 2006

SENIOR WOMEN 1 (35+)

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	L le Forestier	RSA	2.00x55x13.00	11th All Africa champs April 2010
Tricks	C Botes	RSA	4980	4th All Africa champs May 1998
Ramp	C Botes	RSA	33.3 m	4th All Africa champs May 1998

SENIOR MEN 1 (35+)

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	B Nieuwstad	RSA	2.0x55x11.25	10th All Africa Champs 2008
Tricks	B Nieuwstad	RSA	4680	9th All Africa champs April 2006
Ramp	B Nieuwstad	RSA	42,5m	10th All Africa Champs 2008