



Additional Rules for the Tournament Division

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Section 1 - Introduction

These Additional Rules set forth here govern competitions sanctioned by the South African Tournament Water Ski Division and must be read in conjunction with the International Water and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) Rulebook (for World Championships events) and the IWWF - European Confederation and African Confederation (E&A) Additional Rules (for all E&A Title events).

1.1 IWWF RULES

1.2 THE IWWF RULEBOOK

<http://iwwf.sport/> under "RESOURCES => Competition Rules => Waterskiing"

1.3 IWWF – EUROPE CONFEDERATION

The European Confederation Additional Rules governing the European Title events:

<https://www.iwwf-ea.eu/iwwf-ea/waterski.nsf/xVademecumDocuments.xsp>).

Officials can be found at <https://ems.iwwf.sport/Officials/Search>

1.4 IWWF – AFRICAN CONFEDERATION

The African Confederation Rules governing the All-African Championships.

SECTION 2 – CURRENT INFORMATION

2.1 LIST OF WORLD, E&A, AND SOUTH AFRICAN RECORDS

2.1.1 TRICK RECORDS

WORLD OPEN Men	12970	Jake Abelson, USA	Masters Qualifying Series 1 (Round 2) Lake Ledbetter, Winter Garden, FL, USA 10 May 2024
WORLD OPEN Female	11360	Erika Lang, USA	Sunset Cup – MLCQ 2023 (Round 1) Sunset Lakes, Groveland, Florida, USA 12 May 2023
E&A OPEN Men	12570	Aliaksei Zharmasek, BLR	Trick Jam 3.1 Isles of Hancock, USA 29 May 2011
E&A OPEN Female	10630	Giannina Bonnemmann (GER)	Botaski ProAm (Round 2) Lake Pipo, Botaski, Sesena, ESP 24 Jun 2023
SA OPEN Men	7610	Mark Griffioen	FS, 1998
SA OPEN Female	5090	Cheronne Botes	WC, 1998
-12 Men	3130	Matthew Blumberg	Virginia, FS 1989
-12 Female	1300	Hannah de Jongh	WC, 2011
-14 Men	4940	Matthew Blumberg	Virginia, FS, 1992
-14 Female	2280	Hannah de Jongh	Ski World, GAUT, 2013
-17 Men	6030	Mark Griffioen	SA, 1996
-17 Female	3710	Samantha Martin	SA, 2000
-21 Men	3950	Jared Fisher	Satellite, KZN, 2012
-21 Female	3800	Hannah de Jongh	Thornlea, KZN, 2018
+35 Men	4680	Brett Nieuwstad	All Africa Champs, 2006
+35 Female	4980	Cheronne Botes	All Africa Champs, 1998
+45 Men	4190	Brett Nieuwstad	WP, 2013
+45 Female	2490	Lisbeth Plotz	Interprovincials, 1992
+55 Men	3410	Dennis de Jongh	Ski World, GAUT, 2021
+55 Female	2770	Angela Swain	Thornlea, KAN, 2018
+65 Men	340	Johann Kumm	Knysna, WC, 2016

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2.1.2 SLALOM RECORDS

WORLD OPEN Men	2.50	@ 9.75m/58	Nate Smith, USA	Ski Ranch Fall Record 1 Covington, LA, USA 7 Sep 2013
WORLD OPEN Female	5.00	@ 10.25m/55	Regina Jacquess, USA	Malibu Open (Round 2) LymanLand, Duncanville, AL, USA 15 Sep 2023
E & A OPEN Men	2.00	@ 9.75m/58	William Asher, GBR	Travers Grand Prix (Rnd 1) Sunset Lakes, Groveland, FL., USA 7 Oct 2022
E & A OPEN Female	2.00	@ 10.25m/55	Manon Costard, FRA	California Pro Am (Round 4) Shortline Lake, Elk Grove, CA., USA 29 Aug 2021
SA OPEN Men	2.00	@ 10.75m/58	Eamon van der Merwe	BonEs, WC; 2014
	2.00	@ 10.75m/58	Travis Fisher	Satellite, KZN, 2021
	2.00	@ 10.75m/58	Nicholas Stegmann	13/8/2024 (Bird Valley, KZN, 2019)
SA OPEN Female	2.00	@ 11.25m/55	Gabriella Viljoen	Okeeheelee Park FL, USA; 2012
-10 Men	1.50	@ 16m/49	Zane Alexander	Budapest, 2018
-12 Men	2.50	@ 13.00m/52	Nicholas Stegmann	GAU, 2013
-12 Female	3.50	@ 14.25m/49	Gabriella Viljoen	SA; 2003
-14 Men	2.50	@ 11.25m/55	Nicholas Stegmann	BonEs, WC, 2015
-14 Female	1.00	@ 12.00m/55	Gabriella Viljoen	SA, 2006
-17 Men	2.00	@ 10.75m/58	Eamon van der Merwe	WC, 2013
	2.00	@ 10.75m/58	Nicholas Stegmann	Seseña, Spain, 2018
-17 Female	0.50	@ 11.25m/55	Gabriella Viljoen	USA, 2009
-21 Men	2.00	@ 10.75m/58	Eamon van der Merwe	GAU, 2013
	2.00	@ 10.75m/58	Nicholas Stegmann	Bird Valley, KZN, 2019
-21 Female	1.00	@ 11.25m/55	Gabriella Viljoen	Winter Garden FL, USA, 2013
	2.50	@ 13.00m/55	Robyn Viljoen	GAU, 2014
+35 Men	0.00	@ 10.2m/55	Robbie Alexander	13/08/2024 (Greece, 2016)
+35 Female	3.00	@ 12.00m/55	Cheronne Botes	All Africa Champs, 1998
+45 Men	0.00	@ 10.25m/55	Robbie Alexander	Greece, 2016
+45 Female	2.50	@ 14.25m/55	Lisbeth Plotz	EAME, 1997
+55 Men	3.00	@ 10.75m/55	Robbie Alexander	Serbia, Memorial Mladen Parun 2025
+55 Female	3.50	@ 12.00m/52	Jan Johnson	Bauresch, France, 2017
+65 Men	4.00	@ 14.25m/52	Max Gmur	Thornlea, KZN, 2013
+65 Female	5.00	@ 12.00m/49	Jan Johnson	Bordeaux, France; 2019
+70 Female	3.00	@ 12.00m/49	Jan Johnson	France, Grand Prix de Marcillac 2024

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2.1.3 JUMP RECORDS

WORLD OPEN Men	77.4m	Ryan Dodd, CAN	Space Coast 3 Event Stillwater Lakes, Palm Bay, FL, USA. 1 Jul 2017
WORLD OPEN Female	61.3m	Jacinta Carroll, AUS	Master Craft Pro Lake Grew, Polk City, FL, USA 31 Oct 2021
E & A OPEN Men	71.9m	Bojan Schipner, GER	Isles Jump Jam 4 Hancock Lake, FL, USA 01 May 2014
E & A OPEN Female	58.6m	Natalia Berdnikava, BLR	Isles of Hancock Winter Garden, FL, USA 23 Jun 2012
SA OPEN Men	52.1m	Matthew Blumberg	EC; 1996
SA OPEN Female	38.3m	Terry vd Merwe	GAUT; 1984
-12 Men	18.5m	Julian du Preez	SA; 1992
-12 Female	13.3m	Samantha Martin	SA; 1995
-14 Men	38.7m	Matthew Blumberg	EAME; 1992
-14 Female	28.0m	Samantha Martin	VIR; 1997
-17 Men	44.6m	Matthew Blumberg	EAME; 1995
-17 Female	34.8m	Angelika Schriber	SA; 2003
-21 Men	47.3m	Tyron Stroberg	USA; 2013
-21 Female	14.9m	Robyn Viljoen	Thornlea; 2018
+35 Men	43.3m	Brett Nieuwstad	EAME; 2006
+35 Female	33.3 m	Cheronne Botes	All Africa Champs; 1998
+45 Men	36.3m	Brett Nieuwstad	Bon Es; 2014
+45 Female	29.5m	Lizette Bekker	Chapala, MEX; 2012
+65 Female	25.6m	Lizette Bekker	Ioannina, Greece; 2019

2.2 SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD REGULATIONS

2.2.1 GENERAL RULES

- a. Skiers licensed as competitive skiers with other Federations are not eligible to set any SA or Provincial records, but may set "all-comers" records.
- b. Provincial records can only be set at performances achieved at sanctioned tournaments held within the provincial boundaries of the relevant province.
- c. South African National records should be set at performances achieved at Standing List or Record Capability events (as defined in Section 7). However, in the event that a tournament is not a Standing List event due to the qualifications of the judges only, then the tournament committee may consider a new record application with sufficient evidence of the skier's performance as defined in Section 2.2.3. The TC decision after review will be final.
- d. Any South African record performance exceeding the existing E&A or World record will be downgraded to a score equal to that of the existing E&A or World record, unless it was performed at a Record Capability competition and the records is accepted by the E&A or World Tournament Council.
- e. A performance will count for South African record purposes in the category in which he/she competed. Should that record equal or better a category in which the skier is eligible to ski, and the same rules apply to that category, the skier will then also hold the South African record in those categories.

For clarity, this applies to younger skier skiing up in age to and including the Open age group, or older skiers skiing down in age to and including the Open age group; but where the same shortening speed is used for slalom, or the same maximum ramp height and top speed is used in jump.

2.2.2 UPKEEP OF RECORDS

- a. The TC will compile a list of pending record performances throughout the tournament season, which will be posted on the Division website after each event.
- b. The TC will meet regularly, but not later than the SA National Championships, to accept or decline pending performances. After such meetings, the pending performance list must be updated showing whether accepted or declined. If declined, a reason will be given, but the TC decision is final. The list must also be updated on the website.
- c. Annually the South African Tournament Additional Rules must be updated with the new records.
- d. In the event a performance has not been included in the list, the performance must be pointed out to the TC within 1 calendar year from the date of that performance. If the information required to consider the performance is not freely available, the onus is upon the person requesting the record performance to provide the information to the TC within 1 month after the request for the information.

2.2.3 VERIFICATION OF SA RECORDS

For a performance to be recognised as a new SA Record, the following procedure must be followed:

Information required for Standing List event:

- set of results.
- where possible a list of judges.
- if it is deemed necessary by the TC, the actual trick runs in questions must have been recorded on a video which must be reviewed by a panel of the Technical Committees choice for verification.
- any information that might influence the ratification of the performance.

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If the competition is not Standing List, for an SA Record to be broken, the following is to be met and details supplied to the Technical Committee:

1. CJ to be an international official	
2. Equipment in Standing List tolerances (including all camera requirements)	Homologation files to be provided and all equipment checked as per IWWF rules (including ropes).
3. List of officials	For the event when the record was set.
4. Approved Speed Control	Times recorded and kept as evidence.
5. For a Slalom Record	End-course videos for all passes leading to the record, or BPMS files
6. For a Tricks Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Judge tricks sheetso Boat video

Although the record verification cannot change the score recorded in the tournament, the score may be changed for record acceptance

2.2.4 VIDEO REVIEW

Tricks

A skier or his representative will be entitled to request that the Technical Committee review the video of a trick performance, if the total score of the actual tricks performed would have exceeded a current National Record, prior to disallowance's.

However, video review may not be required if the record is set at a titled event.

SECTION 3 - SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Wherever feasible the current International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation Technical Rules and any amendments applicable to the IWWF - Confederation (E&A) will apply at all South African Tournament Division Calendar competitions, except as amended in the following South African Tournament Division Rules.

South African Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation and Tournament Division Rules concerning competitor behaviour, official's behaviour and Doping Rules apply to all persons taking part in Tournament water skiing. Copies of these rules are available and are published on the South African Water Ski Web pages

IWWF, SAWWF and SASCOC are bound by the international Safeguarding Policy and participants and official must make themselves aware of this policy, who the Safeguarding Officer is at each competition and at the Federation.

3.1 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

3.1.1 INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

Interpretations of the rules should be referred to the Technical Committee when possible. In the interest of expediency, the Chief Judge, after discussion with his panel, may give his own interpretation which shall be binding until the Technical Committee has been polled. This shall serve however, only as a temporary interpretation until the question has been referred to the entire Committee. Such a poll shall take place as promptly and in the most practical manner as possible.

3.1.2 EVENTS & ROUNDS

As per E&A Rule 25.01, for Ranking List, competitions of 2 or 3 events must have at least 15 competitors in total. Competitions of 1 event must have at least 8 competitors. If these numbers are not met, the homologation level for that event will be limited to Normal Homologation.

Refer to IWWF Rule 2.02 for the number of rounds

A skier can enter any rounds without having qualified in the preceding rounds.

3.1.3 FAMILIARISATION

Familiarisation (official practice) shall be offered by the tournament organiser under the authority and responsibility of the Chief Judge based on the principle that each skier shall receive an equal opportunity for familiarisation.

3.1.4 SOUTH AFRICAN TOURNAMENT EVENT SCORING

Each contestant's best score from all the rounds shall be used for determining placement in the event

Slalom: The skier will be credited with the number of buoys effectively passed (from 0 to 6). Six buoys will be added to the results of the competitor for each pass between the actual starting speed and the minimum starting speed as defined for the particular category as long as the first pass is successful

Tricks: The sum of the two passes of each round

Jump: The longest jump of each round.

3.1.5 SOUTH AFRICAN TOURNAMENT OVERALL SCORING

The better result in any of the rounds will be counted towards calculating overall on the following basis:

Tricks and Slalom	<u>Skiers score</u> E&A Lower Standard	x 1000
Men's Jump	<u>Skiers score</u> E&A Lower Standard	x 1000
Ladies Jump	<u>Skiers score</u> E&A Lower Standard	x 1000

3.2 SOUTH AFRICAN TOURNAMENT SKI DIVISIONS

3.2.1 DIVISIONS

Competition for the three events shall be separated into the following types of divisions.

3.2.1.1 AGE DIVISIONS

Determined by the contestant's age as at midnight of 31 December prior to the Tournament.

Men (Open)	Any age	
Women (Open)	Any age	
Under 8 Boys	Under 8	(up to & including year of 8th birthday)
Under 8 Girls	Under 8	(up to & including year of 8th birthday)
Under 10 Boys	Under 10	(up to & including year of 10th birthday)
Under 10 Girls	Under 10	(up to & including year of 10th birthday)
Under 12 Boys	Under 12	(up to & including year of 12th birthday)
Under 12 Girls	Under 12	(up to & including year of 12th birthday)
Under 14 Boys	Under 14	(up to & including year of 14th birthday)
Under 14 Girls	Under 14	(up to & including year of 14th birthday)
Under 17 Boys	Under 17	(up to & including year of 17th birthday)
Under 17 Girls	Under 17	(up to & including year of 17th birthday)
Men U21	Under 21	(up to & including year of 21 st birthday)
Women U21	Under 21	(up to & including year of 21 st birthday)
+35 Men	35 and over	ages for these categories are as at 31 December
+45 Men	45 and over	
+55 Men	55 and over	
+65 Men	65 and over	
+35 Women	35 and over	
+45 Women	45 and over	
+55 Women	55 and over	
+65 Women	65 and over	
+70 Women	70 and over	

3.2.1.2 DIVISIONS DECIDED UPON BY THE ORGANISER

As an example, by level of skier ability (Tournament, Pro, Elite), but this information must be made available in the first announcement of the competition

3.3 TOURNAMENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3.3.1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

There are no ratings to enter any South African Tournament Division competitions

3.4 JUMP – SOUTH AFRICAN TOURNAMENT COMPETITION REGULATION

3.4.1 JUMP HEIGHT / SPEED REGULATIONS

Age Division	Ramp Height	Max Speed
Under 12 Boys	1.5 m	42 kph
Under 12 Girls	1.5 m	42 kph
Under 14 Boys	1.5 m	48 kph
Under 14 Girls	1.5 m	45 kph
Under 17 Boys	1.5 m or 1.65m	51 kph
Under 17 Girls	1.5 m	51 kph
Under 21 Men	1.50m, 1.65m or 1.80m	57 kph
Under 21 Women	1.5 m or 1.65m	54 kph
Men (Open)	1.5m, 1.65m or 1.80m	57 kph
Women (Open)	1.5 m or 1.65m	54 kph
+35 Men	1.5 m or 1.65m	57 kph
+45 Men	1.5 m	54 kph
+55 Men	1.5 m	54 kph
+65 Men	1.5 m	51 kph
+35 Women	1.5 m	51 kph
+45 Women	1.5 m	51 kph
+55 Women	1.5 m	51 kph
+65 Women	1.5 m	48 kph

NOTE:

South African Tournament Division recommends that before moving to a 1.65 metre ramp, women are at least 17 years of age and capable of jumping at least 30 metres off a 1.5 metre ramp.

South African Tournament Division recommends that before moving to a 1.80 metre ramp, men are at least 17 years of age and capable of jumping at least 45 metres off a 1.65 metre ramp.

The following restrictions shall apply to Under 12 Girls and Under 12 Boys division:

- the boat path will be between the ramp and the 15 metre buoys of the jump course
- at no time may the skier cross the boat wake during the approach to the ramp

Men 35+ shall use the 1.50m ramp unless they can show a certified result of a jump of 38m on a 1.50m ramp in which case they may opt to jump on a 1.65m ramp.

3.5 SLALOM – SOUTH AFRICAN TOURNAMENT COMPETITION REGULATIONS

3.5.1 SLALOM STARTING SPEED

Age Division	Start Speed
Under 8 Girls	25 kph
Under 8 Boys	25 kph
Under 10 Girls	25 kph
Under 10 Boys	25 kph
Under 12 Girls	25 kph
Under 12 Boys	25 kph
Under 14 Girls	46 kph
Under 14 Boys	49 kph
Under 17 Girls	49 kph
Under 17 Boys	52 kph
Under 21 Women	55 kph
Under 21 Men	58 kph
Women (Open)	55 kph
Men (Open)	58 kph
+35 Men	55 kph
+45 Men	52 kph
+55 Men	46 kph
+65 Men	43 kph
+35 Women	52 kph
+45 Women	49 kph
+55 Women	43 kph
+65 Women	40 kph

The appointed Judges may by majority vote to raise or lower the respective starting speeds by 3 or 6 kph where necessary.

3.5.2 SLALOM ROPE SHORTENING SPEEDS

The standard 18.25 metre rope will be shortened at the following speeds:

Age Division	Shortening Speed	
Under 8 Girls	49 kph	
Under 8 Boys	49 kph	
Under 10 Girls	49 kph	
Under 10 Boys	49 kph	
Under 12 Girls	52 kph	
Under 12 Boys	52 kph	
Under 14 Girls	52 kph	
Under 14 Boys	55 kph	
Under 17 Girls	55 kph	
Under 17 Boys	58 kph	
Under 21 Women	55 kph	
Under 21 Men	58 kph	
Women (Open)	55 kph	
Men (Open)	58 kph	
+35 Men	55 kph	
+45 Men	55 kph	
+55 Men	55 kph	
+65 Men	52 kph	
+35 Women	55 kph	
+45 Women	55 kph	
+55 Women	52 kph	
+65 Women	49 kph	

3.5.3 GENERAL SLALOM CONDITIONS

In the event of a delay of 10 minutes or more between a skier's passes, a free warm-up pass will be offered to the skier. (Refer to IWWF Rule 2.02). ~~The skier may not fall, but has a protected score.~~ In the event the skier falls on the warm-up pass, the skier may not protest for a change of boat path as the boat has to return to collect the skier.

3.6 TRICKS – SOUTH AFRICAN TOURNAMENT COMPETITION REGULATIONS

3.6.1 TRICKS LIST

A list of declared tricks to be attempted by the skier may be required from each entrant in the trick event before the event starts. This decision will be made by the CHIEF JUDGE prior to the start of the competition, and could apply to only certain specified categories or certain specified skiers or both or to all skiers in all categories.

3.7 REGION EUROPEAN VARIATION FROM WORLD RULES

The IWWF – European Confederation Additional Rules make variations from the IWWF Technical Rules (World Rules). Unless otherwise stated in these South African Water Ski Additional Rules the variations apply to all competitions in South Africa

3.7.1 FALL IN JUMPING

The following guidance is given to Judges and Safety Directors. (As the suggested actions are not covered by the IWWF Rules they can only be taken at South African 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:-

- a If there is no officially appointed Doctor immediately available - the Safety Director/Event Judge should not allow the skier to jump again. See IWWF Rule 10.07.
- b If an officially appointed Doctor is immediately available - the Safety Director / Chief Judge should stop the competition for long enough for the Doctor to examine the skier and report. 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 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 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).

3.7.2 ALCOHOL

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

3.7.3 OFFICIAL PUNCTUALITY

Officials shall attend any meetings called by the Chief Judge unless specifically excused, 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 4 – TOURNAMENT ORGANISER RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chief Judge / Appointed Officials

The Tournament Committee will appoint the Chief Judge, Homologator, Calculator, Judge Panel, Chief Driver and Drivers. The Chief Judge shall be a Level 1 (J1) or Level 2 (J2) Judge (3 events).

The Tournament Committee will invite the selected officials and assist with transport and accommodation if required. The Tournament Committee will ensure that enough officials are available to run the Championships as a Standing List competition (3 events).

The Chief Judge shall supervise all judging and scoring operations and shall select the Judges and the assistants for each event from the available Appointed Judges.

Assignment of the drivers to individual events shall be made by the Chief Driver under the control of the Chief Judge.

Homologation

The site installations must have been checked and certified by a qualified Homologator as complying with minimum Standing List Homologation. Spot checks may be arranged by the Tournament Committee or appointed Homologator before or during the competition.

Calendar

It is the responsibility of the Tournament organiser that the tournament bid is submitted to and approved by the Tournament Committee. Once approved, the Tournament Committee is responsible for publishing the tournament on the national calendar and E&A Calendar and IWWF - EMS.

4.2 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR COMPETITIONS

Chief Judge / Appointed Officials

The Tournament Committee will prepare a list of officials available to officiate as Chief Judge, Homologator, Calculator, Judge Panel, Chief Driver and Drivers. The Chief Judge shall be a Level 1 (J1) or Level 2 (J2) Judge depending on the level of Homologation, but to a minimum of Normal Homologation.

The Tournament Organiser will invite the selected officials and assist with transport and accommodation if required. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Organiser to ensure that there are enough officials to run the competition to the correct level of Homologation.

The Chief Judge shall supervise all judging and scoring operations and shall select the Judges and the assistants for each event from the available Appointed Judges

Homologation

The site installations for all events must have been checked to comply with the correct level of Homologation standard.

Calendar

It is the responsibility of the Tournament organiser that the tournament bid is submitted to and approved by the Tournament Committee. Once approved, the Tournament Committee is responsible for publishing the tournament on the national calendar or European Calendar via the EMS system on the IWWF website if appropriate.

4.3 FUN / OTHER COMPETITIONS

Appointed Officials

The Tournament Organiser will invite the selected officials and assist with transport and accommodation if required. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Organiser to ensure that there are enough officials to run the competition to the desired Homologation rating.

Homologation

The site installations for all events must have been checked to comply with the correct level of Homologation standard.

Calendar

It is the responsibility of the Tournament organiser that the tournament bid is submitted to and approved by the Tournament Committee. Once approved, the Tournament Committee is responsible for publishing the tournament on the national calendar.

SECTION 5 – GENERAL INFORMATION

5.1 SOUTH AFRICAN TOURNAMENT WATERSKI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

All skiers wishing to enter any South African Tournament Division Competition must be member of the South African Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation.

All officials and skiers must be registered on the IWWF EMS website. Afcon have an agreement with EUcon that we can participate in their events still until we have a significant number of participants.

5.1.1 EXEMPTIONS

None

5.1.2 NEW MEMBERSHIP

Membership application forms are available on request from South African Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation Headquarters or can be downloaded from the South African Water Ski Federation and Wakeboard webpage (<https://www.sawaterski.co.za/index.html>)

The cost of memberships is contained in the application form.

5.3.3 FOREIGN SKIERS

Foreign skiers not in possession of a SA skier's membership will be allowed to enter a South African Water Ski tournament provided they can produce a copy of their current skier licence they hold affiliated to EA or IWWF. A copy of the valid licence must be included with the skier's entry and submitted to the Tournament Division Secretary for the record.

5.2 RANKING LIST

5.2.1 SA RANKING LIST

All Official Ranking Lists are now available on the EMS Platform. Select "Ranking List" from the top menu, and then select "Waterski", or use this link: <https://ems.iwwf.sport/RankingList/RankingListWaterski>. Use the "Filters" to extract only information required.

For South Africa, set the "**Federation**" to "**South Africa**", and then click "Search".

~~The SA Ranking List will be extracted from the world list published annually by the IWWF and published on its website at <http://www.iwsftournament.com/>, and at the end of each season be revised to include results from any level of RSA competitions, by the Technical Committee, before publishing on the South African Waterski Website.~~

SECTION 6 – OFFICIALS QUALIFICATIONS

These rules are an addition to those published by the IWWF - Confederation (E&A).

ALL SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN WATER SKI FEDERATION

However, the Tournament Committee may approve the use of a qualified official that is a member of a federation that is a member of E&A and or IWWF.

ALL QUALIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR ONE YEAR ONLY AND SUBJECT TO RENEWAL.

6.1 RULES FOR OFFICIALS

The table below summarises the qualifications requirements, the role and the level of examination required for the various type of officials:

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International / National Officials		QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS	FUNCTION	EXAMINATION
Level 1 Judge	J1	Level 2 Judge in all 3 events for a minimum of 2 seasons.	Any level of homologated competition. (E&A Additional Rule 5.3).	<u>Theoretical examination:</u> Master the application and interpretation of the rules to the level necessary to judge at Europe & Africa and World Championships - Pass mark is 80%. - Allowed to refer to the IWWF Technical Rules and the Europe & Africa Additional Rules. <u>Practical examination:</u> Pass mark is 80%. Tricks - High level tricks passes Slalom - A test of slalom judging.
Level 2 Judge (3 events)	J2	National Judge in all 3 events and judged for a minimum of 2 homologated competitions and as an assistant official for a minimum of 2 international Ranking List competitions.	Any level of homologated competition in the events for which he / she is qualified (E&A Additional Rule 5.4).	<u>Theoretical examination:</u> Master the application and interpretation of the rules of the events for which he wishes to qualify to the level necessary to judge at Record Capability homologation competitions - Pass mark is 70%. - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. <u>Practical Examination:</u> - Pass mark is 70%. Tricks - Tricks passes Slalom - A test of slalom judging.
Level 2 Judge (2 events)	J2*	Level 3 Judge in Slalom & Jump and judged for a minimum of 2 homologated competitions and as an assistant official for a minimum of 2 international Ranking List competitions.	Any level of homologated competition in the events for which he / she is qualified (E&A Additional Rule 5.4).	<u>Theoretical examination:</u> Master the application and interpretation of the rules of the events for which he wishes to qualify to the level necessary to judge at Record Capability homologation competitions - Pass mark is 70%. - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. <u>Practical Examination:</u> - Pass mark is 70%. Slalom - A test of slalom judging.
Level 3 Judge (3 events)	J3	At the discretion of the National Federation. All candidates must have acted as learner judges at two South African Water Ski Calendar competitions.	"N" and some "R" competitions, in the event in any event	National Federations solely responsible for the examination and appointment of National Officials. <u>Theoretical examination:</u> Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Technical Rules, Europe & Africa Additional Rules and any National Technical Rulebook to judge at Normal homologation competitions in the Slalom and Jump Events. Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. Pass mark is 80%. <u>Practical examination:</u> - Pass mark is 80%. Read tricks to a minimum standard of 1800 point passes.
Level 3 Judge (2 events)	J3*	At the discretion of the National Federation. All candidates must have acted as learner judges at two South African Water Ski Calendar competitions.	"N" and some "R" competitions, in the event in which he/she qualified	National Federations solely responsible for the examination and appointment of National Officials. <u>Theoretical examination:</u> Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Technical Rules, Europe & Africa Additional Rules and any National Technical Rulebook to judge at Normal homologation competitions in the Slalom and Jump Events. Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. Pass mark is 80%.

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Level 1 Homologator	H1	Level 2 Homologator for at least 1 year and been Homologator for a minimum of 2 three-event homologated competitions.	Any level of homologated competition.	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Test knowledge of the rules and the duties to homologate at Record Capability competitions - Describe in detail how a Homologator homologates a record in any event. Pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Check slalom and jump courses by theodolite and calculation - Set up and check the jump meter system - Submit 2 dossiers to the TC before taking the exam.</p>
Level 2 Homologator (3 events)	H2	Level 3 Homologator for at least 1 year and have been an assistant Homologator for a minimum of 2 x 3-event homologated competitions.	Any "L" competitions, or Trick "R" competitions in home country	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Test knowledge of the rules and the duties to the level required to homologate at Ranking List competitions. Test must be taken under the supervision of an E&A Homologator - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. Pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Check the slalom and jump courses by theodolite and calculation - set up and check the jump meter system.</p>
Level 2 Homologator (2 events)	H2*	Level 3 Homologator for at least 1 year and have been an assistant Homologator for a minimum of 2 x 3-event homologated competitions.	All "L" competitions in home country, or Trick "R" competitions in home country	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Test knowledge of the rules and the duties to the level required to homologate at Ranking List competitions. Test must be taken under the supervision of an E&A Homologator - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. Pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Check the slalom and jump courses by theodolite and calculation - set up and check the jump meter system.</p>
Level 3 Homologator	H3	At the discretion of the National Official's Federation. Candidates must have functioned as Assistant Homologator at a minimum of 2 homologated competitions.	"N" homologation competitions in own country	<p>National Federations solely responsible for the examination and appointment of National Officials. Exams will be carried out by an International Homologator nominated by South African Tournament Water Ski Criteria.</p> <p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Technical Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules and Homologation Rules - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. Pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Sufficient practical experience to demonstrate capability to homologate a Normal homologation competition unsupervised.</p>
Level 1 Driver	D1	Level 2 Driver for at least 3 year and have been a Driver for a minimum of 9 "L"/"R" 3-event competitions.	Any level of homologated competition.	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Tests knowledge of the rules that affect drivers to the level required to drive at "R" Capability competitions. Examination may be taken at the Officials Seminar - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. The pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Drive at least 10 scores: Slalom: 2@10.75 Jump: 55m Tricks 7000 pts</p>

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Level 2 Driver (3 events)	D2	Level 3 Driver for at least 1 year, and driven in 4 competitions. Must be qualified as a Level 3 Driver in all 3 events.	Any level of homologated competition.	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Tests knowledge of the rules that affect drivers to the level required to drive at “L” Capability competitions. Examination may be taken at the Officials Seminar - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. The pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Drive at least 10 scores: Men: Slalom: 6@16.00 & 4@14.25 (58kph) Jump: 43m Tricks 4000 pts Women: Slalom: 6@16.00 & 4@14.25 (55kph) Jump: 31m Tricks 3200 pts</p>
Level 2 Driver (2 events)	D2*	Level 3 Driver for at least 1 year, and driven in 4 competitions. Must be qualified as a Level 3 Driver in slalom & trick events.	Any level of homologated competition in Slalom & Tricks	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Tests knowledge of the rules that affect drivers to the level required to drive at “L” Capability competitions. Examination may be taken at the Officials Seminar - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. The pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Drive part of 2 or 3 events, to minimum scores as set out in Rule EA 5.11</p>
Level 3 Driver	D3	At the discretion of the National Federation. Candidates must have functioned as a driver at a minimum of two standard competitions.	Normal and Ranking List competitions in own country	<p>National Federations solely responsible for the examination and appointment of National Officials.</p> <p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Technical Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules applying to drivers - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. The pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Sufficient experience to demonstrate capability to drive at a normal homologation competition unsupervised.</p>
Level 1 Scorer	S1	Level 2 Scorer for at least 1 year and been a Scorer for a minimum of 2 x 3 event homologated competitions.	Any level of homologated competition.	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Test knowledge of the rules and the duties of a Calculator to a “R” Capability competitions - Ability to memorise the values of commonly performed tricks - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. - The pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Function as an assistant calculator at the competition and to demonstrate ability to function as the Calculator of a competition both manually and by use of a computer.</p>
Level 2 Scorer (3 event)	S2	Level 3 Scorer for at least 1 year and been a Scorer for a minimum of 2 x 3 event homologated competitions.	Any level of homologated competition.	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Test knowledge of the rules and the duties of a Calculator to a “L” Capability competitions - Ability to memorise the values of commonly performed tricks - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. - The pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Function as an assistant calculator at the competition and to demonstrate ability to function as the Calculator of a competition both manually and by use of a computer.</p>

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Level 2 Scorer (2 event)	S2*	Level 3 Scorer for at least 1 year and been a Scorer for a minimum of 2 homologated competitions.	Any level of homologated competition in Slalom & Jump	<p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Test knowledge of the rules and the duties of a Calculator to a "L" Capability competitions - Ability to memorise the values of commonly performed tricks - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes. - The pass mark is 80%.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Function as an assistant calculator at the competition and to demonstrate ability to function as the Calculator of a competition both manually and by use of a computer.</p>
Level 3 Scorer	S3	At the discretion of the National Federation. Candidates must have functioned as an assistant at a minimum of two standard competitions.	"N" and "L" homologation competitions in own country	<p>National Federations solely responsible for the examination and appointment of National Officials. Examinations will be carried out by an International Calculator nominated by South African Tournament Water Ski Criteria</p> <p><u>Theoretical examination:</u> Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Technical Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules applying to calculation, memory of trick values - Not allowed to refer to any rulebooks or notes.</p> <p><u>Practical examination:</u> Sufficient practical experience to demonstrate the calculation of results of a Normal homologation competition unsupervised.</p>

Notes:

- 1) For all International examinations: The Chief Judge or the Homologator or the Chief Calculator or the Chief driver of the competition will complete a questionnaire issued by the Europe & Africa TC, concerning the candidate's ability, general attitude, knowledge of scoring program, willingness of work etc.
- 2) Officials Seminar: Any International Official who wishes to officiate at any titled event or Cash Prize 1 competition in any year must have attended one seminar within the previous 3 years - All International Officials are strongly encouraged to take part in the Officials Seminar as often as possible (at least once every 3 years) to increase their knowledge (or at least have officiate once in the current season) - National Officials are welcome to attend.
- 3) National Federations may take on the responsibility of ensuring their International Officials are trained and evaluated at a Seminar under the supervision of a designated official approved by the E&A TC.
- 4) In order to retain their qualifications, Level 1 and Level 2 Officials would need to officiate at least once a season
- 5) Level 3 officials: Each Federation shall send the E&A TC a list of its National Officials before the 1st March of each year and update the list during the season. Only those Officials appearing on the list will be considered by the E&A TC as qualified National Officials for the purpose of the homologation of competitions.

SECTION 7 – HOMOLOGATION LEVELS

Homologation Level	Ranking List	Normal
Prior Announcement	Yes – on EMS Calendar	No – May be included on National Federation Calendar
Valid For	IWWF / E&A Rankings Lists / SA Records	SA Records and E&A Ranking List to maximum as defined in below (Rule EA 4.1.5)
Maximum scores for E&A Rankings List and for the purposes of entry qualification	N/A	Rule EA 4.1.5
Approved Panel	Appointed by organisers with assistance from Tournament Council	Appointed by organisers
Chief Judge	Level 1 (J1) or Level 2 (J2)	Level 2 Judge (J2 or J2*) (3 or 2 events depending on events being held)
Homologator	Level 1 (H1) or Level 2 (H2)	Level 3 (H3)
Calculator	Level 1 (S1) or Level 2 (S2) or Level 3 (S3)	Level 3 (S3)
Chief Driver	Level 1 (D1) or Level 2 (D2) or Level 3 (D3) If only a D3 driver, permission required from WC	Level 3 (D3)
Duplication	1 x duplication of Chief Judge / Driver / Scorer / Homologator / Judge is allowed.	Any duplication of duties by the Chief Judges, Homologator, Scorer or Driver is limited to two functions, but this should be avoided if possible.
Speed Control	Mandatory	Mandatory
SLALOM		
Course Check	3-meter survey / 1-meter with laser / RTK-GPS	Min – 2-meter survey
Slalom Course	No single centre line floating courses except of approved design	No single centre line floating courses except of approved design
Equipment Tolerances	Standing List as per Rule Book	Normal as per Rule Book
Buoys	Measured	Measured
Timing	Automatic	May be by stopwatch
BPMS/End Course Video	Required / Record all passes and keep in case req. Minimum 1/6th screen width of end buoys, 1/3 recommended-one end only	Not mandatory

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Judges (Minimum) see sketch for other possibilities when gate and boat video are used	5 Judges: Min 3 x J2/J2* and 2 x J3/J3* OR if gate/boat video installed 3 Judges: Min 2 x J2/J2* and 1 x J3/J3*	5 x Level 3 (J3/J3*), OR 3 x Level 3 (J3/J3*) if gate video installed:
Backup timer	None needed with Speed control	Stopwatch - None needed with Speed Control
TRICKS		
Course Check	3-meter survey / 1-meter with laser / RTK-GPS	Visual – the pre-start buoys are not required.
Equipment Tolerances	Per Rule Book	Per Rule Book
Timing	Video Timing	Semi-automatic timing 20s.
Video	Yes	Not mandatory
Judges (Minimum)	5 Judges: Min 3 x J2 and 2 x J3 OR if immediate review is available 3 Judges: Min 2 x J2 and 1 x J3	5 x Level 3 (J3), OR 3 x Level 3 (J3) if immediate review is available:
Timer	Minimum Level 2 (J2) or higher, and 1 x Level 3 (J3)	Appointed by Chief judge
JUMP		
Course Check	3-meter survey / 1-meter with laser / RTK-GPS	Min – 2-meter survey
Equipment Tolerances	Standing List as Per Rule Book	Normal Per Rule Book
Timing	Automatic	May be by stopwatch
Protractors	N/A	.25 degrees min - .25m radius
Difference on a fixed point	N/A	.2 degrees Maximum
Jump Measurement	Video Jump Measurement Mandatory	Any approved measurement system
Distance Calculation	Computer	Computer
Judges (Minimum)	3 Judges: Min 2 x J2/J2* and 1 x J3/J3* If the video jump is used, the two shore judges may act as video judges, provided they can see the full jump course.	3 Level 3 (J3) If the video jump is used, the two shore judges may act as video judges, provided they can see the full jump course.
Backup Timer	None needed with Speed control	Not needed with Speed Control

For full details of the tolerances for each level of homologation can be found in the IWWF Rulebook

SECTION 8 - DIRECTORY

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(Refer to the Tournament Division Rule – Section 14 for the selection rules)

OFFICIALS LIST:

X	Judge's qualification to be reviewed June 2026 due to lack of officiating.
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No	Surname	First	Judges					Homologators			Scorers		Drivers		
			J1	J2	J2*	J3	J3*	H1	H2	H3	S1	S3	D1	D2	D3
1	Alexander	Robert					X								
2	Alexander	Ross												X	X
3	Bekker	Lizette					X								
4	Bloemsma	Samantha				X									
5	Bowes	Andrew			X										
6	Cambridge	Wayne					X								
7	Cornhill	Eric			X										
8	De Jongh	Dennis			X										
9	Fisher	Bernard													X
10	Fisher	Travis					X			X					X
11	Gaze	Sally									X				
12	Geyer	Richard													X
13	Griffieon	Marcel		X					X						
14	Johnson	Jan			X										
15	Levey	Richard				X									X
16	Lowe	Gary					X		X	X					X
17	Nieuwstad	Brett		X				X				X			X

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No	Surname	First	Judges					Homologators			Scorers		Drivers		
			J1	J2	J2*	J3	J3*	H1	H2	H3	S1	S3	D1	D2	D3
18	Nieuwstad	Matthew			X										
19	Oosthuizen	Wessel													X
20	Polome	Catherine		X											
21	Polome	Louis		X				X							
22	Ramsden	Howard		X								X			
23	Shead	Don			X	X									X
24	Silver	Andrew					X								
25	Smart	Brett					X								
26	Stam	Andrew					X								X
27	Stegmann	Debra					X					X			
28	Stegmann	Ross			X										
29	Swain	Angela					X								
30	Van Der Merwe	Eamon					X								
31	Van Der Merwe	Johannes					X								
32	Viljoen	Robyn					X								
33	Visser	Joan			X										
34	Vorster	Graeme					X								
* Denotes Judge qualify only in Slalom and Jump															

All officials must be current members of South African Water Ski Federation in order to officiate at competitions.