

AUSTRALIAN BAREFOOT WATER SKI CLUB

POLICY BOOK

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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 GENERAL

1.1.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence of the ABWSC shall be kept back one year.

The correct procedure for forwarding correspondence to ABWSC is to send all correspondence to the Secretary with a copy to other persons if it relates to specific areas.

1.1.2 E-MAILED AND FAXED DOCUMENTS

E-mailed and Faxed documents will be accepted as authentic correspondence if received by the required date.

States must register their State's official E-mail and fax number with the Secretary for distribution of all urgent official correspondence.

1.1.3 WORLD CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of all World correspondence to be tabled at each ABWSC meeting by the ABWSC Secretary.

A copy of minutes from all World and Region AA meetings to be sent to the ABWSC Secretary by the Region AA Chairman for distribution to the State Divisions.

1.1.5 SECRETARIATE FUNDING

Funding for the Secretariat shall be set at the AGM and payable by all States within 60 days of the AGM

1.1.6 STATE CALENDARS

All State Divisions are to present a calendar of events for the forthcoming season at the ABWSC AGM.

1.1.7 FEDERAL AWARDS

AWWF shall advise the ABWSC Secretary of all Federal grants and awards as and when they arise.

Nominations for awards are to be made by the ABWSC Executive.

1.1.8 FUND RAISING ITEMS

The ABWSC has the sole rights to the manufacture and sale of the following fund raising items:

- Pressure sensitive emblems of the ABWSC logo
- ABWSC wall plaques
- ABWSC Key Rings
- ABWSC Rule Books
- Any Item with the ABWSC Logo
- Any Videos or DVD Footage of ABWSC Tournaments

1.1.9 FOREIGN POLICY

The ABWSC agrees to abide by the 'Policy of the Government of the Day' regarding the participation in sport with Foreign Countries. Any member participating in water skiing, including coaching, tournaments, exhibitions, seminars or accepting sponsorship, in contrary to the designated policy, will result in that member excluding themselves from consideration for selection in any Australian Team

1.1.10 DRUG POLICY

The ABWSC will abide by the drug policy laid down by the AWWF.

1.1.11 MEDIA

The ABWSC shall maintain a library of all media not limited to video tapes/DVD's from Masters and National Tournaments which shall be held by a person designated by the ABWSC.

All Media not limited to Videos/DVD's taken at a Masters and National Tournament, under the obligations, shall be supplied to and remain the property of ABWSC.

Copies of the Masters or National Titles video tapes/DVD's will be available for sale through the ABWSC only after clearance has been given by the ABWSC.

The designated person shall arrange the distribution of tapes/DVD's from the ABWSC library. A copy tape/DVD only shall be distributed, with the original tape/DVD remaining in the library at all times unless otherwise directed by the ABWSC Executive.

The host State Division of a Masters or National Title will be given a copy of the respective hosted event free of charge upon application by that State Division.

1.1.13 SELLING PRICE

The selling price is amendable as determined by the ABWSC Committee.

1.1.14 AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

A list of current Australian Records shall be posted on the ABWSC Website and at the Masters and National Championships.

Record application forms shall be held at the Scorers office.

1.1.15 WORLD TITLE RESULTS

The Australian Team Manager at a World Title, or his nominee, shall send daily a report and results to the ABWSC Secretary who shall distribute these results promptly to all States. Where possible these results should be on the ABWSC Website

1.1.16 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Results from all State homologated tournaments are to be sent to the ABWSC Secretary, Standings Officer and Australian Selectors. The ABWSC Secretary shall distribute these results to all States.

1.1.17 NO SMOKING POLICY

It is the policy of the ABWSC that smoking is not permitted in:

- Meeting room at ABWSC meetings
- Judges Tower at ABWSC sanctioned tournaments
- Video room at ABWSC sanctioned tournaments
- Tow boats at ABWSC sanctioned tournaments

1.1.18 FUNDING ACQUITTALS

All programs/projects undertaken on behalf of ABWSC are to be administered through the accounts (books) of the ABWSC.

The person responsible for the program or project will provide all relevant and necessary accounting details, receipts and funds to the ABWSC Treasurer.

Acquittals from specific programs or projects that have received funding will be actioned and submitted by the ABWSC Treasurer in the format required to meet our obligations.

1.2 MEMBERSHIP

1.2.1 MEMBERSHIP BADGES

The cost of Membership badges to the State Divisions shall be \$20.00 and amendable as determined by the ABWSC.

One membership badge only, is to be issued to a member. A request for a replacement membership badge (lost or destroyed etc) is to be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration, stating the reason for the replacement.

1.2.2 BADGE ORDERS

All orders from State Divisions for Membership Badges are to be accompanied by the correct remittance. No badges will be dispatched unless payment has been received.

1.2.3 MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

A National Membership Register shall record the following information for all Membership Badges issued:

- Name, Address, Phone No, Badge No, Date acquired

To enable the register to be regularly updated, information on all Membership Badges issued by the State Divisions shall be tabled by each State Delegate at every ABWSC meeting.

1.2.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Personnel who have contributed outstanding services to the ABWSC, but cannot barefoot water ski, are eligible to be nominated for Associate Membership.

The following guide-lines are to be followed when submitting a nomination:

- Candidate must be a financial member of the AWWF
- A full written resume for the nomination shall be made by a State and submitted to the ABWSC for acceptance.
- Candidate must have contributed to the sport at both State and National level over a minimum of five years active service.

Associate membership automatically lapses if full Membership is obtained.

The cost of an Associate Membership Badge to the States is \$106.00, amendable as determined by the ABWSC.

Associate Membership badges shall be numbered with details of recipient recorded as per full Membership.

The presentation of the badge may be made at an official ABWSC function by arrangement with the ABWSC Executive. The ABWSC representative making the presentation must be fully prepared, with all relevant details of the proposed presentation.

1.3.5 MEETING EXPENSES

Meeting room costs plus the airfares of one delegate from each State Division, the airfares of the Executive and the airfares of invited Officials, Team Manager, Coach, etc., shall be pooled and divided equally amongst the active following State Divisions –

NSW, Vic, SA, ACT, WA, Qld & Tas.

Where an Officials attendance at the meeting is at their own choice and not as a result of an invitation by the ABWSC Executive, the Official will bare the cost of their travel expenses.

If a State Division chooses to send a second delegate, that State Division shall pay the second delegates complete airfare.

Where a delegate travels to a meeting by car instead of flying, then the fuel costs used to travel to the meeting, which shall not exceed the cost of the airfare, shall be used as the pooled fare.

Trustees or persons other than those specified above who attend ABWSC meetings, shall do so at their own expense.

The airfare cost referred to above shall be the cheapest airfare available at the time. The booking of the flight, to obtain the cheapest airfare, must be no later than thirty days prior to the date of the meeting. Where a delegate chooses not to book the discounted airfare, the delegate or State shall pay the additional cost incurred.

1.3.6 MEETING DECISIONS

It is the policy of the ABWSC that the State Divisions be given the opportunity to discuss the agenda items of the ABWSC AGM and General meetings and give directions on voting to their Delegate. Therefore, decisions on ABWSC meeting agenda items shall only be made on agenda items that are circulated to the State Divisions prior to the meeting and accompanied by a full description of the item.

Decisions on additional items arising out of an agenda item will be decided upon at the meeting, unless a majority of the State Divisions decide that the item be deferred to the next meeting or deferred for a postal vote.

Decisions on items raised under general business will not be decided upon at the meeting unless two thirds majority of the State Divisions decide that a vote be taken on the item.

1.3.7 TABLING OF REPORTS

The reports of the Presidents, Vice President, Secretary, Region Delegate, Senior and Junior Team Managers, Senior and Junior Team Coaches, Judging Director, Coaching Director, Publicity Officer, Standings Officer and Membership Officer are to be circularized with the final meeting agenda.

The holders of the above-mentioned positions are to forward copies of their reports to the Secretary prior to the closing date for agenda items.

The Treasurers report, plus inward and outward correspondence sheets, are to be distributed to the meeting attendees prior to the start of the meeting, preferably the evening before the meeting, to allow the meeting attendees the opportunity to peruse the information.

1.3.8 STATE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

All State Division AGM's shall be held prior to the AGM of the ABWSC, which is generally scheduled for the third week-end in July.

1.3.9 OVERSEAS MEETINGS

Australian delegates attending overseas meetings, World & Region AA, may, funds permitting, have their airfares paid for by ABWSC. Approval of the airfare expense must be obtained from the ABWSC Executive prior to attending the meeting.

1.3.10 AGENDA ITEMS FOR WORLD AND ASIAN AUSTRALASIAN REGION MEETINGS

The ABWSC Secretary shall send a formal letter to the Asian Australasian Region Barefoot Council Chairman, advising of any agenda items which arise out of an ABWSC meeting

1.4 OFFICE BEARERS APPOINTMENTS AND DUTY STATEMENTS

1.4.1 GENERAL

The appointments of the positions listed below will be made by the ABWSC Table in accordance with the ABWSC Constitution or as specified in this Policy Book.

Nominations for these positions shall be accompanied by a dossier of the nominee, outlining their experience and how they propose to carry-out the duties of the position.

1.4.2 ABWSC PRESIDENT

Appointment – Refer to constitution

Duties:

- Officially represent the ABWSC and ensure the functions of the National and Sub Committees as laid down in the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the Club, are carried out.

1.4.3 ABWSC SECRETARY

Appointment – Refer to constitution

Duties:

- Minute all ABWSC meetings
- Forward by Email or Post a copy of AGM and General Meeting minutes to:
 - a) National Committee
 - b) Trustees
 - c) CEO, AWSF
 - d) ABWSC State Division Secretaries
 - e) Judging Director
 - f) Australian Team Managers
 - g) Australian Senior & Junior Team Coaches
 - h) Australian Selectors
 - i) Coaching Director
 - j) Publicity Officer
- Post notices & agendas for any meetings to the above
- Post a copy of Executive Committee meetings to the National Committee
- Handle all Correspondence
- Liase with State Division Secretaries as required
- Keep and update trophy register

1.4.4 TREASURER

Appointment – Refer to Constitution

Duties:

- Attend to all matters of a financial nature, including collection of debtors, settlement of creditors etc.
- Provide a detailed financial statement to each ABWSC meeting and an audited statement to the Annual General Meeting. Financial statements to include a detailed listing of all cheques written, outstanding debtors and creditors.
- Order Australian National Champion Badges, Membership & Proficiency Badges and Masters and National Titles Medallions. Dispatch to State Divisions as ordered.

1.4.5 VICE PRESIDENT

Appointment – Refer to Constitution

Duties:

- To assist the President in all administrative matters of the ABWSC
- Keep and update to policy book
- To co-ordinate the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the four year development plan

1.4.6 AUSTRALIAN SENIOR TEAM MANAGER

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the next ABWSC Administration meeting following each World Title, from nominations received from the State Divisions or the individual applicant.

Duties:

- Provide a written report to each Australian Meeting on all activities pertinent to the Australian Teams as follows:
 - Provide an annual written report to the AWWF for submission to the Australian Sports Commission as per the criteria detailed by the AWWF Office.
 - Promote the Australian Team and obtain grants and sponsorship, which will help towards overseas travel and training expenses for World and Regional Championships and travel within Australia to training schools and selection tournaments.
 - Organize fund raising for the Team with the aim of providing full reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Team Members when they are representing Australia at World or Regional Championships. The Team Manager will be assisted by the Team Coach, State Divisions, Squad Members & the Australian Table where possible.
 - Provide budgets current and future on costs to be incurred at World or Regional Championships and costs involved in conducting selection trials and training schools.
 - Keep records of tournament scores and progress performances of all squad members.
 - Provide financial statements of income and expenditure incurred for World or Regional Championships
 - Arrange all uniforms for the Team Members, Officials, Reserves and Independent Skiers
 - Co-ordinate the travel arrangements to the World or Regional Championships
 - Co-ordinate the accommodation requirements for the Team Members at World or Regional Championships.

The Team Manager has the authority to obtain sponsorship for all uniforms, wetsuits, travel etc., and to make all Team Members adhere to the sponsorship contract with regard to the promotion of the sponsored items

The sponsorship contract must have the approval of the ABWSC Executive.

The Team Manager, with the approval of the Selectors, may withdraw a Team Member from representing Australia if that member does not fulfil his/her obligation to the ABWSC and Australia as a result of unsatisfactory behavior or refusing to abide by reasonable requests made by the Team Manager.

Within 24 hours of the conclusion of a World or Region AA Championship, arrange and advise a date to all team members of a debriefing meeting to ensure issues from the championships are addressed and techniques and strategies for the ongoing improvement of our performance implemented.

1.4.7 AUSTRALIAN SENIOR TEAM COACH

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the next meeting following each World Title, from nominations received from the State Divisions or the individual applicant.

Duties:

- Provide a written report to each Australian Meeting on all activities pertaining to the Australian Senior Team as detailed below

Pre World or Regional Championships

- Prepare a training program and facilities for the Squad/Team leading up to the World or Regional Championships, both in Australia and Overseas.
- Assist each squad member to develop an on & off water training and fitness program for their individual needs.
- Regularly communicate with squad skiers and evaluate progress of their programs.
- Assist and coach skiers with regard to improving technique and style, or resolving any difficulties they may have, or noting areas requiring special concentration.
- Keep in touch with the latest skiing styles and techniques
- Attend and coach at squad training schools and/or arrange specialist coaches
- Promote and assist the Team Manager in arranging training schools
- Stay up to date with the latest rule changes
- Guide skiers where applicable to becoming event specialists
- Get to know personally each squad member
- Liaise regularly with the Team Manager and selectors on the progress of individual squad members.

On Site at World or Regional Championships

- Assist the team manager to ensure skiers basic needs are met – food, accommodation etc.
- Coordinate team training sessions, noting items such as speed, wake variations, back wash, length of course, run up, etc.
- Promote the AUSTRALIAN TEAM CONCEPT
- Assist team members to the start, ensuring they have all their gear, are not put under any unnecessary pressure and are aware of the starting order or late changes to the programme.
- Ensure all team members are aware of any new rule change or tournament requirements, e.g. turn around times
- Assist with re-ride requests
- Observe water conditions etc., and advise as required
- Be a people manager. This is perhaps the most important on-site duty of all. The coach must realize and understand that each skier acts and reacts differently under the obvious pressure that World or Regional Championships present
- Every effort must be made to meet each team member's individual needs in order to minimize stress and avoid any unnecessary conflicts that may arise, as long as it is not at the expense of the TEAM CONCEPT

1.4.8 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TEAM MANAGER

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the next ABWSC meeting following each Junior World Title, from nominations received from the State Divisions or the individual applicant.

Duties:

- Provide a written report to each Australian Meeting on all activities pertaining to the Australian Junior Team as detailed below:
- Provide an annual written report to the AWWF for submission to the Australian Sports Commission as per the criteria detailed by the AWWF office
- Promote the Australian Junior Team and obtain grants and sponsorship, which will help towards overseas travel and training expenses for World and Region Titles and travel within Australia to training schools and selection tournaments.
- Organize fund raising for the Junior Team with the aim of providing full reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Team Members when they are representing Australia at World or Regional Championships. The Team Manager will be assisted by the Team Coach, State Divisions, Squad Members and the Australian Table where possible.
- Provide budgets, current and future, on costs to be incurred at World or Regional Championships and costs involved in conducting selection trials and training schools.
- Keep records of tournament scores and progress performances of all squad members.
- Provide financial statements of income and expenditure incurred for World or Regional Championships
- Arrange all uniforms for the Team Members, Officials, Reserves and Independent Skiers
- Coordinate the travel arrangements to the World or Regional Championships
- Coordinate the accommodation requirements for the Team Members at World or Regional Championships
- The Team Manager has the authority to obtain sponsorship for all uniforms/wetsuits/travel etc and to make all Team Members adhere to the sponsorship contract with regard to the promotion of the sponsored items
- The sponsorship contract must have the approval of the ABWSC Executive
- The Team Manager, with the approval of the Selectors, may withdraw a Team Member from representing Australia if the Member does not fulfil his/her obligation to ABWSC and Australia, as a result of unsatisfactory behavior, or refusing to abide by reasonable requests made by the Team Manager
- Within 24 hours of the conclusion of a World or Region AA Championship, arrange and advise a date to all team members of a debriefing meeting to ensure issues from the championships are addressed and techniques and strategies for the ongoing improvement of our performance implemented.

1.4.9 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TEAM COACH

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the next ABWSC meeting following each World Title, from nominations received from the State Divisions or the individual applicant.

Duties:

- Provide a written report to each Australian Meeting on all activities pertaining to the Australian Junior Team as detailed below:

Pre World or Region AA Championships

- Prepare a training program and facilities for the Squad/Team leading up to the World or Regional Championships, both in Australia and Overseas
- Assist each squad member to develop an on & off water training and fitness programme for their individual needs
- Regularly communicate with squad skiers and evaluate progress of their programs
- Assist and coach skiers with regard to improving technique and style, or resolving any difficulties they may have, or noting areas requiring special concentration
- Keep in touch with the latest skiing styles and techniques

- Attend and coach at squad training schools and/or arrange specialist coaches
- Promote and assist the Team manager in arranging training schools
- Stay up to date with the latest rule changes
- Guide skiers, where applicable, to becoming event specialists
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- Assist the team manager to ensure skiers basic needs are met – food, accommodation etc.
- Coordinate team training sessions, noting items such as speed, wake variations, back wash, length of course, run up etc.
- Promote the AUSTRALIAN TEAM CONCEPT
- Assist team members to the start, ensuring they have all their gear, are not put under any unnecessary pressure and are aware of the starting order or late changes to the program.
- Ensure all team members are aware of any new rule changes or tournament requirements e.g. turn around times
- Assist with re-ride requests
- Observe water conditions etc. and give advice as required.
- Be a people manager. This is perhaps the most important onsite duty of all. The coach must realize and understand that each skier acts and reacts differently under the obvious pressure that World or Region AA Titles present.
- Every effort must be made to meet each team member's individual needs, in order to minimize stress and avoid any unnecessary conflicts that may arise as long as it is not at the expense of the TEAM CONCEPT

1.4.10 AUSTRALIAN COACHING DIRECTOR

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the bi-annual AGM from nominations received from the State Divisions or the individual applicant

Duties:

- Provide a written report to each Australian Meeting on all activities pertaining to the duties detailed below:
- Coordinate and conduct Coaching Accreditation courses
- Develop guidelines for conducting training schools
- Liaise with State Coaching Directors regarding training school programs, new methods of coaching, fitness programs relevant to barefoot water skiing etc.
- Develop a list of Australian and International coaches available to coach at training schools
- Prepare budgets for the above programs and coordinate the funding of same with the High Performance Manager or via sponsorship

1.4.11 FUND RAISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the bi-annual AGM from nominations received from the State Divisions or the individual applicant.

Duties:

- Provide a written report to each Australian Meeting on all activities pertaining to the duties detailed below:
- Coordinate the National promotion of barefoot water skiing and the Australian Barefoot Water Ski Club
- Arrange sponsorship of the ABWSC and the Australian Senior and Junior Teams
- Prepare a program for approval by the ABWSC Table on promotional, sponsorship and fund raising activities
- Coordinate with State Fundraising Officers on programs to raise funds for the Australian Team
- Coordinate the auction at the National Titles

1.4.12 AUSTRALIAN STANDINGS OFFICER

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the bi-annual AGM from nominations received from the State Divisions or the individual applicant

Duties:

- Keep records of tournament scores of all skiers registered with the ABWSC
- Compile an Australian Standings List from homologated tournaments
- Send a copy of the Australian Standings to the Region Standings Officer by the last week of December each year

1.4.13 AUSTRALIAN SELECTORS

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the next ABWSC AGM meeting following each Open World Title, from nominations received from the State Divisions

The three ABWSC appointed selectors shall serve on both selection committees.

There shall be no more than two of the ABWSC Committee appointed selectors from any one State

The Selection Committee shall appoint a Chairman who shall be responsible for the calling of selection meetings and ensuring all relevant information is provided to the selectors.

Airfares incurred by selectors to attend a special selection tournament, shall be pooled and divided amongst ABWSC and the active State Divisions.

1.4.14 RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table at the bi-annual AGM from nominations received from the State Divisions.

Duties:

- To review and adjudicate on all Australian Records under the direction of the ABWSC Chairman

1.4.15 ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN REGION DELEGATE

The ABWSC Chairman shall be an automatic nomination to a position on the Asian Australasian Region

1.4.16 SUB COMMITTEES

The ABWSC Table may appoint sub committees as and when the need arises.

All sub committees must observe the following obligations:

- Be totally responsible to the ABWSC.
- Be advised of their terms of reference and/or duties and strictly operate within those parameters
- Provide written reports/recommendations to the ABWSC Table as required
- Provide detailed financial reports to the ABWSC Treasurer, including assisting in the completing of acquittal documents where applicable

All sub committee recommendations must be ratified by the ABWSC Table.

1.5 DISCIPLINE

1.5.1 INFRINGEMENTS

Such transgressions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Violence or injury to others
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Insulting or offensive words or behavior
- Abuse of equipment
- Substance abuse
- Positive Drug Tests
- Bringing the Sport into disrepute

1.5.2 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

State Divisions have full responsibility in a case of non-observation of these rules to apply sanctions when within their jurisdiction. They shall inform AWWF and ABWSC and all other State Divisions of the action taken. Other State Divisions so notified shall, where applicable, enforce the sanction.

Otherwise, failure to comply with these rules shall be subject to a disciplinary action varying from a written reprimand to temporary or permanent exclusion from AWWF and ABWSC activities.

The disciplinary action may be taken by:

- the ABWSC Table
- the ABWSC Executive
- the ABWSC Selection Committee
- the Chief Judge and/or the Jury

Action taken by the Chief Judge and/or Jury shall have effect only at the time and place of competition at which the infraction occurs and shall be limited to actions at that competition.

A report of the complaint and the action taken shall be made to the ABWSC Table and AWWF of the person concerned within 14 days.

An infraction calling for action beyond that applicable to a competition, shall be reported to the AWWF and ABWSC Table by the Chief Judge, the Organizer, ABWSC Team Manager or ABWSC President/Director within 7 days of the occurrence, accompanied by depositions from Officials concerned and/or witness to the infraction. The ABWSC Executive shall afford the parties concerned an opportunity to state their case, which may include depositions from witnesses and other evidence.

Action take by ABWSC Executive shall be notified to the offender, their State Division, ABWSC Table and AWWF as soon as possible.

In the case of a more serious offence, the ABWSC Executive shall refer the matter to the ABWSC Table for action. The ABWSC Table shall investigate the matter and decide by post/fax/e-mail exchange, or at a meeting, what action is to be taken.

The ABWSC Table shall notify the offender, the AWWF and their State Division as soon as action is decided upon.

Action decided upon by the ABWSC Executive, or the ABWSC Table, shall be suspended if the State Division concerned takes action which, in the opinion of the ABWSC Executive or the ABWSC Table, is appropriate or sufficient. Such action taken by a State Division must be notified to the ABWSC Executive within 30 days of the infraction, or when the action to be taken by the ABWSC Executive or ABWSC Table is to come into effect, whichever is the sooner.

1.5.3 APPEALS

In case of a sanction taken other than at a competition, the person concerned may have recourse to appeal to the ABWSC, AWWF or the Party taking such action.

Appeals against decisions to be valid, shall be sent to the AWWF Chief Executive Officer, ABWSC President/Director, ABWSC Secretary and State Division within 15 days of the receipt of the decision being contested.

2. AUSTRALIAN TEAMS/SQUADS

2.1 JUNIOR & SENIOR SQUAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2.1.1 OBJECTIVE

The objective is to maintain Australia's dominance in the World of Barefoot Water Skiing. To achieve this objective, the following program has been developed.

2.1.2 STRATEGIES

- Establish an Australian Selection Squad, comprising the cream of Australian skiers.
- Establish an Australian Junior Team, comprising the cream of Australian Junior skiers. This squad must include Sub-Juniors, both boys and girls.
- Provide the best possible training and development techniques available.
- Implement long term planning strategies – say 6 years
- Develop a succession planning program, to enable skiers to strive for achievement.
- Concentration of effort to maximize high scoring in all events.
- Invite leading world proponents of Barefoot Coaching to give “Guest Coaching Appearances”
- Research coaching and administration techniques in concepts in like sports, e.g. Tournament skiing, snow skiing.
- Selection of key personnel, such as Team Manager, Team Coach, Coaching Director to be on the basis of ‘Best Man for the Job’.

2.1.3 TASKS

Training Schools –

Conduct Junior Training Schools on a National basis every school holidays and after tournaments, e.g. Nationals. Conduct Senior Training Schools during school holidays, weekends and after tournaments, e.g. Nationals.

A minimum of 12 training schools to be conducted each year - 6 Junior, 6 Senior. At least 4 are to be combined Junior and Senior training schools.

2.1.4 EQUIPMENT

Introduce new training aids.

Introduce extensive use of video re-training techniques. ABWSC to arrange provision of the necessary equipment for use by the Team Coach.

2.1.5 FUNDING

To be the responsibility of the Australian Junior Team Manager and to include Sponsorship for complete:

- Training School cost
- Skiers Equipment
- Boat
- Video
- Wet Suits
- Travel
- Petrol
- Accommodation
- Administration (including Coaching Director)

2.1.6 COMPETITORS

Ensure the entry of both the Junior and Senior Training Teams in as many as possible competitions each year. This is a minimum of 8 tournaments per year and is to include at least one International Tournament per year if practical.

Performance standards are to be set and measured to monitor skiers' performances.

Both the Junior and Senior teams are to train and compete at events, such as Moomba, to enhance the viability of securing long term Sponsorship. The 'teams' are to appear at promotions and give exhibitions throughout Australia. This exposure is seen as being essential to promote the Sponsor as being associated with the 'Australian Team'.

2.2 AUSTRALIAN SQUADS

2.2.1 AUSTRALIAN SQUAD SELECTIONS

The Australian Senior and Junior Team Squad are selected following the National Titles each year. The squad may be added to at any time.

Skiers who attain the following minimum scores in each event shall be automatically included in the respective Australian Squad:

Senior Squad	Men	Women
Slalom	17	9
Tricks	3500	1800
Jump	18m	13m
Junior Squad	Men	Women
Slalom	10	7
Tricks	1800	1000
Jump	14m	?

The following scores are the minimum scores required in 2 of the 3 events to be eligible for selection in an Australian Squad.

Senior Squad	Men	Women
Slalom	12	7
Tricks	2250	1400
Jump	16m	9m

Junior Squad	Men	Women
Slalom	7	5
Tricks	1400	800
Jump	12m	?

The above scores are to be reviewed each year.

In addition to the above scores, the following criteria will also be used for selecting Australian Squads:

- Performance on the water – relevant to World standards
- Event Specialist
- Future potential
- Squads to be limited to a maximum of 15.

2.2.2 JUNIOR TRAINING SQUADS

Any State which believes it has a skier/s who are worthy of selection in the Junior Squad, are encouraged to submit relevant details to the ABWSC Secretary. Such skiers will then be considered by the selectors.

It is the responsibility of the States to ensure that the selectors are fully informed of all skiers in their State, including those not at the Nationals, who may meet the requirements for selection in the Junior Squad.

2.2.3 RECOGNITION OF JUNIOR SQUAD

In recognition of being selected in an Australian Junior Squad, the following shall be provided:

- Certificate
- T-shirt
- Specialized training and coaching through training schools
- Compete at Australian Junior Masters
- Junior International Championships
- Assistance in gaining individual sponsorship

2.2.4 AUSTRALIAN TEAM/SQUAD MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

1. To adhere at all times to the Administration directions of the Australian Team Coach and Manager with respect to coaching and training programs he may wish to implement
2. To attend all training schools run by the Australian Team Coach or Manager for squad members, unless an exemption is granted by the Australian Team Coach or Manager.
3. To assist, if requested by the Team Manager, with any fundraising for the Australian Team
4. Team members are obliged to use and/or wear sponsored items for the particular event that they are selected for and are not at liberty to negotiate private contracts that do not have provisions for exemption of the skier if selected to participate at events where sponsorship or sponsored items have been negotiated.
5. At all times act as ambassadors for both Australia and the ABWSC. Failure to do so could mean exclusion from the Australian Team.
6. To attend all nominated selection trials, unless an exemption is obtained from the Australian Team Coach or Manager.

2.2.5 TEAM NUMBERS

Skiers – There shall be no hard and fast policy as to the number of skiers in an Australian Team. Numbers will be determined on the individual circumstances for each Team selection, bearing in mind the possibility of injuries, costs, etc.

Officials – A reserve Official will only be included in an Australian Team when an appointed Official cannot attend the World or Region Championships.

2.2.6 SELECTION POLICY / TRIALS

All skiers who wish to represent Australia in any event shall be required to sign the Australian Selection Policy each year. The policy will have all the requirements for the skier to participate in the planned International Events. Selection requirements could include but are not limited to:

- National Championships
- Masters
- Skiers own State Title
- Any other as determined by the Selectors from Interstate State Titles, a recognized Homologated event, an International Tournament or a Special Selection Trial.

The Selectors have the authority to invite a skier who is under consideration for Team selection, e.g. specialist skier to compete in any selection Tournament, even if they do not have the required ratings.

2.2.7 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Any Skier, Judge, Driver, Scorer, Homologator, Manager, Coach, Doctor, as detailed under the IWSF Rules, selected to represent Australia at any World or Region AA Championship, shall all receive the same financial assistance towards their travel expenses.

2.2.8 TEAM UNIFORMS

Blazers

Subject to the availability of team funds, representatives will be provided with an Australian Blazer.

Where a Team member loses, has stolen or damages a blazer, it will be their responsibility to repair or replace as necessary, the blazer at their own cost.

Team Uniform

Subject to the availability of team funds, representatives will be provided with a team uniform.

Skirts, Trousers, Blouses & Shirts

The above items will be provided by the team member.

3. TOURNAMENT

3.1 OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS AND DUTY STATEMENTS

The appointments of the positions listed below will be made by the ABWSC Table in accordance with the ABWSC Rule Book, or as specified below.

3.1.1 CHIEF JUDGE

Appointment

- Nationals – Refer Rule 6.01 ABWSC Rule Book
- Masters – By the ABWSC Table from nominations received from the States

Duties:

The prime duty of the Chief Judge is to ensure the tournament is conducted in accordance with the World and Australian Rules.

Inspect the site at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the tournament.

Ensure the obligations have been met by the host State.

Check radio equipment, timers, video camera's, video replay equipment, computers, boats, ropes and handles.

Check facilities for reviewing video.

Check with the homologator that the sites and jump set up are correct.

Ensure safety officers have been appointed and are on site.

Prior to the Tournament, hold an Officials and Team Managers briefing and advise any special requirements pertaining to the tournament. Advise any rule amendments or clarifications that have occurred during the season. Ensure all officials are fully aware of the need to maintain confidentiality when performing their duties.

Select judges for the events and post same at least the day before. Make every effort to have the 3 boat judges from different States. If 2 of the boat judges are from the same state, ensure they are separated.

Delegate the following duties to the boat judges:

- Skier communicator
- Radio operator
- Rope handler

Ensure each boat has all necessary equipment – ropes, handles, timers etc.

Ensure the boat crews are ready at least 10 minutes before the event is due to start. Delegate this job to the Assistant Chief Judge when available. Use second boat where possible and have it at the end of the course so there is no time lost during event change over.

Keep a record of times for each skier during the event and advise the boat crew if time is being lost (e.g. run over on turn around time). It is important to run to the program as close as possible.

Oversee the reviewing of video when possible or delegate to the Assistance Chief Judge when not officiating on the second site, to ensure complete independent judging decisions.

Check all judges sheets prior to posting, for any possible errors.

Provide feedback to Drivers and Judges on their performance during the competition.

Nominate a boat driver, on a rotating basis, to be in attendance 45 minutes prior to the start of the days competition, to assist the Homologator to carry out his duties.

Ensure the Calculators have a list of the current World and Australian records. Action all record applications as detailed in the World and Australian rules.

Provide a detailed report to the ABWSC Table on the conducting of the competition.

Provide a report on each official to the ABWSC Judging Coordinator to be used for the rating of Officials.

3.1.2 VIDEO OPERATOR

Appointment – By the ABWSC Table from nominations received from the State Divisions.

PREPARATION

Consult with the Tournament Director and/or Chief Judge regarding their requirements in relation to video recording and viewing. Their requirements are to be taken into account when pre-planning from the tournament.

Ensure that the required equipment and requisites are available and checked to be certain they are ready to operate, prior to the start of the first event.

Ascertain that power is available to operate the camera in the boat by means of:

- a cigarette lighter connection or
- a direct line, with alligator clips to connect to the boat battery or
- an adequate supply of pre-charged camera batteries. The number should be conservatively estimated taking account of available recharging facilities and time requirements.

Arrange for a rigidly mounted, well upholstered seat to be fitted in the boat in such a position that it provides an uninterrupted view of the skiers movements. Its location must ensure that the Video Operator's movements are not hampered by, or interfered with by the Driver or Judges. As the Video Operator may be in the boat for some hours at a stretch, extra cushioning may be advisable. This would also achieve additional height to obtain an uninterrupted view.

Ensure that 240v A/C power is available to operate tape recorder(s) and television set(s) for use by the Judges and Chief Judge.

EQUIPMENT

The following items will be required:

- Video Camera(s) with Audio facilities. Where more than one camera is used, they are to be the same make and model.
- Video Recorder(s)
- Television Set(s)/Monitor(s)
- An adequate supply of Tapes. The tapes are to be of good quality, cleared of pre-recording. The number will depend on:
 - One or two round tournaments
 - One or two sites
 - Number of divisions
 - Number of skiers
 - Number of Judges

Video camera to be fitted with forward facing directional microphone and if possible a secondary unit to easily pick up the Video Operators audio.

REQUISITS

Obtain from the Chief Judge or Scorer a copy of a Draw Sheet showing:

- Date
- Round
- Division
- Event
- Skiers (In Pass Order)

Video tapes are to have attached thereto, self adhesive labels on which the following information is to be recorded:

- Tape Number
- Name and Venue of Tournament
- Date of Recording
- Round
- Title of Recorded Division(s)
- Title of Recorded Event(s)
- Elapsed time of each event, using the meter reading on camera

Example of Video Tape sticker information:-

TAPE 1	
ABWSC – NATIONALS	
NERANG RIVER, QUEENSLAND	
SATURDAY 23.04.1988	
ROUND – FINAL	
DIVISION – MENS	
EVENT – TRICKS	WOMENS SLALOM
1023 – 1485	1501 – 1784

VISUAL RECORDING

Allow 3 seconds between pressing record button and commencement of actual visual recording.

Allow 3 seconds run-on following completion of recording of a pass etc. before stopping the recorder, visual and audio.

Visually record the relevant section of the Official Program, if available, and/or the Draw Sheet for the forthcoming event(s)/division(s). This is to be done prior to the 10 second call for the first skier.

Be prepared to commence recording each pass soon after the 10 second call, as the skier may call 'go' immediately.

Positioning of the skier within the camera frame requires care and concentration to achieve the best possible picture. The skier's body, head and toes, should fill the top 75% of the frame.

Endeavor to keep the skier in the center of the camera frame. Whilst it is necessary to anticipate the skier's movements, it is essential that any unexpected directional change is not missed. This is most important when recording slalom.

AUDIO RECORDING

Allow 3 seconds delays (refer visual recordings).

Whilst visually recording, announce at the commencement of each tape –

TITLE AND VENUE OF TOURNAMENT

At the commencement of each new segment –

DATE OF RECORDING
ROUND
DIVISION
EVENT

At the commencement of each pass –

NAME OF SKIER – FIRST OR SECOND PASS

If rerun is taken, repeat –

NAME OF SKIER – RERUN-FIRST OR SECOND PASS

If Interstate and/or Overseas skiers are competing, the appropriate STATE/COUNTRY is to be announced immediately following the skier's name.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

When each bundle of judges sheets are handed to the Chief Judge and there is a change over of Judges, it is probably an appropriate time to hand in the video tape and prepare a fresh tape for the next event(s). This procedure will depend on the number of skiers and the Chief Judge's requirements for Judges to view video of completed events.

It is preferable that the equipment be housed in a room or building, separated from other officials and skiers, and reserved solely for use by Judges and the Chief Judge.

Ideally, 3 recorders and 3 TV sets will be available so that each Judge can view the video in separate cubicles without being distracted by or influenced by the other Judges. This would require each tape be copied for the individual viewings. The number of tapes will depend on the requirements of the Chief Judge in relation to the viewing of video by the Judges. This will dictate the frequency that tapes will need to be changed and thus the number of tapes required.

Example 1

For a one round tournament, using one site, with all viewing carried out after the final event of Tricks and Slalom, a single 2 hour tape would be adequate.

Example 2

For a two round tournament, on two sites, with a large number of skiers, with frequent change over of Judges, and viewing carried out whilst other events are being run, 8-10 tapes would be required.

3.2 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS OBLIGATIONS

The policy of the Australian Barefoot Water Ski Club is that every State is required to host a National Barefoot Championship on a rotating basis.

3.2.1 APPOINTMENT OF HOST STATE

The ABWSC Committee shall decide the order of rotation of the States for holding a National Championships.

The confirmation of appointment of the host State for the National Championships shall be made no later than Nationals meeting twelve months prior to the perspective National Championships e.g. Nationals 2004 for the 2005 Cahmpionships.

Where a State chooses not to accept its turn of hosting a National Championships, the event for that year shall be open to be bid for by any State. The bids are to be forwarded in writing to the ABWSC Secretary and decided upon by the ABWSC Committee.

3.2.2 RELATED RULES

The following administrative and technical obligations are to be read in conjunction with the current World and Australian Barefoot Water Ski Tournament Rules.

The Administration and Technical Obligations for the Nationals will be signed by the President of the ABWSC and an authorised representative of the Host State.

3.2.3 ADMINISTRATION OBLIGATIONS

3.2.3.1 SANCTION FEE

A sanction fee, which will be in the form of an Entry fee levied on each skier, must be paid to the ABWSC by the host State prior to the commencement of the tournament. This fee is to be credited to the Australian Team Fund and will be reviewed annually at the AGM.

3.2.3.2 DATE AND DURATION FOR TOURNAMENT

The National Championships will not be held prior to the middle of March and no later than April 30 in that year, unless special dispensation is granted by the ABWSC Committee.

The date and duration of the tournament shall be approved by the ABWSC.

If the host State cannot adhere to this time frame, they must seek and extension of time from the ABWSC Committee.

The National Championships shall be scheduled to conclude at 3.30pm on the final day of competition.

The final round of all events shall be scheduled to be held on site 1.

3.2.3.3 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The formation of this committee should take place approximately 12 months prior to the date of the Titles, or earlier if considered necessary. However, a Promotions Officer should be active about 18 months prior, seeking sponsorship.

Monthly meetings should be sufficient at first, but may have to be held at more regular intervals approaching the Titles.

The Organizing Committee should liase as much as possible with the ABWSC National Body and all minutes of the Organizing Committee must be sent to the ABWSC.

The Committee should be headed by the State President, or his nominee, and a Tournament Director appointed. The position of Chairman of the Organizing Committee and the Tournament Director can be combined, but when the time for the Championship arrives, the Tournament Director will be fully occupied with the physical running of the event and any technical requirements. The Chairman would then be available for administration matters, entertaining VIPs and general supervision of the site.

The Chairman of the Organizing Committee will be responsible for the administration requirements while the Tournament Director will look after the technical obligations. If the State has an organized Judging Division, the Tournament Director should liaise with the Judging Divisional Committee, as that body will be able to assist with many of the technical requirements.

The chief aim of the Organizing Committee is to ensure that every effort is made for competitors to have the best possible conditions so that they can record their top performances.

3.2.3.4 PERSONNEL

Some of the personnel required will be Promotions Officer, Publicity Officer, Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Address Commentators, Parking Officials, Gatekeepers, Typists, Social Officer, Program Sellers, Catering Officer, Stall Attendants, Trophy Officer, Official Functions Organizer - Welcoming Dinner and Presentation Dinner.

3.2.3.5 ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF JUDGE

The host State shall provide an Assistant to the Chief Judge. This person shall be the administrative support to the Chief Judge and carry out the relevant duties delegated to them.

3.2.3.6 TYPIST AND/OR COMPUTER OPERATOR

The host state shall make available, as required by the Chief Judge, a suitably qualified typist and/or computer operator, to assist in the compiling of the scores.

3.2.3.7 SPONSORSHIP

As stated earlier, this area should be investigated at the earliest opportunity as most companies allocate their budget on a yearly basis.

3.2.3.8 PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING

Good publicity is important, especially if sponsors are involved. Printers blocks, stereos and artwork should be obtained from sponsors for advertising in the program. Prior advertising by means of radio, press posters etc., will assist if the host State is dependent on gate takings and stall sales.

3.2.3.9 FINANCE AND SECURITY

Fundraising, budget control and the arrangement for banking cash over the period of the tournament should be looked after. A responsible person should be appointed to control the cash on site and deposit it in a night safe. Some form of security for competitors and sponsors property must also be organized.

3.2.3.10 ACCOMMODATION

The ideal accommodation is where the teams and officials can be housed under the one roof. However, this may be impossible as most accommodation is scarce in all centers at holiday time.

The host State to provide competing States with approximate tariffs, type and whereabouts of accommodation at least 6 months prior to the Nationals. The host State shall provide a suitable meeting venue for the ABWSC meeting held prior to or during the tournament.

3.2.3.11 PRINTING

Programs, posters, strips for car advertising, function tickets, gate passes, directional signs, official's tags or any other requirement comes under this heading.

3.2.3.11.1 PROGRAMMES

The official program shall be given (free of charge) to all competitors and officials at the welcoming reception.

A copy of the official program shall be sent (free of charge) to the ABWSC Secretary by the host State for the ABWSC archives.

3.2.3.12 CATERING

A variety of food should be available at the site – breakfast, lunches, etc. Some firms will supply equipped caravans and daily requirements if the stalls cannot be manned voluntarily. Beverages maybe hot and/or cold, soft and hard – the latter depending on the State licensing laws and the inclination of the State Organizing Committee.

3.2.3.13 SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The organizing of all social functions, including the Welcoming Dinner and Presentation Dinner, is undertaken by the host State. Provision should be made for a VIP table, to include sponsors, AWSAF and ABWSC dignitaries, at the Presentation Dinner and Welcoming Dinner. However, if the latter is an 'informal function', this is not a requirement. The Presentation Dinner is to be a sit down function with the meal preferably served to the table.

3.2.3.14 SPEAKERS AT PRESENTATION DINNER (ORDER)

1. President ABWSC
2. President AWSF (or his nominee)
3. Chief Judge
4. Major Sponsor (if any)

Others as required by the host state. Approval to be given by ABWSC prior.

3.2.3.15 CIVIC RECEPTION

When a civic reception has been arranged by the host state, the Chief Judge must ensure that familiarization or the tournament is stopped, to enable invited people to attend the event.

3.2.3.16 SITE FACILITIES

Provision of toilets for competitors and spectators, storage facilities for skiers equipment and change rooms for competitors. A Dais number 1, 2 and 3 for on site Medal Presentation.

3.2.3.17 JUDGES TOWER

A suitable Judges Tower (providing protection from the weather) to house the Chief Judge and Calculators is to be provided and located in a suitable position preferably in the center of the course area. A separate room which may be in an adjoining building is to be provided for reviewing video. This room shall be a non smoking room.

3.2.3.18 FACILITIES FOR OFFICIALS

The host State shall set aside a designated area, including tables and chairs, for the officials.

Refreshments and a light lunch are to be provided to the officials by the host state at no charge.

3.2.3.18.1 PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND ANNOUNCER

A PA system shall be provided and be of adequate capacity to give clarity and coverage to the general site area. It shall be installed and operational for the duration of the tournament, including familiarization. The PA should be located close to, but not in, the Judges Tower. A competent announcer is to be provided for the duration of the tournament.

3.2.3.19 INFORMATION STAND

Some stall or center should be suitably located where visitors and spectators can obtain information. It can also provide for the host state a vehicle to perhaps sell badges, car stickers, T shirts, raffle tickets, programs etc.

3.2.3.20 PARKING

Adequate car and trailer parking facilities as near as possible to the site should be provided for the estimated crowd. Explicit directional signs or an attendant should be provided. If attendants are working, it may be possible for them to also sell programs.

3.2.3.21 SAFETY

A suitably qualified first aid officer must be on hand in case of accident to competitors, officials or spectators for both familiarization and duration of the tournament. A suitable inflatable stretcher must be provided to be used to float a skier to shore in case of injury.

3.2.3.22 EQUIPMENT

The host state shall supply the following minimum equipment:

- 2 x video cameras
- 2 x video recorders and TVs
- 1 x Photostat machine Min 10 PPM
- 2 x computer (minimum plus back up computer for jump). The computer must be programmed to provide the following results – jump distances, event and overall scores and placings and team scores.
- 10-30 minutes blank video cassette tapes
- Judges sheets – Trick, Slalom and Jump
- General stationery – pens blue, black, red, green, pencils, erasers, clip boards, note pads, stapling machine, whole punch, sticky tape, drawing pins, glide on clips, manila folders, plastic bags (large enough to go over clip boards), white out.

3.2.3.23 TROPHIES

EVENTS

The host State shall purchase the required number of Event medals – gold, silver, bronze from ABWSC. The host State shall order the medals no later than 4 weeks prior to the Nationals and shall be dispatched by the ABWSC Treasurer no later than 2 weeks before the tournament.

The host State is responsible to have the medals suitably engraved with the event, division, venue, place and year.

These medals are to be presented on site at suitable times during the program.

OVERALLS

The perpetual Australian Championship trophies provided by ABWSC are to be given to the host State prior to the start of the final round of the tournament. Reminder notices are to be sent to the current trophy holders by the ABWSC Secretary, advising them of the return by date of the trophy.

The overall trophies, including replica trophies, shall be provided by the host State and presented at the Presentation Dinner. Replica trophies are to be presented the year they are earned.

The overall trophies must be approved by the ABWSC Executive.

3.2.3.24 MEDAL/TROPHY PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Three tier rostrum of varying height
2. Rostrum to be covered with a non-slip surface
3. Medal presentation must be ratified by the Chief Judge
4. Back-up medals to be available in case of tied positions
5. Medals to be presented at times so that it does not interfere with the running of the tournament
6. Presentations to be made by appropriate VIPs
7. PA microphone extension to be available at the medal/trophy presentation area

3.2.3.25 INVITATIONAL SKIERS

Skiers skiing by invitation at a National Title are not eligible to win an Event medal or Overall trophy but will be given a memento for attending. The host State shall supply this memento.

3.2.3.26 TEAM SUPPORTERS SHIELD

The team supporter's shield will be judged by a panel consisting of the ABWSC Executive present at the tournament, Chief Judge and Assistant Chief Judge.

The panel shall consider the following criteria when making their selection:

- Team Presentation (uniforms, banners, general appearance)
- General behavior
- Support and encouragement for fellow team members (whole tournament not only final round)

3.2.3.27 COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS BADGES

An official National Titles badge shall be given (free of charge) to all competitors and officials. The design and colours of the badge shall be at the discretion of the host state but must conform to a size measuring 65mm x 75mm.

An official badge shall be sent (free of charge) to the ABWSC Secretary by the host State for the ABWSC archives.

3.2.3.28 REFUNDS

When a state withdraws a competitor prior to the start of the Tournament, after the closing date of entries, the host State shall refund the event fees and function payments if applicable. The host State is permitted to withhold the entry fee to cover out of pocket expenses.

3.2.4 TECHNICAL OBLIGATIONS

3.2.4.1 PERSONNEL

Tournament Director, Safety Director, Starting Dock Marshals, Pick-up Boat Drivers and a flying squad of people to look after:

- the laying out of the course
- removal or replacement buoys, warning flags, jump etc if they break away
- positioning of the Judges Tower, Starting Dock etc.

3.2.4.2 TOURNAMENT SITES, PREPARATION AND COURSE LAYOUT

Two tournament courses, which can be used concurrently without interference with each other, are to be provided. Any deviation to this rule is to be notified to the ABWSC as soon as it becomes apparent.

Site 1 Fully equipped site consisting of all course buoys, jump, jump meters, starting dock, pick-up boats, judges tower and general equipment as further specified in these obligations.

Site 2 Adequately equipped with course buoys, jump, jump meters, starting dock, pick-up boats and general equipment as necessary to satisfactorily operate site.

Careful consideration should be given to the positioning of the course so as to provide the best water, whilst also keeping in mind the safety factors. Warning flags must be placed where there are any water hazards (e.g. shallow water, rocks etc.). These must be easily distinguishable from the course markers.

The course shall be laid out in accordance with the current IWSF Barefoot Technical Rules.

Course buoys shall be of the following dimensions: Trick/Slalom Course – 38cm minimum, Jump Course – 20cm + 5cm.

3.2.4.3 JUMP

The host State is to provide two barefoot jumps built to the specifications as detailed in the current IWSF Barefoot Technical Rules and to the preferred width of 1500mm.

3.2.4.4 OFFICIAL TOW BOATS

A minimum of two AWSF Barefoot Division accredited tournament boats shall be provided in accordance with the IWSF Barefoot Technical Rules. However, it is the National Committee's recommendation that 3 tournament boats be provided.

Boats must be able to reach 72kph in accordance with C11 of the WBC Technical Rules

Boats to be fitted with:

- 3 speedoes – 2 front & 1 rear
- Timing device
- All regulation safety equipment

The allocation of the tow boats for each event and division during the tournament is the responsibility of the Chief Judge.

3.2.4.5 BOATS

Pick-up boats and chase boats, if used, must be provided and driven by experienced drivers and carry observers, if available.

The use of a chase boat is optional, at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

3.2.4.6 COMMUNICATIONS

A reliable dedicated channel radio communication system is to be provided between the judges tower and the two boats. A second reliable radio communication system is also to be provided for use between the judges tower and

- tournament director
- chase boat
- starting dock
- site 2

3.2.4.7 FUEL

Adequate quantities of fuel and a fuel pump are to be provided and readily accessible to the water for fuelling of the boats.

3.2.4.8 EQUIPMENT

The following equipment is to be provided – tape measure.

3.2.4.9 ROPES AND HANDLES

The following minimum number for each site are to be provided and must meet the specifications detailed in the current IWSF Barefoot Technical Rules:

- 4 x Jump ropes
- 2 x Trick ropes
- 2 x Slalom ropes
- 2 x 38cm handles
- 5 x 30cm handles

3.2.4.11 TIMING EQUIPMENT

Two fifteen second timing devices, one for each boat, to an accuracy of +.1 second are to be provided. The timing device shall indicate commencement of time with a hooter as well as completion of time.

3.2.4.12 HOMOLOGATION

The course, tow boats etc. should be set up by midday prior to familiarization to enable the Homologator sufficient time to carry out his duties.

The Homologator is to be on site 24 hours prior to familiarization to carry out his duties. The Homologator is to complete the homologation forms before leaving the site at the end of the tournament.

After the commencement of homologation, none of the Nationals equipment is to be used for anything other than official tournament use.

3.3 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS OBLIGATIONS

The policy of the ABWSC is that every State is to host an Australian Masters Barefoot Championship on a rotating basis.

3.3.1 APPOINTMENT OF HOST STATE

The ABWSC Committee shall decide the order of rotation of the States for holding an Australian Masters.

Where a State chooses not to accept its turn of hosting an Australian Masters, the event for that year shall be open to be bid for by any State. The bids are to be forwarded in writing to the ABWSC Secretary and decided upon by the ABWSC Committee.

3.3.2 RELATED RULES

The following obligations are to be read in conjunction with the current World and Australian Barefoot Water Ski Tournament Rules and Masters Tournament Rules.

The Administration and Technical Obligations for the Masters will be signed by the President of the ABWSC and an authorised representative of the Host State.

3.3.3 ADMINISTRATION OBLIGATIONS

3.3.3.1 SANCTION FEE

A sanction fee, which will be in the form of an Entry fee levied on each skier, must be paid to the ABWSC by the host State prior to the commencement of the tournament. This fee is to be credited to the Australian Team Fund and will be reviewed annually at the AGM.

3.3.3.2 DATE AND DURATION FOR TOURNAMENT

The Australian Masters will not be held prior to the 1st January and no later than middle of February of the tournament season, unless special dispensation is granted by the ABWSC Committee.

The duration of the tournament shall be two days.

3.3.3.3 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The formation of this committee should take place approximately 12 months prior to the date of the Titles, or earlier if considered necessary. However, a Promotions Officer should be active about 18 months prior, seeking sponsorship.

Monthly meetings should be sufficient at first, but may have to be held at more regular intervals approaching the Titles.

The Organizing Committee should liaise as much as possible with the ABWSC National Body and all minutes of the Organizing Committee must be sent to the ABWSC.

The Committee should be headed by the State President or his nominee and a Tournament Director appointed. The position of Chairman of the Organizing Committee and the Tournament Director can be combined, however, when the time for the Championship arrives, the Tournament Director will be fully occupied with the physical running of the event and any technical requirements. The Chairman would then be available for administration matters, entertaining VIPs and general supervision of the site. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee will be responsible for the administration requirements, while the Tournament Director will look after the technical obligations. If the State has an organized Judging Division, the Tournament Director should liaise with the Judging Divisional Committee, as that body will be able to assist with many of the technical requirements.

The chief aim of the Organizing Committee is to ensure that every effort is made for competitors to have the best possible conditions so that they can record their top performances.

3.3.3.4 PERSONNEL

Some of the personnel required will be Promotions Officer, Publicity Officer, Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Address Commentators, Parking Officials, Gatekeepers, Typists, Social Officer, Program Sellers, Catering Officer, Stall Attendants, Trophy Officer, Official Functions Organizer (Presentation Dinner).

3.3.3.5 ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF JUDGE

The host state shall provide an Assistant to the Chief Judge. This person shall be the administrative support to the Chief Judge and carry out the relevant duties delegated to them.

3.3.3.6 TYPIST AND/OR COMPUTER OPERATOR

The host State shall make available as required by the Chief Judge, a suitably qualified typist and or computer operator to assist in the compiling of the scores.

3.3.3.7 SPONSORSHIP

As stated earlier, this area should be investigated at the earliest opportunity as most companies allocate their budget on a yearly basis.

3.3.3.8 PUBLICITY & ADVERTISING

Good publicity is important, especially if sponsors are involved. Printers blocks, stereotypes and artwork should be obtained from sponsors for advertising in the program. Prior advertising by means of radio, press posters etc., will assist if the host State is dependent on gate takings and stall sales.

3.3.3.9 FINANCE & SECURITY

Fundraising, budget control and the arrangement for banking cash over the period of the tournament should be looked after. A responsible person should be appointed to control the cash on site and deposit it in a night safe. Some form of security for competitors and sponsors property must also be organized.

3.3.3.10 ACCOMMODATION

The ideal accommodation is where the teams and officials can be housed under the one roof. However, this may be impossible, as most accommodation is scarce in all centers at holiday time.

The host State is to provide the ABWSC table with approximate tariffs, type and whereabouts of accommodation at least 6 months prior to the Masters, so this information can be sent to the invited competitors and officials.

3.3.3.11 PRINTING

Programs, posters, dodgers, strips for car advertising, function tickets, gate passes, directional signs, official's tags, or any other requirement comes under this heading.

3.3.3.12 PROGRAMMES

The official program shall be given (free of charge) to all competitors and officials.

A copy of the official program shall be sent (free of charge) to the ABWSC Secretary by the host State for the ABWSC archives.

3.3.3.13 CATERING

A variety of food should be available at the site, breakfast, lunches, etc. Some firms will supply equipped caravans and daily requirements if the stalls cannot be manned voluntarily. Beverages maybe hot and/or cold, soft and hard – the latter depending on the State licensing laws and the inclination of the State Organizing Committee.

3.3.3.14 SOCIAL

The organizing of all social functions, including the Presentation Function, is undertaken by the host State. Provision should be made for a VIP area (to include sponsors, AWSF and ABWSC dignitaries) at the Presentation of trophies. However, if this is an 'informal' function, this is not a requirement.

3.3.3.15 SPEAKERS AT PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES (ORDER)

1. President ABWSC
2. President AWSF (or his nominee)
3. Chief Judge
4. Major Sponsor (if any)

Others as required by the host state Approval to be given by ABWSC prior.

3.3.3.16 CIVIC RECEPTION

When a civic reception has been arranged by the host State, the Chief Judge must ensure that familiarization or the tournament is stopped to enable invited people to attend the event.

3.3.3.17 SITE FACILITIES

Provision of toilets for competitors and spectators, storage facilities for skiers' equipment and change rooms for competitors. A Dais numbered 1, 2 and 3 for on site Medal Presentation.

3.3.3.18 JUDGES TOWER

A suitable Judges Tower or area, providing protection from the weather, to house the Chief Judge and Calculators is to be provided and located in a suitable position, preferably in the center of the course area. A separate room, which may be in an adjoining building or caravan, is to be provided for reviewing video. This room shall be a non-smoking room.

3.3.3.19 PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND ANNOUNCER

A PA system shall be provided and be of adequate capacity to give clarity and coverage to the general site area. It shall be installed and operational for the duration of the tournament, including familiarization.

A competent announcer is to be provided for the duration of the tournament.

The PA should be located close to, but not in, the Judges Tower.

3.3.3.20 PARKING

Adequate car and trailer parking facilities as near as possible to the site should be provided for the estimated crowd. Explicit directional signs or an attendant should be provided. If attendants are working, it may be possible for them to also sell programs.

3.3.3.21 SAFETY

A suitably qualified first aid officer must be on hand in case of accident to competitors, officials or spectators for both familiarization and duration of the tournament. A suitable inflatable stretcher must be provided to be used to float a skier to shore in case of injury.

3.3.3.22 EQUIPMENT

The host State shall supply the following minimum equipment:

- 2 x video cameras
- 2 x video recorders and TVs
- 1 x Photostat machine
- 2 x computer (minimum plus back up computer for jump). The computer must be programmed to provide the following results – jump distances, event and overall scores and placings and team scores.
- 10-30 minute blank video tapes
- Judges sheets – Trick, Slalom and Jump
- General stationery – pens blue, black red, green, pencils, erasers, clip boards, note pads, stapling machine, whole punch, sticky tape, drawing pins, glide on clips, manila folders, plastic bags (large enough to go over clip boards), white out.

3.3.3.23 TROPHIES

EVENTS

The host State shall purchase the required number of Event medals – gold, silver and bronze, from ABWSC. The host State shall order the medals no later than 4 (four) weeks prior to the Masters and shall be dispatched by the ABWSC Treasurer no later than 2 (Two) weeks before the tournament.

The host state is responsible to have the medals suitably engraved with the event, division, venue, place and year. The medals are to be presented on site at suitable times during the program.

OVERALLS

The perpetual Australian Championship trophies provided by ABWSC are to be given to the host State prior to the start of the final round of the tournament. Reminder notices are to be sent to the current trophy holders by the ABWSC secretary, advising them of the return by date of the trophy.

The overall trophies, including replica trophies, shall be provided by the host State and presented at the Presentation Dinner. Replica trophies are to be presented the year they are earned.

The overall trophies must be approved by the ABWSC Executive.

3.3.3.24 MEDAL/TROPHY PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Three tier rostrum of varying height
2. Rostrum to be covered with a non-slip surface
3. Medal presentation must be ratified by the Chief Judge
4. Back-up medals to be available in case of tied positions
5. Medals to be presented at times so that it does not interfere with the running of the tournament
6. Presentations to be made by appropriate VIPs
7. PA microphone extension to be available at the medal/trophy presentation area.

3.3.3.25 INVITATIONAL SKIERS

International skiers skiing by invitation at a Masters Title are not eligible to win an Event medal or Overall trophy but will be given a memento for attending. The host State shall supply this memento.

3.3.3.26 COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS BADGES

An official Australian Masters badge shall be given (free of charge) to all competitors and officials. The badge shall be of a uniform size in the shape of a shield measuring 95mm wide and 110mm high in the colours of yellow background and green embroidery.

An official badge shall be sent (free of charge) to the ABWSC Secretary by the host State for the ABWSC archives.

3.3.3.27 REFUNDS

When a State withdraws a competitor prior to the start of the Tournament after the closing date of entries, the host State shall refund the event fees and function payments if applicable. The host State is permitted to withhold the entry fee to cover out of pocket expenses.

3.3.4 TECHNICAL OBLIGATIONS

3.3.4.1 PERSONNEL

Tournament Director, Safety Director, Starting Dock Marshalls, Pick-up Boat Drivers, and a flying squad of people to look after:

- the laying out of the course
- removal or replacement buoys, warning flags, jump etc. if they break away
- positioning of the Judges Tower, Starting Dock etc.

3.3.4.2 TOURNAMENT SITE PREPARATION AND COURSE LAYOUT

The tournament course must be a fully equipped site consisting of all course buoys, jump, jump meters, starting dock, pick-up boats, judges tower and general equipment as further specified in these obligations.

Careful consideration should be given to the positioning of the course so as to provide the best water, whilst also keeping in mind the safety factors. Warning flags must be placed where there are any water hazards (e.g. shallow water, rocks etc.). These must be easily distinguishable from the course markers.

The course shall be laid out in accordance with the current IWSF Barefoot Technical Rules.

Course buoys shall be of the following dimensions: Trick/Slalom Course – 38cm minimum, Jump Course – 20cm + 5cm.

3.3.4.3 JUMP

The host state is to provide two barefoot jumps built to the specifications as detailed in the current IWSF Barefoot Technical Rules and to the preferred width of 1500mm.

3.3.4.4 OFFICIAL TOW BOATS

A minimum of two AWSF Barefoot Division accredited tournament boats shall be provided in accordance with the IWSF Barefoot Technical Rules.

Boats must be able to reach 72kph in 10 seconds.

Boats to be fitted with:

- 3 speedoes (2 front 1 rear)
- Timing device
- All regulation safety equipment

The allocation of the tow boats for each event and division during the tournament is the responsibility of the Chief Judge.

3.3.4.5 COMMUNICATIONS

A reliable dedicated channel radio communication system is to be provided between the judges tower and the two boats. A second reliable radio communication system is also to be provided for use between the judges tower and

- tournament director
- starting dock

3.3.4.6 FUEL

Adequate quantities of fuel and a fuel pump are to be provided and readily accessible to the water for fuelling of the boats.

3.3.4.7 EQUIPMENT

The following equipment is to be provided:

- tape measure.

3.3.4.9 ROPES AND HANDLES

The following minimum number for each site are to be provided and must meet the specifications detailed in the current IWSF Barefoot Technical Rules

- 4 x Jump ropes and handles
- 2 x Trick ropes
- 1 x Slalom Rope and handle

3.3.4.10 TIMING EQUIPMENT

Two fifteen second timing devices (one for each boat) to an accuracy of +.1 second are to be provided. The timing device shall indicate commencement of time with a hooter as well as completion of time.

3.3.4.11 HOMOLOGATION

The course, tow boats etc., should be set up by midday prior to the start of the tournament to enable the Homologator sufficient time to carry out his duties.

The Homologator is to be on site 24 hours prior to the start of the tournament to carry out his duties. The Homologator is to complete the homologation forms before leaving the site at the end of the tournament.

After the commencement of homologation, none of the Nationals equipment is to be used for anything other than official tournament use.

4. TECHNICAL

4.1 GENERAL

4.1.1 RULE SUBSTITUTIONS

The letters 'ABWSC' are to be substituted for 'World Barefoot Council' in rules 8 to 16 of the World Rule Book when the Rule is being applied to an ABWSC sanctioned tournament.

4.1.2 RULE CHANGES

No rule changes are to be made by the ABWSC unless a unanimous passed vote of All States agree to such change or it is an introduced World Rule 90 days prior to the start of the National Championships.

4.1.3 INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL STANDINGS

Scores for skier standings will only be recognized if achieved at a Sanctioned and homologated tournament.

4.1.4 SKIING OUT OF DIVISION

A skier can choose to ski out of his/her division, e.g. sub junior to junior or vet men to senior men, without effecting the right to return to his/her division at any time.

4.1.5 ENTRY FORMS

The Nationals Entry Form shall be set out as per the example below:

A.B.W.S.C NATIONAL ENTRY FORM NATIONALS 20.....

STATE..... AWSF NO..... ABWSC NO.....

SURNAME..... CHRISTIAN NAME.....

DATE OF BIRTH .../.../..... DIVISION ENTERED

EVENTS ENTERED (Please Tick)

SLALOM () TRICKS () JUMP ()

SEEDINGS (Scores for)

SLALOM TRICKS JUMP

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

SIGNED
(Competitor)

SIGNED
(State Secretary)

ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY

THIS ENTRY FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO THE COMPLIANCE OF RULE 4.03 (A), (B) AND (C) OF THE AUSTRALIAN RULE BOOK

4.1.6 INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORMS

- If a competitor’s entry form is incorrect or incomplete, the Secretary of the host State shall request the necessary information immediately from the Secretary of the submitting State. The requested information must be sent to the host State no later than 7 days prior to the start of familiarization, otherwise the entry shall be refused.

4.1.7 CALCULATION ERRORS

After all scores have been officially posted and the two hour correction time has elapsed (Rule 10.04), they shall be deemed to be true and correct and no further changes by anyone shall be permitted.

4.1.8 HOMOLOGATION OF TOURNAMENTS

A tournament shall only be deemed to be homologated, if the following actions are complied with:

Sanction has been granted by the ABWSC Chairman.
All other AWSF requirements have been met.

4.1.9 RULE INTERPRETATIONS

Requests for rule interpretations between meetings shall be referred to the ABWSC Committee when possible. Otherwise, the interpretation shall be made by the ABWSC Chairman who shall have such interpretation reviewed by the ABWSC Committee at its next meeting.

4.1.10 RULES FOR REVIEWING VIDEO

- a) Video to be reviewed at normal speed (no slow motion reviewing)
- b) A Judge is permitted a reasonable (5 to 8) number of reviews and, if necessary, allowed to segment the pass, e.g. First 3 tricks, second 3 tricks etc.
- c) No discussion between Judges on judging decisions
- d) Where practical, Judges shall review separately
- e) Reviewing shall be supervised by the Chief Judge or his nominee
- f) All alterations to a Judge's sheets shall be written on the sheets in green pen by the Judge and the sheet initialed.

4.1.11 VIDEO ANALYSIS

The Chief Judge shall record the number of alterations to the Judges sheets and detail the statistical analysis of such in his Chief Judges Report.

4.1.12 SKIERS VIEWING THE VIDEO

After the 30 minute protest time has expired (rule 10.01), and subject to availability, the official video will be available for review at a designated time. Only skiers in that division and team managers/captains will be allowed to view the video.

4.2 SAFETY

4.2.1 TRICK HANDLE

The teeth piece of a trick handle shall only be permitted to be attached to the outside of the handle.

4.2.2 QUICK RELEASE FOR TRICKS

Quick releases are not to be used in ABWSC Sanctioned events.

4.2.3 BUOYANCY FOR DRY SUITS

An approved buoyancy garment must be worn by a competitor when using a dry suit.

4.3 TRICKS

4.3.1 TRICK ROPES

In the trick event, two trick ropes shall be used. One rope will be on the boat and the second on the dock, so the next skier can put their handle on it. The ropes will alternate from the boat to the dock. This will reduce the handle changes to be carried out by the boat judges.

4.4 JUMP

4.4.1 JUMP DISTANCES

Where practical, within the turn around time, the distance and status of every jump is to be radioed to the boat and conveyed to the skier before proceeding with the skier's next jump..

4.5 NO SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not permitted in the tow boats at any ABWSC sanctioned tournament.

5. JUDGING

5.1 JUDGING COORDINATOR'S OBLIGATIONS

1. To make sure that judging is uniform throughout Australia
2. To ensure that regular judging seminars are held by each State
3. To notify State Judging Directors of any rule changes to both World and Australian rules.
4. To set and mark judging examinations at National Championships so that judges may be assessed for Australian and International ratings. These ratings on judges and drivers are to be tabled at the AGM for ratification. After such ratification, the ratings are to be circularized to all States within 30 days of the AGM

5. To ensure that all States are made fully aware of Rule interpretations. Technical interpretations from the Australian Table are to be passed on to the State Judging Directors promptly.
6. To keep a dossier on all Australian judges to assist the Chief Judge at National Titles.
7. To keep an up to date register of all Australian judges for selection of judges for World, Region and National Championships.
8. To set judging examinations for State levels and ratings. If the Judging Coordinator is not able to oversee these examinations, then an independent person within that State, not a judge, may be appointed to supervise. Confidentiality is to be strictly adhered to by the independent supervisor.
9. The State Judging Directors are responsible to the ABWSC Judging Coordinator
10. To adopt and implement a standard judging uniform throughout Australia for wearing whilst officiating at all tournaments. This uniform is to be optional, since judges may wear the uniform of their State.
11. To prepare evaluation sheets to assess the ability and experience of judges and drivers.
12. To monitor the effectiveness of each State in disseminating judging information
13. To speak at ABWSC Meetings on matters that directly involve the Judging Coordinator or judging in general.

5.2 JUDGING STANDARDS

The best of Australian judges will have:

1. Excellent knowledge of both World, Region and Australian Rule books and PPG's. They will have an up to date knowledge and an ability to interpret the rules
2. They will be good practical judges with good powers of observation and concentration and will be able to record their observations accurately. Their decisions will be consistent and objective.
3. They will be experienced, having judged all facets of the sport at all levels and will have a continuing interest in the sport.
4. They will have a positive attitude towards the skier and the boat crew and display a professional manner. They will have the ability to communicate effectively with both the skier and the rest of the boat crew.

5.3 ASSESSMENT OF JUDGES

5.3.1 GENERAL

The assessment of judges is to be based on 70% practical and 30% examination. Judges evaluation forms are to be completed by the Chief Judge and cover such points as:

- motivation
- punctuality
- accuracy of symbols
- rule interpretations
- manners
- number of changes from video
- following instructions
- reruns due to judging errors, e.g. Non-communication with driver
- experience
- boat duties – skier communicator, radio operator
- course set up

General Overall Evaluation

Scores of 70+ National Level 1

60+ National Level 2

50+ National Level 3

Such assessments are to be made using all sanctioned tournaments but with the weighting on State Titles, Nationals, Masters and Selection capability tournaments.

5.3.2 THEORETICAL ASSESSMENT OF JUDGES

Level 3 – Knowledge of the events

- Basic symbols
- Basic knowledge of the sport
- Details E.g. When a pass begins (first movement)
- What constitutes a cross (drops, lifts)

Level 2 – Level 3 skills plus

- Theory of measurement of the jump
- Assessment of the speed of the boat
- Course lengths
- Set up the wakes/tricks course
- Trick descriptions (points to look for when judging tumbleturns etc.)

Level 1 – Level 2 skills plus

- Accurate knowledge of all Australian and World Rules
- Knowledge of how to set up the jump course and its measurement system
- Calculation of scores
- Clear idea of rules governing rerides.

5.3.3 PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT OF JUDGES

Level 3 – Write symbols (Wakes and Tricks)

- Judge in the boat with more senior judges

Level 2 – Judge all events including Master skiers in Wake Slalom

- Judge all other divisions in Tricks
- Rejudge from the video with success

Level 1 – Set up jump courses

- Use a computer program to measure the jump
- Judge Master skiers in both Tricks and Wakes
- Act as timer in the boat for the Jump event
- Be Chief Judge at a State Titles

5.4 LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR ABWSC JUDGES

For many years the ABWSC has had ‘levels’ for the regulation of judges within the sport. These levels provide guidelines for the effective training of judges and establish parameters for the assessment of judges.

Eligibility

State Level 1 – minimum for Nationals

National Level 3 – minimum for Masters

National Level 2 – minimum for Region AA (preference to National Level 1 in selection)

National Level 1 – minimum for World Championships

5.4.1 NATIONAL LEVEL

National Level 3 – State Level 1 plus one National

‘Some National experience’ – conferred by the National Judging Director (at the Nationals)

National Level 2 – National Level 3 plus a minimum of one Nationals, one Masters, and/or an Australian Team Selection Tournament – conferred by the National Judging Director (at the Nationals or Masters)

National Level 1 – National Level 2 plus
Continuing interest
Practical excellence
Professional attitude
High standards of theoretical knowledge
Conferred by the National judges Selection Panel
(National Judging Director,
Australian President)

5.4.2 STATE LEVEL

State Level 3 – ‘the beginner’ – conferred by the State Judging Director

State Level 2 – ‘achieving basic judging skills’ – conferred by the State Judging Director

State Level 1 – ‘advanced judging skills’ – conferred by the State and National Judging Directors

SPECIAL NOTES

National Level 1, once achieved, must be received on a bi-annual basis. To be eligible to maintain the rating, the judge must officiate at either the Masters or Nationals and a State Title each year. The judge must then be reassessed using the Chief Judges reports from these events and the annual Judges Exam, to ensure they have maintained the qualifications to continue at National Level 1. If the above criteria is not met, the judge’s rating will revert to National Level 2. If after having not judged regularly for 2 years, the judges rating will revert to National Level 3. Their rating as National Level 3 will be retained for a further period of two years.

State Levels do not have to be achieved within specific time limits. It is theoretically possible to complete State Level 1 within one year, although it is recommended that it should be achieved over a longer period of time.

5.5 JUDGING EXAMINATIONS

A judge must undertake a written examination prior to being granted a rating.

Judging exams shall be done without the aid of a Rule Book
Exams for each judging level shall be uniform throughout Australia.

A judge may sit an exam at any time, which must be supervised by an appropriate person approved by the Judging Coordinator, to obtain a judging rating.

Judges appointed to judge at the National Championships must sit an exam prior to the start of the tournament.

Judges exams must be approved by the Judging Selection Committee

The examination constitutes 30% of a judge’s ranking

5.6 APPOINTMENTS

Nominations of officials for both National and World positions shall be on the official nomination form and be correct and complete. Either a State or the Official may make the nomination themselves.

Acceptance of a World nomination is conditional on the Official attending the National Championships and two of the three Selection Requirements.

The ABWSC Secretary will advise all nominated officials of their appointment or otherwise.

The appointment of the Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, Chief Scorer and Homologator for Australian Masters and National Championships shall be carried out by the ABWSC Committee.

The final nominations for Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, Chief Scorer and Homologator for World and Region AA Titles shall be carried out by the ABWSC Executive.

The selection of judges and drivers for the Australian Masters, Nationals, Region AA and World Championships will be carried out by the Judging Selection Panel, consisting of ABWSC Judging Coordinator, ABWSC President and ABWSC Executive.

Officials must be selected primarily on merit, from the dossier held by the Judging Coordinator. Where officials are of similar ranking, consideration is also to be given to the number of times an official has represented their State or Country, to ensure all appropriately ranked officials are given the opportunity to represent their State or Country as recognition for their services and contribution to the sport.

The minimum level to judge or drive at a National Championships shall be State Level 1.

The minimum level to judge or drive at a World or Region Championships shall be National Level 1.

5.7 JUDGING DECISIONS

Every trick is to be judged on its individual merits – not on previous tricks in the pass – we need to forget the perfect image which lurks subconsciously.

It is not permissible for the event judges to make retrospective decisions on the unfairness or otherwise of the water condition. A decision must be made immediately before the next skier starts.

When a rerun is considered, the event judges may consult and involve the boat driver in the discussion that will determine if the skier is granted a rerun. However, the driver shall not have a vote in that decision.

Judging decisions and or discussion on judging decisions are to remain confidential throughout and after the completion of the competition.

5.8 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

Any Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, Judge, Boat Driver, Scorer , Homologator (as in accordance with WWSU Rule) selected from Australia to officiate at any Region AA or World Championship, shall receive the same financial assistance as any skier selected to represent Australia. In the event of any funds being made available to assist with the abovementioned travel and/or accommodation, that money, if in excess of complete reimbursement, shall be refunded or paid to the ABWSC.

5.9 JUDGING EQUIPMENT

Judging sheets are to be standardized with different colours for each event, e.g. Tricks – light green, Slalom – light blue and Jump – yellow.

A judge must possess a stop watch capable of timing to 1/100 of a second

A judge must possess current World and Australian Rule books.