

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WATER SKI ASSOCIATION

A SPORT DIVISION OF USA WS OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Effective January 18, 2002

1. GENERAL

- 1.01 Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, collegiate water ski competition is governed by the American Water Ski Association Official Tournament Rules.
- 1.02 Amendments to these Rules.
- A. These rules may be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors of the National Collegiate Water Ski Association.
- B. These rules (as they may be amended) have no grandfathering provisions and apply to all participants and all other persons or matters concerned on or after the effective date of any amendment to these rules.
- 1.03 Tournaments are scheduled in the respective conferences, coordinated through the Conference Board of Directors, and must be sanctioned USA WS/NCWSA Class "C" or Class "I" (Novice).
- 1.04 A National Board of Directors consisting of two members from each Conference, elected by that same Conference, shall supervise the Collegiate Ski Program. The Chairman of the National Board of Directors shall be a non-voting member unless he is also a current Director. The Chairman is elected by the NCWSA Board of Directors.
- 1.05 Each Conference shall elect a Board of Directors to supervise its ski program, with each participating school having a vote as determined by its Conference By-Laws.
- 1.06 Conferences of the National Collegiate Water Ski Association are as follows:
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| Eastern Conference | CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, WV, VT, VA |
| Midwest Conference | IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI |
| South Atlantic Conference | AL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN |
| South Central Conference | AR, LA, MS, NM, OK, TX |
| Southern Conference | FL |
| Western Conference | AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY |

2. TOURNAMENT EVENTS

- 2.01 Collegiate Tournaments will be School Team Tournaments and will consist of all three of the traditional AWSA events of slalom, tricks, and jump for both men and women. Time permitting and at the discretion of the host club or conference an optional 4th event (wakeboarding) may be held. However this 4th event shall in no way be allowed to interfere with the normal completion of the traditional 3-events. All collegiate tournaments are coordinated within each Conference by the National Directors (Conference Chairman and National Director) and the Board of that Conference. The National Director approves the USA Water Ski sanction application.
- 2.02 Each tournament sponsor will schedule the tournament events to assure the best skiing conditions. Whenever possible, Men's and Women's divisions will alternate as the first event of the day. In no case shall an optional 4th event be given priority over the traditional events of slalom, trick and jump.
- 2.03 Skiing Order:
- A. Skiing order of the school teams shall be decided by random draw supervised by the Chief Judge and Chief Scorer before the start of the tournament and posted for information.
- B. Skiing order of contestants in each event will be based on one skier from each school team, in turn (a skier shall complete all 3 jumps, all slalom passes, and one trick or wakeboard pass prior to the start of the next skier or rider), from the posted skiing order of school teams. Team Roster will determine skiing order of contestants from each school team, starting with the first listed skier through the last. Skiers should be seeded in each event on the team roster in the reverse order of ability, with the best last. For teams with less than five skiers, the skier should be placed on the line number best suited to the ability of that skier.
- C. Any necessary changes to this skiing order may be allowed at the tournament up to one-half hour before any event, and later substitutions may be made in case of injury to a skier (prior to his turn).

- 2.04 A collegiate tournament (slalom, jump, trick and optionally wakeboard) may consist of no more than two rounds. A two round collegiate tournament may not deny entry to any school in that Conference for any reason, must use the same running orders for both teams and skiers in both rounds (except for Rule 2.03 c.) and the second round of any event may not begin until the first round is completed in all three events. Any tournament may be sanctioned as a 2 round - 3 event. The number of schools registered shall not exceed 4 teams with the exception that if more than 4 teams are registered, then the registered number of 20 skiers in any single event, male or female may not be exceeded on a single lake site and the number of schools registered shall not exceed 6 teams with the exception that if more than 6 teams are registered, then the registered number of 30 skiers in any single event, male or female, may not be exceeded on a multi-lake site, if a 2 round tournament is to be held.

3. Division of Competition and Awards

- 3.01 Competition in the three events plus wakeboarding shall be separated into the following divisions:

Men's Teams	1-5 Members per team per event
Women's Team	1-5 Members per team per event

- 3.02 Awards will be presented as follows:

3-event overall - School combined Teams	1st, 2nd, 3rd (3)
3-event overall - Winning Men's Team	1st, 2nd, 3rd (3)
3-event overall - Winning Women's Team	1st, 2nd, 3rd (3)

Wakeboard at the option of the host.
Individual awards are optional and need not be given.

- 3.03 Wakeboard events if held will be scored separately.

4. TOURNAMENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 4.01 Eligibility:

A. A-Team eligibility

1. All A-Team participants in Collegiate tournaments must be full-time students enrolled on a singular campus who are current members of the NCWSA and active members of USA Water Ski preferably showing Collegiate as primary sports division and must be in good standing with, and have at least a cumulative "C" academic average at that same school. Any student who has otherwise met the qualifications as stated in this paragraph, except that he meets one of the following exceptions allowed under these Rules, shall also be considered for A-Team participation:
 - a. This student is taking the minimum hours necessary for graduation in this his last period of his academic year of graduation.
 - b. This student is enrolled as a full time undergraduate student in his first semester/quarter at this same undergraduate school; and, therefore, has no cumulative "C" academic average at this time for undergraduate course work at this school.

Verification of the above eligibility must be made on the school stationery containing the Registrar's signature and must be stamped with the school seal. (See Appendix "A".) The exceptions allowed under this same Rule number 4.01 a. and b., must also be so noted on this same letter as indicated in Appendix "A".

Appendix "A" NCWSA Tournament Rules (Sample Letter from the Registrar) is a part of these Official NCWSA Tournament Rules and as such, any requirements so stated therein, shall be just as binding as any and all other of the Official NCWSA Tournament Rules.

2. The "ski year" shall begin on August 1 and end on the following July 31. A student shall be limited to four (4) spring and four (4) fall seasons of A-Team competition, which must be completed within six (6) years (72 months) from the date he first competed as an A-Team skier.
3. Use of one season's eligibility [one (1) fall or one (1) spring] may be constituted by either eligible or ineligible participation as an "A" Team skier (defined elsewhere in Rule 4.01) in one or more NCWSA tournament(s) in that season. Eligibility must be certified by the school team captain on the team roster.

4. The team score shall be voided in any tournament(s) in which an ineligible skier participates. Eligible skiers, whose team score has been voided will not be eligible for tournament placement; however, they will be eligible for Conference and/or National Record consideration for the performance(s) in that tournament.
5. Any skier who has participated for any NCWSA school as an "A" team skier will not be allowed to participate as an "A" team skier for another NCWSA school in that skier's first fall season at the new school. For the purposes of this rule: transfer or transient status at a school shall be considered interchangeable, ski year is as defined in 4.01 a.2 of these Rules (...shall begin on August 1 and end on the following July 31."), and the skier's first fall season is defined as the fall season during which the skier transfers or the first fall season immediately following his transfer if he transferred during the previous ski year. Two exceptions to this rule are noted below.
 - i. An exception is allowed if this same transfer skier has not participated for any NCWSA school as an "A" team skier in the ski year immediately preceding his first fall season at the school to which he has transferred.
 - ii. A second exception is allowed for any skier whose school has dissolved its water ski team. A letter testifying to a three ski year suspension of participation in NCWSA sanctioned tournaments must be: signed by the school's club sports sponsor (or higher ranking official); submitted on school letterhead; and accepted by the NCWSA National Board. For purposes of this rule: three ski years is defined as the ski years during which the next three fall ski seasons occur following official suspension of NCWSA participation.

A school may petition the Board for reinstatement of participation after at least one full ski year of suspension of participation. The Board shall consider this request for early reinstatement and its decision is final, otherwise the full three ski year suspension remains in force.

A skier who violates this rule will be considered ineligible for competition and as such will have used at least one season's eligibility (as defined in Rule 4.01 A.3) and will have caused the team score(s) to be voided (as defined in Rule 4.01 A.4.) A school that participates in an NCWSA event within its self-imposed suspension will be subject to an additional suspension of up to three ski years as voted upon by the NCWSA National Board.

B. B-Team eligibility

It is recommended that B-Team participants in collegiate tournaments be students at NCWSA member schools. However, individual conferences may, at their discretion, allow others to ski in the B-Team portion of the tournament as well. Examples of this would be judges or drivers, who have traveled far and donated their time to work the tournament; alumni as a fund raiser, high school recruits or students from schools without a water ski program, who are interested in learning more about the sport. **Under no circumstances** will B-Team competition be used as a rating tournament for skiers not connected with the collegiate program as stated above. B-Team skiers will not use A-Team eligibility unless they ski A-Team during that same season. In all circumstances A-Team events will be given priority over B-Team events.

4.02 Hold-harmless Release is required of each student entrant, to be signed by the student if 18 years or over, and witnessed. Students under 18 years old shall have a release signed by a school official authorized by the parent or guardian.

4.03 Team Roster:

- A. Each School Team Captain shall select men and women team members for each event. It is not required that the same skiers be assigned to each event for either men or women.
- B. Each School Team Captain shall submit a Team Roster listing the skiing order of his men and women team members for each event.

4.04 A team will consist of one or more eligible students from the same school located on a singular campus.

5.0 OFFICIALS

5.01 Each school will designate a School Team Captain. He will be the only official representative of the school and his team in all contacts with Tournament officials.

5.02 All collegiate skiers/riders, A-Team or B-Team (v. rule 4.01), must be current NCWSA members and insured members of USA Water Ski preferably showing Collegiate as primary sports division. It is desirable that one or more skiers/riders or non- skiers (USA WS

insured) be a rated or aspiring official (judge, scorer, driver, or safety) in order to assist in running the tournament.

6. TEAM SCORING

- 6.01 Team member award points; Based on a total of ten points of every skier that scores (rides out a jump, makes at least 1/4 buoy and tricks at least 20 points) in an event, team event scoring will be limited to a maximum of four team members. However, each individual scoring in an event shall be awarded points for credit toward individual overall. Award points will be awarded to each skier in the order of his scored placement in the event. If there are five skiers from a team in an event, only the four skiers with the highest award points are added for that team's event scoring; but the #5 skier's award points are counted toward individual overall scoring. Team event and individual overall scoring shall be based on the longest jump, the most consecutive buoys, and the most total trick points. Ties will not be run off or determined by back up jumps for any individual or team. Skiers listed on the A-Team Roster are the only ones that will be scored for team trophies, and/or Conference and National records, and/or for AWSA ratings.
- 6.02 Men's team event score and women's team event score will be the total of their Team Member Award Points.
- 6.03 Men's team overall score and women's team overall score will be the total of their team event scores.
- 6.04 School combined overall score will be the total of their men's team overall score and their women's team overall score. A school will not be eligible for an award for combined teams unless at least one member of both the Men's and Women's team scores 10 or more points.
- 6.05 For two round tournaments, each round will be scored independently as per 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, and 6.04; and then the cumulative award points earned by men and women on each team for each event in each round will be added to determine their respective men's and women's team overall score with the school combined team overall total scores derived by adding together the men's and women's overall team scores for each round for that school. No scores for any event will be used from the second round to determine any placement of either the men's team, the women's team or the school combined team overall unless all three events of slalom, jump, and trick for both the men's and women's teams are completed. No partial scoring of events or teams is allowed.

7. RERIDES AND PROTESTS

- 7.01 Rerides and protests will conform to AWSA Rules, but requests may be initiated only by the school team captains, event judges, or the skier involved.

8. EQUIPMENT

- 8.01 AWSA Rules will apply for ski courses and equipment except as noted under 11.03 below. Each team - men and women - will be responsible for furnishing their own personal equipment - skis etc. Tournament sponsors will be responsible for slalom and jump ropes and handles.
- 8.02 Competition bibs. In school colors and displaying school name and/or logo are recommended at all NCWSA sanctioned events and are mandatory (i.e., skiing or riding without your team bib will result in disqualification from the event) at the NCWSA All-Stars and NCWSA Nationals.

9. JUMPING

- 9.01 A five foot ramp will be used for both men and women.
- 9.02 Three passes are allowed with the longest measured jump to be used for placement and award points. (Only the longest jump will be used for placement and ties will not be broken.)
- 9.03 Speeds
- A. Men shall have a choice of speeds up to a maximum of 32 mph.
 - B. Women shall have a choice of speeds up to a maximum of 32 mph.

10. SLALOM

- 10.01 A. Men slalom skiers will be judged and scored per AWSA standards.
- B. Women slalom skiers will be judged and scored per AWSA standards.
- 10.02 Speeds.
- A. Men's minimum starting speed - 26 mph.
- B. Women's minimum starting speed - 24 mph.

11. TRICKS

- 11.01 One trick pass of twenty seconds is allowed.
- 11.02 A skier will be allowed one fall or one handle throw prior to entering the course.
- 11.03 A trick ski is defined as having no molded or attached fins , being no longer than 46 inches, with a front binder that is within 9.9 degrees (11 percent) of parallel with the centerline (long) axis of the ski. The width of the ski may not exceed 30% of the length. Skis not conforming to this rule may be used but will be scored at 50 % of 1 ski trick points

12. SAFETY

- 12.01 All NCWSA Tournaments must follow the safety guidelines set forth in AWSA Rule 12.

13. RECORDS

- 13.01 The Collegiate Record performances for each event shall be known and used as training goals. Each Conference shall approve its own Conference records. All National records shall be approved by the National Board of Directors under guidelines determined by the National Board.
- 13.02 For Board consideration of an NCWSA National Record the performance must be obtained in an NCWSA/AWSA sanctioned Class C tournament, must meet all NCWSA National Record Verification requirements and procedures in effect at the time of the performance as described in these Rules in Appendix B, and must be fully documented on the NCWSA National Record Application Form.
- 13.03 To be considered for a National Record, a skier must prove his/her intent to compete for his/her team on a continuing basis.
- 13.04 No National records may be set in the second round of a 2 round tournament, even if it is the first round a skier skied in that tournament.

14. EXCEPTIONS

- 14.01 Exceptions to the rules may be allowed if they are submitted to the NCWSA Board for approval at least 4 weeks prior to the tournament and are then approved by a 2/3 majority vote of NCWSA Board prior to the tournament.

APPENDIX "A" NCWSA TOURNAMENT RULES
(Sample Letter from Registrar)

UNIVERSITY LETTERHEAD

Date: August 1, 2001

Attention: Officials of the National Collegiate Water Ski Association

Eligible: The following are full-time students in good standing with at least a cumulative "C" academic average at Citizens State University:

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| | 1. Meadows, Sally Ann | 452-62-7890 |
| | 2. Renfrow, Jane R. | 264-72-4568 |
| * | 3. Kiser, Paul K. | 254-84-3760 |
| | 4. Allen, Ray F. | 543-78-1234 |
| | 5. Samuels, Fred S. | 452-45-8988 |
| ** | 6. Samuels, Fred Robbin | 463-89-8888 |

* This student is taking the minimum hours necessary for graduation in this his last period of his academic year of graduation.

** This student is enrolled as a full time undergraduate/graduate student in his first semester/quarter at Citizen State University; therefore, has no cumulative "C" average at this time for course work.

The current status of the above six (6) students has been verified by this office.

Respectfully,
(signature)

Jane Carter
Registrar
Citizens State University (University Seal)

NOTE: The following items are necessary in order for this letter to be acceptable:

1. This letter must be typed on school stationary.
2. This letter must not be dated prior to (date) (an appropriate date for the tournament for which this letter was written) no more than 30 days prior to said tournament.
3. The number of students listed must be spelled out and written numerically by the Registrar or an individual letter for each student may be used.
4. The letter must be signed by the Registrar (or Assistant Registrar).
5. First and last names, along with social security number and/or student ID/AWSA numbers should be listed for each student.
6. The letter must be embossed with the University Seal.

PROCEDURE: The original letter from the Registrar must be turned into registration with the final registration at the Nationals (or local tournament) concerned. A copy of the letter must be turned into preregistration materials if required by the tournament concerned (usually at the Nationals).

APPENDIX "B" NCWSA TOURNAMENT RULES
VERIFICATION OF NATIONAL RECORDS

GENERAL NATIONAL RECORD REQUIREMENTS: Applies to performances being considered for all events. Each event must meet ADDITIONAL NATIONAL RECORD REQUIREMENTS as continued on the next page of this Appendix "B".

1. NCWSA National records may be set at any Class C NCWSA/AWSA sanctioned tournament which:
 - a. Meets all of these "National Record Requirements".
 - b. Meets or exceeds all technical requirements of an AWSA/NCWSA Class C tournament as described in the AWSA Official Tournament Rules.
 - c. Follows all NCWSA Tournament Rules with the exceptions and/or additions herein required.
2. An AWSA technical controller shall verify and record the NCWSA record capability of the tournament course (Class C tolerances) equipment, judges in positions as required by these verification procedures, and all else affecting the validity of a new skiing record. The chief judge shall act as technical controller if none is appointed. The chief judge (and technical controller if appointed for the tournament) shall sign the record application attesting the above.
3. A performance is recognized as a record (upon validation) if it ties or exceeds the existing national record. NCWSA Tournament Rules allow no run-offs of ties.
4. The proposed new record must be made on the official NCWSA Record Application Form, filled out completely, sent along with a copy of the Chief Judge's Tournament Report and received by the NCWSA National Chairman within 30 days of the performance to be considered by the NCWSA Board for approval. It is the Chief Judge's responsibility to get the completed application and a copy of his tournament report to the NCWSA Chairman within the 30 day time limit.
5. Actual ratings of the officials for the event of a proposed record performance being considered will be verified by the NCWSA Chairman from the current edition of the AWSA Directory of officials and/or phone(s) call to AWSA Headquarters upon receipt of the application. All officials must have the required rating in the event for which the record is to be considered, at the time of the performance. The Chairman will so note any changes/discrepancies of the officials' ratings on the application prior to submission to the NCWSA Board.
6. All collegiate national records will be certified and approved by the NCWSA Board of Directors by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board (by mail ballot or Board meeting) and will remain as national records until replaced by the approval of the Board of higher performances. The NCWSA Board will maintain a current list of all national records. Upon receipt of the completed application for a new national record and Chief Judge's Report by the NCWSA Chairman, that performance may be considered by the skier as a pending record until such time as final certification and validation or rejection of same.
7. Final validation of a new record shall be made by the NCWSA Chairman's signature on the application upon approval of the Board. Notification of acceptance or rejection of the proposed record performance will be mailed to the skier at the address shown on the application by return receipt requested. If the record is not approved the skier will receive a letter with the reason(s) for rejection from the Chairman.
8. Any record performance denied to the skier may be appealed by the skier by notifying the NCWSA Chairman in writing with a request to be reconsidered and the reasons the skier feels the record should be reconsidered. This must be done within thirty days of receipt of the rejection letter by the skier from the Chairman. The Chairman will resubmit the application to the NCWSA Board. The Board will again review the application and any new information available and will revote to accept or deny the skier's performance as a national record. The second vote is final.

APPENDIX "B" NCWSA TOURNAMENT RULES - CONTINUED

ADDITIONAL NATIONAL RECORD REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH EVENT:

1. SLALOM

- a. Timing device checked by the Chief Judge or Tech Controller
- b. Approved Speed Control with ABT or 2-segment timing with fall button.
- c. Times recorded ABT, or 2 segment of record pass and immediately preceding pass (Class "C" tolerances)
- d. Course verified within tolerance (See Chief Judge's report)
- e. Judges names and ratings and signatures (minimum of three (3) total-- boat judge and at least two (2) tower judges, all at least an AWSA-rated Regular judge or higher.)
- f. Driver's name, rating (AWSA Regular or higher rating required) and signature
- g. Scorer name, (AWSA Regular or higher rating required) rating, and signature
- h. Line checked and in tolerance on all line lengths used by skier, impounded at the time of the record

2. TRICKS

- a. Timing device checked by Chief Judge or Tech Controller
- b. Rated Timer name, rating (AWSA assistant judge or higher) and signature and he must make a sound, clearly audible to the call judges, at beginning and ending of the twenty second pass
- c. Skis checked
- d. Judges names, ratings and signatures (minimum total of 3 judges-each call judge with AWSA Regular or higher rating required - 5 judges recommended)
- e. All Judges' scoring forms (pink sheets) attached to application
- f. Driver name, rating (AWSA Assistant or higher) and signature
- g. Boat judge (AWSA assistant or higher rating required), name, rating, and signature
- h. Scorer name (AWSA Regular or higher rating required), rating, and signature

3. JUMPING

- a. Three meters or video jump required (see Chief Judge's Report)
- b. Meter readers or video operators signatures also video file for record jump.
- c. Boat judge, name, rating, (AWSA rated Regular or higher) and signature
- d. Masterboard-meter set-up & triangles checked - and recorded on record form for verification
- e. Meter readings and resulting triangles verified on masterboard or by most current version used by AWSA (at time of performance) of the WSTIMS program by Chief Judge or Technical Controller
- f. Timing device checked by Chief Judge or Tech Controller
- g. Approved Speed Control
- h. Boat times for both segments of course recorded and in tolerance
- i. Course checked in tolerance (See Chief Judge's Report)
- j. Ramp height and length out of water in tolerance and recorded on record form
- k. Line length in tolerance and recorded on form
- l. Driver name, rating, (AWSA Regular or higher rating required) and signature
- m. Scorer name, (AWSA Regular or higher rating required) rating, and signature