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2002 ADDENDUM

2002 WATER SKI SHOW COMPETITION RULES

1.09 National Tournament - The NSSA Board of Directors may amend the water ski show competition rules, for the National Show Tournament, provided the amendments are made prior to the Letter of Agreement, and so stated in the entry requirements.

Tournament Host Requirement: All plaques *and/or trophies* awarded at the National Tournament to *all* teams will indicate *their respective* placement.

3.05 Preparation Time - The first club to compete on any day shall be given 20 minutes preparation time prior to the scheduled starting time.

Each club shall be allowed 20 minutes, prior to the start of their performance, beginning at the conclusion of the preceding club's clean up, as preparation time to assemble its equipment and be ready to perform. The club may start its show any time during this 20-minute preparation time.

The period of competition shall begin *when any one of the following first occurs:*

- 1) With a spoken word recorded or live,
(It is not intended for the time to start because of words in commercially available music which may be played by the competing club during its setup time unless prearranged. *Microphone and sound checks are allowed provided that they are done to set the levels and the crowd is not addressed other than to check for their ability to hear the announcer.*)
- 2) *The crossing of the show site outer buoys with a tight line, (The buoys shall be placed near both of the shorelines, 750 feet from the center of the center stage, in both directions of the show course. For sites that are more than 750 feet wide, the show site outer buoys opposite the stage will be located 750 feet out from the stage shoreline. If the site is not at least 750 feet in any of the three directions (no buoys need to be placed in that respective direction), then any visible tight line within*

that respective direction will be considered as starting the show and the competition time will start.)

- 3) The first visible tight line ***within the show site outer buoys, (If the site is not at least 750 feet in any of the three directions (no buoys need to be placed in that respective direction), then any visible tight line within that respective direction will be considered as starting the show and the competition time will start)***
- 4) Expiration of the 20-minute setup time, (If a club has not begun its show and the 20-minute preparation time has elapsed, the competition time will be started and the show director or an appointed person be so notified by the timekeeper, provided the person to be notified is at a previously designated place.)
- 5) Or at a time prearranged with the club representative.
Whenever the competition time begins an audible signal will be sounded by the timer.

Any activity prior to the actual start of the competition period is to be disregarded by the judges.

Clubs may set up equipment around the show site prior to the 20-minute preparation time provided there is absolutely no interference or disruption of any competing team.

6.04 Entry Requirements and Tournament Paperwork - The competing team shall be responsible for meeting all entry requirements. Each team entering any NSSA sanctioned tournament must furnish the tournament sponsor or designee, with the properly completed forms, not later than one hour before the scheduled start of the tournament. The sponsor may require these forms to be submitted any time up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the tournament, and may request additional numbers of copies, provided so stated in the tournament announcement. Failure to comply with this rule may result in team disqualification.

1. Judges' forms - 2 copies per Judge and 1 copy for the Chief Judge (SCR 2.03).
2. Scorers' forms - 2 copies (SCR 2.03).
3. Team roster - 2 copies with USA Water Ski membership numbers (SCR 6.02).
4. USA Water Ski club affiliation certificate - 1 copy (SCR 6.01).
5. NSSA Safety Coordinator - 1 copy of the ***safety coordinators card*** (SCR 6.06).
6. USA Water Ski Towboat Liability Insurance form - 1 copy.

7. NSSA Safety Directors Tracking Report form - 1 copy.
8. Wireless microphone frequency - give to Chief Judge (SCR 9.09).
9. Club radio frequency - give to Chief Judge.
10. USA Water Ski music form - 1 copy ***National Tournament only***.
11. Location of Acts list for ESPN, or other media, video ***National Tournament only*** (optional)
12. Club Biographies for ESPN ***National Tournament only*** (optional)

6.06 Safety Coordinator - All teams competing in NSSA sanctioned tournaments must have a team safety coordinator that has read the NSSA Safety Manual, taken the 25 question NSSA Safety Coordinator test, is at least 18 years old and has successfully completed the USA-WS Safety Clinic within the last four years. All competing clubs must furnish the sponsor with a copy **of the safety coordinators card.**

9.01 Towboat - The sponsor shall have the option of supplying the towboat, which may or may not be used at the discretion of the club competing. If one is supplied, it shall be so stated in the ski show announcements.

In 2001 all tournament teams must have one tested driver **that is driving within their respective rating,** in 2002 all NSSA teams must have **at least** one tested driver **that is driving within their respective rating,** and in 2005 all towboat drivers **on all NSSA teams** must be tested **and driving the boats within their respective rating(s).**

9.03 Jump Ramp - The sponsor shall supply one AWSA regulation-size jump ramp with side aprons. Jump ramp will be adjustable to AWSA standards. The jump ramp provision may be waived at Class C tournaments, if stated in tournament announcements. The dimensions of a jump for NSSA purposes will be an inclined plane with mounted side aprons that meets the following specifications. This rule applies to tournament-sponsor supplied jumps only.

1. Height: A level take-off edge, which may be adjustable from 5 to 6 feet with the primary position at 5.5 feet.
2. Surface width: 14 feet at all points ± 2 inches.

3. Surface length out of water: 21 feet to 22 feet evenly.
4. Surface length under water: 2 feet minimum evenly.
5. Side aprons on both sides shall extend the full length of the jump and shall be at least 6 inches under the water when the ramp is raised to its full height. The recommended apron angle is no less than 30 degrees to no greater than 60 degrees from vertical.
6. Buoy: 49 feet **±1 foot** from the middle of the jump surface to the right of the jump as you approach to go off it. The buoy shall also be in a line even with the take-off edge of the jump.

10.05 Safety Deductions - Any of the judges or the Safety Director may poll the scoring judges for a 1% to 3% point deduction from the total score of a club for each instance that, in the opinion of the majority of the judges, there was a serious failure to exercise proper safety precautions during their show. The following will constitute automatic penalties under the rule:

1. Failure to wear a helmet at any time a competitor skis under another competitor or a competitor's rope - 5% deduction. The exception to this rule would be for changing positions.
2. Failure to apply and properly use a quick release for all acts in which the skiers do not hold the "normal skiing handle" in their hands at all times - 5% deduction. Also, to include "flip starts", when the towline is wrapped around the skier's body. A release person (observer) may hold no more than one release per hand. It is the intent of this rule to allow for pulling up on the ropes for the purpose of changing positions without penalty.
3. Failure of aerial acts to land in the water or aerial acts coming over land while the participant has his skis on - 5% deduction. This rule may allow for the flyer to choose a safe alternate area away from spectators for reasons of his own safety.
4. Failure to wear a personal flotation device, which will float the skier under the following circumstances:
 - a. Any time a competitor goes over a jump ramp.
 - b. During rope braid acts.

- c. During 360s around the boat.
- d. While barefoot skiing.
- e. **All performance on the water in an act listed as clown/comedy.**
- f. If any part of a formation being towed is three or more tiers, then all members being pulled by that towboat which are at the second tier and higher must wear flotation.
- g. At least one rider/spotter (if any) in all towboats and pick-up boats must wear a minimum of Coast Guard approved Type III flotation while skiers are on the water.
The exception to this is the incidental use of barges to pick up debris, skies and people. This exception can only be made if the club has pick-up boat(s) and the barge operator is wearing the Coast Guard Type III flotation. **If driver leaves motor/control area the motor MUST be shut off or placed in neutral.**
- h. Air Chairs

Life belts are not considered adequate personal flotation devices for parts a through e, g and h. Life belts are considered adequate flotation devices for part f.

(All of the above violations - 5% deduction.)

5. Failure to initiate all boat washouts, high-speed boat spins or similar stunts with an approach parallel to the shoreline and beginning the turn-away from the spectators and towboat drivers leaving the driver's seat when the boat is in gear and the neutral safety lock has not been detached, except for the purpose of increasing visibility during inclement weather - 5% deduction.

Other dangerous boat driving will be penalized at the judges' discretion and could include thread-the-needle maneuvers and failure to maintain safe control of the boat - up to 5% deduction.

6. Failure to complete or finish barefoot acts in more than knee-deep water - 3% deduction. It is the intent of this rule to keep barefooters from approaching shore to the point where a forward fall becomes dangerous. Judges should use reasonable judgment and not try to determine the exact level of the water to the skier's knee.

7. Safety deductions may be assessed anytime during the tournament. Safety deductions may occur whether or not competition time is running, (i.e. during set up time, tear down time). Safety deductions may be assessed during a time out.

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1.08 Post Tournament - The sponsor shall be responsible for mailing out the Judges' Forms, Scorers' Forms, and Tournament Reports. All items are to be mailed within ten days of the conclusion of the tournament. Copies to be mailed as follows:

1. Copies of all the Judges' Forms and copies of all the Scorers' Forms will be available upon request.
2. All judges and the Chief Judge are to receive copies of all Judges' Forms and all Scorers' Forms.
3. The NSSA Officials' Committee Chairman is to receive copies of all Judges' Forms, Scorers' Forms, and the Tournament Officials' Record.
4. The NSSA Competition Rules Committee Chairman is to receive copies of the Safety Report, Official Timers' Report, and Chief Judge's Post Tournament Report.
5. ***NSSA Safety Committee Chairman is to receive a copy of the Safety Report, Safety Director's Tracking Report (when applicable), Injury Report, and Tournament Additional Treatment Report.***
6. USA-WS's Competition Department is to receive: Tournament Officials' Record; Tournament Results; Individual and Family Membership Registration forms and monies collected; Tournament Safety Director's Report; Injury and Additional Treatment Reports (if applicable).

8.01 Towboat - The sponsor shall supply one towboat with a quick release and have available a competent **tested** boat driver who may be used by any of the competitors. For swivel, double and act competition, the competitors may use their own towboat and **tested** driver with the approval of the Chief Judge. This approval is solely to ensure safe equipment and competent **tested** drivers

and not to be used to prevent a competitor from using their own boat and **tested** driver for other reasons. For freestyle jump competition, the tournament-provided towboat and **tested** driver will be used by all competitors. The freestyle jumper must provide a release operator. ***In Multi (team)-jump competition, the competitors may supply their own Boats and Tested Drivers and provide a release operator.*** Information about the towboat and release shall be stated in the tournament announcements.

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7. Boat guide buoys and setup buoys.

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NSSA Bylaws

National Show Ski Association Bylaws

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of the organization shall be the National Show Ski Association, the abbreviation of which shall be "NSSA". This organization is a Sport Discipline of the USA Water Ski Inc, the abbreviation of which is "USA-WS", is guaranteed representation and voting privileges on the USA-WS Board as defined in USA-WS Bylaws Article VI. USA-WS is the national governing body of water skiing in the United States.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purpose of the NSSA shall be to organize, promote, and direct competitive show water skiing in the United States through affiliation with the USA-WS.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in NSSA shall be open to all USA-WS members without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, or sex: subject only to payment of dues as the USA-WS and NSSA may prescribe from time to time.

Section A –

1. Club Membership: Open to any water ski club. Each member shall have voting privileges within their respective region upon reaching the age of 15 years old, subject to regional bylaws, if any. Clubs are also required to be members in good standing of the USA-WS.
2. Individual Competitive Membership: Open to all skiers who are members in good standing of the USA-WS. Individual members shall have voting privileges within their respective regions upon reaching the age of 15 years old, **subject to Regional Bylaws, if any.**
3. Special Classes: Special classes of membership without voting privileges, such as patron memberships, associate membership, and other classes of membership, may be authorized and established by the Board on such terms and conditions of such dues and with such reasonable rights and privileges as the Board may establish from time to time.

Section B – Eligibility for competing in NSSA tournaments requires that member clubs have an adequate number of member skiers to constitute a team. All team members are subject to Official NSSA Tournament Rules.

Section C – An annual affiliation fee may be assessed each club and each individual member affiliating with the NSSA, and said fee is to be paid directly to the Treasurer of the NSSA. Fees collected will be used to cover operational costs of the NSSA not covered by the USA-WS. The amount of said fee, if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, shall be determined by the Board annually.

Section D – A member club or individual competitive member may be expelled or suspended only by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors on charges made in writing over the signature of at least three individual competitive members of the NSSA and submitted to the Board.

Section E – Each member club or individual member expelled or suspended shall have the right to prompt and equitable resolution of grievances through the exercise of due process. (See Articles X, XI, and XII.)

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A – Number and Qualification of Members of the National Board

The Board of Directors (herein sometimes referred to as the Board or BOD) shall consist of at least seven Directors, one from each region. The Board may be expanded from any one or more regions upon a two-thirds majority vote of the board. The Executive Director of the USA-WS, or his designated representative, will also be a member of the NSSA Board. This is a non-voting ex-officio membership position or.

No person shall be eligible for election to the Board or to the office of President, unless such person meets the following qualifications:

1. Mandatory Qualifications
 - a. U.S. citizenship
 - b. Current Valid USA-WS membership
 - c. Current valid NSSA membership
 - d. Minimum age of 21
 - e. Must attend the regular annual meeting of the Board

In addition, at least two of the following qualifications must be met:

- f. Previous membership on the NSSA Board of Directors or USA-WS Show Committee

- g. Membership on a NSSA Regional Board
- h. Current rated USA-WS show Judge or show Scorer; Boat Driver; or past or present show skier
- i. Approval of their Regional Director

2. Desirable Qualifications

In addition to the mandatory qualifications, the following background factors are to be considered as desirable for Board membership and to serve as guidelines for regional elections:

- a. Ability to travel and attend NSSA Board meetings
- b. Good knowledge of the functions of the NSSA
- c. Good organizational background
- d. Good character and personality traits
- e. Ability to communicate well
- f. Active in the sport of Water Skiing Show competition

Section B –President Election / Term

Unless the President is also a current Director, the President shall be a non-voting President, except to break a tie or when required to constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall elect the President. The term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section C – Board of Directors Election / Term

Each Director shall be elected by their respective region. The term of office shall be two (2) years or until a qualified successor is duly elected. A Director may serve two terms in succession (four years total), after which s/he remains ineligible for reelection for a period of one year.

1. If authorized by the Board for more than one Director, a region shall select one of its Directors to serve as the executive head of the region. The official title in that capacity shall be Regional Executive, hereinafter referred to as Regional Executive.
2. Other Directors, if applicable, shall be elected from each region and shall also serve a two-year term. The official title shall be National Director, hereinafter referred to as National Director. **No Region shall have more than one Director from any single Club or Team.**
3. The terms of all Officers and Directors of the NSSA shall be for two (2) years, and shall start at the conclusion of the **Division I National Show** Tournament.
4. Honorary National Directors (administered by the Nominating Committee). The Honorary National Directors must have served on the Board under one of the following conditions, terms may be served concurrently, and are currently not an Officer or a Director.

- a. President – four (4) or more years
- b. Vice President – four (4) or more years
- c. Treasurer and/or Secretary – four (4) or more years
- d. National Director – six (6) or more years

Honorary National Directors must be current USA-WS members and receive a 2/3 vote of the NSSA Board members during the Annual NSSA Board Meeting, to be elected for life to the Board. Honorary National Directors shall have a voice, but not vote.

5. Alternates will be elected by their respective Region, who will set the term and duration of office for the Alternate, these Alternates are encouraged to attend every BOD meeting to remain current with the business and decisions of the BOD. They will have the right to vote the Regions vote should a Director be absent.

Section D – Vacancies

In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors through death, resignation, incapacity to act, or any other cause, the Board may appoint a replacement from the respective region to serve for the unexpired term or until such time as the region calls a special meeting to elect a successor.

Section E – Powers and Duties

The entire direction and management of the affairs of the NSSA Division of the USA-WS shall be vested in its Board of Directors, except as limited in these bylaws.

Section F – Place of Meeting

The Board of Directors may hold their meetings at such place or places as the Board may determine from time-to-time. Conference calls by telephone are to be confirmed by mail ballots, or mail ballots may be used when it is impractical to meet otherwise, ***e-mail ballots may be substituted for postal mail at the discretion of the President (e-mail ballots will be sent with "Response Requested" so that the author can confirm receipt by the voting Directors.***

Section G – Regular Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors shall hold a regular annual meeting for the transaction of such business as may properly come before this meeting at the time and place of the Fall Meeting. This meeting will be attended by all Directors.

The first order of business on the agenda, after call to order, roll call, announcement of a quorum (as described in Article IV, Section J), and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, shall be to take action on mail, ***e-mail*** or phone ballots not previously acted upon at a

Board meeting. The balance of the agenda shall be as determined by the President.

Section H – Meetings and Special Meetings

The election of Officers shall take place as the last item of business in conjunction with the meeting held at the time and place of the **Division I** National **Show** Tournament. If the **Division I** National **Show** Tournament is not held in a particular year, then the majority vote of the Board will decide the date and place of the meeting to elect Officers.

Section I – Notice of Meeting

Notice of the place, day, and hour of any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and notice of the place, day, hour, and purposes of every special meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be given to each Director at least thirty (30) days prior to such a meeting, by delivering said notice personally, or by mailing/**e-mailing** said notice to the last known address for each Director according to the records of the NSSA.

It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been provided to any Director who is present or who, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing either before or after said meeting is held.

Section J – Quorum

Two-thirds of the Directors in office at any time shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of business; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting from time-to-time until a quorum is present. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be provided.

Section K – Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the NSSA will be held at the site of the **Division I** National **Show** Tournament. The agenda for this meeting will be set by the President, or his/her duly appointed representative.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The Officers of the NSSA shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The above Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its **Division I** National **Show** Tournament meeting, and shall take office at the close of the **Division I** National **Show** Tournament. The offices

of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. Officers may be elected from outside the Board, but, if so, they shall be non-voting.

Officers are required to attend the regular annual meeting of the board. An Officer will be allowed a voice, but not a vote, unless the officer is also a current Director.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties and powers of the officers of the NSSA shall be as follows:

President – Elected in even-numbered years

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall cause to be called all regular meetings of the Board of Directors in accordance with these bylaws. S/he may call special meetings of the Board of Directors at any time at his/her discretion. S/he may call for a vote of the Board committee at his/her discretion. The President shall follow-up on actions taken by the Board to determine that they have been implemented, and notify the Board of Directors of any failure to implement. S/he shall do those things required to assist in the smooth and efficient operation of the Board of Directors of the NSSA. S/he is authorized to sign all contracts and agreements approved by the Board in the name of the NSSA. The President shall be limited to \$1,000.00 on all checks signed. Amounts over \$1,000.00 shall require the additional signature of the NSSA Treasurer. The President shall be the official representative from the NSSA to serve on the USA-WS Board of Directors. The President may delegate the signing of checks and other disbursements, to the Treasurer, at his/her discretion. (8/10/90). The President may recommend representatives to USA-WS committees, standing and special, on an annual basis. Should the NSSA desire to have alternates appointed to these committees, the President may recommend them also.

Vice President – Elected in odd-numbered years

During the absence and/or inability of the President to render and perform his/her duties or exercise his/her powers, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Vice President. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all powers and be subject to all responsibilities hereby given to or imposed upon the President. The term office for Vice President shall be for a period of two years with election staggered so that no more than two positions are up for election in any given calendar year (one position, if Secretary/Treasurer is currently held by one person). (3/3/95)

Secretary – Elected in even-numbered years

The Secretary is the recording officer of the NSSA and the nominal custodian of its records. The term office for Secretary shall be for a period of two years with election staggered so that no more than two positions are up for election in any given calendar year (one position, if Secretary/Treasurer is currently held by one person). (3/3/95)

Treasurer – Elected in odd-numbered years (unless combined with the position of Secretary – then elected in the “Secretary” designated year)

The Treasurer may be the same person as the one who occupies the office of Secretary. The Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer of the NSSA and shall be responsible for control of the NSSA additional affiliation fee funds as described in Article III, Section C, any other fees as described in Article III, Section A.3, any donations accepted by the Board, and the maintenance of appropriate records. The term office for Treasurer shall be for a period of two years with election staggered so that no more than two positions are up for election in any given calendar Year (one position, if Secretary-Treasurer is currently held by one person). (3/3/95)

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Standing Committees are listed below. The President shall appoint the Committee Chairperson, subject to Board approval, and exercise approval of committee members selected by the Committee Chairperson. All members must be NSSA members in good standing.

- Competition Rules
- Officials
- National Tournament
- Nominating

Standing committee duties shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Committees may be added, deleted, or changed by a majority vote of the Board.

Special Committees, which do not conflict with Standing Committees, may be activated by the President as required. Examples of such committees are bylaws, plans and programs, records, membership, promotion and publicity, safety, towboat study, and hall of fame selection. Special Committee duties shall be determined by the president.

Recommendations coming out of Committee require a 70%, or greater, approval by the Committee to be put before the Board.

Committee proposals, decisions, and actions shall be valid only when ratified by the Board of Directors at a meeting or by mail/**e-mail** ballot.

Committee Chairpersons will be appointed, as directed above, at the end of the annual meeting. Their duties and responsibilities will continue through the following calendar year's annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

The United States shall be divided up into seven (7) show ski **R**egions as follows:

1. Eastern Region: The states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.
2. Midwest Region: The states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
3. Central Region: The States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio
4. Southern Region: The states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.
5. Western Region: __The states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
6. South Central Region: The States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas.
7. Wisconsin Region: The state of Wisconsin and the districts within.

Any State, territory, or possession of the United States may be included in any of said **R**egions or transferred from one **R**egion to another by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

Each **R**egion provided for herein may adopt and amend its own **R**egional **B**ylaws, provided that no provisions thereof, nor action taken thereunder at the **R**egional level, shall conflict with the bylaws of the NSSA or any authorized rules made or action taken thereunder. Where ever such conflict exists, the conflicting **R**egional **B**ylaws, or action taken thereunder, shall automatically be suspended in application and supplanted by the applicable **B**ylaws of the NSSA or by the rules made or action taken thereunder by the Board. In order to

avoid such conflicts, a draft of all **R**egional **B**ylaws, or amendments thereto, shall be promptly submitted to the National Board for examination and recommendations. The Board determination as to the existence of a conflict shall be conclusive.

Each **R**egion shall elect one or more Directors to the National Board of Directors. The term of office shall be two (2) years, and the term shall begin when the annual meeting of the BOD is called to order. If more than one Director from a given **R**egion is authorized by the Board, the second Director shall take office one year from the installation of the first Director.

If a Regional Qualifying Tournament has been awarded to a host organization and approved by the NSSA President, a 2/3 vote of the majority of the NSSA Board of Directors is required for any proposed change of venue to take place.

ARTICLE IX – **DIVISION I NATIONAL **SHOW** CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

Section A – Date

The **DIVISION I** National **SHOW** Championship Tournament, herein referred to as the **DIVISION I** National **SHOW** Tournament, shall be held annually, with the date and place being set by the Board of Directors.

Section B – Hosts / Bidding Procedure

Petitions for hosting the **DIVISION I** National Show Tournament shall be made to the Board of Directors by submitting to the **NSSA President by July 15th** with selection for two years hence being made by a majority vote at the annual meeting (November) of the Board of Directors.

1. A notice will be placed in The Water Skier magazine no later than the May issue, that the NSSA will be accepting bids for the **DIVISION I** National Show Tournament. The current National Tournament Chairperson and the current Publicity Committee Chairperson shall jointly be responsible for assuring the timely publication of this notice.
2. Bids shall be sent to the **NSSA President**, postmarked no later than July 15th, two (2) calendar years prior to the **DIVISION I SHOW** National Tournament for which the bid is being submitted. Bids may not be altered or supplemented except by request of the Board.

Note: Should the **Division I** National **Show** Tournament Director be affiliated with a team (club) submitting a bid, these bids must be sent to the NSSA President to avoid a possible conflict of **interest**.

3. The **NSSA President** shall distribute the bids at the next Summer Board meeting, normally held in conjunction with the **Division I** National **Show** Tournament.
4. The decision to award the bid shall take place at the next Fall meeting of the Board. This meeting will normally occur 20 months prior to the date of the **Division I** National **Show Tournament**. The decision shall be made by a simple majority of the Board.

Section C - Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee (Chairperson and members) shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for all particulars of the **Division I** National **Show** Tournament, including scheduling, financing, and promoting, among others. The Tournament Committee shall be obedient to the Board of Directors.

Section D - Eligibility

Each region shall be responsible for selecting its teams for competition in the **Division I** National **Show** Tournament. Normally, at least one competition time slot will be reserved for at least one club from each region.

Section E - Rules

The **Division I** National **Show** Tournament shall follow the Official NSSA Tournament Rules.

Section F - Bid Content

1. Bids shall be submitted on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, except for maps or diagrams, which may be larger.
2. Twenty (20) copies of the bid shall be submitted.
3. Each bid shall include all of the following information:
 - a. Map or sketch of the site, and showing:
 1. Size of show area
 2. Water depths
 3. Main dock and secondary docks
 4. Boat ramps
 5. Beach area
 6. Bleachers and other seating
 7. Exhibitor areas
 8. Concession areas
 9. Officials facilities
 - b. Capacity of site for spectators and types of seating available, including bleacher capacity.
 - c. A statement regarding water conditions and how the area will be regulated regarding recreational boaters.
 - d. A statement regarding **whether** additional **changes** will be made, such as parking or admissions.
 - e. A statement regarding parking capacity, location relative to the site and control.

- f. A statement regarding whether beer or other alcoholic beverages will be sold on the site, and how such sales will be controlled.
 - g. A list of hotels and motels in the area and an estimate of the total number of rooms available.
4. A copy of the **Division I National Show Tournament** minimum bid criteria should be requested from the current National Tournament Chairperson prior to bid preparation.

Section G - All **Division I National Show Tournament** entries, team and individual, must be sent via U.S. certified mail to the National Tournament Chairperson no later than July 15th of the current year. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Section H - Seeding of Teams and Individuals for the Division I National Show Tournament Entries will be limited to 14 clubs, which will be selected and notified by July 31st. The clubs will be selected using the following formula provided all entry requirements are met.

Tournament Entry Procedures for Teams

- 1. The top club from the previous **Division I National Show Tournament**.
- 2. Two clubs from each region as chosen by that region, except that the region from which the defending champion comes will only get one spot in the First rotation.

Qualifications:

- 3. If the 14 spots are not filled by the regions, they will be filled in the following rotation: One club from the Wisconsin Region, before regular rotation begins, then one club from the Wisconsin Region, one club from the Central Region, one club from the Midwest Region, one club from the Southern Region, one club from the Eastern Region, one club from the South Central Region, one club from the Western Region.

Seeding:

- 4. Seeding of the teams will be done as follows:
 The top club from the previous year will get the first choice of slots. Slots 2 - 14 (total of 13 clubs) will be seeded in the following order as chosen by their Region: Wisconsin, Central, Midwest, Southern, Eastern, South Central, West.
 Seeding will be based upon finish (placement) at the respective Regional qualifying tournaments (continue round-robin).
- 5. Entry fees will be returned in full if not chosen to represent the Region.

6. The two club rosters shall be submitted no later than seven days in advance of the tournament, using U.S. Certified Mail.

Division I National Show Tournament Entry Procedures for Individuals:

Entries will be limited to 15 individual (couples/teams) in the following events: Swivel, Doubles, Multi-Jump. The competitors will be selected and notified by July 31st. They will be selected using the following formula, provided all entry requirements are met:

1. The previous year's champion will be invited, seeded first and ski last.
2. The top qualifier from each region (seven maximum) will be seeded, and ski 8th 14th slots –by rotation per #4 below
3. The second highest qualifiers from each region will be seeded, and ski 1st - 7th slots –by rotation per #4 below
4. Should each region NOT select two qualifiers, the 1st - 7th slots will be Filled via the Following rotation (until a total of 15 contestants are selected): Wisconsin, South, Central, Midwest, East, South Central and West. This rotation will be used to seed the top qualifiers also (#2 above).
5. Entry fees will be returned in full should the entrant not be selected to represent the Region
6. If a competitor chooses to withdraw from the competition, they must notify the Tournament Director a minimum of 48 hours before the start of competition. If such a notification occurs, the Tournament Director will notify the next eligible entrant from the Region represented by the withdrawn competitor. If the slot cannot be filled in this manner, then a random draw will be done from a "stand-by" list of eligible entrants who were not originally seeded in the competition.

Section I

1. Show **Division I**, National **Show** Tournament Entry Forms: All Show **Division I** Nationals **Show** Tournament entry forms and mailings are to be sent to the official club mailing addresses (PO Box) and sent "certified" mail. All entry forms are to have a clearly marked due date. Failure to have forms postmarked by such due date would disqualify a team from competing. All teams, including those automatically seeded, must comply. These same requirements also apply to the Individual Act portion of the **Division I** National **Show Tournament** (with the provision that entry forms may be mailed to an individuals address).
Said Entry forms will be made available on the NSSA and USA Water Ski Web sites by a reasonable date prior to the deadline, or requested directly from the National Tournament Chairperson.
2. **Division I** National **Show Tournament** Music Lists: All competing teams and individual acts are required to submit their "music play lists" as a part of their entry package which is normally due to the tournament chairman on the day before the start of competition. Music play lists should include all songs used during the performance, with title and artist.
3. Tournament Host Supplied Sound System: At the **Division I** National Show Tournament a tournament host supplied sound system will be provided and must be used by all teams. A team may also feed their signal to additional equipment separately. A team may not move, alter, modify, or add to, the

tournament supplied house sound system in any way. The team supplied sound equipment may not be placed or connected in such a way as to damage the tournament supplied house system. The tournament host supplied sound system will meet but not be limited to the minimum specifications described below. A written description of the system will be available from the tournament host to the competing teams, no later than one week prior to the start of the tournament. All wireless microphone frequencies must be registered with the Chief Judge during the pre-show meeting with the Show Director. A tournament supplied house sound system will be provided by the host team of all **Division I** National Show Tournaments for the use of all participating teams. Said sound system shall meet, but not be limited to, the following minimum specifications:

- a. Loudspeaker cabinets sufficient to provide clear intelligible coverage of the entire spectator and judging area. Sound pressure level (SPL) at the judging area should be at least 70 dB.
- b. Monitor loudspeaker cabinets with adjustable gain placed so as to provide sufficient coverage of the primary starting dock and the main announcing stage.
- c. Amplification to adequately power the venue.
- d. At least one backup amplifier on site.
- e. A mixing console with at least 6 input channels.
- f. A direct box, or the adapters necessary to allow RCA, XLR, and 1/4" input to the main console, stereo or sum, and mono.
- g. A house microphone.
- h. At least one technician on site at all times during the competition.
- i. A properly grounded 110v, 60hz, 20a circuit for team usage.

ARTICLE X – DIVISION II NATIONAL SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Add as a NEW Article X as to how the following reads, then renumber all the following Articles accordingly: (i.e. – Article X becomes Article XI, etc.)

Section A – Date

A Division II, National Show Championship Tournament, herein referred to as the Show Division II National Show Tournament, shall be held annually, with the date and place being set by the Board of Directors.

Section B – Hosts / Bidding Procedure

Petitions for hosting the Division II, National Show Tournament shall be made to the Board of Directors by submitting to the National Tournament Chairperson by July 15th with selection for two years hence being made by a majority vote at the annual meeting (November) of the Board of Directors. (3/3/95)

5. A notice will be placed in The Water Skier magazine no later than the May issue, that the NSSA will be accepting bids for the Division II National Show Ski Tournament. The current National Tournament Chairperson and the current Publicity Committee Chairperson shall jointly be responsible for assuring the timely publication of this notice.

6. Bids shall be sent to the National Tournament Chairperson, postmarked no later than July 15th, two (2) calendar years prior to the Division II National Show Tournament for which the bid is being submitted. Bids may not be altered or supplemented except by request of the Board.

Note: Should the National Tournament Director be affiliated with a team (club) submitting a bid, these bids must be sent to the NSSA President to avoid a possible conflict of interest.

7. The National Tournament Chairman shall distribute the bids at the next Summer board meeting, normally held in conjunction with the Division I National Show Tournament.

8. The decision to award the bid shall take place at the next Fall meeting of the Board. This meeting will normally occur 20 months prior to the date of the Division II National Show Tournament. The decision shall be made by a simple majority of the Board.

Section C - Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee (Chairperson and members) shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for all particulars of the Division II National Show Tournament, including scheduling, financing, and promoting, among others. The Tournament Committee shall be obedient to the Board of Directors.

Section D - Eligibility

Each region shall be responsible for selecting its teams for competition in the Show Division II National Show Tournament. Normally, at least one competition time slot will be reserved for at least one club from each region. Division II competition shall be comprised of Teams and/or Individuals not qualified for the Division I

National Show Tournament by their respective Regions. The previous two-years' champions shall not be eligible to compete.

Teams and/or Individuals from undeveloped Regions skiing for the first time at a National Show Championship will compete at the Division II National Show Tournament, unless they specifically request to ski at the Division I National Show Tournament. In the undeveloped regions, if any Team chooses to go to the Division II National Show Tournament all lower placing Teams from that Region must also enter the Division II National Show Tournament competition.

Section E - Rules

The Division II National Show Tournament shall follow the Official NSSA Tournament Rules.

Section F - Bid Content

- 1. Bids shall be submitted on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, except for maps or diagrams, which may be larger.**
- 2. Twenty (20) copies of the bid shall be submitted.**
- 3. Each bid shall include all of the following information:**
 - a. Map or sketch of the site, and showing:**
 - 1. Size of show area**
 - 2. Water depths**
 - 3. Main dock and secondary docks**
 - 4. Boat ramps**
 - 5. Beach area**
 - 6. Bleachers and other seating**
 - 7. Exhibitor areas**
 - 8. Concession areas**
 - 9. Officials facilities**
 - b. Capacity of site for spectators and types of seating available, including bleacher capacity.**
 - c. A Statement regarding water conditions and how the area will be regulated regarding recreational boaters.**
 - d. A statement regarding weather additional charges will be made, such as parking or admissions.**
 - e. A statement regarding parking capacity, location relative to the site and control.**
 - f. A statement regarding whether beer or other alcoholic beverages will be sold on the site, and how such sales will be controlled.**
 - g. A list of hotels and motels in the area and an estimate of the total number of rooms available.**

4. A copy of the National Show Tournament minimum bid criteria should be requested from the current National Tournament Chairperson prior to bid preparation.

Section G - All Division II National Show Tournament entries, team and individual, must be sent via U.S. certified mail to the National Tournament Chairperson no later than July 15th of the current year. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Section H - Seeding of Teams and Individuals for the Division II National Show Ski Championship Tournament Entries will be limited to 14 clubs which will be selected and notified by July 31st. The clubs will be selected using the following formula provided all entry requirements are met.

Tournament Entry Procedures for Teams

1. Two clubs from each region as chosen by that region.

- 2 a. If the 14 spots are not filled by the regions, they will be Filled in the following rotation: One club from the Wisconsin Region, before regular rotation begins, then one club from the Wisconsin Region, one club from the Central Region, one club from the Midwest Region, one club from the Southern Region, one club from the Eastern Region, one club from the South Central Region, one club from the Western Region.

- b. Seeding of the teams will be done as follows:

Slots 1 - 14 (total of 14 clubs) will be seeded in the following order as chosen by their Region: Wisconsin, Central, Midwest, Southern, Eastern, South Central, West. Seeding will be based upon finish (placement) at the respective Regional qualifying tournaments (continue round-robin)

4. Entry fees will be returned in full if not chosen to represent the Region.

5. The two club rosters shall be submitted no later than seven days in advance of the tournament, using U.S. Certified Mail.

Tournament Entry Procedures for Individuals: Entries will be limited to 15 individual (couples/teams) in the following events: Swivel, Doubles, Multi-Jump. The competitors will be selected and notified by July 31st. They will be selected using the following formula, provided all entry requirements are met:

1. The top qualifier from each region (seven maximum) will be seeded, and ski 8th 14th slots –by rotation per #3 below
2. The second highest qualifiers from each region will be seeded, and ski 1st - 7th slots –by rotation per #3 below
3. Should each region NOT select two qualifiers, the 1st - 7th slots will be Filled via the Following rotation (until a total of 14 contestants are selected): Wisconsin, South, Central, Midwest, East, South

Central and West. This rotation will be used to seed the top qualifiers also (#2 above).

- 4. Entry fees will be returned in full should the entrant not be selected to represent the Region**
- 5. If a competitor chooses to withdraw from the competition, they must notify the Tournament Director a minimum of 48 hours before the start of competition. If such a notification occurs, the Tournament Director will notify the next eligible entrant from the Region represented by the withdrawn competitor. If the slot cannot be filled in this manner, then a random draw will be done from a "stand-by" list of eligible entrants who were not originally seeded in the competition.**

Section I

- 1. Division II National Show Tournament Entry Forms: All Division II National Show Tournament entry forms and mailings are to be sent to the official club mailing addresses (P.O. Box) and sent "certified" mail. All entry forms are to have a clearly marked due date. Failure to have forms postmarked by such due date would disqualify a team from competing. All teams, including those automatically seeded, must comply. These same requirements also apply to the Individual Act portion of the Division II National Show Tournament (with the provision that entry forms may be mailed to an individuals address). Said Entry Forms will be made available on the NSSA and USA Water Ski Web sites by a reasonable period prior to the deadline, or requested directly from the National Tournament Chairperson.**
- 2. Division II National Show Tournament Music Lists: All competing teams and individual acts are required to submit their "music play lists" as a part of their entry package which is normally due to the tournament chairman on the day before the start of competition. Music play lists should include all songs used during the performance, with title and artist.**
- 3. Tournament Host Supplied Sound System: At the Show Division II National Show Tournament a tournament host supplied sound system will be provided and must be used by all teams. A team may also feed their signal to additional equipment separately. A team may not move, alter, modify, or add to, the tournament supplied house sound system in any way. The team supplied sound equipment may not be placed or connected in such a way as to damage the tournament supplied house system. The tournament host supplied sound system will meet but not be limited to the minimum specifications described below. A written description of the system will be available from the tournament host to the competing teams, no later than one week prior to the start of the tournament. All wireless microphone frequencies must be**

registered with the Chief Judge during the pre-show meeting with the Show Director. A tournament supplied house sound system will be provided by the host team of all Division II National Show Tournaments for the use of all participating teams. Said sound system shall meet, but not be limited to, the following minimum specifications:

- a. Loudspeaker cabinets sufficient to provide clear, intelligible coverage of the entire spectator and judging area. Sound pressure level (SPL) at the judging area should be at least 70 db.*
- b. Monitor loudspeaker cabinets with adjustable gain placed so as to provide sufficient coverage of the primary starting dock and the main announcing stage.*
- c. Amplification to adequately power the venue.*
- d. At least one backup amplifier on site.*
- e. A mixing console with at least 6 input channels.*
- f. A direct box, or the adapters necessary to allow RCA, XLR, and 1/4" input to the main console, stereo or sum, and mono.*
- g. A house microphone.*
- h. At least one technician on site at all times during the competition.*
- i. A properly grounded 110v, 60hz, 20a circuit for team usage.*

ARTICLE XI - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Any member of the NSSA may file a written grievance with the NSSA President alleging a violation of the Bylaws or NSSA rules, policies, procedures, or purpose.

If the President determines that the grievance is a regional matter, the President shall refer the grievance to the Director of the Region involved. If a member is not in agreement with the decision of the Regional Director, the member shall have the right to appeal to the full Board of Directors. The decision of the Board shall be final.

ARTICLE XII - SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Discipline: A member or a member's club may be disciplined to include fines, probation and/or suspension or expulsion for unsportsman like conduct, any willful violation of NSSA or USA-WS rules or procedures, public intoxication to the extent that the member becomes disorderly or exhibits behavior which is disruptive to other members or spectators, criminal or fraudulent acts to include misrepresentation of membership in either NSSA or USA Water Ski, failure to pay indebtedness or any

other act that is contrary to the objectives and purposes of the NSSA, USA-WS, **IWSF, and/or USOC**. Expressly included is disrespectful behavior toward any NSSA National Director or employee of USA Water Ski, the destruction or defacing of property or disrespectful behavior toward the staff of host hotels/motels and/or other establishments or host security personnel where NSSA functions are held.

In such instances, the National Director of the **R**egion where the alleged act occurred shall appoint an investigating committee of at least three members from the member's **R**egion. In the event there is more than one National Director of the **R**egion, the President shall appoint a National Director of the **R**egion to chair the investigating committee and make appointments to that committee. None shall be members of the club(s) Filing charges or the club(s) being charged. If the accused member is a National Director, the investigating committee shall consist of board members of NSSA.

The committee shall conduct a confidential investigation to determine whether any disciplinary action is warranted. The investigation shall include availing the accused members(s) and club representative if disciplinary action against a club is sought, the opportunity to make a statement regarding the allegation of any misconduct or alleged violation before rendering a recommendation providing said appearance before the investigation committee can be made in a timely manner. The presence of open alcohol, disruptive behavior by three or more members of the same club and the presence of five or more members of the same club, failure of other club members to attempt intervention to halt disruptive behavior, shall be prima facie evidence of alcohol-induced behavior and to determine club involvement in said activity and subsequent disciplinary proceedings. Intentional misrepresentation of information to the Investigating Committee by any member(s) shall impeach said member(s) testimony and give rise to further disciplinary recommendation by the committee. The Committee shall report in writing to the Regional Director, recommending that disciplinary action be imposed or that no action be taken based upon a preponderance of the evidence that an allegation occurred, the National Board of Directors may serve as the Investigating Committee at the National **Show** Tournament.

In the event a fine is imposed against either member(s) or a club, said Fine shall be paid in Full to the NSSA before the member(s) and/or **Club** is allowed to participate in future NSSA sanctioned activities. Fines shall be no less than \$10 and shall not exceed \$50. Of Fines so imposed, 50% shall be placed in the general fund of the NSSA and 50% **shall** be given to the treasury of the Region where the action occurred to assist in offsetting security costs. The NSSA shall provide the victim of any damaged property with name and address of the accused so that civil litigation may be initiated but shall **not** act as a liaison for any civil litigation.

ARTICLE **XIII - DUE PROCESS**

Section I - Each member shall have the right to due process including the appeal of actions or decisions by the NSSA Board, or its representatives where the Board has ultimate jurisdiction and responsibility for the action or decision. This Article does not apply to membership suspensions or expulsions, nor actions or decisions for which USA-WS has ultimate jurisdiction and responsibility. These issues shall be appealed directly to USA-WS Judicial Committee and shall be resolved in accordance with USA-WS Bylaws Article XI.

Section II - Each member shall be notified by certified letter to his/her last known address or in person at the site of the alleged infraction, of any charges that an Investigating Committee may recommend. Such notice shall include the date, place and time at which a hearing can be held.

The President shall appoint a member of the Board to serve as Chairperson of the Investigating Committee and make appointments to that committee. None shall be members of the club (s) filing charges of the club (s) being charged.

Section III - Each member so charged shall have the right to appear personally and/or through an attorney to present evidence and witnesses on the member's behalf.

If the hearing has been conducted by a Investigating Committee, the Committee shall report in writing to the Board with its recommendations and a summary of the basis for the Committee's findings. The Board shall act upon the resolutions submitted by the Investigating Committee.

The Board may decline to impose any penalty, may reduce a recommended penalty or may increase a recommended penalty based upon the facts presented by the Hearing Committee.

ARTICLE XIV - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the NSSA shall commence on the first day of January of each year.

ARTICLE XV – CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ETHICAL PRACTICE

Section 1 –The NSSA Board shall subscribe to the USA-WS written Code of Conduct and Ethical Practices which includes the requirement that each Officer, Board Member, and each committee representative, to annually agree in writing to abide by such code.

Section 2 –The NSSA Board of Directors may adopt additional standards and practices relevant to NSSA. These standards and practices may be amended from time to time, by the Board, as it may deem advisable.

ARTICLE XVI – INDEMNIFICATIONS

The members of the Board, as a Board and individually, and the members for each permanent standing committee, as a committee and individually, are specifically held harmless by NSSA and USA-WS and its membership for all actions taken in good faith on behalf of NSSA and USA-WS, including omissions, unless found culpable in a court of law of **willful** malfeasance, illegal activity or gross negligence, in which case NSSA and/or USA-WS shall be entitled to recover any payments, costs or expenses incurred in defense, compromise or settlement of any claims or suits against such members prior to such finding.

ARTICLE XVII- AMENDMENTS

Section A - These Bylaws, or any portion thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 13 - Any provision of these Bylaws that is or shall become contrary to or in conflict with the rules and Bylaws of the USA-WS shall automatically be suspended in application and supplanted by the rules and Bylaws of the USA-WS, where such conflict exists, to the end that this organization may be completely integrated with and conformable to the National Organization as an integral part thereof.

ARTICLE XVIII- PROCEDURE

Section A - The rules contained in the current edition of the Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the NSSA in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the NSSA and USA-WS may adopt.

Section B - These Bylaws supersede all previous Bylaws of the NSSA Division of USA Water Ski.

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2001 WATER SKI SHOW COMPETITION RULES

I. RULES

RULE 1 - GENERAL

1.01 Classification - Classifications will be National, Regional, Class A or Class C.

1.02 Sponsors - The sponsors of the ski show competition shall be affiliated with USA Water Ski.

1.03 Sanction - The NSSA will provide current rules, rule interpretations, judge's instructions, and Judges' and Scorers' Forms, which must be used for official USA Water Ski/NSSA-sanctioned ski show competition.

1.04 Deviations - Where compliance with the rules is infeasible, the Chief Judge shall, with the approval of the majority of the Appointed Judges, make the necessary deviations for each competing club, and send a report to the NSSA President and Competition Rules Committee Chairman.

1.05 Interpretation - Questions of interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Chairman of the Rules Committee when possible. In the interest of expediency, the Chairman may give his own interpretation, which shall be binding until the committee has been polled. This shall serve, however, as a temporary interpretation until the Chairman refers the question to the entire committee for a vote in the normal fashion. Such a poll shall take place as promptly, and in the most practical manner possible. Otherwise, the interpretation shall be made by a majority vote of the Appointed Judges, and the Chief Judge shall make a report to the Rules Committee concerning the question.

1.06 Amendments - Rules may be amended by the NSSA on an annual basis. Rules for the following year's competition will be amended no later than the Fall meeting of the NSSA Board of Directors. Notification of any amendments will be made to the USA Water Ski no later than December 10 for publication in the "The Water Skier." At that time, all changes will be in effect. No rule changes will be made following the Fall board meeting of the NSSA Board of Directors except that the Board may make changes deemed as absolutely necessary for the overall good of

the sport of show skiing. If the Board makes any changes other than at the fall meeting, the NSSA Rules Chairman will notify in writing all show affiliated clubs and all officials.

1.07 Attachments - The Rule Interpretations, Officials' Instructions, Chief Judge's Checklist, Judges' Forms, Scorers' Forms, Official Timer's Report and the Post Show Judge's Meeting Form shall be part of the Official Water Ski Show Competition Rules (see tournament kit).

1.08 Post Tournament - The sponsor shall be responsible for mailing out the Judges' Forms, Scorers' Forms and Tournament Reports. All items are to be mailed within ten days of the start of the tournament. Copies to be mailed as follows:

1. All competing teams are to receive copies of their own Judges' Forms and copies of all Scorers' Forms. All Judges' and Scorers' forms are considered public information and shall be made available upon request. All requests for additional copies shall be made in writing, prior to the start of the tournament, to the sponsor; and the requesting person shall pay for all copying and mailing expense, if any.
2. All judges and the Chief Judge will receive copies of all Scorers' Forms.
3. The NSSA Officials' Committee Chairman is to receive originals of all Judges' Forms, Scorers' Forms, waive right to protest form, and the Tournament Officials' Record.
4. The NSSA Competition Rules Committee Chairman is to receive copies of the Safety Report, Official Timers' Report, and Chief Judge's Post Tournament Report.
5. NSSA Safety Committee Chairman is to receive a copy of the Safety Report, Safety Director's Tracking Report, Injury Report, and Tournament Additional Treatment Report.
6. A list of the team and individual results of a national qualifying tournament must be forwarded to the NSSA National Tournament Chairperson by fax, express delivery, e-mail, or hand delivery within 48 hours of the completion of a Regional Tournament.

7. USA Water Ski's Competition Department is to receive (per the sanction kit):

- a. Tournament Officials' Record
- b. Tournament Results
- c. Individual Membership Registration Forms
- d. Family Membership Registration Forms
- e. Tournament Safety Director's Report
- f. Injury Reports
- g. Additional Treatment Reports

1.09 National Tournament - The NSSA Board of Directors may amend the water ski show competition rules, for the National Show Tournament, provided the amendments are made prior to the Letter of Agreement, and so stated in the entry requirements.

Tournament Host Requirement: All plaques awarded at the National Tournament to teams 6th through 14th place will indicate the placement.

RULE 2 – SKI SHOW ACTS

2.01 Counting and Scoring - The decision regarding the acts to be counted and scored shall be at the discretion of the competing team. To be counted and scored as an act, some portion must include at least one of the following:

1. A competitor must be towed across the water.
2. Involve performance by powered watercraft.

The only exception to this rule is the introduction of personnel.

The use of powered watercraft to move or present non-skiers or equipment does not have to be listed or scored as an act.

This rule allows for a performance by powered watercraft to be scored as an act separate from introductions. This shall be at the discretion of the competing team and designated as an act rather than an introduction.

2.02 Introduction of Personnel - The introduction of competing personnel is mandatory, will be counted and scored as one act, and may come at any time during the show. The mechanics of the introductions are left to the imagination of the competing

teams. At the end of each team's competition, the judges will give one score for an introduction act, which will include all introductions during the show.

2.03 Schedule of Acts - No later than one hour before the scheduled start of the tournament, each club must furnish the sponsor with copies of their Judges' Forms (two for each judge and one for the Chief Judge), two copies of their Scorers' Forms, and two copies of their club roster, as per Rule 6.02. The sponsor may require these forms up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the tournament, provided so stated in the tournament announcement. The sponsor may require the club roster up to seven (7) days prior to the scheduled start of the tournament, provided it is stated in the tournament announcement. Each act shall be clearly defined, such as clown, barefoot, jump, swivel, etc. The lists are for the use of the judges only. Clubs are to list only the names of the acts and not the names of the skiers in the acts. Although clubs are not bound to the sequence stated on their lists, there shall be no additions after the start of the tournament. If, in the opinion of the judges, an act is performed, but not listed or clearly defined, it shall be counted as an act and scored zero.

Competing teams shall be allowed to insert skits or cameo appearances between acts, which may include activity listed in 2.01 and not have that performance considered a scored act, but should be considered in overall show. This should be done by listing the activity and indicating, "do not score."

*It is the intent of this rule to provide the judges with a readily understood list from which to work and score the tournament and to prevent a club from adding a totally different act into their show after the start of the tournament. It is not the intent to restrict creativity or ingenuity, and **officials MUST use the broadest interpretation possible and still allow for fair competition and adequate use of the list for scoring the tournament.***

2.04 Outline of Acts - Each show shall consist of a minimum of 14 acts, including the introduction of personnel. This is in addition to the barefoot jump and aerial acts. If the barefoot jump or aerial act is part of a multi-disciplined act which includes disciplines other than the barefoot jump or aerial act, then only 14 acts are required.

Kite flying is approved providing the pilot meets the following:

1. Is a member of the USHGA (United States Hang Gliding Association).
2. Must show the Chief Judge the current USHGA membership card that indicates the pilot is rated for tow launch and is rated "Hang 2" (novice) or better.
3. Must use one of the certified gliders approved by the HGMA (Hang Gliding Manufacturers Association). It is the pilot's responsibility to provide proof of certification.
4. Must show the Chief Judge the current **USHGA** certificate of insurance listing USA Water Ski as an additional insured.

2.05 Continuous Acts - A club may have the option of designating a continuous act as one act. It shall be scored as one act and separate from any other act. To qualify as a continuous act, in the opinion of the judges, there must be continuity either from theme, individuals, type of act or any other activity that ties the acts together. If an act is designated as continuous and, in the opinion of the judges, does not qualify, that portion shall be counted as an act and scored zero. If an act is continuous, only one portion of the act must meet the requirements of Rule 2.01.

Judges must use the broadest possible definition of continuity, as the intent is not to restrict creativity or ingenuity in designing the performance.

2.06 Canceling of Acts - Any act or part of an act may be scratched up until 30 minutes prior to the start of each club's own show with no penalty, provided the 14-act minimum, as per Rule 2.03, is met. Aerial acts and barefoot jump acts may be scratched at the discretion of the performer at any time with no penalty. Acts scratched other than under the above conditions will be scored zero with the exception of the approval of the majority of the judges. Failure to perform part of an act does not constitute a scratch of an act.

2.07 Fallen Acts - An act that falls may be performed again in the show; however, the judges shall give one combined score for both attempts and shall consider the overall effect of the fall and the repeat performance on the show.

RULE 3 – COMPETITION

3.01 Time Limit - The period of competition time allowed for each competing club shall be in one hour.

3.02 Time Penalty - There shall be no penalty for using less than the time allowed.

3.03 Equipment Failure - If sponsor-supplied equipment fails, the show may be stopped at the option of the competing club until the equipment is repaired or replaced. The clock will not run during such time and will be started with enough lead-time for competition to continue. The competing club shall have the option of rerunning an act, which was discontinued due to such failure or continuing on with a different act. If the act is rerun, the timer will start the competition time at the point at which the show was stopped. The judges will score the act, at the club's option, from either the beginning of the act or at the point of time restarting.

While time is stopped, competitors are free to move about as they wish and either prepare to ski the act over or ski the next act. An audible signal will be given when competition time is stopped and when competition time is restarted.

3.04 Starting Times - The first show shall begin at the hour and minute specified by the sponsor (with the approval of the Chief Judge) under penalty as specified by the rules. Starting times for all succeeding clubs will be continuous according to the rules. Up to one hour of fill time may be granted for each "scratch" or "no-show" at the request of succeeding clubs. See Rule 13.02, Preparation and Clean-Up.

3.05 Preparation Time - The first club to compete on any day shall be given 20 minutes preparation time prior to the scheduled starting time.

Each club shall be allowed 20 minutes, prior to the start of their performance, beginning at the conclusion of the preceding club's clean-up, as preparation time to assemble its equipment and be ready to perform. The club may start its show any time during this 20-minute preparation time. The period of competition shall begin: with a spoken word recorded or live, the first visible tight line, expiration of the 20-minute setup time or at a time prearranged with the club representative, whichever occurs first.

If the time is started due to the expiration of the setup time or prearranged with the club, an audible signal will be sounded by the timer.

Any activity prior to the actual start of the competition period is to be disregarded by the judges.

If a club has not begun its show and the 20-minute preparation time has elapsed, the competition time will be started and the show director or an appointed person be so notified by the timekeeper, provided the person to be notified is at a previously designated place.

It is not intended for the time to start because of words in commercially available music which may be played by the competing club during its setup time unless prearranged.

Clubs may set up equipment around the show site prior to the 20-minute preparation time provided there is absolutely no interference or disruption of any competing team.

3.06 Ending Time - The competition by a club shall end when the time period allowed has elapsed, or the club has ended its show.

3.07 Audible Signal - An audible signal shall be given at the end of the competition period or the end of the show, whichever occurs first. Any act not completed shall be scored "zero". Complete is defined as "the act is carried out to its intended, apparent ending and has the appearance of having finished its intended activity." If under the judges' discretion there is a question of whether an act was complete, the judges will be polled and the majority will rule, and the act will be scored accordingly. An audible signal will be given five minutes before the end of scheduled competition time. This shall be a different signal than that which designates the end of the competition period or show.

3.08 Clearing Equipment - Each club will be given ten minutes from the end of the competition period or the end of the show to clear its equipment from the show area. Equipment shall be considered cleared provided it is moved to an area where it will not cause any interference or disruption to another competing team. Site-specific requirements may be enforced. A 1% deduction of the total score of the club if the club exceeds the time allotted.

RULE 4 – ORDER OF COMPETITION

- 4.01 Seeding** - The method of determining the order of competition shall be specified in the tournament announcements and may allow for seeding.
- 4.02 Schedule** - Not later than seven days before the start of the competition, all competing clubs and all officials shall receive a schedule showing the starting time and order of competition for each day of the tournament. Exceptions may be made for Class C tournaments.
- 4.03 Weather Conditions** - Changes in the schedule during the competition shall be made only for weather, water conditions, safety or similar reasons, and not for the convenience of any skier. A majority of the appointed judges must approve the change and all show chairmen of the affected clubs shall be notified. Although schedule changes are to be discouraged, the judges should not hesitate to make adjustments required for safety. Provisions for weather-related delays and the effect on tournament running order and completion of the tournament shall be stated in the tournament announcement.

RULE 5 – DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION

- 5.01 Amateur/Professional** - There shall be no distinction between amateurs and professionals.
- 5.02 Separation of Divisions** - Competition may be separated into divisions, with the approval of the Chief Judge, if so stated in the tournament announcement. Separate divisions at Regional and National Tournaments require NSSA Board approval.

RULE 6 – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.01 General Qualifications** - All clubs and their competing members, competing in all classes of USA-WS sanctioned tournaments, shall be affiliated with USA-WS. Sponsoring National, Regional or State associations may also require membership in their organizations. This rule shall be considered satisfied if the competing club meets such membership requirements prior to their own performance in competition. Competing clubs or competitors in an USA-WS-sanctioned ski

show tournament must show proof of USA-WS "Active" (insured) membership to tournament officials. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Judge and the Chief Scorer to ensure that all entry requirements and affiliations have been met, prior to the start of the tournament.

The definition of a competitor is as follows: All personnel of a competing ski team who participate in any way in any of the scored areas of the tournament, or who are in the defined competition area during the competition are considered competitors. This includes but is not limited to: the dock crew, sound people, announcer, boat personnel; and costume, backdrop and prop people, etc.

6.02 Roster - All competing clubs must furnish the sponsor with a complete roster of their regular active members who were members participating in regular club activities, performances and practices a minimum of two weeks prior to the tournament. "Two weeks prior to the tournament" is interpreted to mean physically present for the 14 days prior to the date of the tournament. This roster must be turned in prior to the start of the tournament and may be required up to seven (7) days prior to the start of the tournament, provided it is stated in the tournament announcement. No participation of any kind is permitted by any individual, not on the club roster, during the competition period.

A competitor may only enter one Regional Tournament in any calendar year. Once a competitor enters any Regional Tournament with a team, then they may only participate in the National Tournament with the same team for the year that the Regional Tournament is qualifying the team for. A Regional Tournament shall include all competition under one sanction. Petitions for rules variance relative to the subject matter of this paragraph will not be allowed without a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the Board for approval. Lacking response from a director, alternate votes will be counted and lacking either, will be a "no" vote.

When extenuating circumstances occur, the competitor may petition their respective regional director for an E-mail, fax, or mail vote by the NSSA Board for a rule variance for any individual concerning eligibility under this rule.

The intent of this rule is to prevent a club or organization from bringing in an all-star cast for a particular tournament. An entered team, should be a team as it was before and after the tournament. This would not apply to special tournaments that are intended to bring together composite teams. This would also not apply to the following text concerning under-represented regions.

In the interest of broadening the geographic distribution at the National Show Tournament, and for the purpose of encouraging under-represented regions, composite or aggregate teams, shall be allowed to participate at the National Tournament, providing the following conditions are met:

1. The team is the sole, official representative of their region at the National Tournament.
2. The team is a legitimate team, indicated as such by team membership in USA Water Ski, team membership in the Regional and/or State organizations, has officers/directors, rosters, dues, bylaws, team name, team logo, etc.
3. The team is located outside the region hosting the National Tournament.
4. The team is located more than one day's drive or 650 miles from the site of the National Tournament.
5. There has been no team representation from that region in the past three years, nor has the region been represented more than three times out of the previous ten years at the National Tournament.

6.03 One Show Rule - A participant may enter no more than one show.

6.04 Entry Requirements and Tournament Paperwork - The competing team shall be responsible for meeting all entry requirements. Each team entering any NSSA sanctioned tournament must furnish the tournament sponsor or designee, with the properly completed forms, not later than one hour before the scheduled start of the tournament. The sponsor may require these forms to be submitted any time up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the tournament, and may request additional numbers of copies, provided so stated in the

tournament announcement. Failure to comply with this rule may result in team disqualification.

1. Judges' forms - 2 copies per Judge and 1 copy for the Chief Judge (SCR 2.03).
2. Scorers' forms - 2 copies (SCR 2.03).
3. Team roster - 2 copies with USA Water Ski membership numbers (SCR 6.02).
4. USA Water Ski club affiliation certificate - 1 copy (SCR 6.01).
5. NSSA Safety Coordinator - 1 copy of the last test page (SCR 6.06).
6. USA Water Ski Towboat Liability Insurance form - 1 copy.
7. NSSA Safety Directors Tracking Report form - 1 copy.
8. Wireless microphone frequency - give to Chief Judge (SCR 9.09).
9. Club radio frequency - give to Chief Judge.
10. USA Water Ski music form - 1 copy ***Nationals only***.
11. Location of Acts list for Television production company, or other Media, video *** National Tournament only*** (optional)
12. Club Biographies for Television production company *** National Tournament only*** (optional)
13. *Tested Driver Form*

It is each competing teams' responsibility to ensure that all entry requirements are met. It is recommended that each club verify with the sponsor that all required documents have been received prior to the start of the tournament.

6.05 Disqualification - Violations of Rule 6 may result in disqualification.

6.06 Safety Coordinator - All teams competing in NSSA sanctioned tournaments must have a team safety coordinator that has read the NSSA Safety Manual, taken the 25 question NSSA Safety Coordinator test, is at least 18 years old and has successfully completed the USA-WS Safety Clinic within the last four years. All competing clubs must furnish the sponsor with a copy of the completed last page of the "Show Safety Coordinator Quiz."

RULE 7 – OFFICIALS

7.01 Judges - The tournament sponsor shall appoint a maximum of seven judges in addition to the Chief Judge. An alternate judge may also be appointed. At its option, the tournament sponsor may appoint three or five judges.

7.02 Chief Scorer - At Class A tournaments or higher, an official Chief Scorer, independent of all other judging duties, shall be appointed by the host organization.

7.03 Timekeeper - For National, Regional, and Class A tournaments, an official timer, independent of all other official duties, shall be appointed by the host organization. A back-up timekeeper(s) may be appointed by the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge may also serve as a back-up timekeeper.

7.04 Personnel - Secondary positions shall be filled by the host organization in cooperation with the Chief Judge.

7.05 Disagreement - In any disagreement among judges, the majority rules; all issues should be settled before the next show begins.

7.06 Scoring - The total computed scores, the individual judges' scores and score sheets shall be held confidential by the Chief Scorer until the results of the tournament are announced. At this time they shall be available for inspection by the designated show chairman or their representative. The judges will be permitted to keep copies of their own score sheets throughout the tournament provided they are kept confidential along with any particular comments about a club's performance.

7.07 Location - Judges shall be separated to ensure completely independent opinions. Areas designated for Judges' stations, Scorers' work areas, etc., shall be restricted to tournament officials only.

7.08 Secretaries/Trainees - A judge trainee or secretary may work and communicate with a judge during competition provided that the secretary or trainee works with the judge he is assigned to at all times during the competition. This secretary or trainee is responsible for keeping all information or discussion regarding the competition confidential for the duration of the tournament.

At National, Regional and Class A tournaments, all judges are required to use secretaries.

7.09 Conflict of Interest - The Chief Judge, all Scoring Judges and the Chief Timer shall not have a conflict of interest with any competing teams. A conflict of interest shall be regarded as existing if the Chief Judge, Scoring Judge, or Chief Timer is:

1. A member of the immediate family of a competitor, to include lineal descendants and ancestors, brothers and sisters and wives or husbands of the competitor or any of the above family members.
2. A competitor in the division of the tournament in which they are one of the above listed officials.
3. In a position which may give the appearance of a lack of independence. These conflicts shall be determined by the Chief Judge with respect to Scoring Judges and the Scoring Judges with respect to the Chief Judge and the Timer.
4. Whenever any currently rated judges leave a show team, as active members, and they want to be allowed to judge that team in a USA-WS/NSSA-sanctioned tournament, they must do the following: Contact the Chairman of the Officials' Committee with the date that they are no longer affiliated as an active member of the team. Their name must no longer appear on the team membership roster. Once that information is on record, the judge will not be allowed to Chief Judge, Judge or be a Timer for that team, in any USA-WS/NSSA-sanctioned show tournament, including individual events, for a period of one year. They also will not be allowed to Chief Judge, Judge or be a Timer for that team at the National Championships for a period of two years. Honorary or Life members whose names might appear on a team roster, will not be considered as active members and will be exempt. However, if they have been active members and have just recently become Honorary or Life members, they must meet the requirements listed above.

Any person with a conflict of interest, as defined above, will not be allowed to be present at any meetings where officials are discussing rule violations and potential penalties during the tournament.

7.10 Appointed Positions at National Tournaments - For the National show tournament, all officials will be appointed by the NSSA Board.

RULE 8 – RERIDES AND PROTESTS

8.01 Weather/Unfair Water - When unfair water or weather conditions or a malfunction of sponsored equipment occurs, the judges may grant a reride of the act affected. Keep in mind that the competition is sponsored for spectator appeal and as though “the show must go on”.

The conduct of the competing club must be considered by both the club and the judges as though the club were presenting a road show in which case conditions affecting the quality of the show are judged in the minds of the spectators.

When severe weather or other unsafe conditions suddenly occur during the course of the show which would preclude the safe continuation of the show, the Chief Judge or Chief Safety Director (designated in Rule 11.01) may call for a “time-out”. The Chief Judge may overrule the request for a time out when initiated by the Chief Safety Director, in which case the clock continues to run. Return to safe weather conditions shall be determined by unanimous agreement of the Chief Judge and Chief Safety Director. When the weather improves to a safe condition, the show may restart. The clock will not run during such time out and will be started with enough lead-time for competition to continue. The competing club shall have the option of rerunning an act, which was discontinued due to such conditions or continuing on with a different act. If the act is rerun, the timer will start the competition time at the point at which the show was stopped. The judges will score the act, at the clubs option, from the beginning of the act or at the point of time restarting.

While time is stopped, competitors are free to move about as they wish and either prepare to ski the act over or ski the next act. An audible signal will be given when competition time is stopped and when competition time is restarted.

8.02 Club Representation - Protests may be made only by the person identified on the Chief Judge’s Checklist.

8.03 Protest Procedures

1. Protests must be made in writing and shall be considered by the appointed judges. The protest must contain the reason for the protest and be signed by the designated representative as per 8.02. The protest must be filed prior to 30 minutes after the Judges' Forms are available for inspection. A protest will only be accepted for a team's own performance, never for another team's performance.
2. Protests shall be allowed only for the failure of the tournament committee or the officials to comply with the rules. No protest shall ever be allowed on judgment decisions by the officials. Any protest considered frivolous or directed at another team, will be given an automatic 3% deduction from the final score of the team submitting the protest.
3. A correction of an error in the computation of scores shall not be considered a protest. Such correction shall be made upon the approval of the Chief Judge and the Chief Scorer, if requested, within *24 hours* after the Judges' Forms are available for inspection.
4. All officials shall remain on the site, available to handle any previous protests or corrections of computations of scores, for a minimum of 40 minutes after the results are announced, or until all previous protests have been settled. If a club representative from each competition team waives their interest in a protest, by signing the "Waiving right to protest" form, then the tournament officials need not remain at the tournament site for the full 40 minutes. Teams not picking up their team scores within ten (10) minutes of availability forfeit their right to protest and the officials may be released.
5. The use of videotapes is not to be used for judgments of any kind in the scoring of tournaments.

RULE 9 – EQUIPMENT

- 9.01 Towboat** - The sponsor shall have the option of supplying the towboat, which may or may not be used at the discretion of the club competing. If one is supplied, it shall be so stated in the ski show announcements.

In 2001 all tournament teams must have one tested driver, in 2002 all NSSA teams must have one tested driver and in 2005 all towboat drivers must be tested.

9.02 Pick-Up Boat - The sponsor shall have the option of supplying a pick-up boat, which may or may not be used at the discretion of the competing club. If one is supplied, it must be so stated in the tournament announcement. A club may not compete without using a pick-up boat. The pick-up boat must be manned by a competent operator and rider/spotter, and be approved by the Safety Director and Chief Judge. In the opinion of the Chief Judge and Safety Director, the spotter must be able to physically handle an emergency situation on the water. The rider/spotter must be capable of water rescue. *(See Rule 10.05 4g)*

9.03 Jump Ramp - The sponsor shall supply one AWSA regulation-size jump ramp with side aprons. Jump ramp will be adjustable to AWSA standards. The jump ramp provision may be waived at Class C tournaments, if stated in tournament announcements. The dimensions of a jump for NSSA purposes will be an inclined plane with mounted side aprons that meets the following specifications. This rule applies to tournament-sponsor supplied jumps only.

1. Height: A level take-off edge, which may be adjustable from 5 to 6 feet with the primary position at 5.5 feet.
2. Surface width: 14 feet at all points ± 2 inches.
3. Surface length out of water: 21 feet to 22 feet evenly.
4. Surface length under water: 2 feet minimum evenly.
5. Side aprons on both sides shall extend the full length of the jump and shall be at least 6 inches under the water when the ramp is raised to its full height. The recommended apron angle is no less than 30 degrees to no greater than 60 degrees from vertical.
6. Buoy: 49 feet from the middle of the jump surface to the right of the jump as you approach to go off it. The buoy shall also be in a line even with the take-off edge of the jump.

9.04 Safety Boat - The sponsor shall supply one low-sided safety boat with adequate power for the use of the Safety Director

and/or first aid personnel. The boat shall be equipped with a satisfactory backboard and adequate personal flotation devices.

9.05 Club-Supplied Equipment - All other equipment needed shall be supplied by the competing clubs.

9.06 Storage and Staging Areas - The sponsor shall provide an adequate area for the current competing team's equipment and an adequate pre-staging area for the next team to compete adjacent thereto.

9.07 Changing Rooms - The sponsor shall provide adequate male and female costume changing rooms in the equipment area. This provision may be waived at Class C tournaments, if so stated in the tournament announcements.

9.08 Performance Platform - The sponsor shall provide a performance platform for the use of all clubs. It is recommended that the performance platform be at the left edge of the show course and will generally be used as the starting platform for most acts. For National, Regional and Class A tournaments, the recommended minimum size shall be 20 feet x 36 feet or 720 square feet, with the short dimension parallel to the shore and the surface 12 to 20 inches above the surface of the water.

It is recommended that the shore edge be in at least 3-1/2 feet of water and that the platform end farthest out in the water be skirted from the surface of the platform to below the water line.

9.09 Sound System - At the National Show Tournament, a tournament host supplied sound systems will be provided and must be used by all teams. A team may also feed their signal to additional equipment separately. A team may not move, alter, modify or add to the tournament supplied house sound system in any way. The team supplied sound equipment may not be placed or connected in such a way as to damage the tournament supplied house sound system. The tournament host supplied house sound system will meet, but not be limited to, the minimum specifications. A written description of the system will be available from the tournament host to the competing teams no later than one week prior to the start of the tournament. All wireless microphone frequencies must be registered with the Chief Judge during the pre-show meeting with the show director.

9.10 Public Address System - The tournament shall supply a public address system to use as required by the tournament announcer and to make required public address announcements.

Tournament Supplied House Sound System Minimum Specifications

A tournament supplied house sound system will be provided by the host team of any National Show Tournament for the use of all participating teams. Said sound system shall meet, but not be limited to, the following minimum specifications:

- A. Loudspeaker cabinets sufficient to provide clear, intelligible coverage of the entire spectator and judging area. Sound pressure level (SPL) at the judging area should be at least 70 db.
- B. Monitor loudspeakers with adjustable gain placed so as to provide sufficient coverage of:
 - 1. The primary performance platform.
 - 2. The main announcing stage.
- C. Amplification to adequately power the venue.
- D. At least one backup amplifier on site.
- E. A mixing console with at least six input channels.
- F. A direct box or the adapters necessary to allow RCA, XLR and 1/4" input to the main console, stereo or sum and mono.
- G. A house microphone.
- H. At least one technician on site at all times during competition.
- I. Properly grounded 110v, 60hz, 20a circuit for team usage.

RULE 10 - SCORING

10.01 Scoring Outline - An act shall be evaluated on:

Flow	0 – 25 points
Execution	0 – 25 points
Difficulty	0 – 25 points
Spectator Appeal	0 – 25 points
Total Possible	100 points

The mandatory introduction of personnel and any act listed as clown or comedy is not scored in the 25-point breakdown as other acts, but one score, 0-100 points.

10.02 Additional Scoring - In addition, the judges shall award points as follows:

Dock and Equipment Personnel	0 – 100 points
Pick-Up Boat Crews	0 – 100 points
Announcing	0 – 250 points
Towboat Driving	0 – 200 points
Showmanship	0 – 300 points
Overall Show	0 – 350 points
Total Possible	1,300 points

10.03 Calculations - If there are five or seven judges, the scores of the high and low judge for each act will be eliminated. The scores will then be totaled and divided by two less than the number of judges and then by the number of acts to result in an average score per act. The high and low judges' scores for each individual category in Rule 10.02 will be eliminated and the remaining scores will be totaled and divided by the number of judges less two to result in an average score. The average per act is multiplied by 13 and added to the average score from Rule 10.02. This shall be considered the total score. Penalties for safety violations are deducted based on the total score to result in the final score for each club and placement will be based on this score.

If there are three judges, the scores from all the judges from Rule 10.01 will be totaled and divided by the number of judges and then by the number of acts to result in an average score per act. The score from all the judges from Rule 10.02 will be totaled and divided by the number of judges to result in an average

score. The average per act is multiplied by 13 and added to the average score from Rule 10.02. This shall be considered the total score.

Penalties for safety violations are deducted based on the total score to result in the final score for each club and placement will be based on this score.

Scorers shall indicate on the Scorer's Form, the reason for any penalties and the act in which they occurred.

The official scoring program for The National Show Ski Association will be " Water Ski Show Tournament Scoring Program" written by Mark Bortz. This will be the only program used to score Show Tournaments electronically.

10.04 National Tournament Meeting Deduction - At the National Show Ski Tournament there will be a mandatory meeting for a representative of each competing club to attend. Time and place will be in the tournament information kit. Failure to have a representative present will result in a 3% point deduction from the club's score.

10.05 Safety Deductions - Any of the judges or the Safety Director may poll the scoring judges for a 1% to 3% point deduction from the total score of a club for each instance that, in the opinion of the majority of the judges, there was a serious failure to exercise proper safety precautions during their show. The following will constitute automatic penalties under the rule:

2. Failure to wear a helmet at any time a competitor skis under another competitor or a competitor's rope - 5% deduction. The exception to this rule would be for changing positions.
2. Failure to apply and properly use a quick release for all acts in which the skiers do not hold the "normal skiing handle" in their hands at all times - 5% deduction. Also, to include "flip starts", when the towline is wrapped around the skier's body. A release person (observer) may hold no more than one release per hand. It is the intent of this rule to allow for pulling up on the ropes for the purpose of changing positions without penalty.
3. Failure of aerial acts to land in the water or aerial acts coming over land while the participant has his skis on - 5%

deduction. This rule may allow for the flyer to choose a safe alternate area away from spectators for reasons of his own safety.

4. Failure to wear a personal flotation device, which will float the skier under the following circumstances:
 - a. Any time a competitor goes over a jump ramp.
 - b. During rope braid acts.
 - c. During 360s around the boat.
 - d. While barefoot skiing.
 - e. All clowns on the water.
 - f. If any part of a formation being towed is three or more tiers, then all members being pulled by that towboat which are at the second tier and higher must wear flotation.
 - i. At least one rider/spotter (if any) in all towboats and pick-up boats must wear a minimum of Coast Guard approved Type III flotation while skiers are on the water.
The exception to this is the incidental use of barges to pick up debris, skies and people. This exception can only be made if the club has pick-up boat(s) and the barge operator is wearing the Coast Guard Type III flotation.
 - j. Air Chairs

Life belts are not considered adequate personal flotation devices for parts a through e, g and h. Life belts are considered adequate flotation devices for part f.

(All of the above violations - 5% deduction.)

7. Failure to initiate all boat washouts, high-speed boat spins or similar stunts with an approach parallel to the shoreline and beginning the turn-away from the spectators and towboat drivers leaving the driver's seat when the boat is in gear and the neutral safety lock has not been detached, except for the purpose of increasing visibility during inclement weather - 5% deduction.

Other dangerous boat driving will be penalized at the judges' discretion and could include thread-the-needle maneuvers and failure to maintain safe control of the boat - up to 5% deduction.

8. Failure to complete or finish barefoot acts in more than knee-deep water - 3% deduction. It is the intent of this rule to keep barefooters from approaching shore to the point where a

forward fall becomes dangerous. Judges should use reasonable judgment and not try to determine the exact level of the water to the skier's knee.

7. Safety deductions may be assessed anytime during the tournament. Safety deductions may occur whether or not competition time is running,(i.e. during set up time, tear down time). Safety deductions may be assessed during a time out.

10.06 Judges' Forms - The sponsor shall supply the scoring judges with two copies and the Chief Judge with one copy of each team's Judges' Forms.

RULE 11 – SAFETY

11.01 Safety Director - Prior to the competition, the sponsoring affiliated club, with the approval of the Chief Judge, shall appoint a Chief Safety Director who shall be responsible for the safe condition of all equipment, facilities and operation of the competition and have the authority to stop competition whenever he feels an unsafe condition exists. The Chief Judge may overrule any contemplated action or decision of the Chief Safety Director.

11.02 Injury - The competition time will be stopped by the Chief Judge or the Safety Director whenever there is apparent injury to a skier during the show. After the Chief Judge and the Safety Director are confident that necessary aid has been given to the injured person and all equipment involved has been checked, the team may start with the next act or rerun the act during which the injury occurred. If they choose to rerun the act, the competition time and scoring (judging), will start when they reach the point at which the injury occurred. The skier that was injured may, with the approval of the Chief Safety Director and Chief Judge, participate in the remainder of the show.

Any bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered, and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the costume, it must be changed or covered before the participant may continue with the show.

While time is stopped, competitors are free to move about as they wish and either prepare to ski the act over or ski the next act. An audible signal will be given when competition time is stopped and when competition time is restarted.

11.03 Emergency Personnel and Transportation

1. Nationals: Adequate emergency personnel and transportation from the site will be available at all times during the competition. Emergency personnel and transportation will be at a designated, easily accessible place at all times. At NSSA sanctioned tournaments, the minimum required emergency personnel is defined as "state certified basic Emergency Medical Technician".
2. All Other Tournaments: Adequate medical personnel on site or can be available within a reasonable period of time. (Suggestion for reasonable period of time: less than 4 minutes.) Transportation to medical facilities present or can be available in a reasonable period of time. (Suggestion for reasonable period of time: 5-10 minutes.)

11.04 Safety Boat - The safety boat will be at an easily accessible, designated position and will be manned by a competent operator at all times during competition.

11.05 Safety Announcements - The sponsoring club shall make announcements that spectators should not try the stunts performed during the tournament without proper experience or expert instruction before each show during the tournament.

11.06 Additional Safety Rules Related to Site - For safety reasons due to the site, restrictions may be added to the listed safety restrictions by the majority of the judges. Any restrictions must be determined before the start of the tournament and show directors from all competing clubs be notified prior to the tournament or upon their arrival at the site.

11.07 Inclined Ramps - Inclined ramps fastened to performance platforms and/or any other equipment, and intended to be skied up, must be at an angle of not greater than 17 degrees to the surface of the water. In addition, the surface must be a minimum of 42 inches wide and the lower edge at least 6 inches below the surface of the water vertically.

11.08 State/Federal Boating Regulations - At the option of the sponsoring club, the Safety Director shall see that all competing clubs conform to all state and/or federal boating regulations prior to the start of their show, PROVIDING:

1. The requirement of meeting all applicable boating laws was made in the tournament announcement.
2. All competing clubs from a state other than the state the competition is to be held in shall have been sent a copy of such laws.

11.09 Required Safety Meeting - All competing club boat personnel, Safety Director, and show director/chairman shall meet with the tournament Safety Director and Chief Judge prior to the start of that day's competition. The sponsor shall state the time and place in the tournament announcements. All other club participants shall meet with the Safety Director prior to their 20-minute set-up time. This meeting shall be at a location convenient for club members and no later than during the set-up period of the team preceding them. The exception to this would be the first team. There shall be an interval of at least ten minutes between the end of the meeting and the start of their set-up time. If not specified, the meeting will take place in the pre-staging area prior to the 20-minute setup time.

11.10 Sponsor-Required Site Plan - The sponsor shall furnish a site plan for the Chief Judge, Safety Director, and all competing clubs prior to the start of the tournament.

RULE 12 – CONDUCT

12.01 Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the tournament and/or violations of the above rules, which do not provide specific penalties, may be penalized at the discretion of the majority of the judges up to and including disqualification.

Any member of any team becoming disorderly (verbally or physically) to any official before, during or after a tournament/event will receive an automatic one-year suspension from all NSSA-sanctioned events. Also his/her team may be disqualified from that tournament/event. The suspended individual(s) must then come before the NSSA Board before

reinstatement to explain his/her actions. A 2/3-majority vote from the NSSA Board is required for reinstatement.

The intent here is to provide a method for enforcing the rules and ensure a well-run tournament. All penalties should be enforced considering the overall intent of the tournament rules and the effect of the violation on the tournament.

12.02 Mind-Altering Substances - Any competitor under the influence of any mind-altering substance, including alcohol, will cause their team to be disqualified. Under the influence is defined as: "any detectable level of the substance". Competitor is defined as: "any person that participates in the performance during the competition time in any manner".

RULE 13 - VARIATIONS

13.01 General - Variations to the rules may be allowed by the NSSA Board upon the submission of such variations to the NSSA. The intent of this rule is to allow for the widest variation possible in the use of water ski show competition for the purpose of promoting spectator appeal and a spirit of cooperation and relaxation among water ski clubs and water skiers generally. Such requests for variations must be received by the NSSA at least 60 days prior to the tournament date.

13.02 Preparation and Clean-Up - Rule 3.04 may be amended to allow for specific starting time and expanding preparation and clean-up times, provided there is equality for all teams.

II. NSSA OFFICIALS' INSTRUCTIONS AND ATTACHMENTS

Section 1 - Instructions To The Chief Judge

As Chief Judge, your responsibility covers the entire tournament. You are obligated to see that the tournament is run fairly and safely according to the rules.

This includes the responsibilities of the following personnel: (1) sponsoring club, (2) competing teams, (3) scoring judges, (4) chief scorer, (5) scorers, (6) timer, (7) safety director, (8) staging marshal, and (9) secretaries. It is important that you become familiar with all the responsibilities and positions.

Prior to the start of the tournament, you should review the following items:

1. Is the required equipment ready and adequate?
2. Are personnel available and familiar with their official responsibilities?
3. Check docks, jump, landing area, skiing area, etc., for safety hazards.
4. Make sure all entry requirements have been met.

Meet with each competing team's show director prior to their competition. Ask for questions and inform the show director that it is his responsibility to know the rules and that you cannot make exceptions simply because they are not aware of the rules. Review any changes in rules or interpretations that are not included in the current "Water Ski Show Competition Rules." Ask if they have anything unusual in their show that you should be aware of. Review the Chief Judge's checklist with the show director, covering all items.

It is recommended that the Chief Judge review all clubs' schedule of acts for rule violations and to notify the clubs of his findings; however, it remains the responsibility of any competing club to comply with all rules.

Remember, all decisions made by the Chief Judge or majority of judges must be made keeping in mind the intent of the rules and be based on keeping the competition fair for all competing clubs.

Section 2 - Instructions To The Scoring Judges

Before reading these instructions, read and become familiar with the USA Water Ski Show Competition Rules and Judges' Forms. A water ski show tournament judge has two main responsibilities during the tournament. The first is to ensure that every club abides by the rules and has a fair opportunity to compete under the rules. The second is to score each club's show under the intent of the rules.

Considerations - Before going into the definition of scoring, some items you should keep in mind during the tournament are:

1. It is the responsibility of each judge to keep his scoring and comments about scoring confidential during the tournament.
2. Any questions, comments or discussion between judges concerning a show shall be handled through the Chief Judge no later than before the start of the next show. Any decisions

regarding a show shall be made prior to the start of the next show in the presence of the Chief Judge. Discussions should not include opinions of acts or scores given, but only to the application of the rules.

3. Audience and weather conditions will vary throughout the tournament. You will have to allow for these when scoring.
4. Check your show lists for questions you may have on any of the listed acts prior to each show.
5. You are encouraged to make comments about your scoring for your benefit and that of the competing clubs.
6. Water ski show audiences are usually made up of family groups. Keep this in mind when judging the tournament.
7. When possible, as a courtesy to competing teams, it is suggested that the Chief Judge inform them of any rule violations or penalties as soon as possible.

Judging the Show - As a judge, you will be supplied with a form for each competing team listing the acts that they will perform. (Remember, the acts do not have to be done in the order listed.) You will judge each act based on four categories. Each category may be scored up to 25 points based on your opinion of the act. (Your scores should be whole numbers.) It is recommended that 12 be considered a median score for flow, execution, difficulty and spectator appeal. For the lower box scores, a median would be half of the total possible. It is recommended you try to avoid ties in the box scores as much as possible.

The Four Categories of Scoring an Act:

1. Flow - In scoring flow; ask yourself this question, "Did the act progress smoothly?" Things to consider:
 - a. Did the act get started without delays?
 - b. Was the boat pattern poorly chosen or too lengthy, which caused "dead time" during the act?
 - c. Was the act designed to keep your interest at all times or were there unnecessary lags during the performance?
 - d. If there are necessary delays (e.g., smooth water for barefoot), is something planned to keep your interest during the delay?
 - e. Did the act cause problems or delays in starting the next act?

The flow of a particular act should be considered from the time the preceding act ends to the start of the next act.

2. Execution - In scoring execution, you are to rate the manner, style or quality of the performance by the skiers. The level of skill or style, with which the performer completes what he attempts, should determine the score. Do not consider that some acts are harder than others; this will be scored in another category. As with flow, the execution should be considered from the end of the previous act to the start of the following act.
3. Difficulty - You must estimate the degree of difficulty of the act as compared with similar acts. The key word here is similar. You should not rate the difficulty of one type of act to another; e.g., a slalom act should be compared to other slalom acts; jumping acts to other jumping acts. It is not necessarily important that your difficulty ratings compare with every similar act in the world; however, it is important that at the end of the particular tournament your difficulty scores line up according to the similar acts of the tournament.

When scoring difficulty, base your score on what was accomplished by the skier(s), not what they may have been attempting.

A problem that will come up from time to time in scoring difficulty is, "What to do with certain novelty acts." The best solution to this is to consider the other categories and the overall effect on the show and give a score that reflects the act in general.

One good thing to remember in scoring difficulty is to leave yourself a little room at the top. It seems there are always new "25 pointers" being invented. Another important item is "score what you see on the water," not what you see on the show list. For example, a barefoot pyramid is not a barefoot pyramid until completed. In general, compare what you see to what could be done in that type of act.

4. Spectator Appeal - The two primary things to consider when judging spectator appeal are:
 - a. The entertainment value of the act versus similar acts.
 - b. Did the performers direct their performance to and acknowledge the audience?

Be careful not to rely on the audience too much for your score because some clubs will load the audience and you do not always have the same audience or the same size audience.

Falls - Falls should not necessarily score a zero or even mean a point deduction. There has been much discussion on this subject. The general feeling is that a fall at the right time in a difficult act, and handled correctly, can actually increase the spectator appeal or entertainment value of that act. Score falls as they affect you. A fall in an act, handled correctly, can conceivably enhance the act score in all categories. If the skier was picked up, was it smooth? The rules provide that an act may be skied again if it falls, in which case you must score the act considering the fall and the second attempt as they affect the overall show.

Scoring Zeros - If an act falls off the dock, it is recommended you score zero for execution and low scores for flow, difficulty and spectator appeal. A fall before accomplishing a stated act — the score is based on the percentage that is completed.

Improper Safety Precautions - Be alert during the show for violations of the safety rules or the failure to exercise proper safety precautions as defined in Rule 10. You, as a judge, have the right and responsibility to enforce these rules. Any possible point deductions should be discussed and assessed prior to the start of the next show.

Introduction of Skiers - The introduction of skiers is not scored like the other acts, although it is counted as an act. The introduction is given one score, 0-100. The judge shall consider the overall introduction or introductions according to precision, entertainment value and attitude of the skiers and rate accordingly. Boat introductions are included unless designated as an act by the competing team.

Clown or Comedy Acts - Any act listed as "clown or comedy" will not be scored in the 25-point categories but given one score between 0 and 100 for the entire act. Your score should be based on originality, humor and overall entertainment of the act and not on the difficulty of the skiing. Remember that to be counted as an act, some portion must include either a competitor towed across the water or involve a performance by powered watercraft.

This concludes the scoring of individual acts. At the bottom of the judge's sheet are six categories, which are scored at the end of the show. These items are the "Box Scores."

Box Scores

Dock and Equipment Personnel (0-100 Points) - If all goes well during the performance, you will not have noticed the dock workers or the equipment. Consider the following:

1. Were there any knots in the ropes?
2. Did the equipment malfunction?
3. Did the setting up of the acts proceed smoothly?
4. Was the equipment ready for each act?

Pick-Up Boat Crew (0-100 Points) - Criteria to watch for:

1. Was the skiing area kept clear of skis and equipment?
2. Were the pick-up boats in position to pick up fallen skiers (especially in dangerous acts)?
3. Were the pick-up boats making rough water for the skiers?
4. Were the pick-up boats in any way of the acts?

The general rule is, if the work of the pick-up boat is done without it being noticed, you have seen a good performance by pick-up crews.

Announcing (0-250 Points) - The announcer should be considered your host and you should rate him accordingly. Because of the varied styles of announcing, rather than specific do's and don'ts, the best criteria in judging the announcer is, was the announcer:

1. Knowledgeable
2. Personable
3. Easily understood
4. Entertaining
5. Getting the most possible entertainment from each act
6. Pleasant appearing
7. Communicating with the audience

Towboat Driver (0-200 Points) - The performance of the towboat driver(s) can be very important to the performance and timing of the whole show. Things to look for:

1. Proper speed during acts.
2. Boat patterns that take the act away from the audience or cause the skiers problems in performing (short turns, rough water, etc.).
3. Takeoffs and landings.

If more than one boat is used during the show, the score given shall include the combined quality of the towboat driving.

Showmanship (0-300 Points) - In this category, do not consider the performance of the acts, but the overall production of the show. Items you should consider are:

1. Appearance of the participants.
2. Appearance of the equipment.
3. Did all persons involved act as actors or actresses and acknowledge the audience?
4. Was the show well choreographed (skiers, dock personnel, boat drivers)?
5. Costuming and music should be considered as to overall effect on the show.

Overall Show (0-350 Points) - This score should reflect your composite impression and opinion of the complete show. You should consider these points:

1. Content - did it have a good variety of acts?
2. Quality of performance.
3. Smoothness.
4. Any miscellaneous that was added or detracted from the show.

In general, was the show well produced, well performed and entertaining?

A few final points about scoring—before you turn your sheets in, make sure you have listed the number of acts and given scores for all acts and categories. Do not add any of your scores; the scorers must add them anyway.

Judging a water ski show tournament is not easy. You are scoring entertainment, and there are different likes and dislikes. We don't want to lose the creativity of a water ski club by making the judging too stereotyped. You are expected to recognize a good performance. You should judge accordingly, remembering that a good performance may be good even if you did not like it. So you see, your judging has to primarily be based on quality of performance with a controlled influence of your own likes and dislikes.

Lastly and most importantly, you are looking for a well-produced, well-staged, well-performed and entertaining water ski show.

Section 3 - Instructions To The Chief Scorer

As Chief Scorer, your responsibility covers the tabulation of all the teams' scores. Your main responsibility is to ensure that all the results

are accurate. You will also, along with the Chief Judge, be responsible to ensure that all the entry requirements have been met. You must fully understand the scoring system.

The scorers will tabulate all the scores. You will be responsible for checking all their figures and verifying that they are correct. You also must review all the clubs' forms, to make sure that they have been properly filled out, that they have the correct amount of forms and that they are all the same.

You will be responsible for the completion of the scorers' forms, including the deduction of any penalty points from a team's final score. All penalties need to be verified by the Chief Judge. (See attached Scorers' Form.)

The Chief Scorer shall work with the tournament chairman to make sure that all necessary supplies are on hand to facilitate the scoring of the tournament (i.e., calculators with tapes, pencils, carbon paper, clipboards, paper rolls, etc.).

Section 4 - Instructions To The Scorers

The scorers' duties consist of tabulating the Judges' Forms and relaying the information to the Chief Scorer. The Chief Scorer will then record the results on the Scorers' Form. You shall be responsible to ensure that all the figures are correct, by checking and rechecking the final results.

Remember, the correct addition of the scores is needed for fair competition to all teams.

Section 5 - Instructions To The Official Timer

As the official timer, your responsibility is to ensure that all phases of the competition are documented with the correct time (see Rule 3).

You shall be responsible for the tracking of time for:

1. Set-up Time (The 20-minute period prior to the team's performance.)
2. Competition Time (The 60-minute period for the team's competition.)
3. Take-Down Time (The 10-minute period after the completion of the show.)

At Nationals, the Staging Marshal will be responsible for timing the setup time and the take-down time. At other tournaments, someone other than the official timer may be used for timing the setup and take-down time.

It is the responsibility of the timer to observe the entire show and be in a position available to the Chief Judge and Safety Director. If the show is stopped for sponsor-supplied equipment failure (Rule 3.03) and the competing team chooses to rerun the act, the procedure is to allow them to start at the beginning of the act in which the time was stopped and to start the competition time where they reach the point at which the show was stopped. The same procedure will apply if the show is stopped for an injury (Rule 11.02).

All of the above information must be coordinated with the Chief Judge, the Safety Director, the staging marshal and the competing teams. The Chief Judge must also inform you of the competing club's start of the show (i.e., tight line, spoken word, prerecorded announcement, etc.).

All of the times must be recorded on the official timer's log and turned into the Chief Judge at the end of the tournament.

In most cases, the Chief Judge would be a back-up timer. The staging marshall may also serve as a back-up timer.

Section 6 - Instructions To The Staging Marshal

As the staging marshal, your main responsibility is to ensure the smooth transition of ski teams, in and out of the competition area, between the ski shows.

You must be familiar with the site's physical layout, as to where the pre-staging and competition areas are located. You must ensure that the next club up does not get into the competition area prior to their 20-minute setup-time, and that they do not in any way interfere with the competing team's performance. You will also have to make a visual check to see that all of the previous team's equipment is out of the competition area prior to the next team's set-up time.

At Nationals, the Staging Marshal will time the setup and take-down times for the competition.

As the Staging Marshal, you will have coordinated all of the previous with the Chief Judge, the timer and the Safety Director. You may also

serve as a back-up timer. You must inform each team of the procedures and locations of the pre-staging and staging areas.

Please remember that all teams should be given the same information as to the transition between shows, to ensure equal competition between all the clubs.

Section 7 - Instructions To The Safety Director

As the Safety Director, you shall be responsible to make sure that the competition is safely conducted, and that all teams perform safely, both on the water and off. See Rule 11 - Safety.

Some things that you need to consider prior to the beginning of the competition:

1. Are there adequate safety personnel on site or available within a reasonable amount of time?
2. Is there adequate access for emergency vehicles and transportation to necessary facilities?
3. Is the competition area free from potentially dangerous obstacles?
4. Does the ski jump fall under AWSA specifications?
5. Is the dock safe? (Can it hold mass numbers of skiers and equipment?)
6. Is there an adequate safety boat available?

Prior to each competing team's performance, you should meet with the entire team and go over the emergency procedures established in the event of an injury. They must be aware of the necessary signals to call for help and/or stop the competition.

You should also be aware of the weather conditions. You, along with the Chief Judge, will be responsible to delay or call off the tournament if a potentially dangerous situation is on the way (i.e., electrical storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.).

Section 8 - Instructions To The Secretaries

As a secretary, your main responsibility is to record the number and comments for the judge for whom you are working. As a general rule, you are there to learn and observe the judging system and that particular judge's techniques.

Your position should be to ask questions, or take care of whatever items the judges may ask you to do. At no time should you be

inputting your unsolicited comments or remarks to the judge. You must also keep all scores and comments confidential during the competition.

III. FORMS

All Judges' Forms and Scorers' Forms along with any reports are contained in the Tournament packet available from USA Water Ski Headquarters.

2001 INDIVIDUAL & SHOW ACTS COMPETITION RULES

I. RULES

RULE 1 – GENERAL

- 1.01 Classification** - These rules allow for individual event competitions in swivel, doubles and freestyle jump, as well as any aspect of a ski show. A specific act may be defined as an event such as, but not limited to, barefoot acts, clown acts, team jumping, swivel line, pyramids, etc. Classifications will be National, Regional, State, Class A and Class C.
- 1.02 Sponsors** - The sponsors of the individual show acts competition shall be affiliated with USA-WS.
- 1.03 Sanction** - The NSSA will provide current rules, rule interpretations, judge's instructions and Judge's and Scorer's Forms, which must be used for official USA-WS/NSSA-sanctioned individual and show acts competition.
- 1.04 Deviations** - Where compliance with the rules is infeasible, the Chief Judge shall, with the approval of the majority of the appointed judges, make the necessary deviations for each competitor and send a report to the NSSA President and Competition Rules Committee Chairman.
- 1.05 Interpretation** - Questions of the interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Chief Judge of the competition. The interpretation will be made by a majority vote of the appointed judges, and the Chief Judge shall make a report to the NSSA President and Competition Rules Committee Chairman concerning the questions. All such decisions shall include consideration of spectator appeal.
- 1.06 Amendments** - Rules may be amended by the NSSA on an annual basis. Until such time as a new edition of the rules is published, the current rules shall remain in effect. Any changes in rules will not be in effect until notice of the changes and availability of the new rules have been published in The Water Skier magazine.
- 1.07 Attachments** - The Rules Interpretations, Officials' Instructions, Chief Judge's Checklist, Judges' Forms, Scorers' Forms, Official Timers' Report and the Scoring Judge's Box Score Tally Sheet

shall be part of the Official Individual and Show Acts Competition Rules (see tournament kit).

1.08 Post Tournament - The sponsor shall be responsible for mailing out the Judges' Forms, Scorers' Forms, and Tournament Reports. All items are to be mailed within ten days of the conclusion of the tournament. Copies to be mailed as follows:

1. Copies of all the Judges' Forms and copies of all the Scorers' Forms will be available upon request.
2. All judges and the Chief Judge are to receive copies of all Judges' Forms and all Scorers' Forms.
3. The NSSA Officials' Committee Chairman is to receive copies of all Judges' Forms, Scorers' Forms, and the Tournament Officials' Record.
4. The NSSA Competition Rules Committee Chairman is to receive copies of the Safety Report, Official Timers' Report, and Chief Judge's Post Tournament Report.
5. USA-WS's Competition Department is to receive: Tournament Officials' Record; Tournament Results; Individual and Family Membership Registration forms and monies collected; Tournament Safety Director's Report; Injury and Additional Treatment Reports (if applicable).

1.09 National Tournament - The NSSA Board of Directors may amend the individual show acts competition rules, for the National Individual and Show Acts Tournament, provided the amendments are made prior to the Letter of Agreement, and so stated in the entry requirements.

Tournament Host Requirement: All plaques awarded at the National Tournament to teams 6th through 14th place will indicate the placement.

RULE 2 – COMPETITION

2.01 Counting and Scoring - To be counted and scored as an act, some portion must include a competitor being towed across the water.

2.02 Competitors - *In swivel competition there will be one competitor towed and in doubles there will be two competitors towed during performance.*

2.03 Time Limit - The period of competition time allowed for each competitor shall be five minutes except for Freestyle Jump. Freestyle Jump will have no time limit. The time limit is to include pay on, pay off and the skier's time on the water.

2.04 Time Penalty - There shall be no penalty for using less than the time allowed.

2.05 Equipment Failure - If sponsor-supplied equipment fails, the act may be stopped at the option of the competitor until the equipment is repaired or replaced. The clock will not run during such time. The competitor shall have the option of rerunning an act, which was discontinued due to such failure, or of starting from the point of such failure. If the act is rerun, the clock will be reset to five minutes, or if the competitor should choose to start for the point of the failure a minute may be added to the remaining time as determined by the event judges.

2.06 Starting Times - The first competitor shall begin at the hour and minute specified by the tournament sponsor (with the approval of the Chief Judge) under penalty as specified by the rules. Starting times for all succeeding competitors will be continuous according to the rules. Up to five minutes may be granted for each "scratch" or "no show" at the request of the succeeding competitor. See Rule 12.02, Variations.

2.07 Preparation Time - The first competitor to compete in any event shall be given five minute preparation time prior to the scheduled starting time. Competitors shall be allowed to set up equipment around the show site prior to the five-minute preparation/cleanup time provided there is absolutely no interference or disruption of any competitors.

2.08 Set-Up/Clean-Up Time - Each competitor shall be allowed five minutes, prior to the start of their performance, beginning at the conclusion of the preceding competitors performance, as preparation time to assemble their equipment and be ready to perform. The competitor may start their performance any time during the five minute preparation time, and competition will begin under the following conditions: The period of competition shall begin with an audible signal, caused by a tight line, start of

music, spoken word, recorded or live, expiration of a five minute set up/clean up time, or at a time prearranged with the competitor, whichever occurs first.

A competitor may request the competition period to begin prior to the above restrictions. Any activity prior to the actual start of the competition period is to be disregarded by the judges.

If a competitor has not begun their performance and the five minute preparation time has elapsed, the competition time will be started and the competitor will be notified by the timekeeper. Competitors shall be allowed to set up equipment around the show site prior to the five-minute preparation/cleanup time provided there is absolutely no interference or disruption of any competitors.

2.09 Ending Time - The competition by the competitor shall end when the time period allowed has elapsed, or the competitor has ended its performance, whichever comes first. An audible signal shall be given at such time. Competitors shall be allowed to set up equipment around the show site prior to the five-minute preparation/cleanup time provided there is absolutely no interference or disruption of any competitors.

2.10 Clearing Equipment - Each competitor will be given five minutes from the end of the competition period or the end of their performance, whichever is first, to clear its equipment from the show area, remembering that this is also the succeeding competitor's set up time.

RULE 3 – ORDER OF COMPETITION

3.01 Seeding - The method of determining the order of competition shall be specified in the tournament announcements and may allow for seeding.

3.02 Schedule - Not later than 30 minutes before the start of competition, a list showing the starting time and order of competition for each event of the tournament shall be posted for the competitors to see and given to all officials.

3.03 Weather Conditions - Changes in the schedule during the competition shall be made only for weather, water conditions, safety or similar reasons, and not for the convenience of any skier. A majority of the appointed judges must approve the

change and all affected competitors shall be notified. Although schedule changes are to be discouraged, the judges should not hesitate to make adjustments required for safety.

RULE 4 – DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION

4.01 General - There shall be no distinction between amateurs and professionals.

4.02 Separation of Divisions - Competitors may be separated into divisions other than what is listed, with the approval of the Chief Judge, if so stated in the tournament announcement. Divisions other than Open Division at the National Tournament require NSSA Board approval.

4.03 Swivel - The Swivel event will be divided as follows:

1. Junior I: 9 years and under.
2. Junior II: 10 - 12 years.
3. Junior III: 13 - 15 years.

All competitors over 15 years of age will be divided as follows:

4. Intermediate 180: Toe-turns and up to 180 degree turns. Recovery by turning back in the same direction that the turn started.
5. Expert 360: Toe-turns and up to 360 degree turns.
6. Open: Any turns exceeding 360 degrees.

4.04 Doubles - The Doubles event will be divided as follows:

1. Junior: 15 years and younger by the age of the oldest competitor.
2. Expert: 16 years and up by the age of the oldest competitor performing rotational moves under 360 degrees in any axis.
3. Open: 16 years and up by the age of the oldest competitor performing 360 degree rotational moves in any axis.

4.05 Movement in Swivel and Doubles - Any maneuver completed that exceeds the standards for the division entered will move the skier up to the next highest division. A skier may move up as many divisions as they wish but they only move down one division per year. A year ends after the National Tournament.

4.06 Freestyle - This event shall be divided into two divisions, male and female open divisions.

4.07 Show Acts - This event shall be divided into specific categories such as, but not limited to: Clown, Swivel Line, Team Jumping, Pyramid, etc. These will be clearly defined acts that are common to ski shows.

RULE 5 – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.01 General Qualifications - All participants competing in all classes of NSSA-sanctioned tournaments, must be affiliated with USA-WS. Sponsoring National, Regional or State associations may also require membership in their organizations. This rule shall be considered satisfied if the competing club or competitor meets such membership requirements prior to their own performance in competition. Competing clubs or competitors in an NSSA-sanctioned Individual and Show Acts Tournament must show proof of USA-WS "Active" (insured) membership to tournament officials. It will be the responsibility of the Chief Judge and the Chief Scorer to ensure that all entry requirements and affiliations have been met, prior to the start of the tournament.

A skier shall be required to ski more than 50% of their on-water time, during the ten-week period of time preceding the tournament in the region in which they are qualifying for the National Tournament (individual acts only).

5.02 Definition of Competitor - The definition of a competitor is as follows: All personnel of a competing ski team who participate in any way in any of the scored areas of the tournament, or who are within the defined competition area during the competition, are considered competitors. This includes, but is not limited to: the dock crew, sound people, announcer, boat personnel and costume, backdrop and prop people, etc.

5.03 One Performance Rule

1. Show Acts - A competitor may enter more than one act per category. See Rule 4.07 for categories.
2. Individual Competition - A competitor may enter only once per event. Events are defined as Swivel, Doubles, Freestyle Jump and Team Jump. See Rules 4.03, 4.04 and 4.05 for divisions.

5.04 Entry Requirements - The competing team or competitor shall be responsible for meeting all entry requirements.

5.05 Disqualification - Violations of Rule 5 may result in disqualification.

RULE 6 – OFFICIALS

6.01 Judges - The host organization shall appoint a maximum of seven judges, in addition to the Chief Judge. An alternate judge may also be appointed. At its option, the host organization may appoint five or three judges.

6.02 Chief Scorer - An official Chief Scorer, independent of all other judging duties, shall be appointed by the host organization.

6.03 Timekeeper - For National, Regional, and Class A tournaments, an official timer, independent of all other official duties, shall be appointed by the host organization. A back-up timekeeper(s) may be appointed by the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge may also serve as a back-up timekeeper.

6.04 Personnel - Secondary positions shall be filled by the host organization in cooperation with the Chief Judge.

6.05 Disagreement - In any disagreement among the judges, the majority rules; all issues should be settled before the next act begins.

6.06 Scoring - The total computed scores, the individual judges' scores and score sheets shall be held confidential by the Chief Judge until the results of the tournament are announced. At this time they shall be available for inspection by the designated show chairman or their representative. The judges will be permitted to keep copies of their own score sheets throughout the tournament provided they are kept confidential along with any particular comments about a club's performance. The exception to this rule is for Swivel, Doubles, Wakeboarding and Freestyle Jump. These scores will be read aloud by the announcer.

6.07 Location - Judges shall be separated to ensure completely independent opinions.

6.08 Secretaries/Trainees - A judge trainee or secretary may work and communicate with a judge during competition provided that the secretary or trainee works with the judge he is assigned to at all times during the competition. This secretary or trainee is responsible for keeping all information or discussion regarding the competition confidential for the duration of the tournament.

6.09 Conflict of Interest - All officials (to include practice judges and secretaries) shall not have a conflict of interest with any of the competing teams. A conflict of interest shall be regarded as existing if the Chief Judge, Scoring Judge or Chief Timer is:

1. A member of the immediate family of a competitor, to include lineal descendants and ancestors, brothers and sisters and wives or husbands of the competitor or any of the above family members.
2. A competitor in the division of the tournament in which they are one of the above-listed officials.
3. In a position, which may give the appearance of a lack of independence. These conflicts shall be determined by the Chief Judge with respect to Scoring Judges, and by the Scoring Judges with respect to the Chief Judge and the Timer.
4. Allowed to judge that team in a USA Water Ski/NSSA-sanctioned tournament, they must do the Whenever any currently rated judges leave a show team, as active members, and they want to be following: Contact the Chairman of the Officials' Committee with the date that they are no longer affiliated as an active member of the team. Their name must no longer appear on the team membership roster. Once that information is on record, the judge will not be allowed to Chief Judge, Judge or be a Timer for that team, in any USA Water Ski/NSSA-sanctioned show tournament, including individual events, for a period of one year. They also will not be allowed to Chief Judge, Judge or be a Timer for that team at the National Championships for a period of two years. Honorary or Life members whose names might appear on a team roster, will not be considered as active members and will be exempt. However, if they have been active members and have just recently become Honorary or Life members, they must meet the requirements listed above.

Any person with a conflict of interest, as defined above, will not be allowed to be present at any meetings where officials are discussing rule violations and potential penalties during the tournament.

6.10 Appointed Positions at National Tournaments - For the National Individual and Show Acts Tournament, all officials will be appointed by the NSSA Board.

RULE 7 – RERIDES AND PROTESTS

7.01 Weather/Unfair Water - When unfair water or weather conditions or a malfunction of sponsored equipment occurs, the judges may grant a reride of the act affected. Keep in mind that the competition is sponsored for spectator appeal and as though “the show must go on”.

The conduct of the competitor or competing club must be considered by both parties and the judges as though they were presenting a road show in which case conditions affecting the quality of the performance are judged in the minds of the spectators.

In freestyle jump a reride may be granted for bad boat path or speed. Errors in boat speeds selected under the 36 mph tolerance are optional rerides and speeds exceeding the 36 mph tolerance are mandatory rerides.

7.02 Club Representation - Protests may be made only by the competitor of an individual event or an appointed representative of the competitor in a group event. This person must be identified to the Chief Judge by the competing club prior to each club’s performance.

7.03 Protest Procedures

1. Protests must be made in writing and shall be considered by the appointed judges. The protest must contain the reason for the protest and be signed by the designated representative as per 7.02. The protest must be filed prior to 30 minutes after the Judges’ Forms are available for inspection.
2. Protests shall be allowed only for the failure of the tournament committee or the officials to comply with the rules. No protests shall ever be allowed on judgment decisions by the officials.

3. A correction of an error in the computation of scores shall not be considered a protest. Such correction shall be made upon the approval of the Chief Judge and the Chief Scorer, if requested, within 40 minutes after the Judges' Forms are available for inspection.
4. All officials shall remain on the site, available to handle any previous protests or corrections of computations of scores, for a minimum of 40 minutes after the results are announced, or until all previous protests have been settled. If a club representative from each competition team waives their interest in a protest, then the tournament officials need not remain at the tournament site for the full 40 minutes. Teams not picking up their team scores within ten (10) minutes of availability, forfeit their right to protest and the officials may be released.

RULE 8 – EQUIPMENT

8.01 Towboat - The sponsor shall supply one towboat with a quick release and have available a competent boat driver who may be used by any of the competitors. For swivel, double and act competition, the competitors may use their own towboat and driver with the approval of the Chief Judge. This approval is solely to ensure safe equipment and competent drivers and not to be used to prevent a competitor from using their own boat and driver for other reasons. For freestyle jump competition, the tournament-provided towboat and driver will be used by all competitors. The freestyle jumper must provide a release operator. Information about the towboat and release shall be stated in the tournament announcements.

In 2001 all tournament teams must have one tested driver, in 2002 all NSSA teams must have one tested driver and in 2005 all towboat drivers must be tested.

8.02 Pick-Up Boat - The sponsor shall supply a pick-up boat manned by a competent operator and rider/spotter, which may or may not be used at the discretion of the competitor. A competitor may not compete without using a pick-up boat. The pick-up boat must be manned by a competent operator and rider/spotter, and be approved by the Safety Director and Chief Judge. Information about the pick-up boat shall be stated in the tournament announcements. In the opinion of the Chief Judge and Safety

Director, the spotter must be able to physically handle an emergency on the water. The rider/spotter must be capable of water rescue. *(See Rule 9.04 4g)*

8.03 Jump Ramp - The sponsor shall supply one AWSA regulation-size jump ramp, adjustable to AWSA standards and with side aprons, a 45-foot buoy from the center of the jump for boat path.

8.04 Safety Boat - The sponsor shall supply one low-sided safety boat with adequate power for the use of the Safety Director and/or first aid personnel. The boat shall be equipped with a satisfactory backboard and adequate personnel flotation devices.

8.05 Club Supplied Equipment - All other equipment needed shall be supplied by the competitors.

8.06 Storage and Staging Areas - The sponsor shall provide adequate area for the current competitors' equipment and adequate pre-staging area for the next two competitors to compete adjacent thereto.

8.07 Changing Rooms - The sponsor shall provide adequate male and female costume changing rooms in the equipment area.

8.08 Performance Platform - The sponsor shall provide a performance platform for all competitors to use. For National, Regional and Class A tournaments, the recommended minimum size shall be 20 feet by 36 feet, and surface of the dock 12 inches to 20 inches above the surface of the water.

8.09 Sound System - The sponsor shall provide the sound system and a competent operator for all competitors to use. The sound system should be more than adequate to cover the show area. The sound system, amplifier, mixing board and speakers, will also include at least two cassette tape decks and at least one microphone. Information about the sound system and availability to add to it will be in the tournament announcements.

Competitors are encouraged to have a representative of their team in the sound booth to assist the sound personnel. If no representative is available, written instructions must accompany all tapes and the tapes must be labeled. Instructions to include when to start the tapes, where you are starting your

performance from and if you want the music stopped if there is a fall.

RULE 9 – SCORING

9.01 Show Acts - An act shall be evaluated on:

Flow	0 – 25 points
Execution	0 – 25 points
Difficulty	0 – 25 points
Spectator Appeal	0 – 25 points
Total Possible	100 points

If there are five or seven judges, the scores of the high and low judge for each act will be eliminated. The scores will then be totaled and divided by two less than the number of judges and then by the number of acts to result in an average score per act. The high and low judges' scores for each individual category will be eliminated and the remaining scores will be totaled and divided by the number of judges less two to result in an average score. This shall be considered the total score. Penalties for safety violations are deducted based on the total score to result in the final score for each show act and placement will be based on this score.

If there are three judges, the scores from all the judges from Rule 10.01 will be totaled and divided by the number of judges and then by the number of acts to result in an average score per act. The score from all the judges will be totaled and divided by the number of judges to result in an average score. This shall be considered the total score.

Penalties for safety violations are deducted based on the total score to result in the final score for each club and placement will be based on this score.

Scorers shall indicate on the Scorer's Form, the reason for any penalties and the act in which they occurred.

Individual swivel, doubles and freestyle jump will follow their own evaluations.

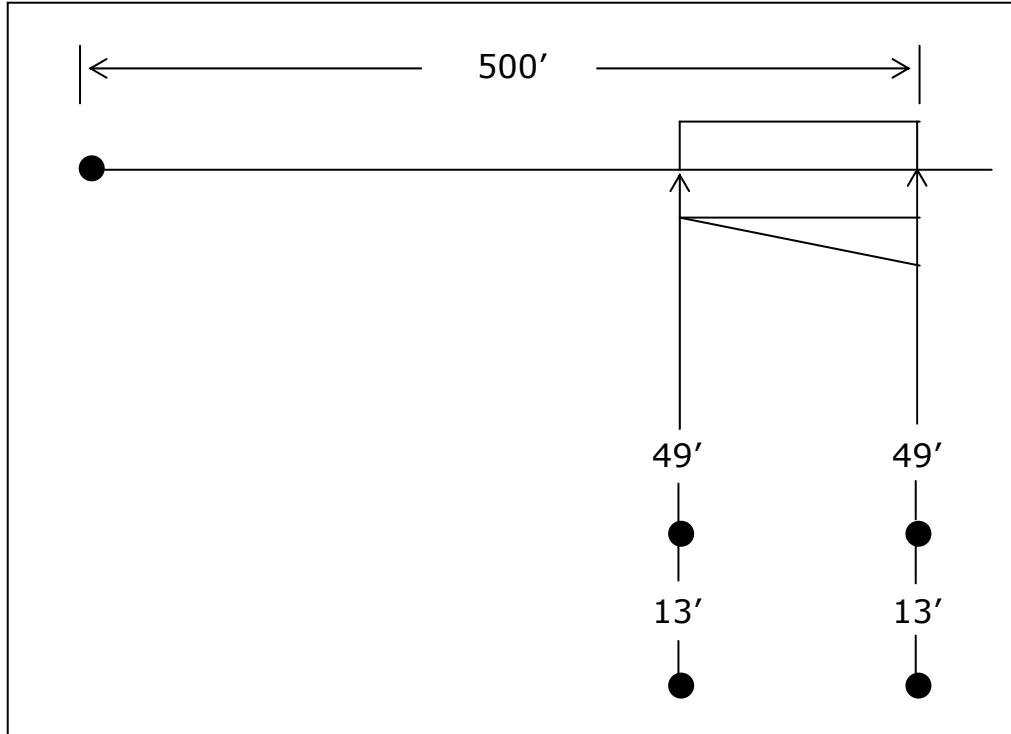
9.02 Swivel and Doubles - Both swivel and doubles will be evaluated on:

Technical Merit	0 – 10 points
Artistic Interpretation	0 – 10 points

At the conclusion of the competitor's performance, each judge will simultaneously display their scores for all to see. Judges will award scores in tenths of points intervals. The highest and lowest judges' scores will be eliminated if there are five or seven judges. The technical scores will then be added and divided by the number of judges' scores used and the same for the artistic scores. These two averages are then added together for the competitor's final score. The average for each competitor will be carried out to two decimal places and likewise the final score will then be reported to two decimal places. If there should be a tie in the scores, final placement will be determined by the highest technical score. If these are equal, a tie shall be declared.

9.03 Freestyle Jump

1. The course shall consist of a jump ramp set at 5-1/2 feet and meeting the following specifications:
 - a. Surface width: 14 feet at all points \pm 2 inches.
 - b. Surface length out of water: 21 feet to 22 feet evenly.
 - c. Surface length under water: 2 feet minimum evenly.
 - d. Side aprons on both sides shall extend the full length of the jump and shall be at least 6 inches under the water when the ramp is raised to its full height. The recommended apron angle is no less than 30 degrees to no greater than 60 degrees from vertical.
 - e. Boat guide buoys and setup buoys.



2. A panel of three, five or seven judges will score each maneuver attempted. A skier must regain normal skiing position either forward or backward to receive credit for the jump. Form scores will be awarded from 0 to 10 points in 1/2-point intervals. The judges will simultaneously display their scores for all to see prior to the next jump attempt. A maneuver not conforming to the credit standards for a trick scores zero. An attempted trick which becomes another is scored zero (e.g., a badly skewed Mobius does not qualify as a Helicopter). Judges are to take into consideration the estimated distance of each jump when awarding the form scores.
3. Competitors shall receive three passes at the ramp set at 5-1/2 feet in which they may attempt maneuvers as listed in rule 9.03(5). A repeat of a previous successful maneuver shall score zero.
4. Skiers are not required to submit a list of tricks to the Chief Scorer, but are encouraged to do so for improved announcing and spectator appeal.
5. To determine the skier's final score, eliminate high and low form scores if five or seven judges are used, then sum the judges' scores and divide by the number of judges' scores

used. Multiply the result by ten and then by the degree of difficulty. Repeat this process for all three jumps. The sum of the two highest scoring jumps will be the skier's final score. All calculations shall be rounded to two decimal places. If there is a tie in scores, the final placement will be determined by the highest scoring single jump. If this is equal, a tie shall be declared.

At the National Show Tournament and all cash prize tournaments, the distance of the freestyle jump shall be factored into the final score. Sponsoring hosts shall provide AWSA approved distance measuring equipment. To determine the skier's final score, sum together the form scores as in the above paragraph and divide by the number of judges' scores used. Multiply the result by 10, add the distance and multiply the result by the degree of difficulty. Repeat the process for all three jumps. The sum of the two highest scores for each skier shall determine his final score for placement.

6. Freestyle Maneuvers and Degrees of Difficulty

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name of Maneuver</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>DOD</u> <u>(2)</u>	<u>DOD</u> <u>(1)</u>
1	Helicopter	360 Spin	1.0	1.5
2	Flip	Forward Flip	2.0	3.0
3	Gainer	Gainer Type Flip	2.5	4.0
4	Mobius	Gainer + Helicopter	3.5	5.0
5	Front Mobius	Flip + Helicopter	5.0	7.5
6	720	2 Continuous 360 Spins	4.0	6.0
7	1080	3 Continuous 360 Spins	7.0	10.0
8	In-Out 720	360 Spin + Reverse	6.0	9.0
9	Double Mobius	Gainer + 720 Spin	8.0	12.0
10	Double Flip	2 Continuous Flips	8.0	12.0
11	Double Gainer	2 Continuous Gainers	10.0	15.0
12	180	½ Turn w/Back Landing	3.0	4.5
13	540	1½ Turn w/Back Landing	5.0	7.5
14	Half Mobius	Gainer + 180 w/Back Landing	5.5	8.0
15	1½ Mobius	Gainer + 540 w/Back Landing	8.0	12.0
16	Front Half	Flip + 180 w/Back Landing	7.0	10.0
17	Front 1½	Flip + 540 w/Back Landing	10.0	15.0

Note - DOD (2) is on two skis and DOD (1) is on one ski.

7. A new maneuver, along with a suggested DOD and demonstration or video, must be submitted to the NSSA Board at least 30 days prior to being scored in a tournament. By a majority vote, the NSSA Board:
 - a. May require a demonstration attempt by the skier submitting the maneuver.
 - b. Decide whether to include the maneuver in the Rules.
 - c. Establish a DOD at the minimum level accepted by a majority of the Board.
 - d. Establish any special rule descriptions for the new maneuver.
8. On any maneuver involving rotation about a horizontal axis (such as, but not limited to: Flip, Gainer, Mobius), both feet of the skier must be higher than the head at one time during the execution of the maneuver to receive credit. In the case of the In-Out 720, the skier must complete a full 360-degree turn before initiating the turn in the other direction. An underturn scores zero.
9. A maneuver may begin on the ramp, but not during the approach. Setting up or wrapping is not considered "beginning". For one-ski tricks, the skier must be in skiing position on one ski before the approach to the jump is started.
10. Boat speeds, once set, remain constant through rideout. No adjustments in boat speed are allowed to assist recoveries. Speeds may be chosen in the range of 26 to 36 MPH in 1 MPH increments, and are considered accurate if held within plus or minus 1 MPH on the speedometer. One official or the boat driver shall act as the boat judge for speed, path, and other matters at the discretion of the Chief Judge. It is the responsibility of the skier to notify the boat driver of the desired speed and boat path spacing for each maneuver.
11. The boat path is on the right side of the ramp, and parallel to the jump.
12. A method of quick-release is mandatory. Premature or accidental releases, not a failure of sponsor-supplied equipment, are the responsibility of the skier, and no rerides will be granted. Skiers may use a 75-foot Sponsor supplied line, or may supply their own towline of any reasonable length. Helmets and protective flotation wear are required. All

skier-supplied equipment must be inspected by the Safety Director or his designate.

9.04 Safety Deductions - Any of the judges or the Safety Director may poll the scoring judges for a 1% to 3% point deduction from the total score of any act for each instance that, in the opinion of the majority of the judges, there was a serious failure to exercise proper safety precautions during their act. The following will constitute penalties under the rule:

1. Failure to wear a helmet at any time a competitor skis under another competitor or a competitor's rope - 5% deduction. The exception to this rule would be for changing positions.
2. Failure to apply and properly use a quick release for all acts in which the skiers do not hold the "normal skiing handle" in their hands at all times - 5% deduction. Also, to include "flip starts", when the towline is wrapped around the skier's body. A release person (observer) may hold no more than one release per hand. It is the intent of this rule to allow for pulling up on the ropes for the purpose of changing positions without penalty.
3. Failure of aerial acts to land in the water or aerial acts coming over land while the participant has his skis on - 5% deduction. This rule may allow for the flyer to choose a safe alternate area away from spectators for reasons of his own safety.
4. Failure to wear a personal flotation device, which will float the skier under the following circumstances:
 - a. Any time a competitor goes over a jump ramp.
 - b. During rope braid acts.
 - c. During 360s around the boat.
 - d. While barefoot skiing.
 - e. All clowns on the water.
 - f. If any part of a formation being towed is three or more tiers, then all members being pulled by that towboat which are at the second tier and higher must wear flotation.
 - g. At least one rider/spotter (if any) in all towboats and pick-up boats must wear a minimum of Coast Guard approved Type III flotation while skiers are on the water.

The exception to this is the incidental use of barges to pick up debris, skies and people. This exception can only be

made if the club has pick-up boat(s) and the barge operator is wearing the Coast Guard Type III flotation.

h. Air Chairs

Life belts are not considered adequate personal flotation devices for parts a through e, g and h. Life belts are considered adequate flotation devices for part f.

(All of the above violations - 5% deduction.)

5. Failure to initiate all boat washouts, high-speed boat spins or similar stunts with an approach parallel to the shoreline and beginning the turn-away from the spectators and towboat drivers leaving the driver's seat when the boat is in gear and the neutral safety lock has not been detached, except for the purpose of increasing visibility during inclement weather - 5% deduction.

Other dangerous boat driving will be penalized at the judges' discretion and could include thread-the-needle maneuvers and failure to maintain safe control of the boat – up to 5% deduction.

6. Failure to complete or finish barefoot acts in more than knee-deep water - 3% deduction. It is the intent of this rule to keep barefooters from approaching shore to the point where a forward fall becomes dangerous. Judges should use reasonable judgment and not try to determine the exact level of the water to the skier's knee.

9.05 Judges' Forms - The sponsor shall supply the scoring judges with two copies and the Chief Judge with one copy of the Judges' form.

9.06 Team Jump

1. Team jump is to be scored as a show act. When the 5 minutes has ended all scoring will stop. If at the time the horn sounds ANY jumper is on the jump, that jump is to be considered in the score.
2. A pick up boat must be used.
3. The tournament Sponsor will make available a pick up boat for the competition. The competing team must supply or approve the pick up boat personnel.

4. The announcer will read off scores; flow, execution, difficulty and spectator appeal.

RULE 10 – SAFETY

10.01 Safety Director - Prior to the competition, the sponsoring affiliated club, with the approval of the Chief Judge, shall appoint a Safety Director who shall be responsible for the safe condition of all equipment, facilities and operation of the competition and have the authority to stop competition whenever he feels an unsafe condition exists. The Chief Judge may overrule any contemplated action or decision of the Safety Director.

10.02 Injury - The competition time will be stopped by the Chief Judge or the Safety Director whenever there is apparent injury to a skier during the show. The time and scoring (judging), will start from the point at which it is stopped after the Chief Judge and the Safety Director are confident that necessary aid has been given the injured person, all equipment involved has been checked, and the competitors given reasonable time to return to the act.

10.03 Emergency Personnel and Transportation -

1. Nationals: Adequate emergency personnel and transportation from the site will be available at all times during the competition. Emergency personnel and transportation will be at a designated, easily accessible place at all times. At NSSA sanctioned tournaments, the minimum required emergency personnel is defined as "state certified basic Emergency Medical Technician".
2. All Other Tournaments: Adequate medical personnel on site or can be available within a reasonable period of time. (Suggestion for reasonable period of time: less than 4 minutes.) Transportation to medical facilities present or can be available in a reasonable period of time. (Suggestion for reasonable period of time: 5-10 minutes.)

10.04 Safety Boat - The safety boat will be at an easily accessible, designated position and will be manned by a competent operator at all times during the competition.

10.05 Safety Announcements - The sponsoring club shall make announcements that spectators should not try the stunts

performed during the tournament without proper experience or expert instruction periodically throughout the tournament.

10.06 Additional Safety Rules Related to Site - For safety reasons due to the site, restrictions may be added to the listed safety restrictions by the majority of the judges. Any restriction must be determined before the start of the tournament and representatives from all competing clubs be notified prior to the tournament or upon their arrival at the site.

10.07 Inclined Ramps - Inclined ramps fastened to starting docks and/or any other equipment, and intended to be skied up, must be at an angle of not greater than 15 degrees to the surface of the water. In addition, the surface must be a minimum of 42 inches wide and the lower edge at least 6 inches below the surface of the water vertically.

10.08 State/Federal Boating Regulations - At the option of the sponsoring club, the Safety Director shall see that all competing clubs conform to all state and/or federal boating regulations prior to the start of the act, PROVIDING:

1. The requirement of meeting all applicable boating laws was made in the tournament announcement.
2. All competing clubs from a state other than the state the competition is to be held in shall have been sent a copy of such laws.

10.09 Required Safety Meeting - All competing personnel shall meet with the tournament Safety Director and Chief Judge prior to the start of that day's competition. The sponsor shall state the time and place in the tournament announcements.

10.10 Sponsor-Required Site Plan - The sponsor shall furnish a site plan for the Chief Judge, Safety Director and all competing clubs prior to the start of the tournament.

RULE 11 – CONDUCT

11.01 Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the tournament and/or violations of the above rules, which do not provide specific penalties, may be penalized at the discretion of the majority of the judges up to and including disqualification.

Any member of any team becoming disorderly (verbally or physically) to any official before, during or after a tournament/event will receive an automatic one-year suspension from all NSSA-sanctioned events. Also his/her team may be disqualified from that tournament/event. The suspended individual(s) must then come before the NSSA Board before reinstatement to explain his/her actions. A 2/3-majority vote from the NSSA Board is required for reinstatement.

The intent here is to provide a method for enforcing the rules and ensure a well-run tournament. All penalties should be enforced considering the overall intent of the tournament rules and the effect of the violation on the tournament.

11.02 Mind-Altering Substances - Any competitor under the influence of any mind-altering substance, including alcohol, will be disqualified. Under the influence is defined as: "any detectable level of the substance".

RULE 12 – VARIATIONS

12.01 General - Variations to the rules may be allowed by the NSSA Board upon the submission of such variation to the NSSA. The intent of this rule is to allow for the widest variation possible in the use of water ski show acts competition for the purpose of promoting spectator appeal and a spirit of cooperation and relaxation among water ski clubs and water skiers generally. Such requests for variations must be received by the NSSA at least 60 days prior to the tournament date.

12.02 Preparation and Clean-Up - Rule 2.05 may be amended to allow for specific starting time and expanding preparation/clean-up times, provided there is equality for all teams.

II. NSSA OFFICIALS' INSTRUCTIONS AND ATTACHMENTS

Section 1 - Instructions To The Chief Judge

As Chief Judge, your responsibility covers the entire tournament. You are obligated to see that the tournament is run fairly and safely according to the rules. This includes the responsibilities of the following personnel: (1) sponsoring club, (2) competing teams, (3) scoring judges, (4) chief scorer, (5) scorers, (6) timer, (7) safety director, (8) staging marshal, and (9) secretaries. It is important that you become familiar with all the responsibilities and positions.

Prior to the start of the tournament, you should review the following items:

1. Is the required equipment ready and adequate?
2. Are personnel available and familiar with their official responsibilities?
3. Check docks, jump, landing area, skiing area, etc., for safety hazards.
4. Make sure all entry requirements have been met.

In an individual event tournament, meet with all the competitors prior to the competition. If the tournament is to include show acts competitions, meet with each competing team's show director prior to the competition. Ask for questions and inform the competitors that it is their responsibility to know the rules. Ask if they have anything unusual in their performance that you should be aware of. Review the Chief Judge's checklist with them, covering all items.

Remember, all decisions made by the Chief Judge or majority of the judges must be made keeping in mind the intent of the rules and be based on keeping the competition fair for all competitors.

Section 2 - Instructions To The Scoring Judges

Before reading these instructions, read and become familiar with the NSSA Individual and Show Acts Competition Rules and Judge's Forms. A water ski show tournament judge has two main responsibilities during the tournament. The first is to ensure that every competitor abides by the rules and has a fair opportunity to compete under the rules. The second is to score each competitor's performance under the intent of the rules.

Considerations - Before going into definitions of scoring, some items you should keep in mind during the tournament are:

1. It is the responsibility of each judge to keep his scoring and comments about scoring confidential during the tournament, except scores for swivel, doubles and freestyle jump. These individual scores will be held up on cards and announced at the completion of each competitor's performance.
2. Any questions, comments or discussion between judges concerning a performance shall be handled through the Chief Judge no later than before the start of the next performance. Any decisions regarding a performance shall be made prior to the start of the next performance in the presence of the Chief Judge. Discussions should not include opinions of performances or scores given, but only to the application of the rules.
3. Audience and weather conditions will vary throughout the tournament. You will have to allow for these when scoring.
4. You are encouraged to make comments about your scoring for your benefit and that of the competitors.
5. Water ski show audiences are usually made up of family groups. Keep this in mind when judging the tournament.
6. When possible, as a courtesy to the competitors, it is suggested that the Chief Judge inform them of any rule violations or penalties as soon as possible.

Judging Show Acts - As a judge, you will be supplied with a form for the competition listing the teams competing in each specific act. You will judge each act based on four categories. Each category may be scored up to 25 points based on your opinion of the act. (Your scores should be whole numbers.)

The Four Categories of Scoring an Act

1. Flow - In scoring flow; ask yourself this question, "did the act progress smoothly?" Things to consider:
 - a. Did the act get started without delays?
 - b. Was the boat pattern poorly chosen or too lengthy, which caused "dead time" during the act?
 - c. Was the act designed to keep your interest at all times or were there unnecessary lags during the performance?

- d. If there are necessary delays (e.g., smooth water for barefoot), is something planned to keep your interest during the delay?
2. Execution - In scoring execution, you are to rate the manner, style or quality of the performance by the skiers. The level of skill or style, with which the performer completes what he attempts, should determine the score.
3. Difficulty - You must estimate the degree of difficulty of the act as compared with similar acts. The key word here is similar. You should not rate the difficulty of one type of act to another; e.g., a slalom act should be compared to slalom acts; jumping acts to other jumping acts. It is not necessarily important that your difficulty ratings compare with every similar act in the world; however, it is important that at the end of the particular tournament your difficulty scores line up according to the similar acts of the tournament.

One good thing to remember in scoring difficulty is to leave yourself a little room at the top. It seems there are always new "25 pointers" being invented. Another important item is "score what you see on the water," not what you see on the act list. For example, a barefoot pyramid is not a barefoot pyramid until completed. In general, compare what you see to what could be done in that type of act.

4. Spectator Appeal - The two primary things to consider when judging spectator appeal are:
 - a. The entertainment value of the act versus similar acts.
 - b. Did the performers direct their performance to acknowledge the audience?

Be careful not to rely on the audience too much for your score because some clubs will load the audience and you do not always have the same audience or the same size audience.

Falls - Falls should not necessarily score a zero or even mean a point deduction. There has been much discussion on this subject. The general feeling is that a fall at the right time in a difficult act, and handled correctly, can actually increase the spectator appeal or entertainment value of that act. Score falls as they affect you. Did the fall interfere with the act?

Judging Swivel and Doubles Competitions - Both swivel and doubles competition will be judged on technical merit and artistic impression. As judges, you will give a score from 0 - 10 points using tenths for each category. Generally, you should be looking at the execution, the difficulty, and appearance of each performance. Emphasis should be placed on both execution and difficulty. Technique should not be compromised for more "tricks". Judges should think in terms of quality performance, difficulty, and not necessarily quantity.

1. Technical Merit - Each move or maneuver should be executed precisely from start to finish. Proper technique is the key factor. This includes basic body positioning normally associated with ballet and dance basics (turn out, pointed toes, balance and control, arm movements, posture). Flow and continuity of movements also affect proper execution. Difficulty of the maneuvers shall also be considered in this category.
2. Artistic Impression - Simply said: all the movement in between the technical maneuvers or tricks. Considered is your interpretation of basics, choreography, style, and creativity. This is also the category where the opening and closing of each performance is considered. Above all, showmanship.

All scores for each category will be displayed at the same time at the conclusion of the performance. Have your scorecards ready and all the scoring judges are to hold up their cards at the same time. The announcer will be in charge of making sure that all the judges are ready and will not start reading them until they are all held up.

Improper Safety Precautions - Be alert during all performances for violations of the safety rules or the failure to exercise proper safety precautions as defined in Rule 9. You, as a judge, have the right and responsibility to enforce these rules. Any possible point deductions should be discussed and assessed prior to the start of the next performance.

Judging Freestyle Jump - In judging freestyle jump, you will be looking at the skier's form for the maneuver completed. The distance, although not metered, can be considered. Your score will also be displayed when the announcer calls for it and will be from 0 - 10 points in .5-point increments.

Section 3 - Instructions To The Chief Scorer

As Chief Scorer, your responsibility covers the tabulation of all the scores. Your main responsibility is to ensure that the results are

accurate. You will also, along with the Chief Judge, be responsible to ensure that the entry requirements have been met. You must fully understand the scoring system.

The Chief Scorer shall work with the tournament chairman to make sure that all necessary supplies are on hand to facilitate the scoring of the tournament (i.e., calculators with tapes, pencils, carbon paper, clipboards, paper rolls, etc.).

Show Acts Competition - The scorers will tabulate all the scores. You will be responsible for checking all their figures and verifying that they are correct. You will be responsible for the completion of the Scorers' Forms, including the deduction of any penalty points from the final score. All penalties need to be verified by the Chief Judge.

Individual Competition - The Chief Scorer will be responsible for writing down the scores as they are read by the announcer and then tabulating the results on the Scorers' Forms. Upon verification of any penalty points by the Chief Judge, you will have to deduct them from the final score.

Section 4 - Instructions To The Scorers

Show Acts Competition - The scorers' duties consist of tabulating the Judges' Forms and relaying the information to the Chief Scorer. The Chief Scorer will then record the results on the Scorers' Form. You shall be responsible to ensure that the figures are correct, by checking and rechecking the final results.

Individual Competition - The scorers' duties consist of scoring the particular categories, making note of their scores for their records and then displaying them through the use of scorecards. It is important that your cards are ready to be displayed when the announcer calls for them to keep the competition running smoothly. Remember that this is taking place during the skier's five minute set-up/clean-up time.

Note - No matter which type of competition you are scoring, you are encouraged to make comments on a separate sheet of paper and give them to the competitors.

Section 5 - Instructions To The Official Timer

As the official timer, your responsibility is to ensure that all phases of the competition are documented with the correct time (see Rule 2).

You shall be responsible for the tracking of time for:

1. Set-up/Clean-up Time (The 5-minute period in between the performance.)
2. Competition Time (The 5-minute period for the competitor's performance.)

Note - The first competitor in each event shall have a separate 5-minute set-up time and the last competitor shall have a 5-minute clean-up. All others shall share the five-minute period as set-up/clean-up time.

All of the above information must be coordinated with the Chief Judge, the Safety Director, the staging marshal and the competitors. The Chief Judge must also inform you of the performance's start (i.e., tight line, spoken word, prerecorded announcement, etc.).

All of the times must be recorded on the official timer's log and turned into the Chief Judge at the end of the tournament.

In most cases, the Chief Judge would be a back up-timer.

Freestyle Jumping - This event does not require a timer.

Section 6 - Instructions To The Staging Marshal

As the staging marshal, your main responsibility is to ensure the smooth transition of skiers, in and out of the competition area, between performances.

Unlike show competitions, the set-up and clean-up times are one. In order to make the competition flow quicker, the competitors that are cleaning up and the next group that is setting up will share the staging area. The skiers that are cleaning up will have to clear the staging area before the next performance can start.

You must be familiar with the site's physical layout, as to where the pre-staging and competition areas are located. You will have to coordinate all of the previous with the Chief Judge, timer and the Safety Director. You must inform each competitor of the procedures and locations of the pre-staging and staging areas. Please remember that all competitors should be given the same information as to the transition between performances, to ensure equal competition between all the competitors.

Section 7 - Instructions To The Safety Director

As the Safety Director, you shall be responsible to make sure that the competition is safely conducted, and that all skiers perform safely, both on the water and off. See Rule 10 - Safety.

Some things that you need to consider prior to the beginning of the competition:

1. Are there adequate safety personnel on site or available within a reasonable amount of time?
2. Is there adequate access for emergency vehicles and transportation to necessary facilities?
3. Is the competition area free from potentially dangerous obstacles?
4. Does the ski jump fall under AWSA specifications?
5. Is the dock safe? (Can it hold mass numbers of skiers and equipment?)
6. Is there an adequate safety boat available?

Prior to each event, you should meet with all the competitors and go over emergency procedures established in the event of an injury. They must be aware of the necessary signals to call for help and/or stop the competition.

You should also be aware of the weather conditions. You, along with the Chief Judge, will be responsible to delay or call off the tournament if a potentially dangerous situation is on the way (i.e., electrical storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.).

Section 8 - Instructions To The Secretaries

As a secretary, your main responsibility is to record the number and comments for the judge for whom you are working. As a general rule, you are to learn and observe the judging system and that particular judge's techniques.

Your position should be to ask questions, or take care of whatever items the judge may ask you to do. At no time should you be inputting your unsolicited comments or remarks to the judge. You must also keep all scores and comments confidential during the competition.

Section 9 - Instructions To The Sound Personnel

As operator of the sound system, you are responsible for playing the music as instructed by the competitors. You need to be available

before each event to take notes from the competitors as to when to start the tape(s) and if the skier wants the music stopped if there is a fall. It is advisable to have an assistant to help coordinate the tapes and instructions.

Section 10 - Official Forms And Attachments

All Judges' Forms and Scorers' Forms along with any reports are contained in the Individual and Show Acts Tournament packet available from USA-WS's Competition Department.

NSSA Bylaws
National Show Ski Association
Bylaws

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of the organization shall be the National Show Ski Association, the abbreviation of which shall be "NSSA". This organization is a Sport Discipline of the USA Water Ski Inc, the abbreviation of which is "USA-WS", is guaranteed representation and voting privileges on the USA-WS Board as defined in USA-WS Bylaws Article VI. USA-WS is the national governing body of water skiing in the United States.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purpose of the NSSA shall be to organize, promote, and direct competitive show water skiing in the United States through affiliation with the USA-WS.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in NSSA shall be open to all USA-WS members without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, or sex: subject only to payment of dues as the USA-WS and NSSA may prescribe from time to time.

Section A –

4. Club Membership: Open to any water ski club. Each member shall have voting privileges within their respective region upon reaching the age of 15 years old, subject to regional bylaws, if any. Clubs are also required to be members in good standing of the USA-WS.
5. Individual Competitive Membership: Open to all skiers who are members in good standing of the USA-WS. Individual members shall have voting privileges within their respective regions upon reaching the age of 15 years old.
6. Special Classes: Special classes of membership without voting privileges, such as patron memberships, associate membership, and other classes of membership, may be authorized and established by the Board on such terms and conditions of such dues and with such reasonable rights and privileges as the Board may establish from time to time.

Section B – Eligibility for competing in NSSA tournaments requires that member clubs have an adequate number of member skiers to constitute a team. All team members are subject to Official NSSA Tournament Rules.

Section C – An annual affiliation fee may be assessed each club and each individual member affiliating with the NSSA, and said fee is to be paid directly to the Treasurer of the NSSA. Fees collected will be used to cover operational costs of the NSSA not covered by the USA-WS. The amount of said fee, if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, shall be determined by the Board annually.

Section D – A member club or individual competitive member may be expelled or suspended only by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors on charges made in writing over the signature of at least three individual competitive members of the NSSA and submitted to the Board.

Section E – Each member club or individual member expelled or suspended shall have the right to prompt and equitable resolution of grievances through the exercise of due process. (See Articles X, XI, and XII.)

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A – Number and Qualification of Members of the National Board

The Board of Directors (herein sometimes referred to as the Board or BOD) shall consist of at least seven Directors, one from each region. The Board may be expanded from any one or more regions upon a two-thirds majority vote of the board. The Executive Director of the USA-WS, **or** his designated representative, will also be a member of the NSSA Board. This is a non-voting ex-officio membership position or.

No person shall be eligible for election to the Board or to the office of President, unless such person meets the following qualifications:

3. Mandatory Qualifications

- j. U.S. citizenship
- k. Current Valid USA-WS membership
- l. Current valid NSSA membership
- m. Minimum age of 21
- n. Must attend the regular annual meeting of the Board

In addition, at least two of the following qualifications must be met:

- o. Previous membership on the NSSA Board of Directors or USA-WS Show Committee
- p. Membership on a NSSA Regional Board

- q. Current rated USA-WS show judge or show scorer; boat driver; or past or present show skier
- r. Approval of their Regional Director

4. Desirable Qualifications

In addition to the mandatory qualifications, the following background factors are to be considered as desirable for Board membership and to serve as guidelines for regional elections:

- g. Ability to travel and attend NSSA Board meetings
- h. Good knowledge of the functions of the NSSA
- i. Good organizational background
- j. Good character and personality traits
- k. Ability to communicate well
- l. Active in the sport of water skiing show competition

Section B – President Election / Term

Unless the President is also a current Director, the President shall be a non-voting president, except to break a tie or when required to constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall elect the President. The term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section C – Board of Directors Election / Term

Each Director shall be elected by their respective region. The term of office shall be two (2) years or until a qualified successor is duly elected. A Director may serve two terms in succession (four years total), after which s/he remains ineligible for reelection for a period of one year.

- 5. If authorized by the Board for more than one Director, a region shall select one of its Directors to serve as the executive head of the region. The official title in that capacity shall be Regional Executive, hereinafter referred to as Regional Executive.
- 6. Other Directors, if applicable, shall be elected from each region and shall also serve a two-year term. The official title shall be National Director, hereinafter referred to as National Director. **No Region shall have more than one director from any single Club or Team.**
- 7. The terms of all officers and Directors of the NSSA shall be for two (2) years, and shall start at the conclusion of the National Tournament.
- 8. Honorary National Directors (administered by the Nominating Committee). The Honorary National Directors must have served on the Board under one of the following conditions, terms may be served concurrently, and are currently not an officer or a director.
 - e. President – four (4) or more years

- f. Vice President – four (4) or more years
- g. Treasurer and/or Secretary – four (4) or more years
- h. National Director – six (6) or more years

Honorary National Directors must be current USA-WS members and receive a 2/3 vote of the NSSA Board members during the Annual NSSA Board Meeting, to be elected for life to the Board. Honorary National Directors shall have a voice, but not vote.

5. Alternates will be elected by their respective Region, who will set the term and duration of office for the Alternate, these Alternates are encouraged to attend every BOD meeting to remain current with the business and decisions of the BOD. They will have the right to vote the Regions vote should a Director be absent.

Section D – Vacancies

In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors through death, resignation, incapacity to act, or any other cause, the Board may appoint a replacement from the respective region to serve for the unexpired term or until such time as the region calls a special meeting to elect a successor.

Section E – Powers and Duties

The entire direction and management of the affairs of the NSSA Division of the USA-WS shall be vested in its Board of Directors, Except as limited in these bylaws.

Section F – Place of Meeting

The Board of Directors may hold their meetings at such place or places as the Board may determine from time-to-time. Conference calls by telephone are to be confirmed by mail ballots, or mail ballots may be used when it is impractical to meet otherwise.

Section G – Regular Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors shall hold a regular annual meeting for the transaction of such business as may properly come before this meeting at the time and place of the Fall Meeting. This meeting will be attended by all Directors.

The first order of business on the agenda, after call to order, roll call, announcement of a quorum (as described in Article IV, Section J), and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, shall be to take action on mail or phone ballots not previously acted upon at a Board meeting. The balance of the agenda shall be as determined by the President.

Section H – Meetings and Special Meetings

The election of officers shall take place as the last item of business in conjunction with the meeting held at the time and place of the National Tournament. If a National Tournament is not held in a particular year, then the majority vote of the Board will decide the date and place of the meeting to elect officers.

Section I – Notice of Meeting

Notice of the place, day, and hour of any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and notice of the place, day, hour, and purposes of every special meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be given to each Director at least thirty (30) days prior to such a meeting, by delivering said notice personally, or by mailing said notice to the last known address for each Director according to the records of the NSSA.

It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been provided to any Director who is present or who, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing either before or after said meeting is held.

Section J – Quorum

Two-thirds of the Directors in office at any time shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of business; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting from time-to-time until a quorum is present. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be provided.

Section K – Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the NSSA will be held at the site of the National Championship's. The agenda for this meeting will be set by the President, or his/her duly appointed representative.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of the NSSA shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The above officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its National Tournament meeting, and shall take office at the close of the National Tournament. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. Officers may be elected from outside the Board, but, if so, they shall be non-voting.

Officers are required to attend the regular annual meeting of the board. An officer will be allowed a voice, but not a vote, unless the officer is also a current Director.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties and powers of the officers of the NSSA shall be as follows:

President – Elected in even-numbered years

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall cause to be called all regular meetings of the Board of Directors in accordance with these bylaws. S/he may call special meetings of the Board of Directors at any time at his/her discretion. S/he may call for a vote of the Board committee at his/her discretion. The President shall follow-up on actions taken by the Board to determine that they have been implemented, and notify the Board of Directors of any failure to implement. S/he shall do those things required to assist in the smooth and efficient operation of the Board of Directors of the NSSA. S/he is authorized to sign all contracts and agreements approved by the Board in the name of the NSSA. The President shall be limited to \$1,000.00 on all checks signed. Amounts over \$1,000.00 shall require the additional signature of the NSSA Treasurer. The President shall be the official representative from the NSSA to serve on the USA-WS Board of Directors. The President may delegate the signing of checks and other disbursements, to the Treasurer, at his/her discretion. (8/10/90). The President may recommend representatives to USA-WS committees, standing and special, on an annual basis. Should the NSSA desire to have alternates appointed to these committees, the President may recommend them also.

Vice-President – Elected in odd-numbered years

During the absence and/or inability of the President to render and perform his/her duties or exercise his/her powers, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Vice-President. When so acting, the Vice-President shall have all powers and be subject to all responsibilities hereby given to or imposed upon the President. The term office for Vice-President shall be for a period of two years with election staggered so that no more than two positions are up for election in any given calendar year (one position, if secretary-treasurer is currently held by one person). (3/3/95)

Secretary – Elected in even-numbered years

The Secretary is the recording officer of the NSSA and the nominal custodian of its records. The term office for Secretary shall be for a period of two years with election staggered so that no more than two positions are up for election in any given calendar year (one position, if Secretary-Treasurer is currently held by one person). (3/3/95)

Treasurer – Elected in odd-numbered years (unless combined with the position of Secretary – then elected in the “Secretary” designated year)

The Treasurer may be the same person as the one who occupies the office of Secretary. The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the NSSA and shall be responsible for control of the NSSA additional affiliation fee funds as described in Article III, Section C, any other fees as described in Article III, Section A.3, any donations accepted by the Board, and the maintenance of appropriate records. The term office for Treasurer shall be for a period of two years with election staggered so that no more than two positions are up for election in any given calendar Year (one position, if Secretary-Treasurer is currently held by one person). (3/3/95)

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Standing Committees are listed below. The President shall appoint the Committee Chairperson, subject to Board approval, and exercise approval of committee members selected by the Committee Chairperson. All members must be NSSA members in good standing.

- Competition Rules
- Officials
- National Tournament
- Nominating

Standing committee duties shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Committees may be added, deleted, or changed by a majority vote of the Board.

Special Committees, which do not conflict with Standing Committees, may be activated by the President as required. Examples of such committees are bylaws, plans and programs, records, membership, promotion and publicity, safety, tow boat study, and hall of fame selection. Special Committee duties shall be determined by the president.

Recommendations coming out of Committee require a 70% , or greater, approval by the Committee to be put before the Board.

Committee proposals, decisions, and actions shall be valid only when ratified by the Board of Directors at a meeting or by mail ballot.

Committee Chairpersons will be appointed, as directed above, at the end of the annual meeting. Their duties and responsibilities will continue through the following calendar year's annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

The United States shall be divided up into seven (7) show ski regions as follows:

8. Eastern Region: The states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.
9. Midwest Region: The states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
10. Central Region: The States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio
11. Southern Region: The states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.
12. Western Region: _The states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
13. South Central Region:_The States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas.
14. Wisconsin Region: The state of Wisconsin and the districts within.

Any State, territory, or possession of the United States may be included in any of said regions or transferred from one region to another by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

Each region provided for herein may adopt and amend its own regional bylaws, provided that no provisions thereof, nor action taken thereunder at the regional level, shall conflict with the bylaws of the NSSA or any authorized rules made or action taken thereunder. Where ever such conflict exists, the conflicting regional bylaws, or action taken thereunder, shall automatically be suspended in application and supplanted by the applicable bylaws of the NSSA or by the rules made or action taken thereunder by the Board. In order to avoid such conflicts, a draft of all regional bylaws, or amendments thereto, shall be promptly submitted to the National Board for

examination and recommendations. The Board determination as to the existence of a conflict shall be conclusive.

Each region shall elect one or more Directors to the National Board of Directors. The term of office shall be two (2) years, and the term shall begin when the annual meeting of the BOD is called to order. If more than one Director from a given region is authorized by the Board, the second Director shall take office one year from the installation of the first Director.

ARTICLE IX – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Section A – Date

A National Championship Tournament, herein referred to as the National Tournament, shall be held annually, with the date and place being set by the Board of Directors.

Section B – Hosts / Bidding Procedure

Petitions for hosting the National Show Tournament shall be made to the Board of Directors by submitting to the **NSSA President by July 15th** with selection for two years hence being made by a majority vote at the annual meeting (November) of the Board of Directors.

9. A notice will be placed in The Water Skier magazine no later than the May issue, that the NSSA will be accepting bids for the National Show Ski Tournament. The current National Tournament Chairperson and the current Publicity Committee Chairperson shall jointly be responsible for assuring the timely publication of this notice.
10. Bids shall be sent to the **NSSA President**, postmarked no later than July 15th, two (2) calendar years prior to the National Tournament for which the bid is being submitted. Bids may not be altered or supplemented except by request of the Board.
11. The **NSSA President** shall distribute the bids at the next Summer Board meeting, normally held in conjunction with the National Tournament.
12. The decision to award the bid shall take place at the next Fall meeting of the Board. This meeting will normally occur 20 months prior to the date of the Nationals. The decision shall be made by a simple majority of the Board.

Section C - Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee (Chairperson and members) shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for all particulars of

the National Tournament, including scheduling, financing, and promoting, among others. The Tournament Committee shall be obedient to the Board of Directors.

Section D - Eligibility

Each region shall be responsible for selecting its teams for competition in the National Tournament. Normally, at least one competition time slot will be reserved for at least one club from each region.

Section E - Rules

The National Tournament shall follow the Official NSSA Tournament Rules.

Section F - Bid Content

4. Bids shall be submitted on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, except for maps or diagrams, which may be larger.
2. Twenty (20) copies of the bid shall be submitted.
3. Each bid shall include all of the following information:
 - h. Map or sketch of the site, and showing:
 1. Size of show area
 2. Water depths
 3. Main dock and secondary docks
 4. Boat ramps
 5. Beach area
 6. Bleachers and other seating
 7. Exhibitor areas
 8. Concession areas
 9. Officials facilities
 - i. Capacity of site for spectators and types of seating available, including bleacher capacity.
 - j. A Statement regarding water conditions and how the area will be regulated regarding recreational boaters.
 - k. A statement regarding weather additional charges will be made, such as parking or admissions.
 - l. A statement regarding parking capacity, location relative to the site and control.
 - m. A statement regarding whether beer or other alcoholic beverages will be sold on the site, and how such sales will be controlled.
 - n. A list of hotels and motels in the area and an estimate of the total number of rooms available.
4. A copy of the national tournament minimum bid criteria should be requested from the current National Tournament Chairperson prior to bid preparation.

Section G - All national tournament entries, team and individual, must be sent via U.S. certified mail to the National Tournament Chairperson no later than July 15th of the current year. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Section H - Seeding of Teams and Individuals for the National Show Ski Championship Tournament Entries will be limited to 14 clubs which will be selected and notified by July 31st. The clubs will be selected using the following formula provided all entry requirements are met.

Tournament Entry Procedures for Teams

1. The top club from the previous Show Ski National Championships.
5. Two clubs from each region as chosen by that region, except that the region from which the defending champion comes will only get one spot in the First rotation.

Qualifications:

6. If the 14 spots are not filled by the regions, they will be Filled in the following rotation: One club from the Wisconsin Region, before regular rotation begins, then one club from the Wisconsin Region, one club from the Central Region, one club from the Midwest Region, one club from the Southern Region, one club from the Eastern Region, one club from the South Central Region, one club from the Western Region.

Seeding:

4. Seeding of the teams will be done as follows:
 - ? The top club from the previous year will get the first choice of slots
 - ? slots 2 - 14 (total of 13 clubs) will be seeded in the following order as chosen by their Region: Wisconsin, Central, Midwest, Southern, Eastern, South Central, West
 - ? seeding will be based upon finish (placement) at the respective Regional qualifying tournaments (continue round-robin)
5. Entry fees will be returned in full if not chosen to represent the Region.

6. The two club rosters shall be submitted no later than seven days in advance of the tournament, using U.S. Certified Mail.

Tournament Entry Procedures for Individuals: Entries will be limited to 15 individual (couples/teams) in the following events: Swivel, Doubles, Multi-Jump. The competitors will be selected and notified by July 31st. They will be selected using the following formula, provided all entry requirements are met:

1. The previous year's champion will be invited, seeded first and ski last.
2. The top qualifier from each region (seven maximum) will be seeded, and ski 8th 14th slots –by rotation per #4 below
3. The second highest qualifiers from each region will be seeded, and ski 1st - 7th slots –by rotation per #4 below
4. Should each region NOT select two qualifiers, the 1st - 7th slots will be Filled via the Following rotation (until a total of 15 contestants are selected): Wisconsin, South, Central, Midwest, East, South Central and West. This rotation will be used to seed the top qualifiers also (#2 above).
5. Entry fees will be returned in full should the entrant not be selected to represent the Region
6. If a competitor chooses to withdraw from the competition, they must notify the Tournament Director a minimum of 48 hours before the start of competition. If such a notification occurs, the Tournament Director will notify the next eligible entrant from the Region represented by the withdrawn competitor. If the slot cannot be filled in this manner, then a random draw will be done from a “stand-by” list of eligible entrants who were not originally seeded in the competition.

Section I

- 1 . Show National Tournament Entry Forms: All Show Nationals tournament entry forms and mailings are to be sent to the official club mailing addresses (P.O. Box) and sent "certified" mail. All entry forms are to have a clearly marked due date. Failure to have forms postmarked by such due date would disqualify a team from competing. All teams, including those automatically seeded, must comply. These same requirements also apply to the Individual Act portion of the Show Nationals (with the provision that entry forms may be mailed to an individuals address).

2. Show Nationals Music Lists: All competing teams and individual acts are required to submit their "music play lists" as a part of their entry package which is normally due to the tournament chairman on the day before the start of competition. Music play lists should include all songs used during the performance, with title and artist.
3. Tournament Host Supplied Sound System: At the National Show Tournament a tournament host supplied sound system will be provided and must be used by all teams. A team may also feed their signal to additional equipment separately. A team may not move, alter, modify, or add to, the tournament supplied house sound system in any way. The team supplied sound equipment may not be placed or connected in such a way as to damage the tournament supplied house system. The tournament host supplied sound system will meet but not be limited to the minimum specifications described below. A written description of the system will be available from the tournament host to the competing teams, no later than one week prior to the start of the tournament. All wireless microphone frequencies must be registered with the Chief Judge during the pre-show meeting with the Show Director. A tournament supplied house sound system will be provided by the host team of all National Show Tournaments for the use of all participating teams. Said sound system shall meet, but not be limited to, the following minimum specifications:
 - a. Loudspeaker cabinets sufficient to provide clear, intelligible coverage of the entire spectator and judging area. Sound pressure level (SPL) at the judging area should be at least 70 db.
 - b. Monitor loudspeaker cabinets with adjustable gain placed so as to provide sufficient coverage of the primary starting dock and the main announcing stage.
 - c. Amplification to adequately power the venue.
 - d. At least one backup amplifier on site.
 - e. A mixing console with at least 6 input channels.
 - f. A direct box, or the adapters necessary to allow RCA, XLR, and 1/4" input to the main console, stereo or sum, and mono.

- g. A house microphone.
- h. At least one technician on site at all times during the competition.
- i. A properly grounded 110v, 60hz, 20a circuit for team usage.

ARTICLE X - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Any member of the NSSA may file a written grievance with the NSSA President alleging a violation of the bylaws or NSSA rules, policies, procedures, or purpose.

If the President determines that the grievance is a regional matter, the President shall refer the grievance to the Director of the region involved. If a member is not in agreement with the decision of the Regional Director, the member shall have the right to appeal to the full Board of Directors. The decision of the Board shall be final.

ARTICLE XI - SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Discipline: A member or a member's club may be disciplined to include fines, probation and/or suspension or expulsion for unsportsman like conduct, any willful violation of NSSA or USA-WS rules or procedures, public intoxication to the extent that the member becomes disorderly or exhibits behavior which is disruptive to other members or spectators, criminal or fraudulent acts to include misrepresentation of membership in either NSSA or USA Water Ski, failure to pay indebtedness or any other act that is contrary to the objectives and purposes of the NSSA, USA-WS, **IWSF, and/or USOC**. Expressly included is disrespectful behavior toward any NSSA National Director or employee of USA Water Ski, the destruction or defacing or property or disrespectful behavior toward the staff of host hotels/motels and/or other establishments or host security personnel where NSSA functions are held.

In such instances, the National Director of the region where the alleged act occurred shall appoint an investigating committee of at least three members from the member's region. In the event there is more than one National Director of the region, the President shall appoint a National Director of the region to chair the investigating committee and make appointments to that committee. None shall be members of the club(s) Filing charges or the club(s) being charged. If

the accused member is a National Director, the investigating committee shall consist of board members of NSSA.

The committee shall conduct a confidential investigation to determine whether any disciplinary action is warranted. The investigation shall include availing the accused members(s) and club representative if disciplinary action against a club is sought, the opportunity to make a statement regarding the allegation of any misconduct or alleged violation before rendering a recommendation providing said appearance before the investigation committee can be made in a timely manner. The presence of open alcohol, disruptive behavior by three or more members of the same club and the presence of five or more members of the same club, failure of other club members to attempt intervention to halt disruptive behavior, shall be prima facie evidence of alcohol-induced behavior and to determine club involvement in said activity and subsequent disciplinary proceedings. Intentional misrepresentation of information to the Investigating Committee by any member(s) shall impeach said member(s) testimony and give rise to further disciplinary recommendation by the committee. The Committee shall report in writing to the Regional Director, recommending that disciplinary action be imposed or that no action be taken based upon a preponderance of the evidence that an allegation occurred, the National Board of Directors may serve as the Investigating Committee at the National Tournament.

In the event a fine is imposed against either member(s) or a club, said Fine shall be paid in Full to the NSSA before the member(s) and/or club is allowed to participate in future NSSA-sanctioned activities. Fines shall be no less than \$10 and shall not exceed \$50. Of Fines so imposed, 50% shall be placed in the general fund of the NSSA and 50% shall be given to the treasury of the region where the action occurred to assist in offsetting security costs. The NSSA shall provide the victim of any damaged property with name and address of the accused so that civil litigation may be initiated but shall not act as a liaison for any civil litigation.

ARTICLE XII - DUE PROCESS

Section I - Each member shall have the right to due process including the appeal of actions or decisions by the NSSA Board, or its representatives where the Board has ultimate jurisdiction and responsibility for the action or decision. This Article does not apply to membership suspensions or expulsions, nor actions or decisions for which USA-WS has ultimate jurisdiction and responsibility. These

issues shall be appealed directly to USA-WS Judicial Committee and shall be resolved in accordance with USA-WS Bylaws Article XI..

Section II - Each member shall be notified by certified letter to his/her last known address or in person at the site of the alleged infraction, of any charges that an Investigating Committee may recommend. Such notice shall include the date, place and time at which a hearing can be held.

The President shall appoint a member of the Board to serve as Chairperson of the Investigating Committee and make appointments to that committee. None shall be members of the club (s) filing charges of the club (s) being charged.

Section III - Each member so charged shall have the right to appear personally and/or through an attorney to present evidence and witnesses on the member's behalf.

If the hearing has been conducted by a Investigating Committee, the Committee shall report in writing to the Board with its recommendations and a summary of the basis for the Committee's findings. The Board shall act upon the resolutions submitted by the Investigating Committee.

The Board may decline to impose any penalty, may reduce a recommended penalty or may increase a recommended penalty based upon the facts presented by the Hearing Committee.

ARTICLE XIII - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the NSSA shall commence on the first day of January of each year.

ARTICLE XIV - CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ETHICAL PRACTICE

Section 1 -The NSSA Board shall subscribe to the USA-WS written Code of Conduct and Ethical Practices which includes the requirement that each Officer, Board Member, and each committee representative, to annually agree in writing to abide by such code.

Section 2 -The NSSA Board of Directors may adopt additional standards and practices relevant to NSSA. These standards and practices may be amended from time to time, by the Board, as it may deem advisable.

ARTICLE XV – INDEMNIFICATIONS

The members of the Board, as a Board and individually, and the members for each permanent standing committee, as a committee and individually, are specifically held harmless by NSSA and USA-WS and its membership for all actions taken in good faith on behalf of NSSA and USA-WS, including omissions, unless found culpable in a court of law of willfull malfeasance, illegal activity or gross negligence, in which case NSSA and/or USA-WS shall be entitled to recover any payments, costs or expenses incurred in defense, compromise or settlement of any claims or suits against such members prior to such finding.

ARTICLE XVI- AMENDMENTS

Section A - These bylaws, or any portion thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 13 - Any provision of these bylaws that is or shall become contrary to or in conflict with the rules and bylaws of the USA-WS shall automatically be suspended in application and supplanted by the rules and bylaws of the USA-WS , where such conflict exists, to the end that this organization may be completely integrated with and conformable to the National Organization as an integral part thereof.

ARTICLE XVII- PROCEDURE

Section A - The rules contained in the current edition of the Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the NSSA in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the NSSA and AWSA may adopt.

Section B - These bylaws supersede all previous bylaws of the NSSA Division of USA Water Ski.

