

# National Show Ski Association

## Instructions for the Chief Judge

As Chief Judge, your responsibility encompasses the entire tournament. You are obligated to see that the tournament is run fairly and safely according to the current rules. This includes the responsibilities of the following personnel:

- Sponsoring Club
- Competing Teams
- Scoring Judges
- Scorers
- Timers
- Safety Director

The responsibilities of each of these are found in the current rules. Also, the sponsoring club's responsibilities have been spelled out in a separate document entitled "Guidelines for Sponsoring a Ski Show Tournament." It is important that you become familiar with these documents and the section entitled "Judge's Instructions."

Some of the items to watch for prior to the start of the tournament are:

- 1) Is the required equipment ready and adequate?
- 2) Are personnel available and familiar with their responsibilities (scorers, timers, judges, safety personnel, safety director)?
- 3) Have the docks, jump, landing area, skiing area, etc., been checked for safety hazards?
- 4) Have all rosters and show lists been submitted?

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 he/she is not aware of the rules. Also, check that he is familiar with the site, safety procedures and furnished equipment that he/she will be using. Ask the Show Director if there is anything unusual about the show that you should be aware of.

In the event time allows, the Chief Judge, as a courtesy to the competing team, shall make an attempt to inform the designated individual from the team of any rule violations or penalties. If at all possible, this should be done prior to the start of the next show in an effort to review all circumstances.

Remember that 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 competing teams.

**NOTE:** Remember to list all officials who work the tournament on the NSSA Tournament Officials' Record. Immediately upon conclusion of the tournament, return the following forms to USA Water Ski's Competition Department in the envelope provided in the "Scorer's" packet of the tournament kit.

### Check

### Documents

- NSSA Tournament Results form with Scorebook Cover and Back
- Tournament Officials' Record
- Tournament Safety Director's Report
- Injury and Additional Treatment Reports (if applicable)
- Individual and Family Membership Registration forms and monies collected

Good luck in your future endeavors as a NSSA Judge!!!