

INTERNATIONAL WATERSKI & WAKEBOARD FEDERATION ASIA WATERSKI RULES 2025

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL RULES

These rules supersede all previous editions and publications whether in previous tournaments or coming tournaments' bulletins and addenda and shall remain in effect until an amended edition of the rules is published. These rules have been drafted in English. In the case of conflicting interpretation, only the English text shall be considered authentic. All correspondence regarding these rules should be addressed to the Chairman of the IWWF Asia Waterski Council: Mr. Geoffrey Kee at Email: geofkee@yahoo.com or asianwaterskitc@yahoogroups.com.sg

General

1.0 All IWWF Asia sanctioned tournaments will be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of the IWWF World Waterski Rules with the exception of the modifications made in this document.

SECTION 2 – ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

2.1 These Asian Rules are applicable to stand alone Asian Championships, any international tournaments run in Asia and the AO Championships subject to any further variations made in the rules of any relevant tournaments. For example, the paper Asian Championship in the AO Championship may not include the Slalom Judging Rule 2.14 or may have variations to any of the rules.

2.2 Officials for the IWWF Asia Championships shall be appointed by the President who shall select them from a list established by the IWWF Asia Waterski Council¹. *All officials need to apply via EMS to officiate.*

2.3 Officials for the IWWF AO Championships shall be elected by the President IWWF Asia or IWWF Oceania depending on the region hosting the event.

2.4 If in the event any Asian Tournaments comprise multi-championships or events for age groups (U17, 35+ and 45+) and Open, a skier may participate in only one category.

2.5 For the Asian Tournament, Federations may nominate two (2) reserves who will be allowed to ski in the competition. The reserves must consist of at least one male and one female.

2.6 For the Asian Tournament, Federations may request to nominate more than two (2) reserves subject to special dispensation being given by the IWWF Asia Waterski Council and the Organising

¹ This is extracted from the IWWF Asia constitution.

Committee of the Tournament. Approval will need to be sought at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the tournament.

2.7 Reserves, invitational skiers, individuals or invited Federations can receive a medal and will also be eligible for Individual Overall medals. They will however, not be eligible to participate in team overall titles.²

2.8 All Federations must notify the Scorer at least 7 days prior to first day of competition of official names of all team members and reserves. *All entries need to be made via EMS.*

Skier Eligibility

2.9 Non-citizens of countries entering the Asian Open may participate provided³:

- that the competitor is a resident of the country he is representing.
- he has been resident for a minimum of 36 months prior to the competition or special dispensation may be granted by a panel comprising the IWWF Asia President, the IWWF Asia Secretary General and the Chairman of the IWWF Asia Waterski Council (AWC).
- he has not previously skied for another country for at least 12 months prior to taking up residency.

Numbers in Finals

2.10 The number of skiers qualified to ski in the Final round of an event shall be as shown in the following table and will be announced immediately after the end of the Preliminary round of the event:

Number of skiers entered in Preliminary round ⁴	Number of skiers in Finals
1 – 6	All
7 – 12	first 6
13 – 18	first 10
19 – 25	first 12
26 and more	first 14

2.11 Ties: In the case of a tie for any position which may result in more than required number of skiers going through to the final round there will be a run off between the tied skiers so that only the above number of skiers go into the finals.

2.12 The minimum number of members for a team is one⁵.

² This was changed in 2017 to allow individuals to be eligible for Individual Overall medals.

³ A review was completed at the AWC meeting on 27 Sep 2019 and it was decided that there would be no change to this rule.

⁴ As per IWWF rules, the number of skiers entered is specified as at midday the day prior to the preliminary round. For clarity, once the start list has been published, this is the number that is deemed to have “entered”.

⁵ This was reviewed in 2021. The current rule is the same as the IWWF Waterski Rules.

2.13 Zero score in Preliminary Round. A skier who skis in the preliminary round but has a zero score is allowed to ski in the finals⁶. This is provided all positions were not already full. Skiers must however have made an attempt to pass through the gate, attempted a trick or attempted a jump ie approached the jump ramp in order to qualify for the finals.

Slalom Gates

2.14 Gates are deemed to have been taken if the judges agree that the skier attempted to pass through the gates.

Skier IDs

2.15 All Federations must ensure that all participating skiers submit IDs to the *Asia Waterski* Council. If Federations fail to submit the required IDs, the Tournament Council will assign IDs. With the implementation of the IWWF EMS, this will be reviewed. IWWF Licence Fees will also need to be paid.

2.16 At competitions, the Scorer will be allowed to assign IDs on behalf of the Tournament Council. The Scorer will inform the Tournament Council of any IDs assigned⁷.

2.17 See Team Scoring section in World Rules for details on how scores are calculated.

Max Kirwin Team Shield – Scoring

2.18 Presented to the team with the highest combined team score from U17, Open and 45+.⁸

⁶ *Inserted in 2019.*

⁷ *Inserted in 2019.*

⁸ The decision to use U17, Open and 45+ categories was made at the AWC meeting on 27 Sep 2019.

SECTION 3 – ASIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

Team Selection

3.1 Each Federation may send one team for the Open Championships consisting of up to six (6) skiers of which a maximum of four (4) of either sex is allowed.

Open Individual Entries

3.2 Skiers not selected for their national teams may qualify to compete in the Regional Championships as individuals only in the relevant event(s) if they meet one or more of the following ratings:

Men	Slalom	3.00/58kmph/18.25m
	Tricks	3500 points
	Jump	40m
Women	Slalom	3.00/55kmph/18.25m
	Tricks	2000 points
	Jump	30m

3.3 All skiers qualified as individuals must be entered by their Federation. Skiers entering as individuals shall not have their scores count towards team standings.

Slalom General

3.4 Skiers may opt to start at a shorter rope length as per World Rules.

3.5 Final rounds shall start at the same speeds and rope lengths as below unless changed by the Event Judges because of water and/or weather conditions.

Category	Start Speed	Shortening At	Category	Start Speed	Shortening At
Open Men	52kmph	58kmph	Open Women	49kmph	55kmph

Jump Speeds and Ramp Heights

3.6 Maximum speed, ramp height and eligibility to jump at a higher ramp height have generally been extracted from World Rules.

3.7 For athletes that do not have scores at ranking events, a letter from their respective Federation stating their performance must be produced. This letter must be shown to the Chief Judge prior to the start of the event.

		Maximum Speed	Ramp Height	Remarks
Men	Open	57kmph	1.50m / 1.65m / 1.80m	To be eligible to jump at 1.65m the skier must have achieved a score of 38m at the 1.50m height in a homologated tournament as certified by their Federation. To be eligible to jump at 1.80m the skier must have achieved a score of 48m at the 1.65m height in a homologated tournament as certified by their Federation.
Women	Open	54kmph	1.50m / 1.65m	To be eligible to jump at 1.65m the skier must have achieved a score of 38m at the 1.50m height in a homologated tournament as certified by their Federation.

Team Scoring

3.8 Best three scores, men or women, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the team score.

3.9 At least one score from each sex is to be used.

Jump Overall Scoring

3.10 Open Men: $P = (S - 25) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 25)$ [As per IWWF Rules]
Open Women: $P = (S - 17) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 17)$ [As per IWWF Rules]

SECTION 4 – U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

General

4.1 The Asian Open Championship and the Asian Junior (Under 17) Championships shall be held annually with effect from 2011.

Team Selection

4.2 Each Federation may send one team for the Junior (U17) Championships consisting of up to four (4) skiers of which a maximum of three (3) of either sex is allowed.

4.3 In the calendar year shown, the year shown for each division is the year of birth for eligibility.

Calendar Year	U17
2025	2008
2026	2009
2027	2010

U17 Individual Entries

4.4 Skiers not selected for their national teams may qualify to compete in the Regional Championships as individuals only in the relevant event(s) if they meet one or more of the following ratings:

		U17
Boys	Slalom	3.00/55kmph/18.25m
	Tricks	2500 points
	Jump	30m
Girls	Slalom	3.00/52kmph/18.25m
	Tricks	1500 points
	Jump	20m

4.5 All skiers qualified as individuals must be entered by their Federation. Skiers entering as individuals shall not have their scores count towards team standings.

Slalom General

4.6 Skiers may opt to start at a shorter rope length as per World Rules.

4.7 Final rounds shall start at the same speeds and rope lengths as below unless changed by the Event Judges because of water and/or weather conditions.

Category	Start Speed	Shortening At	Category	Start Speed	Shortening At
U17 Boys	40kmph	58kmph	U17 Girls	37kmph	55kmph

Jump Speeds and Ramp Heights

4.8 Maximum speed, ramp height and eligibility to jump at a higher ramp height have generally been extracted from World Rules.

4.9 For athletes that do not have scores at ranking events, a letter from their respective Federation stating their performance must be produced. This letter must be shown to the Chief Judge prior to the start of the event.

		Maximum Speed	Ramp Height	Remarks
Boys	U17	51kmph	1.50m / 1.65m	Boys shall use the 1.5m ramp unless they can show a certified result of a jump of 38m on a 1.5m ramp in which case they may opt to jump on a 1.65m ramp.
Girls	U17	51kmph	1.50m	

Team Scoring

4.10 Two best scores, from one boy and one girl, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the team score.

4.11 Basically, one score from each sex is to be used for each event ie slalom, trick and jump.

Jump Overall Scoring

4.12 U17 Boys: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$

U17 Girls: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

SECTION 5 – MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

Team Selection

5.1 Each Federation may send one team for the 45+ Championships consisting of up to four (4) skiers of which a maximum of three (3) of either sex is allowed.⁹

5.2 Each Federation may send one team for the 35+ Championships consisting of up to four (4) skiers of which a maximum of three (3) of either sex is allowed.

5.3 In the calendar year shown, the year shown for each division is the year of birth for eligibility.

Calendar Year	35+	45+
2025	1989	1979
2026	1990	1980
2027	1991	1981

Masters Individual Entries

5.4 Skiers not selected for their national teams may qualify to compete in the Regional Championships as individuals only in the relevant event(s) if they meet one or more of the following ratings:

		35+	45+
Men / Boys	Slalom	3.00/52kmph/18.25m	3.00/52kmph/18.25m
	Tricks	2500 points	2500 points
	Jump	30m	25m
Women / Girls	Slalom	3.00/52kmph/18.25m	3.00/49kmph/18.25m
	Tricks	1500 points	1500 points
	Jump	20m	18m

5.5 All skiers qualified as individuals must be entered by their Federation. Skiers entering as individuals shall not have their scores count towards team standings.

⁹ The age of 40+ was implemented in 2015. In 2019, it was decided to remove 40+ and have 35+ and 45+ to align with World divisions.

Slalom General

5.6 Skiers may opt to start at a shorter rope length as per World Rules.

5.7 Final rounds shall start at the same speeds and rope lengths as below unless changed by the Event Judges because of water and/or weather conditions.

Category	Start Speed	Shortening At	Category	Start Speed	Shortening At
35+ Men	46kmph	55kmph	35+ Women	43kmph	55kmph
45+ Men	46kmph	55kmph	45+ Women	43kmph	52kmph

Jump Speeds and Ramp Heights

5.8 Maximum speed, ramp height and eligibility to jump at a higher ramp height have generally been extracted from World Rules.

5.9 For athletes that do not have scores at ranking events, a letter from their respective Federation stating their performance must be produced. This letter must be shown to the Chief Judge prior to the start of the event.

		Maximum Speed	Ramp Height	Remarks
Men	35+	57kmph	1.50 m / 1.65m	Competitors may optionally select a 1.65m ramp height.
	45+	54kmph	1.50m	
Women	35+	51kmph	1.50m	
	45+	51kmph	1.50m	

Team Scoring for 35+ / 45+

5.10 Two best scores, from one man and one woman, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the team score.

5.11 Basically, one score from each sex is to be used for each event ie slalom, trick and jump.

Jump Overall Scoring

5.12 35+ Men: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$
35+ Women: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

5.13 45+ Men: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$
45+ Women: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

SECTION 6 – RECORDS

- 6.1 Asian records will only be recognized for Men and Women Open (Slalom, Trick and Jump). The implementation of overall records is being discussed by the IWWF Asia Waterski Council.
- 6.2 The best performances for the following categories will be recognized:
- Boys and Girls Under 17 (Slalom, Trick and Jump).
 - Men and Women Masters (35+ and 45+) (Slalom, Trick and Jump).
 - Any other age groups should these be included in future Asian Championships.
- 6.3 Records set at IWWF Asian Championships shall be classified “Asian Championship records”.
- 6.4 For the competitions listed below, the IWWF Asia WC Chairman will provide the Chief Judge with a list of current records.¹⁰
- Asian Championships.
 - Asian Beach Games.
 - Asian & Oceania Championships.
- 6.5 For any new Asian Confederation records, the Chief Judge shall be responsible for the completion of the required record application. However, respective Federations and skiers should also ensure that the Chief Judge is aware that a record has been broken.
- 6.6 For tournament records (and age group records), for example Asian Championship, Asian Beach Games, Masters and Junior records. No record application submission is required. The Asian TC will ratify the record based on the published competition results.¹¹
- 6.7 The completed record form shall be sent by the Chief Judge within two weeks of the completion of the event to:
- the skier's National Federation.
 - the Chairman of the IWWF Asia Waterski Council.
- 6.8 For new Asian Open records, an application will need to be submitted to the IWWF Asia WC Chairman. Supporting evidence as described in the standard IWWF record application form will need to be submitted by the skier’s national federation.¹²
- 6.9 The form can also be downloaded from:
<https://www.google.com.sg/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=0CAQQw7AJahcKEwil7KLOppn-AhUAAAAAHQAAAAAQAw&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.iwsf.com%2Fdbheadlines%2Fheadlinefiles%2FIWWF%2520RecordApplicationForm%25202023.xlsx&psig=AOvVaw0lyEkOoifCCZFQOfaOxXvC&ust=1681009523417152>

¹⁰ Future versions will look into including any other IOC recognised events such as SEA Games.

¹¹ An exception to this rule would be when the tournament record or age group is also a new Asian Confederation record. In this case, a record application will be required.

¹² Refer to IWWF Tournament Water Ski Rules Section 23.13 .

6.10 Upon receipt of the form and the necessary supporting documentation, the Chairman of the IWWF Asia Waterski Council will either accept or reject the application and will advise the IWWF Asia Waterski Council members and the IWWF Asia President and the applicant of his decision.

6.11 The record will then be considered a 'pending record', pending final ratification by the IWWF Asia Waterski Council and President IWWF (Asia).

6.12 The AWC members must advise the Chairman of their ratification or rejection of the 'pending record' within 30 days of the distribution of the information. AWC members with potential conflicts of interest will be excluded from voting.

6.13 Records shall be ratified if approved by a >50% majority of the AWC. There shall be no proxy voting. In the case of a tie, the TC Chairman shall have the deciding vote.

6.14 At competitions listed below, the AWC Chairman, with advice from the Chief Judge and Homologator will review the evidence together with any AWC members present and will accept or reject any record applications on site. In the absence of the AWC Chairman, an AWC member will be assigned to act on behalf of the Chairman.

- Asian Championships.
- Asian Beach Games.
- Asian & Oceania Championships.

6.15 Following the acceptance of the record application, the record will be a 'pending record' pending ratification by the rest of the AWC members and the IWWF Asia President.

6.16 For tricks, a minimum of 5 judges¹³ will be required for a record review (ideally, different judges to those originally judging should be used). Selection of the judges will be by the AWC Chairman from a pool of recognized, qualified judges, including those from other Confederations.

6.17 As per IWWF rules regarding trick record verification: "Although the record verification cannot change the score recorded in the tournament, the score may be changed for record submission".

6.18 Any Class R and Class L sanctioned events can be used for record applications.

6.19 For record applications at competitions not listed above, the respective Federation of the skier shall be responsible to inform the Chief Judge that an Asian record has been broken and to submit the required application forms and videos to the Asian TC for ratification.

6.20 For records set at World Championships, verification of results will not be required by the AWC. However, Federations must submit a record application as per paragraph 6.9. The record application will then be ratified by the ATC.¹⁴

¹³ Increased from 3 to 5 in the 2017 version.

¹⁴ This was added in the 2019 version.



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6.21 Approval and submissions of records by Federations should not be unreasonably withheld. An athlete, may submit an application directly to the IWWF Asia Waterski Council if he / she feels that the record is justified. The athlete must also inform his / her respective Federation that an application has been made directly to the IWWF Asia Waterski Council. In consultation with the respective Federation, the AWC will assess if there are grounds for the record to be withheld.¹⁵

6.22 All records are to be uploaded and maintained by the AWC Chairman with regular updated copies to be distributed and filed by the IWWF Asia Executive Board and AWC members.

6.23 Issue of IWWF Asia Record Certificates: Upon ratification and confirmation by the AWC Chairman, the AWC Chairman and IWWF Asia President shall issue a Certificate for any new records accomplished.

6.24 For best performances, the published scores will be used without the requirement for validation. The AWC will then ratify the record. For Open scores used for age group records, only the following can be used:

- Open Tricks: All age groups.
- Open Slalom: Only for U17 (same shortening speed).
- Open Jump: Not used because of difference in maximum boat speed and ramp height.

6.25 Appeals. If the initial application for the ratification of records is rejected, the respective Federation may submit an appeal to the IWWF AWC. The IWWF AWC will nominate a different set of qualified judges to review the application.

6.26 In the event that a further appeal is necessary this should be referred to the IWWF Asia Appeal Executive Committee comprising of its three Vice-Presidents¹⁶, who will determine the appropriate course of action.

6.27 No appeal should be made to the IWWF Appeals Committee until the IWWF Asia appeals process has been exhausted.

¹⁵ This was discussed at the ATC meeting in Korea on 25 Aug 2016.

¹⁶ This was amended following the election of the 3 IWWF Asia Vice-Presidents in Aug 2016.

SECTION 7 – LEVEL 3 JUDGE (J3) – (J3*) QUALIFICATIONS

General

7.1 In order to standardize the level of National Judges in Asia, this appendix provides some guidelines that Asian Federations may use for the qualification of National Judges.¹⁷

7.2 Federations can obtain training materials from the IWWF Asia Waterski Council (AWC).

7.3 J3 refers to judges who are qualified in 3 events. J3* refer to judges who are qualified in 1 or 2 events.

Definition

7.4 A National Judge is a judge, who has taken and passed the appropriate theoretical and practical examinations to become a National Judge, but who has not yet gained the necessary experience to be fully qualified at international events.

Responsibility

7.5 National Judges are designated by and are the responsibility of respective Federations.

- All officials of Level 3 and below are under the jurisdiction of their National Federation. The Asian Council can only advise and recommend. A National Federation may have a structure which has more than one level of qualification. It is up to that federation what they decide. Therefore, there may be designations such as J4, J5 etc.

Examinations

7.6 The J3 exam should consist of 3 parts: theoretical, practical (tricks and slalom) and actual competition experience.

Theoretical Examination

7.7 Each candidate will sit a theoretical exam to be a National Judge. The paper will contain questions on both IWWF rules and Asian rules.

Practical Examination

7.8 The exam consists primarily of trick reading and slalom scoring components. Exam videos for tricks and slalom may be used.

7.9 During the trick exam, each of the following will be counted as one error:

- Writing a trick which was not performed by the competitor.

¹⁷ The material from this section is based on the British Tournament Additional Rules 2019 v1.

- Writing a trick other than the tricks the competitor performed.
- Omitting to indicate a trick that the skier has done.
- Omitting to indicate the end of the pass or a fall.

7.10 Only 20 second passes for which the official score (before disallowed tricks) is 1800 points or more will be considered. Each pass with zero or one error will be counted as a success. Each pass with two or more errors will be counted as a failure.

Actual Competition Experience

7.11 After passing the exams, it will be necessary for the candidate to act as a judge (under supervision) at an actual competition.

7.12 The candidate must be able to demonstrate:

- Slalom – Boat judging and tower judging including video gates. Slalom scoring rules.
- Jump – Boat judging and distance measurement. Jump scoring rules.
- Tricks – Trick writing.

Deployment of National Officials by Other Asian Countries

7.13 National judges can be deployed by any Asian country. All Federations should submit a list of their national judges who they deem are able to judge outside their country to the IWWF Asia Waterski Council. National Judges nominated to judge outside their own country must be qualified in all three events. *All Federations should list their National officials in EMS.*

7.14 Below is some guidance for:

- Judges: Depending of the homologation requirements of the competition, the number of National (L3) should be carefully considered. At any time, the number of L3 judges on the panel should not exceed 40% .
- Drivers: Level 3 drivers are only allowed to drive disciplines that they are familiar with. There must be at least one L1 or L2 driver at the competition to provide guidance to the L3 drivers.
- Scorers: The Chief Scorer needs to be minimum of L2.
- Homologator: The Chief Homologator needs to be minimum of L2.

7.15 All Asian Federations are requested to update the qualifications of their officials on the IWWF Event Management System (EMS).

SECTION 8 – LEVEL 2 JUDGE (J2) – (J2*) QUALIFICATIONS

General

8.1 This section provides the guidelines that Asia will use for the management of Level 2 judges.¹⁸

8.2 J2 refers to judges who are qualified in 3 events. J2* refer to judges who are qualified in 1 or 2 events.

8.3 This section will be expanded in the future to cover Level 2 Homologators (H2), Scorers (S2) and Drivers (D2) in the future.¹⁹

Responsibility

8.4 Asian officials are solely responsible to and the responsibility of the AWC. If required by their own Federation, International Officials must be members of the National Federation.

Pre-Requisites

8.5 Level 2 Judges must be already qualified as Level 3 Judges in either Slalom & Jump or all three (3) Events (Slalom, Tricks & Jump).

8.6 Candidates should have judged at least two (2) homologated competitions within the past three (3) years.

8.7 All candidates will be assigned a mentor by the AWC who will provide guidance for their J2 or J2* training. A recommendation from the mentor is required for qualification to J2 level.

Application Process

8.8 Application for the examination of new candidates should be made to AWC through their national Federations.

Examinations

8.9 The AWC will be responsible for exam administration.

8.10 The exam will be administered in English.

¹⁸ The section was added in Jun 2021. The material from this section was extracted from the IWWF Europe & Africa Confederation 2021 Waterski Additional Rules.

¹⁹ For candidates who are interested in other qualifications including others such as J1, H1, S1 and D1. Please contact the AWC directly.

8.11 The theory examination tests that the candidate can master the application and interpretation of the rules to the level necessary to judge at R homologation competitions.

- The pass mark is 70%.

8.12 The slalom practical examination consists of gate calls and buoy scoring.

- The pass mark is 70%.

8.13 The trick practical examination consists of trick calling and judging.

- The pass mark is 70%.

Provisional Qualification

8.14 Due to the current Covid-19 situation and the limited number of competitions, those that meet all the exam and training requirements can be granted a provisional L2 qualification. After being granted provisional status, the Chief Judge will be informed so that new judges can be guided accordingly. A report will requested from the Chief Judge.²⁰

8.15 All candidates for provisional L2 qualification will be considered on a case by case basis by the AWC.

8.16 The AWC will consider factors such as previous judging experience and skiers who have represented their country at homologated events for full and provisional qualification.

Qualification Renewal

8.17 All Level 2 Judges are required to attend at least one seminar every 3 years in order to ensure that they are up to date with the current rules.

²⁰ *This will be reviewed once the Covid-19 situation improves and more competitions are available.*

SECTION 9 – MISCELLANEOUS RULES

OTHER AGE CATEGORIES

IWWF World Rules Modifications

9.1 Jump Speeds and Ramp Heights

Under 14 (not in the Asian Team Championship)

Girls Maximum speed 45 km/h Ramp 1.50m.

Boys Maximum speed 48 km/h Ramp 1.50m.

9.2 Slalom General

The following speeds and tow line lengths shall be used for U14 slalom:

U14 (not in the Asian Team Championship)		Boys	Girls
		Continuous	Continuous
1st Pass	18.25m rope	46 km/h	43 km/h
2nd Pass	18.25m rope	49 km/h	46 km/h
3rd Pass	18.25m rope	52 km/h	49 km/h
4th Pass	16m rope	52 km/h	49 km/h
5th Pass	14.25m rope	52 km/h	49 km/h
6th Pass	13m rope	52 km/h	49 km/h

9.3 JUMP Overall Scoring:

Open & U21 Men: $P = (S - 25) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 25)$

Open & U21 Women: $P = (S - 17) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 17)$

U14 Boys: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$

U14 Girls: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

Seniors Men +35: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$

Seniors Women +35: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

OPTIONAL COMPETITION FORMATS²¹

9.4 From 2015 onwards, organizers can use the optional formats listed below. The intent of these formats is to allow skiers an opportunity to ski more than once in each competition.

9.5 The following formats can be used:

- B Final²²
 - In this format, there is no change in the manner in which the preliminary or final rounds are conducted. An additional B-Final will be held for skiers that did not qualify for the main finals. Skiers that take part in the B Final cannot place above any skier in the main final regardless of performance. For team scoring, results for skiers in the B Final will not be used. Results for the B Final will be published as a separate event.
- Last Chance Qualifiers (LCQ)
 - This format can be used for competitions other than the Asian Championships.
 - This format was used successfully at the Asian Cup in Makassar from 5 to 7 Sep 2014.
 - These formats will be discussed in greater detail at a later date.

²¹ APPENDIX D (Multi-Sport Events – For Info Only) that was available in earlier versions of the Asian Tournament Rules was removed in 2019. The section on the Malindo Cup was removed in 2021.

²² B Finals were successfully carried out at the 2016 Asian Championships in Korea. This section was updated based on what was done.

SECTION 10 – CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS VERSIONS

10.1 Changes to the 2025 version are highlighted below:

- Have added the requirement to use EMS: application for officials, entries for athletes and qualifications of National officials.
- There were no other significant changes to the 2023 version except to clean up typos and update year of birth for age group divisions.
- Section for ARL added. This was approved unanimously by the AWC on 6 Jun 2024.
- There is no 2024 version of rules.

10.2 Changes to the 2023 version are highlighted below:

- Changes to the previous version are highlighted in RED.
- There were no significant changes to the 2021 version except to clean up typos and update year of birth for age group divisions.
- Links for IWWF documents updated.

10.3 Changes to 2021 version dated 8 Mar 2021 are highlighted below:

- Section 7 – Clean up of language and clarifications.
- Section 8 – New section added for L2 qualifications.
- Subsequent sections renumbered.

10.4 Changes to the 2021 version are highlighted below:

- Reformat of Asian Tournament Rules to closer align with IWWF rules.
- Changed title to IWWF Asia Waterski Rules 2021.
- Addition of Useful Links.
- Yellow highlights significant changes to 2020 rules.
- Clean up of typos.
 - o Change Judges to Officials.
 - o Change Asia Tournament Council (ATC) to Asia Waterski Council (AWC).
- Additional 7.13 to expand on the use of National Officials by other Asian countries.
- Remove section on Malindo Cup as agreed by Indonesia and Malaysia.

10.5 Changes to the 2020 version are highlighted below:

- Yellow highlights indicate changes to 2019 rules.
- Most were approved at the AWC meeting on 27 Sep 2019.
- Masters category now 35+ and 45+ to align with World Rules.
- Changes made to make current rules clearer.
- Changes made to align with IWWF Asia constitution.
- Many paragraphs of words changed to table format.
- Additional Rules added as Annex A to Asian Tournament Rules.
- New Annex B covering management of national judges.
- New Annex F explaining changes from 2019 rules.
- Other Annexes renumbered.

SECTION 11 – USEFUL LINKS

11.1 Below are some useful links:

- IWWF Website
 - o <http://www.iwsf.com>
- IWWF Event Management System
 - o <https://ems.iwwf.sport>
- Current IWSF Tournament Council Issues
<http://www.iwsftournament.com/tcissues/issuelist.php>
- IWWF Waterski Rules 2023
 - o http://www.iwsf.com/rules/2023/World%20Waterski%20Rules%202023_V1.pdf
- <http://www.iwwfed-ea.org>
 - o Competition results

SECTION 12

ASIAN WATERSKI COUNCIL

Asian Homologation Level & Asian Ranking List

(Version Dated 5th April 2024)

The Asian Ranking List²³ will be a new ranking list with less strict requirements than the World Ranking List. *(NOTE: The ARL will be updated from time to time - do check for the latest online document & checklist before proceeding with your event.)* The Asian Ranking List (ARL) rules are aimed at making it easier for organisers to hold competitions and easier for the competitors and spectators alike to understand the sport. Results would go into a separate and new Asian Ranking List. To start with, the ARL will be only for the Open division. Other categories will follow once the system is proven and reliable.

There are many competitions taking place throughout Asia where World Ranking List standards cannot be followed. The Asian Ranking List will be based on the new Asian Homologation Level (see below) and it is hoped that many of these competitions' results can be included in the new ARL.

What is it?: The proposed **Asian Ranking List (ARL)** is only open to Asian athletes. It is compiled from scores from any event which is homologated to one of the 3 homologation levels: World Record (**R**), World Ranking List (**L**) or the new **Asian Ranking List (A)**.

The **Asian Ranking List** is only for Open category skiers for the time being. There are plans to add junior and masters divisions in the future.

The ranking list is performance based.

The only records at Class **A** events will be site records and these will be maintained by the organisers.

Why: Requirements for a competition to be homologated Class **A** will be easier to achieve, need less technology and require fewer judges than Class L or Class R.

The Asian Ranking List rules are aimed at making it easier for organisers to hold competitions and easier for the competitors and spectators alike to understand the sport.

When will it start: There are events being planned commencing June 2024. However, the ARL has already been tested using scores from some previous tournaments. These are attached as samples. They are not the actual ARL. The Asian Ranking List will be integrated into the EMS in due course. Athletes will still be required to hold an IWWF licence.

²³ *Approved unanimously by the AWC on 6 Jun 2024.*

How: For now, any competition that would like to have Open scores included into the ARL should apply to the Asia Waterski Council to hold a Class A event. No application is required for Class R and L events. [See checklist Appendix 1].

Eligibility: Skiers who are citizens or permanent residents of Asian countries will qualify to be included in the list. Non resident skiers who participate in Asian tournaments are encouraged to submit their scores to their respective regional or national associations.

The Proposals to be met or exceeded for the **ARL**:

- 1. Rules:** The latest version of the IWWF Asia Waterski Rules should be followed.
- 2. Results:** Must be immediate and final.
- 3. Records:** There will be no absolute records. Site records can exist and Tournament records can exist but scores will no longer be compared across sites.
- 4. Homologation:** Sites should be measured and corrected a minimum once per year and no longer than 4 months before any competition. Survey tolerances used will be '**Normal**' (These tolerances are generally double Class L or R).
Re-checks are only required if conditions have changed, e.g. the ramp moved, course sunk, video buoys lost etc. It is preferable if the check is made just before a tournament but not mandatory.
- 5. Slalom Gates:** Gate cameras are not mandatory. The existing Asian rule 5.10 shall apply. *Gates are deemed to have been taken if the judges agree that the skier attempted to pass through the gates.*
- 6. Slalom Scoring:** Only scores from the Open division will be used initially. In the future, we plan to add junior and masters. Mixed divisions with age groups or other divisions will not be used. Please do not send any merged lists with combined age groups and handicaps.
- 7. Speeds:** Slalom and Jump times will be converted to speeds. If the speed is ± 1 kph then the speed is OK. New Slalom and Jump timing charts have been produced.
- 8. End Course camera:** Slalom and Jump End-course recording and monitoring will be optional. However, recording end-course passes will be encouraged as this helps drivers to improve. BPMS systems can be used but only for information and driver training. Not for judging.
- 9. Judging:** A minimum of (3) judges will be used. At least (2) of these judges must be J2 or J1. A minimum of (1) judge of J2 or J1 level must be from a different country. The involvement of more judges to attend is encouraged. Nothing beats a tournament for gaining experience.
- 10. Drivers:** At least (2) drivers need to be used, of which (1) should be D2.
- 11. Scoring:** The scorer can be S3 upwards but they must be fluent with the Lion scoring program. All results must be posted online and the *Live results* service should always be used.
- 12. Trick Judging:** If live boat to tower transmission is available, then this should be used. Alternatively record from the boat then judge on shore from the SD card.
- 13. Trick timing:** *Timing can be any trick timing system or stopwatch.*

14. **Protests and Reviews:** Will not be entertained (except in exceptional circumstances. Eg lightning strike, attack by killer bees etc. Tournament results are final as soon as they are announced.
15. **Jump:** Any combination of speed and height up to '1.65' is allowed provided the jumper can prove that they meet certain minimum distances.

<i>Open Men</i>	<i>Any speed up to 57 kph.</i>
	<i>Ramp: <38m, 1.5m</i>
	<i>>38m, 1.65m</i>
<i>Open Women</i>	<i>Any speed up to 54 kph.</i>
	<i>Ramp: <38m, 1.5m</i>
	<i>>38m, 1.65m</i>
<i>Juniors & Seniors</i>	<i>Any speed up to 51 kph.</i>
	<i>Ramp: 1.5m</i>

16. **Competitors:** A minimum of 20% of the competitors need to come from different sites.
17. **Scores:** Only the skier's best score will be included. Skiers scores from Class R and L competitions should be automatically included in the ARL. However, do inform the AWC if the scores do not appear.
18. **How often will the ARL be published?** Dynamic list found online (see link in #19), updated after each submitted tournament
19. **Where will it be published?**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1z2gSY6kFh0tX0yQ2A1luazFdyMuzUYVWSuEMQ58NvBg/edit?usp=sharing>
20. Until EMS is set up, all results are to be submitted to asianwscouncil@gmail.com (deadline within 7 days of competition end)

It should be stressed that this is in addition to the current system. If an organiser wishes to hold a World Ranking List or World Record Capability event then they can and the results from those competitions will enter into the World Ranking List as usual as well as the ARL.

Homologation comparison below:

For full understanding, please read in conjunction with the World Rules.

Minimum Homologation Standards

	World Record (R)	Ranking List (L)	ARL (A)
Prior Announcement	Yes *1	Yes	Yes (minimum 2 weeks)
Confederation Approved Panel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of Rounds	4	4	4
Chief Judge	J1 or J2	J1 or J2	J1 or J2 or J2* if no tricks
Homologator	H1	H1 or H2	H1, H2 or H3
Chief Scorer	S1 or S2	S1 or S3	S1, S2 or S3
Chief Driver	D1 or D2	D1 or D2	D1, D2, D3
Appointed Judges	J1 or J2	J1, J2 or J3	At least 3 with minimum two J2 or J1. Cannot all be from the same country.
Duplication of Duties	Any combination of two of the following positions may be held without conflict: Chief Judge/Driver/Scorer/Homologator/Judge		
SLALOM			
Course Check	Refer Rule 25.01, 25.02, 25.05		Minimum Annual check or 4 months before comp. Normal tolerances
Slalom Course	No single centre line floating courses except of approved design *2		Any course design
Tolerances	Ranking List	Ranking List	<i>Normal</i>
Buoys	Measured	Measured	Measured
Timing	Automatic	Automatic	± 1 kph
BPMS/End Course Video	Required - Refer to rule 8.15		Not Mandatory
Video Method	Refer to rule 25.06		N/A
Gate Video	Refer to rule 8.06, 8.13 and 8.19		Not Mandatory. Asian Rule 5.10 applies
Judging Towers	Refer to rule 8.06, 8.13 and 8.19		
Judges	J2 or Higher	3 x J2 & 2 x J3 or 2 x J2 & 1 x J3	2 x J2 & 1 x J3 or higher
Driver	D1 or D2	D1, D2 or D3	D3 or above, at least one D2
TRICKS			
Course Check	Refer to rule 25.01 and 25.03		Visual
Tolerances	Per Rule Book		<i>Normal</i>
Timing	Video Timing		Video or Stopwatch
Video	Refer to rule 9.18 and 25.06		Yes
Judges	J2 or higher	J2 plus 1 J3	Minimum 2 J2 +1 J3 CJ included if qualified
Timer	1 x J2 + 1 x J3	3 x J2 + 2 x J3	
Driver	D1 or D2	D1, D2 or D3	D1, D2 or D3
JUMP			
Course Check	Refer to rule 25.01,25.04 and 25.05		
Tolerances	Per Rule Book	Per Rule Book	Normal
Timing	Automatic		
Video Jump Measurement	Required. Refer to World rule 10.13, 25.04, 25.07		
Judges	3 x J2 or higher	2 x J2 + 1 x J3	Minimum 2 J2 +1 J3. CJ included if qualified
Video Judges	2 x J2 or 1 x J2 + 1 x H2		
Driver	D1 or D2	D1, D2 or D3	D1, D2 or D3

APPENDIX 1 (To Section 12)

CHECKLIST TO HOLD AN ASIAN RANKING LIST EVENT (ARL)
(federations to submit this form together with results)

NAME OF EVENT:

NAME OF APPLICANT / EMAIL:

NAME OF FEDERATION:

DATES:

YES, WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THAT WE NEED TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE POINTS BELOW, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ARL.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	YES / NO
1	Judging: A minimum of (3) judges will be used. At least (2) of these judges must be J2 or J1. A minimum of (1) J2 or J1 judge must be from a different country.	
2	Homologation: Sites should be measured and corrected a minimum once per year and no longer than (4) months before any competition. Survey tolerances used will be ' Normal ' (These tolerances are generally double Class L or R). See Minimum Tolerance Standards in Green above	
3	Trick Judging: If live boat to tower transmission is available, then this should be used. Alternatively record from the boat then judge on shore from the SD card. Trick timing: <i>Timing can be any trick timing system or stopwatch.</i>	
4	Slalom & Jump timing - use new ARL timing chart where speed tolerances are more relaxed ± 1 kph	
5	Results - all results to be submitted are to be unmerged and official results.(please do not send combined categories)	
6	Until EMS is set up, all results are to be submitted to ... (within 3 days of competition end?)	

I hereby confirm we have followed the stipulated rules above.

Submitted by:

_____ Date: