

Summary of 2026 Rule Changes

Here are the current rule changes approved by the AWSA Board of Directors on January 31, 2026. ***There is a pending change to a Performance Standard for National and Elite qualifications. When those changes are finalized the 2026 will be published.***

Rule 1.13 DELETE

1.13 Only skiers with a USA Federation code and USA Citizenship will be included in the Ranking list labeled "USA only". However, a competitor with dual citizenship who ***has represented another country*** skis in an international competition for another federation shall not be eligible for placement until after the next international tournament competition (same type as previously skied in ***World Championship (youth, open or senior), or a Confederation Championship (such as the Pan American Championships or World Games) or similar international event.*** ~~Worlds/Sr Worlds/Pan Am Games/World Games) in which the competitor did not ski for another federation.~~ It will then be the skier's responsibility to initiate a code change with ***IWWF Rules of Eligibility and*** the USA-WSWS HQ Staff. This would apply to Rules 4.02, 4.03A4 and ~~14.01.~~

2.01 Events CHANGE

The events in a tournament are Jumping, Slalom, and Tricks, with a champion and succeeding places determined in each event based on highest scores. ***At Regional and National championships, skiers must score above zero to place on the podium.*** Except for the Boys 1 and Girls 1 divisions, which do not include the Jumping event, National and Regional Tournaments must include all three events. The events to be scheduled at other sanctioned tournaments shall be determined by the sponsoring affiliated club and shall be listed in the tournament announcement.

Rationale: Should a skier who scores zero in any single event be allowed to win medals at Regionals and Nationals (especially ones who don't attain skiing position). This does not affect a zero in one event when calculating overall.

2.02 Schedule of Events DELETE

For tournaments other than regionals and nationals, a schedule showing the order of the events and divisions, the date on which they will occur and the starting hour for competition shall be published and made available upon request ~~no later than two weeks prior to the start of the tournament.~~ A schedule of starting times for individual events, if shown, shall be for the

guidance of the contestants only, and any deviation from the schedule shall not constitute a change.

Rationale: This is not being done currently and gives a little bit more flexibility to local tournaments.

2.03 Schedule Changes ADD

Changes in the schedule during the tournament shall be made only for weather, water conditions, safety, technological delays, or to avoid having one division compete in two or more events at the same time on separate lakes, or a similar reason, and not for the convenience of any skier. A majority of the Appointed Judges must approve the change, and all affected contestants or their representatives shall be notified. Notification will be posted on site and through skiers' registration contact information. Although schedule changes are discouraged, the judges should not hesitate to make adjustments required for safety. ***Schedule changes at any tournament other than Nationals may be made at any time with the agreement of ALL affected skiers and a majority of the Appointed Judges, but is not intended to overrule any safety decisions.***

Rationale: Change request to allow less restrictive schedule changes where all skiers were on site and are notified.

4.02D DELETE

4.02D Only US Citizens may ski ~~compete~~ in the AWSA Nationals. ***However, unless the international divisions will be allowed at the discretion of the LOC and scheduled as the last event of any day of the tournament.*** ~~request for international that meet the qualification requirements.~~ This will be posted on the tournament announcement.

Rationale: International events can still be offered at Nationals with LOC discretion. This puts our competitors first.

7.07E CHANGE

7.07E Under the Influence of ***an Intoxicating*** ~~Mind-Altering~~ Substance: Being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other ***intoxicating*** ~~mind-altering~~ substance, or if his participation would be a danger to himself or others, subjects a competitor to disqualification procedures.

Jump 9.14 Ties CHANGE

If a tie results, it shall be run off, with a new drawing for order. Each tied contestant shall be allowed two passes through the course, with both jumps

being scored. Repeated ties shall be run off in the same manner until broken. ***If a second runoff is needed, same procedure. If tied again it will be declared a tie.***

Slalom 10.06B2 CHANGE

Increase Men 9 slalom speed for 49k(30mph) to **52K (32.3)** Effective August 17, 2026. ***Note IWWF will change November 1, 2026***

Slalom-10.14B CHANGE

Procedure to resolve:

1. If a tie exists, there shall be a new drawing for running order. Run-offs shall start by repeating the pass before the one in which the miss occurred even when ZBS involves different line lengths and speeds. When the tie occurs at the skiers' minimum starting speed, the starting speed 54 will remain the same. The skier may optionally skip any pass in the run off. (See 10.13C & 10.13D if skiers tie again)
2. If another tie results, the pass at which the original miss occurred shall be used with a new drawing for order. If a tie still exists, it will be declared a tie.
3. ***If there are multiple ties to run off, the lower placement group will go first.***

Rationale: Multiple ties have been run off differently depending on the CJ/ACJ at larger tournaments. To run the tie for higher placement seems anticlimactic to the lower placement skiers.

Trick 11.14 Ties CHANGE

In the event of a tie, the highest scoring single pass shall determine the winner. If a tie still exists, there shall be a new drawing for order and each tying contestant shall be allowed one pass through the trick course until the tie is broken. ***If a second runoff is needed, same procedure. If tied again it will be declared a tie.***

IWWF Trick values will change for certain tricks November 1, 2026.

14.01 AWSA Recognition CHANGE

The AWSA shall recognize records for slalom performances, jump distances, and trick performances for each division listed under Rule 3.02 in tournaments

of Record Capability only. (Specific requirements for conducting a Record Capability tournament appear in Rule 15.) Only US Citizens, with USA-WSWS Full Active Membership are eligible to set AWSA records.

For **US Citizens who also hold another citizenship, AWSA applies the following rule when determining whether they can set an AWSA record.**

- ***If a skier has previously represented another country in a World Championship (youth, open and senior), or a Confederation Championship (such as the Pan American Championships, World Games or similar international event), they are not eligible to set an AWSA Record until the same event is held again and the skier does not participate for another country.***
- ***Federation Code/Country must be USA in the IWWF Athlete Database (EMS if listed) and USA-WSWS.***
- ***If listed under a different country, they must change their Federation Code/Country to USA in IWWF EMS (if listed) as identified in IWWF Rule 14.13 and in the USA Membership Database. The athlete will not be eligible to set a USA National Record for a period of 12 months after their federation is changed.*** It is the skier's responsibility to initiate a code change with ***IWWF per IWWF Rules of Eligibility*** and the USA-WSWS HQ Staff.

U.S. skiers may set AWSA records in ***other federations***/international tournaments shown to meet the standards of a tournament of Record Capability (***Class L & R***). ***The record application form and documents must be submitted to USAWS.***

Run-offs of ties are used solely for determining placement; therefore, a run-off performance is not eligible for consideration as a record.

The AWSA National Record Review Board will accept the IWWF result (approved/rejected) of any U.S Skier performance that meets the IWWF World Record (Open/U17/U21) requirements and has been submitted as an IWWF World Record.

An AWSA National Record may equal but shall not exceed an IWWF World Record for that division.

14.04C CHANGE

For a National Jump record the Chief Judge and Chief TC shall review the captured jump to verify setup (grid) and distance (preliminary approval). The completed application, ***setup and jump capture files as identified on the***

Record Application that are appropriate from the system being used shall be submitted to the TC Chairman. ~~The setup and jump capture files that are appropriate from the system being used should be saved for one year but are not required to be submitted.~~ ***The Jump Record will be verified and approved by the Technical Chairman or his designee.***

Tournament Classification Page CHANGE

~~There are a few differences in the rules, but the skiers should make themselves aware of them.~~ The **event** will be staffed **and judged** as if the event is an L or R unless it is apparent that the whole event can be run as a Class E. ***The exception would be Long Line and Matrix will continue to be allowed and the ability for certain divisions to use a different rope per rule 10.161b.***