

2024 Proposed Rules Changes

Here is the list of proposed rules changes for the 2024 ski year as of December 1st. Please contact your Regional Representatives for any comments or questions before their Council Meeting or Board of Directors meeting.

Proposal

1.01 Application A. The rules set forth here govern all sanctioned tournaments. ~~B. Except as noted in Rule 1.06, no deviations are permitted from these rules for National Tournaments with the exception of a onetime experimental change in the protocol, approved by the AWSA Board of Directors that would be announced at least three months prior to the tournament.~~

Proposal

Move 1.14 to 7.08. No change in wording but a better fit for the intent of the rule.

With this change rule 1.15 becomes 1.14.

Proposal

2.06 Order of Contestants

A. Nationals: For the National Tournament, entry shall be closed as noted in Rule 2.04.A, and the order of contestants in each event shall be determined and posted **by rankings before start of the contestant's event. The contestants in each event will be ordered according to their ranking, with the highest seeded skier skiing last, and shall be guided by the performances during the year preceding the National Tournament.**

Proposal

2.03 Add the following highlighted wording to the first sentence.

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. Although schedule changes are discouraged, the judges should not hesitate to make adjustments required for safety.

Proposal

4.02 National Tournament Qualifications

A. Placement Qualifications:

3. Overall: For those qualified by placement in overall ~~without level 8 rankings~~, scores for all events required for overall for the applicable division at the current Regionals or immediate past Nationals, must be above zero unless the skier has a current level 7 ranking in that respective ~~all~~ events. (Also see 5.01-overall qualification)

Proposal

4.03B2 Add the following wording:

An EVP's excuse may only be granted for events a skier is qualified to compete in at Nationals.

Proposal

6.01 Add the following wording somewhere in 6.01**K**:

When a Chief Official is competing in an event, they have the option to appoint a qualified person from the pool of Appointed Officials to take their place until the event is over.

Proposal

6.02H ADD ***It is recommended to appoint one announcer per lake for Regional tournaments.***

Proposal

6.03J ADD ***It is recommended that the LOC appoint one announcer for all tournaments.***

Proposal

7.07 Disqualification change B and ADD F

B. Disqualification Procedures: Contestants may be disqualified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges for any one of the reasons listed in Sections C-~~EF~~ below. The Chief Judge shall submit a written report to the AWSA Board of Directors regarding any such disqualification.

F. Threatening a tournament official: Making or implying a threat to an official, whether physical, verbal, legal, or other, is grounds for disqualification. If the person making threats is a skier's representative, the represented skier shall be disqualified. Threats made before, during, or after a tournament could subject that person(s) to disqualification procedures.

Proposal

2.06D Change For any division in which skiers request a lower ramp height, these skiers shall be grouped together and, at seeded tournaments, shall ski prior to those using the standard **higher** ramp height for that division.

Proposal

11.08 Officials

F. There will be a maximum of 3 persons in the boat: driver, who normally acts as boat judge, a camera operator, and the skier's quick-release operator.

Proposal

11.16 Tricking Equipment and Definitions

B. Quick-Release Operator: A skier will be allowed the option of a **one** person of his choice, excluding the official boat judge or driver, to act as a quick-release operator. The release person may not adjust or move the rope in any way to take up slack or allow extra length once the skier begins his trick run. He must hold it in one position or release it. Using the rope to intentionally aid the skier will subject the skier to disqualification. This person will be considered a part of the skier's equipment and be subject to Rule 7.07A.