



Minutes of the World Waterski Council Meeting held via Zoom on October 27, 2025

Present:

Candido Moz	CM	WWSC Chair
Dana Garcia	DG	Pan Am WSC President
Larry Gisler	LG	Pan Am Delegate
Segio Font	SF	Pan Am Delegate
Bruce Coburn	BC	AAO WSC President
Glen Williams	GW	AAO Delegate
Geoffrey Kee	NT	AAO Delegate
Gavin Kelly	GK	E&A Delegate
Martin Kolman	MK	Athletes Representative
Valentina Gonzales	VG	Athletes Representative
Archie Davis	AD	Athletes Representative
Will Bush	WB	Tech Committee Chairman

CM welcomes Archie Davis as the newly elected Athlete Representative from AAO

Agenda:

- 1) Nomination 2026 IWWF U-17 World Championships – N. of Officials.
- 2) Change of the Entry Fee: 2026 IWWF Over 35 World Championships
- 3) Change date 2027 IWWF U-21 World Championships.
- 4) 2025 World Open Championships – Officials report.
- 5) SplashEyeFly approval
- 6) Hanna Straltsova pending Overall record - We Wave Independence Day Record
- 7) Data Storage
- 8) Ranking seeding date etc.
- 9) EB representative.

1. Nomination 2026 IWWF U-17 World Championships - N. of Officials

A proposal was received from PANAM to appoint only two scorers instead of three, as required by the rules, since only one lake will be used.

The WSC agreed and, on this basis, the following officials have been appointed:

KOLMAN Martin	CZE	Chief Judge
Dan Van Dyk	USA	ACJ
Antonio Collazo	ARG	Homologator
Diego Restreppo	COL	Chief Scorer
KICIN Michaela	SVK	Assistant Scorer
PERSOONS Marie-Anne	BEL	Judge
THERIN Gael	FRA	Judge
KOLMAN Zdenek Sen.	CZE	Judge
COCKBURN Bruce	AUS	Judge
Alicia del Valle	ARG	Judge
Nathalie Perez	COL	Judge
Valentina Gonzalez	CHI	Judge
MARTIN Glen	AUS	Chief Driver
Mario Pigozzi	DOM	Driver
Scot Ellis	USA	Driver

2 Change of the Entry Fee: 2026 IWWF Over 35 World Championships

Canada, the organiser of the 2026 IWWF Over 35 World Championships, has submitted a request to the IWWF for a revision of the originally proposed entry fee for the event (see Annex 1).

The IWWF President has requested the WSC's advice on this matter.

The WSC believes that, as the Over 35 Championships is a special event lasting more than one week, attendees will not spend all their time on site and most of them are car owners. Therefore, the following proposal is considered the most appropriate:

Option 1:

- Registration fee: USD 300 per athlete (as originally proposed)
- Excludes: daily lunches
- Banquet tickets: sold separately through advance payment (USD 65)

The CM believes that, in order to avoid significant increases in registration fees, familiarisation costs, final banquet ticket costs, etc., a general guideline should be provided by the IWWF. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

3 Change date 2027 IWWF U-21 World Championships.

Peru, the organiser of the 2027 IWWF U-21 World Championships, has submitted a request to the IWWF for a date change of the event, originally scheduled for March 2027. The WSC believes that the newly proposed dates, 10–16 January, do not fall within a particularly demanding school period and are more suitable to ensure good athlete participation, and therefore approves the change.

4 2025 IWWF Open World Championships – Officials report.

This item was also discussed during the September meeting, but consideration was postponed because not all the documents had yet been received. The Chief Judge's report on the event has now been received, together with the verbal and written reports submitted by the other officials in attendance.

Since the Chief Judge is from the PANAM Confederation, and following the discussion held during the September meeting, the PANAM WSC members considered that the matter should be addressed internally, which has now been done. A document summarising the situation was sent to the Chief Judge of the event, and a call was organised during which the whole situation was discussed.

The WSC believes that no further action is required.

A different consideration has to be made for those officials who, due to the use of specific technology and the selection made by the Chief Judge with Donal Connolly support, were not appointed for a specific event.

We understand that, since Eye Tricks was used and in light of what happened a month earlier in Canada, a great deal of pressure was placed on the Chief Judge and on the system, and this has been an issue. The WSC believes that in the near future this will be resolved as more officials become familiar with the system.

For a more complete assessment, it should also be noted that, under the current rule for Tricks, "*the best panel appropriate for the level of trick performances*" must be appointed. This issue could have occurred independently of the technology used.

5 SplashEyeFly approval.

All the data and information were sent to the Tech Committee, to be compared with the already approved system. Some of the key points of the analysis were:

- The distances produced by SplashEyeFly are accurate and consistent, within 10 cm of those produced by the existing approved comparison system.
- Using a drone for jump measurement in competition – while it does add a management overhead – is entirely feasible over a long time period (jumping all day is completely achievable).
- Under certain setup and lighting conditions, the difficulty of identifying the correct splash point in current measurement systems is clear when compared to the overhead view provided by SplashEyeFly.
- The subjectivity of splash-point marking between different judges is clearly observed when compared with the cleaner, overhead view of SplashEyeFly.

On the basis of the above considerations and all the documentation received, the Tech Committee unanimously proposed the final approval of the system.

The WSC agreed, and the system will be included in the list of approved jump measurement systems in the 2026 Rulebook.

6 Hanna Straltsova pending Overall record – We Wave Independence Day Record

All the documents received have been analysed and scrutinised.

Since the beginning of the process, the following problem has arisen:

From the Homologator's report:

"The only issue I had was that the grid landing buoys were washed out due to the sun. We tried seven different buoy colours and they disappeared with the changing sun. We put trash bags over the buoys to finally get a good calm-water picture right after the event, but the check buoy and the far grid buoys cannot be seen in the jump frame."

During the verification carried out by the two officials normally responsible for this process, the following responses were received:

- *“None of the video measurement buoys are visible in the landing picture. I presume they were removed for jumping and then put back in to obtain the calm-water picture over an hour later. We can do some detective work using the visible landmarks on shore and it looks like the camera did not move. However, for world records I do not think we can approve the record when we cannot see any measurement buoys.”*
- *“In studying the submitted data further, I notice that the test buoy survey is (46.846, 29.591) and the video system reported (46.84, 28.7). There is a discrepancy of almost 0.9 m, which results in a 0.5 m distance difference.”*

Based on these reports, the WSC agreed not to approve the record.

7 Data Storage

Bob Corson has asked where all the data in his possession will be stored in the future. The WSC believes that these data must not be lost.

The CM spoke with Jose Antonio about this matter, and his reply was: *“We can safely store all that information on our SharePoint server under our Microsoft cloud services. You can talk to Paul Fong and Morten and create a proper repository for all that immediately.”*

Subsequently, the CM spoke with Morten, who confirmed that this is possible and that Teams has ample archive space. A specific meeting will need to be organised with Bob, Morten and the CM to put this solution in place.

8 Ranking seeding date etc.

The ranking list on EMS is in place and working. In the future, the only ranking used will be the one provided by EMS. Peter Frei has proposed the following:

- The EMS ranking is a live ranking, updated daily.
- On EMS, all rankings are storage monthly.
- If needed, scorers can download:
 - The April/November rankings for the current and previous year, or
 - The rankings for a specific month in the current and previous year (for example, 30 September 2025 and 30 September 2024).
- For titled events, it will be possible to download the ranking list as of a specific date (for example, 25 October 2025 and 25 October 2024).

In addition to the EMS administrator, only the Chief Judge, the Chief Scorer and Assistant of the specific event will have access to these specific downloads.

WSC agreed

No major rule changes are needed.

All references to “number of days before the weekly ranking list” will be changed to “number of days before the ranking list”.

A different consideration has to be made regarding “Schedule and submission”: are we still keeping the 31 October and 30 April rankings, or, since the ranking is now saved monthly, are references to these two fixed ranking dates no longer necessary?

9 EB representative.

As discussed in September, the MC asked the Bureau whether it would be possible to have two WSC representatives on the EB: one as the formal representative and the other as an observer.

The responses received indicated that this would not be possible.

DG has put herself forward to be nominated as the WSC representative on the EB. As there are no meetings scheduled until March/April, apart from occasional online votes, the discussion has been postponed to a future meeting.

GK shared his experience with all the other members after attending four days of EB meetings in place of CM.