

Minutes of the WSC meeting 23/01/2023

Candido Moz	CM	WWSC Chairman
Bruce Cockburn	BC	AAO WSC President
Richard Carlson	RC	AAO delegate
Nigel Talamo	NT	AAO delegate
Alexopoulos Dimos	AD	E&A delegate
Gavin Kelly	GK	E&A delegate
Dana Garcia	DG	PANAM WSC President
Larry Gisler	LG	PANAM delegate
Sergio Font	SF	PANAM delegate
Martin Kolman	MK	Skier rep.
Ryan Dodd	RD	Skier rep.
Jacinta Carrol	JC	Skier rep.
Inv. Jo-Anne Moore	JAM	PANAM alternate
Inv. Jerry Jackson	JJ	Tech Committee delegate

Apologise for absence.

Glen Williams cannot attend and is replaced by Richard Carlson.

At 22:05 (CET) the meeting is opened.

CM asked the participants that if they had a conflict of interest over any topic being discussed, then they must abstain from the discussion and from voting.

Item 7.01: Rule 18 World 35+ Championships

What happened for the last 35 Worlds? Chief Judges Report, Wild Card rules, proposal received from HW and from other participants has been discussed.

CM states that the main problem was the number of participants, a provisional Competition Schedule were posted on Bulletin 1, 6 months before the event, based on the average of participants in last 3 35+ Worlds. Up to 5 days before the Entry deadline the entry level was just normal but in the last 5 days (60 days before the event start) this number went up to more than 300 competitors. To be able to accommodate everyone a revision to the Schedule (to begin the event 2 days earlier) became necessary. This created many problems for those who had already organised their trip.

A further problem was that it was only possible to compete simultaneously on two areas of the site during Jump as there were problems with backwash.

A number of extra Officials who happened to be at the event had to be used when running two events at the same time.

To avoid all of these problem for future events the following the following actions were agreed:

- 1) Reintroduction of Intention to Enter forms with a 6-month deadline, with a partial payment of the entry fee;**
- 2) Better verification over the effectiveness of the site;**
- 3) Revision to the wild cards rules; (see Item 7.06)**
- 4) Appointing a sufficient number of Officials based on the site (1 or 2 skiing areas), duration of the competition and daily competition hours**

Approved

Item 7.02: Boat Added weight.

On request of the Boat Manufactures a change on rule 5.06 a) is necessary.

The rules will be amended as follow:

5.06 a) Boat Added Weight

If considered necessary to achieve a balanced boat, the Driver with the agreement of the Boat Judge may add a suitable weight **to the passenger area to even out boat balance, wakes, spray and boat handling. In addition, weight not exceeding 25kg. may be added to the bow of the boat for purposes of levelling the boat.** Any added weight shall not present a hazard to the boat occupants or potentially damage the boat's interior. Once placed the weight shall remain until any change of the boat crew takes place.

Note: No other weight can be added to the boat with the exception reported below and in Rule 9.14.

Approved

Item 7.03: Skiers report during event.

A request has been made to move from rule 25 (homologation) to rule 1 the "Skiers report during event".

The rule will be amended as per the following:

1.11: Skiers Report During Event

It is the duty of each skier to report to the Chief Judge during the competition if he believes the rules are not being followed or adhered to. The issue will be addressed at the competition.

Approved

Item 7.04: Wake Tricks and Preturn.

CM has received some request of clarifications/interpretation of the actual rules.

The reply to those questions has been read.

See Appendix A

SF, stated that do to the new way of tricking a partial Pre-turn is necessary for the execution of some tricks. This is not clearly defined in the Rules.

Defining this in the Rules is very difficult and it is better to work on training video to help clarify this issue for Judges. SF is willing to help.

Approved

Item 7.05: Site codes.

The site code was originally discussed in the Dubna WSC meeting and defined as follows:

SITE CODE ALLOCATION

Areas with more than one lake (connected or adjacent) shall be treated as one site with one unique site code regardless of ownership. Different site codes can only be given to competition areas where the distance between the installations (the nearest points of the slalom, trick and jump courses) is greater than 1.5 km. Site Codes are approved by the World TC. The TC may consider exceptions to this rule. AGREED.

WSC believes that the reasons for the introduction of this regulation are still valid.

The above paragraph will be added to Rule 25

CM will reply to Sherry Kerth.

25.01: General Homologation Guidelines:

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Approved

Item 7.05: Wild Card Rules.

After the discussion in 7.01 above, WSC decided to amend rule 14.14 as follows:

14.14: Wild Cards

Each Federation may enter 5 additional single event wild card skiers. The skiers must meet the eligibility rules as defined in 14:13 above. A Federation's Wild Cards cannot be transferred to another Federation.

For the purpose of this rule Overall is not considered to be a single event.

This rule can be accepted or rejected by the organiser, with this decision included in the LAO when the BID is accepted.

The World Waterski Council retains the right to reject the use of Wild Cards in an event, taking into account the Competition site, entry numbers, or any other relevant issue, but must make this decision 6 months before the event start.

Approved

Item 9: World Championships Nomination.

In some Confederations the following applies:

- 1) WSC directly sends an e-mail to all L1 Officials asking them to register on EMS if they would like to participate in the various events.
 - 2) Based on the submission received the Officials for each panel will be appointed by the WSC. WSC believe this is a good approach and the possibility of using a similar procedure in all the Confederations will be studied.
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Item 9: Mandatory Trick Training Clinic before a World Title Event.

This suggestion has been formalised by Jeff Smith (chief Judge at the last Under-17 worlds)

WSC believe that this procedure should be carried out.

Easiest way would be to have it on site before the beginning of the event.

As we cannot ask the organisers to host the Officials for one more night the following possibility will be studied:

- * Do it the day before the beginning of the event, if the timetable allows it, or;
 - * Do it online.
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AOB: eyeTrick Approval

The system is approved for use at any event if the Officials are properly trained and competent, but it is not mandatory at any events for the time being. It was acknowledged that the introduction and use of eyeTrick will be a process over a considerable time period but should be supported and encouraged by Confereration WSC and Federations.

A draft of the required rule changes will be circulated to the WSC members for their review and suggestions with the aim of incorporating them in version 1 of the 2023 Rulebook.

Meeting closed at 00:30 CET.

Candido Moz