

Minutes of the IWWF Waterski Council Meeting
January 16, 2019
By Video Conference

Attendees:

Bob Corson – USA – Co-Chairman
Candido Moz – ITA – Co-Chairman
Larry Gisler – ARG – Pan Am Waterski Chairman
Sergio Font –MEX
Glen Williams – NZL
Wayne Briant - AUS
Dimos Alexopoulos – GRE
Stian Lilleberg – NOR
Manon Costard – FRA – AAC Chairman
Ryan Dodd – CAN – AAC

This meeting is a continuation of the December meeting to address the final items of the December agenda as follows:

- 10) Divisional Record at R tournaments:
- 12) Score above Record
- 13) Over 35 shortening speed
- 14) Over 35 divisions age category change
- 15) Ranking List specification

We also addressed two additional items:

Rule 1.05 distribution of Rule Changes
Ramp Proposal

Additional items remaining to be covered in the next video conference

- 18) Slalom Course Buoys names
- 20) World L1 exams:
- 2015 Pan Am Games Issue

10) Divisional Record at R tournaments:

The proposal considered was to allow divisional records at any R tournament rather than the current method of just allowing them at the divisional World Championships.

After discussion the Council decided to take the following action:

Allow records for the U17 division at any R tournament.

The records will be based on age, not the division skied in with the exception that jump records would only be allowed if they were performed under the U17 division rules. That means that a U17 skier skiing, for example, in the Open division, could not set a record even if the ramp was set to 1.65 height and the chosen speed was 51 kmph.

Records will be processed in the same way that Open Division records are processed with all required forms, videos, etc.

The starting point for the records was not decided. The initial thought was to start at the current World Record set in the World U17 Championships. However another thought was to find the highest performance at an R tournament and use that. A list of the highest performances will be extracted from historical data and the council will compare that to the existing records and decide what to use.

12) Score above Record

There was a proposal about how to treat scores above the World Record from an L tournament and scores above the record in an R tournament that were subsequently denied as records.

The proposal options were:

For a Record beaten at a non R tournament:

- 1) Score in the Ranking List stand as it is;
or
- 2) In the Ranking List the score will be reduced below the existing record. (10 points, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a buoys, 10 cm)

For a Record not approved:

- 1) Score in the Ranking List stand as per the reviewed score;
or
- 2) In the Ranking List the score will be reduced below the existing record. (10 points, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a buoys, 10 cm)

After discussion the Council decided to table the proposal until our meeting in Malaysia and also seek skier input from the AAC.

- 13) Over 35 shortening speed
- 14) Over 35 divisions age category change

After some discussion the Council decided to address these issues together as they are interrelated.

A survey on maximum division slalom speeds taken from the competitors at the World 35+ Championships and on line gave inconclusive results. One division, Women 45+ has a small majority in favour of reducing the speed from 55 to 52. Some other divisions had a split vote with the majority in favour of the existing speed but a substantial minority in favour of reducing it. These divisions were Men 55+, Men 65+, Women 55+, Women 65+.

A list of the numbers of participants in the last 3 World 35+ Championships was examined as well as a computation of the number of skiers in each event in each 35+ division in the ranking list. This study was to help with the proposal to add new divisions at 5 year intervals rather than the current 10 year intervals above the age of 55.

One concern was that as the skiers age to the last few years of their division they get discouraged by having to compete with skiers 8 to 10 years younger and then just wait until they enter the new division. This would be less of a problem if the division was 5 years.

However, the council decided that more information and study was needed before any decision could be taken. A list of competitors in the World 35+ Championships will be prepared showing the actual age of the skiers in each division and the age of skiers in the top positions of the ranking lists in each division will be created to provide further information for this decision.

15) Ranking List specification

There were several issues raised about specifics of divisional ranking that the council felt would best be answered after the decision is made on the previous age division topics.

The Council did change the time period allowed for tournament dossier and data submission to the ranking list from 30 days to 15 days.

Rule 1.05 distribution of Rule Changes

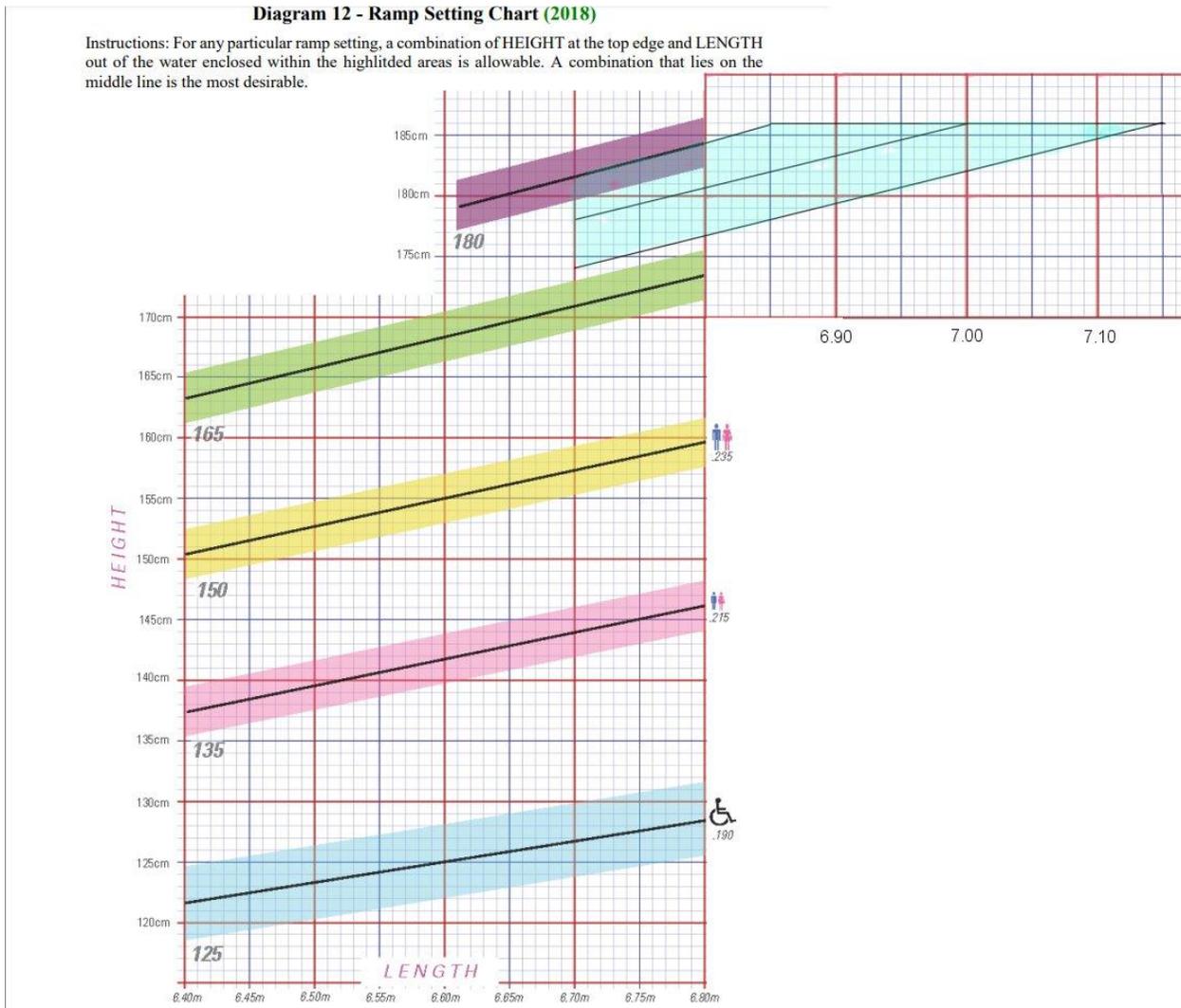
After discussion, the Council modified the wording of part of Rule 1.05 as follows:

The rules may be amended at any time by the Tournament Council. The amended rules shall become effective sixty (60) days after all affiliated Federations are notified and the posting of the official minutes on iwsf.com, except in the case of new tricks submitted prior to September 30, which may be added by simple majority, and become effective immediately on November 1.

Ramp Proposal

A proposal was submitted by Ryan Dodd representing mainly Elite skiers who ski at the 1.80 m ramp height.

The proposal was to lower the ramp angle from .271 to .266 and extend the length of the jump out of water to a maximum of 7.15m. This would result in the following jump chart change.



An analysis of all Elite tournaments in the last 2 years showed that the jump was set in the required purple area, but also in the proposed blue area where it overlaps.

The principle reason for the change is safety in that the lower angle gives less impact. Another point of the discussion was the assertion that by using the whole range (of the proposed blue area) that the jump could be adjusted to make it safer depending on the wind or water conditions rather than the current rule requiring that the jump be set as close as possible to nominal.

As this proposal was just received, the Council decided to table it to our next video conference to allow members to discuss it with their constituents and get further reaction and input. One concern was the additional length and if standard ramps could maintain the length under water required and provide the added surface length. Ryan noted that older ramps could most likely extend to 6.9 but that a setting with 6.8 could still be used. Some ramps have longer bodies and it is just an adjustment or a ramp top extension could easily be added.

There was some mention of the impact on other divisions and what, if any, changes were being requested by Elite women jumpers. This is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM New York time