

Minutes of the Waterski World Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 via Zoom

Present

Candido Moz	CM	WWSC Chair
Dana Garcia	DG	Pan Am WSC President
Larry Gisler	LG	Pan Am Delegate
Sergio Font	SF	Pan Am Delegate
Bruce Coburn	BC	AAO WSC President
Glen Williams	GW	AAO Delegate
Gavin Kelly	GK	E&A Delegate
Dimos Alexopoulos	DA	E&A Delegate
Valentina Gonzales	VG	Athletes Representative
Martin Kolman	MK	Athletes Representative
Jacinta Carrol	JC	Athletes Representative

Invited

Jose Antonio Perez Priego	JA	IWWF President
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1. Participation of skiers under the IWWF flag at Titled Events.

The item taken into consideration was how to admit BLR and RUS skiers to titled events and how many:

- RUS and BLR Federations are still banned.
- Skiers are not in the Ranking.

After having taken into consideration all the pros and the cons the WSC proposed the following:

- Skiers need to follow the IWWF procedure to be able to compete under IWWF flag.
- At this stage we will give 5 skiers wild cards per country (skiers wild card not a per event wild card).
- Skiers that want to compete and are in compliance with the provisions, will need to register directly with the President of the WSC, (if a minor the request needs to be done by the parents), CM will enter them in the EMS.
- If more then 5 skiers submit requests the WSC will make the selection. (if too many requests are submitted then first come first served selection, will be used)
- Payment can be done by cash on site.

2. Which Weekly Ranking List to be used for Titled Events.

After discussion the WSC unanimously decided that the Weekly Ranking List to be applied is the one nearest to the deadline, drawn up a minimum of 60 days before the relevant Championships.

3. Travel Expenses reimbursement.

CM explained the situation:

There has been some misunderstanding of the first email send out by the Office regarding the travel expenses for the U-17 World Championships. Based on this misunderstanding the 30\$ per skier (originally due to support the travel expenses of the Officials) was removed.

When it was realised that the total amount available was \$15.000, a solution was sought for a fair and correct distribution of expenses.

The Office calculated at the date of March 15th the travel cost for each Official using a travel search engine and the price used was not the Cheap, or the Max, but the Best.

Based on the above research an Excel table has been prepared and sent to all Officials.

The problem with the above solution is that the prices of airline tickets if purchased in a different country have a completely different cost.

As there are no good solution, JAPP has guaranteed that to help to sort this out the IWWF will make the original \$30 per athlete available in addition to the \$15,000, using its own funds.

The meeting concluded at this point.

4. Master Qualifier request for exception

CM has explained the request from Nautique (Rhoni Bishop), regarding the Master qualifier event. The exception consists in calculate and consider valid for the Ranking the overall obtained by using the score in Drew Ross site for Slalom and Tricks on the score obtained in Jack Travers site for Jump. As in the past 2 years the same situation was in place, obviously the sites of the previous 2 years were adjacent while this year they are further apart, but still they had two different sites with different codes, he has given an exception based on IWWF rule 1.04.

It was also agreed that given the specific nature of this events, no Overall records could be set.

After the discussion WSC believe this should not be allowed again in the future, Overall score can be obtained only on the same site and in the same round.

Meeting ended at 00:30 CET

Candido Moz

Later via email, (2024/05/10) the following change to the IWWF Waterski Rule was unanimously approved.

2.03: Age Division

~~For clarity: An eligible skier can compete in any one of the Age Divisions in which he/she falls: (example: a 76-year-old skier may choose to compete in any one of the 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+, 70+, 75+ divisions)~~

~~A skier eligible or qualified in more than one of the age Divisions can compete only in one which, in all events, must be the same throughout the competition.~~

That specific paragraph is no longer applicable, following the 2024 change of rule 2.02.

The paragraph remains unchanged in rule 18.01.

Weekly List

Under Item 6 of the 11 January meeting, WSC has decide to increase the number of qualified Individuals for the 35+ Worlds, in the slalom event for the 35+ age divisions, given the presence in the Ranking of a certain number of "Pro" athletes.

When preparing the list of Individuals, CM found that the Weekly List only takes into consideration athletes of the specific age division and who competed at the correct speed (55 Kph, no “Pro” athletes and no different age division).

Based on this, the rules change requirements as explained above are no longer met, therefore, in accordance with DG and BC, the numbers of qualified Individuals for the 35 + Worlds in the 35+ age division in the slalom event, are those reported in the 2023 rules.