



**Minutes of the World Waterski Council Meeting held via TEAMS
on April 27, 2026 at 23:00 CET**

Present:

Candido Moz	CM	WWSC Chair
Aristotelis Balais	AB	E&A Delegate
Morten Froulund	MF	E&A Delegate
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
Martin Kolman	MK	Athletes Representative
Valentina Gonzales	VG	Athletes Representative
Will Bush	WB	Tech Committee Chairman
Russ Dickson	RD	Pan Am Alternate
Jose Antonio Perez Priego	JA	IWWF President

Agenda:

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1. Malibu Wakes, how to deal for tricks

During the Under-17 Worlds we experienced some issues with the boat wake during the Tricks event. At certain speeds, the rooster tail becomes so high that when the skier is inside the wakes, the ski cannot be seen. All scenarios were discussed, and we received very positive feedback from Malibu, who expressed strong interest in addressing any problems that may arise during the season. Following the discussion, **the WSC unanimously agreed to modify Rule 9.18 as follows:**

9.18: Use of the Video Camera

The tricks shall be filmed by a video camera from the boat. The usual procedure will be to transmit the signal by radio to the Judge's Tower and the intention is to judge in real time. Backup video will be a stored copy of the video at the camera. Other than as stated in [\(9.12\)](#), the video film may only be shown as an aid to the Event Judges under the following circumstances:

- a) At the request of the Chief Judge or the Scorer if it is not possible for the scorer to obtain a majority decision as to the trick or tricks performed.
- b) At the request of the Chief Judge or Scorer if it is not possible for the scorer to obtain a majority decision as to whether or not credit is to be given for a trick.
- c) In circumstances, which the Chief Judge regards as exceptional, the Chief Judge may review the video and ask the applicable Event Judges to look at the run again so that the correct score may be established.
- d) At the request of a Judge (and approved by the Chief Judge) the video may be reviewed to establish credit or no credit of a trick or tricks provided the Judge(s) states which trick(s) they wish to review. It is not the intention to review the entire run.

The video will be shown at either normal speed (100%) or 80% of normal speed. For judging procedures see [\(9.12\)](#).

Recommendation:

- ~~* The camera position and height will be decided by the Chief Judge, based on the level of the skiers entered in the Competition.~~
- ~~* The camera must remain in the same position throughout the entire event (preferably on the passenger side).~~
- ~~* The camera should not be placed more than 50 cm above the windshield.~~

Recommendation:

- * **Ideally, the camera should not be mounted more than 50 cm above the windshield. However, depending on the level of the skiers entered in the competition and on the boat type, the camera height may be adjusted, upon agreement between the Chief Judge and the Homologator, to ensure a clear view of the ski when it is between the boat wakes.**
- * **The camera must remain in the same position throughout the entire event (preferably on the passenger side).**

2. Jump Ranking

CM explained the current issue with the Jump Ranking. The EMS Ranking has been made to follow the 2025 rules: *A Jump score will be accepted as it is regardless of speed/ramp height, except that, a Jump performance done in an age division different from the Natural Age Division, will only be used in the Under 21 or Open Division Ranking List, regardless of the skier age, requested speed and ramp height.*

As a result, an Under-14 skier will appear only in the U-14, U-21, and Open Rankings, but not in the U-17 Ranking. Similar scenarios apply to skiers competing in an age division different from their Natural Age Division: even when they respect their maximum speed and ramp height, their scores appear only in the U-21 and Open Rankings.

The above rule was amended in 2025 and is scheduled to become effective from 2026. PF was involved in the discussion.

- *A Jump score executed in a different age division from the athlete's own, can only be used in the skiers age-division ranking list, if performed with a ramp height and speed appropriate to the athlete's age division.
If not, the score will only be valid for the U-21 and Open age divisions.*

CM had a long conversation with PF, and after their discussion they both realized that there had been some misunderstanding regarding the meaning of the new rule. CM prepared a full list of specifications on how to improve the Jump Ranking, and PF presented it to the EMS developer. For these modifications, the estimated cost ranges between 9,000 and 12,000 USD

Due to JA's presence, the WSC requested that he support and push for this change, which must be approved by the Bureau.

JA agreed that, as this is an important matter for Waterski, he will support our request.

3. 2027 Open Worlds Exceptions

CM and JA illustrated the already approved changes to the LOA for the 2027 Open Worlds (Familiarisation costs, on-site lunches for athletes, etc.). A new request was then presented:

The Organising Committee is seeking consideration for the allocation of 10 additional wildcards for Australian skiers. This request is based on projected entry numbers, with the expectation that participation may be lower than typical Northern Hemisphere events due to the February scheduling. Current estimates suggest approximately 150 entries, with a requirement of around 180 to ensure the event's financial viability.

Given the significance of hosting a World Championships in Australia and the associated delivery costs, the Organising Committee believes that allocating additional wildcards would help strengthen participation numbers and support the overall success of the tournament.

We respectfully submit this request to the Tournament Council for consideration and welcome any feedback or guidance.

The WSC agreed on the following:

If, 60 days before the tournament, the number of entered skiers is below 130, **five** additional wild cards will be granted.

If, 60 days before the tournament, the number of entered skiers is below 120, **ten** additional wild cards will be granted.

These wild cards are in addition to those already allowed under Rule 14.14.

4. April 30 Individuals for 35+ World

The two Ranking Lists used for individual qualification are April 30, 2025 and April 30, 2026. The April 30, 2026 Ranking will be finalized on May 15. However, the deadline to register skiers qualified as Individuals is May 8, which falls before the Ranking is finalized. CM proposed that, for those who qualify based on the April 2026 Ranking, the registration deadline be postponed to May 31, with no penalty applied.

The WSC unanimously agreed.

5. 45+ Jump Ranking

As already discussed under Item 2, some skiers who change age division in 2026 do not appear in the Ranking List of their new age division. One case has already been identified and more may be possible. CM proposed that these skiers be added to the number of qualified athletes under Rule 14.15.

The WSC unanimously agreed.

6. AOB

- **Tricks points**

After speaking with skiers and coaches, VG believes that some Toe Tricks point values also need to be reviewed before applying the new trick points table.

As an example, the value of TW7F is 650 points, while the value of W7F is 800 points; this comparison does not appear fair.

The Toe Tricks point values that should be examined in this first stage are:

TW7F	720	F-F Toehold	35	-	-	650	650
TW7B		B-B Toehold	36	-	-	650	-
TWL5B	540	F-B Toehold Stepmover	41	-	-	600	600
TWL5F		B-F Toehold Stepmover	42	-	-	700	-
TWL7F	720	F-F Toehold Stepmover	42a			800	-

CM and SF noted that it will take time for the Tricks Committee to complete this work but assigning them this specific task may help accelerate the process.

VG proposed postponing the application of the new Trick Points Table until after the 2027 Worlds, in order to give all skiers, the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the new values before any major tournaments, and not to apply it until the Toe Tricks point values have been reviewed.

After an extensive discussion, the WSC agreed on the following:

- The Tricks Committee is assigned the specific task of reviewing the above-mentioned Toe Tricks point values.
- If this review is completed in due time, the new Trick Points Table will be applied starting from March 31, 2027.

- **EyeTricks video speed**

After having used the system for a few years, there are still some people who are not fully satisfied with it. In fact, some believe that, since the video can be stopped and replayed at will, the operator may stop it at the wrong moment.

Following the last seminar held in the US, there is a general feeling that when EyeTricks is in use, the first viewing should be played at 100% speed, while 80% would be acceptable for the review.

CM explained that 100% speed had already been tested in the past, and that 80% provides judges with slightly more time (24 seconds compared with the original 20). Regarding the concern of stopping the video at the wrong point, this is simply a matter of training with the system.

Some WSC members still believe that a comparison should be made between using the system as described above and using it as currently applied (video speed at 80%).

CM will speak with Donal.

- **Insurance**

JA informed the WSC that the IWWF has contacted a major insurance company to explore the possibility of establishing a global insurance policy covering all skiers from the moment they leave home until they return. To make such a policy viable, all skiers registered in EMS would be required to purchase it, in addition to the IWWF licence. During the discussion, it emerged that many Federations already provide this type of coverage, and not all of them would participate in this project.