

2018 RULE CHANGE SUMMARY

Following are the rule changes for 2018 that have been approved by Water Ski Canada's Technical Committee, and published in the current Rulebook. Most of the changes are made to better align our rules with the International Federation so that they are more cohesive, particularly for those athletes who compete in international events or WRL event that are outside of Canada. Please feel free to contact the committee if you have any questions.

1.1: Tournament Classifications and Rule Application

CRC/WRL *Canadian Record Capability/World Ranking List* This level of tournament is designed for advanced competitors. Special WSWC record capability sanction is required. The rules set forth here, in addition to the record capability policies included as Appendix II, govern CRC tournaments. Results from WRL tournaments are eligible for consideration for the IWWF World Ranking List.

4.1: Divisions of Competition

4.1.1 Competition in the three events shall be separated into the following divisions, the contestant's age being as of January 1 prior to the tournament. All contestants should be prepared to provide proof of age.

Girls U10	9 years and under
Boys U10	9 years and under
Girls U12	10-11 years inclusive
Boys U12	10-11 years inclusive
Girls U14	12-13 years inclusive
Boys U14	12-13 years inclusive
Men U17	14-16 years inclusive
Women U17	14-16 years inclusive
Women U21	17-20 years inclusive
Men U21	17-20 years inclusive
Women	21-34 years inclusive
Men	21-34 years inclusive
Women III	35-44 years inclusive
Men III	35-44 years inclusive
Women IV	45-54 years inclusive
Men IV	45-54 years inclusive
Women V	55-59 years inclusive
Men V	55-59 years inclusive
Women VI	60-64 years inclusive
Men VI	60-64 years inclusive
Women VII	65-69 years inclusive
Men VII	65-69 years inclusive
Women VIII	70-74 years inclusive
Men VIII	70-74 years inclusive
Women IX	75 and over
Men IX	75 and over
Elite Women	any age
Elite Men	any age

4.1.2 Entry into the Elite Men's and Elite Women's divisions (or the Open Event at Nationals) is optional, and shall be restricted to those skiers meeting the following minimum performance requirements during the past 12 months and for Nationals the period since the previous Nationals and including the most recent Nationals. *For Nationals, Appendix III, 8.3 also applies.*

Table not shown

For calculation of the overall scores, the best performance by a male and female athlete taken from the current Canadian records will be used as the best tournament score. At the time of printing of this edition of the rule book, the best performances are:

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Men	5.0 @ 10.25 / 58 kph	11,180	77.4 m
Women	2.25 @ 10.25 / 55 kph	10,520	52.0 m

7.7: Deleted

10.4: Conflict of Interest

~~In RC events~~, No individual can act as an official in positions that include boat driver, boat judge/official and official timer, if a member of his/her immediate family is competing in that event.

11.16: Skier Supplied Handles for Slalom and Jumping

For slalom and jumping, contestants may furnish their own handle to attach to the tournament lines, providing they notify the starter at the dock at least three skiers listed on the starting list before their turn, of their wish to change handles. The handle may be of any material. The length of the handle attachment, measured from the inside surface of the attaching loops furthest from the handle to the inside edge of the handle furthest from the attaching loop, must be 1.50m +/- 2.5 cm/- 10.0 cm. Handles will be measured by the dock starter under responsibility of the Homologator, immediately after the skier skis. Handles found out of tolerance will result in the skier's score in that round being disqualified.

11.19.2 Guide buoys used within the slalom course shall be a different colour from the gate and slalom buoys used by the skiers. The guide buoys used by the timer for the two segment timing (see Appendix I) shall be a different colour from the other guide buoys.

11.19.7 Jump check buoys should be a different colour than the grid/set buoys and different than reference buoys. Jump reference buoys should be in a sequence of colours so that no two adjacent reference buoys are the same colour, i.e. red, yellow, green, red...

14.4: Jumping Speeds and Tolerances

14.4.1 The boat speeds for the jumping event shall be chosen by the skier from those listed below, up to the following maximum speeds:

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| (a) | Elite/Open Men, Men, Men U21, Men III | 57 kph |
| (b) | Elite/Open Women, Women, Women U21, Men IV | 54 kph |
| (c) | Men U17, Women U17, Men V, Men VI, Men VII, Women III, Women IV
Women V, Women VI | 51 kph |
| (d) | Men VIII, IX, Women VII | 48 kph |
| (e) | Boys U10, Boys U12, Boys U14, Girls U10, Girls U12, Girls U14,
Women VIII, IX | 45 kph |

14.12.3 Allowed Time After a Fall

In the case of a fall after a jump, the skier must be back on his/her skis within 3 minutes after the tow boat is ready to take him/her.

Should the skier not be ready or should the reason be judged not acceptable by the Event Judges, one jump shall be deemed to have been taken. If a skier notices that his equipment is damaged (broken fin, binding, ski, etc.), the Event Judges may grant him 3 minutes to repair or change the broken equipment and to continue competing.

16.3: Trick Passes

Each contestant shall be allowed two 20 second passes through the trick course during which time the skier may perform as many tricks as he/she desires. At the conclusion of the first pass, prior to the turning of the boat, at the skier's option, if he/she did not fall, the boat may stop between passes for a maximum of 45 seconds. The skier must signal his/her desire for a drop using the "cut signal" (i.e. slashing motion with the hand across the throat).



The time shall start when the boat gets to the skier. The skier is allowed to change equipment after a fall or during the 45 seconds set-down. ~~In the case of a fall, the skier has only 30 seconds in which to change and at the end of 30 seconds, a skier must be in the water ready to go or loses the right to their second pass.~~ Between the start dock and the gate buoys on the first pass, if a skier notices that his equipment is damaged, the Event Judges may grant him 3 minutes to repair or change the broken equipment and to continue competing.

- 16.11.5** The skier is fully responsible for any release of the device, and no request for re-ride will be granted upon premature or accidental release. If, in the opinion of the majority of event judges, the skier is released due to malfunction of the release mechanism, the skier may have the option of a re-ride.

A rope wrapped around the pylon and held by the release person may be used as a release mechanism. No more than 1.25m of rope may extend from the pylon and for safety reasons this rope shall not have knots or splices. The release person may not adjust or move the rope in any way to take up slack or allow extra length. S/he may hold it in one position or release it. Using the rope to aid the skier will subject the skier to disqualification.

16.14

The tricks shall be filmed by a video camera from the tow boat and/or from a suitable shore position. If more than one video camera is used, the Chief of Competition shall declare one as official prior to the start of the event. Only video from the official camera shall be used for scoring/judging.

- 16.17.2** To receive credit for a wake turn, the trick must be completed in the air while passing from one side of the crest of the wake to the other. It cannot be scored as a water turn if insufficient air is achieved to receive credit for a wake turn. All wake line tricks (WL, SL, TWL) where the ski/leg does not go over the line, can be credited as wake tricks if the wake trick's criteria are met.

APPENDIX I: RULE EXCEPTIONS FOR CLASS 1 TOURNAMENTS

10.4: Conflict of Interest

One conflict may be permitted, i.e. either a driver or judge but not both, and must be declared in results.

APPENDIX II: SANCTION POLICIES FOR CANADIAN RECORD CAPABILITY TOURNAMENTS AND WORLD RANKING LIST

2. Sanction Application

- 2.1 The sanction application for a record capability tournament must be submitted directly to the WSWC National Office no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled start of the tournament. Applications for CRC received 29-15 days prior to the start of the tournament may be considered upon payment of a late penalty fee of \$150.00 payable to WSWC. Applications received 14 days or less prior to the start of the tournament will not be considered.

Appendix III several old references to "Open" corrected to "Elite".