

2009 Winter AWSA Technical Committee Report

- Rule 8.04 Add optional Youth towlines for B1 and G1 slalom.
- Rule 11.02 and 11.03 Add Option to use IWSF trick course.
- Rule 14.01 Add same restriction as 4.02 to require a 2 years between International competition for a non US federation and setting an AWSA record.
- 23 record applications received with 15 approved.

8.04 Tow Lines

The Tournament Committee shall furnish tow lines constructed as in 8.04(c) below with the lines and handles meeting the following specifications:

(a) Weight per foot, maximum = 23 g/m (.250 oz.)
Breaking Load, minimum = 817 kg (1,800 lbs.)
Elongation at 115 kg (250 lbs.) tensile load, 2.6% 0.4%
The gauge length shall be set at 5.5 kg (12 lbs.) tensile load

Optional: Youth towlines for B1, G1 events only, meeting the following specifications:

(a) Weight per foot, maximum = 23 g/m (.250 oz.)
Breaking Load, minimum = 454 kg (1,000 lbs.)
Elongation at 115 kg (250 lbs.) tensile load, 4.5% maximum
The gauge length shall be set at 5.5 kg (12 lbs.) tensile load

Discussion: Rules Committee voted to recommend changes Tech Committee proposal #1 on "Youth Lines" as follows:

- A) Changing the elongation spec to a maximum of 4.5%.
- B) Limiting the shortening of "Youth Lines" to 16m due to concerns for heavier B2 skiers at short line lengths.

The Tech committee voted to change the original proposal from B1, B2, G1, G2 to B1 and G1 only and feels the 16m shortening restriction recommended by the Rules committee is not necessary.

11.02 Trick Course

Buoys approximately 200 meters (650 feet) apart shall establish the beginning of the trick course from each direction (see Official Trick Course Diagram in Appendix). The end of the course shall be signified by the 20-second time interval only. **IWSF trick course may be used in lieu of the Official Trick Course at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.**

11.03 Trick Pass

(a) The trick pass shall start, after passing the approximate position of the first (may start) entrance buoy **or IWSF entry gates:**

Discussion: The Tech Committee has sole jurisdiction on the Trick course.

1. The Tech Committee discussed and voted to make the IWSF trick course optional for all AWSA events.
2. The rules committee had a discussion and voted to make a recommendation to Tech to do away with the AWSA course completely and adopt the IWSF tick course.
3. Tech discussed the Rules recommendation and voted unanimously to stay with the original proposal to make the IWSF course optional.

Note:

A) For ski year 2008 there were 204 (88%) class C&E AWSA tournaments and 29 (12%) L&R IWSF events at 16 sites.

B) It is not reasonable to require the majority (88%) of sites and sponsors in AWSA to conform with the IWSF Trick Course when IWSF events are only held at very few sites.

The BOD has no choice but to adopt the decision from the committee that has jurisdiction.

RULE 14 - RECORDS

14.01 AWSA Recognition

The AWSA shall recognize records for slalom performances, jump distances, and trick performances for each division listed under Rule 3.02 in tournaments of Record Capability only. (Specific requirements for conducting a Record Capability tournament appear in Rule 15.) **Only US Citizens, with USA WS Full Active Membership** are eligible to set AWSA records Citizens of other countries are not eligible to set AWSA records. U.S. skiers may set AWSA records in international tournaments shown to meet the standards of a tournament of Record Capability. **However, a competitor who skis in international competition for another federation shall not be eligible to set an AWSA Record for two years following the international competition.** Any skier competing in international competitions representing Guatemala, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Ecuador, Bolivia, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela with dual US citizenship would be exempt from this provision. Run-offs of ties are used solely for determining placement, therefore a run-off performance is not eligible for consideration as a record.

Discussion: Several years ago a skier who is a full AWSA member and has dual citizenship tied a record in accordance with AWSA rules. This skier, following IWSF rules skied for a non-USA Federation in an International event several years prior to and in the same year after the AWSA record was approved. The AAC proposes to add the language from Rule 4.02 to rule 14.01 so that no skier is eligible to set an AWSA record until 2 years have passed from when said skier last participated in any International competition representing a non USA federation.