

# International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation



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## Bye-laws

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Bye-laws are supplementary to the Articles of the Association. The Letter of Agreement and Obligations for Titled Events, the Rules of Eligibility, Technical Rules of each Division and the Anti-Doping Rules and Policy are extensions of these Bye-laws.

Bye-laws shall be drawn up by the Executive Board. They shall contain administrative and technical rules together with directives necessary or convenient for the management of IWWF affairs and competitions within the scope of these Bye-laws.

Bye-laws shall be effective as soon as they have been communicated in writing by electronic mail to affiliated Federations. Bye-laws and modifications thereto must be submitted to the next Congress for ratification.

## 2. NAME

The International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation was founded in Geneva, Switzerland on 27 July 1946 under the name of the International Water Ski Union. On 12 August 1955 the name was changed to World Water Ski Union. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 1989 the name was changed to International Water Ski Federation. The current name of International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation was adopted on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009.

The official abbreviation of the Name in any language is IWWF.

## 3. AIMS AND PURPOSES

To promote and support the development of water skiing all over the world without discrimination or distinction for race, colour, religion or political persuasion

The purposes include:

- enabling mutual recognition of Member Federations in their dealings with each other by establishing friendly co-operation between member Federations.
- upholding the Laws of water skiing as adopted and amended from time to time.
- achieving uniform interpretation of the Laws & Rules of water skiing and of control of competitions by developing and communicating recommendations to officials;
- printing and publishing from time to time the official and definitive text of the Laws of the IWWF and the Technical Rules of the Divisions.
- encouraging the observance of the rules of water skiing in competitions and of the Technical Rules of the Divisions in all international competitions.
- encourage the organisation of international competitions open to all athletes of the affiliated national federations, and to ensure that all international competitions are governed by the IWWF Technical Rules of the Divisions.
- employing the funds of the Federation in such manner as deemed expedient in the interests of water skiing.
- making regulations for World Titled Events and other international competitions and publishing these as the Technical Rules for each discipline of the Sport.
- establishing lists of duties and obligations for events containing the word "World" in their title.
- drawing up and establishing rules for the ratification of world records and ratify records in accordance therewith.
- appointing judges and officials for World Titled Events.
- preparing and distributing relevant information concerning water skiing to Members and internationally appointed Council, Committee and Commission Members and Officials.
- representing and promoting water skiing in general and water skiing interests of affiliated Federations in particular, with the IOC, international organisations and institutions.
- encourage the formation of national federations in countries where Water skiing is not developed.

- establish international championships under the titles of IWWF World Water Ski Championships, IWWF World Cup, Continental Championships and to take part in the organisation of events of the Olympic cycle and the Olympic Games.
- establish measures of development aid.

#### 4. HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of the IWWF shall be in the country of residence of the President, **unless the General Assembly shall decide otherwise.**

#### 5. EMBLEM

The IWWF uses the following emblems:



The IWWF reserves all rights for the use and the disposal of its emblems.

#### 6. MEMBERSHIP

##### 6.1. ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Board is empowered to deal with the membership of the IWWF during the period from one World Congress to the other.

This concerns especially:

- Provisional affiliation of new Federations to the IWWF and the Confederations
- Suspension of member Federations due to non-fulfilment of statutory, administrative or financial obligations

Such decision must be made by a 2/3 majority of the EB members.

##### 6.2. DUTIES OF AFFILIATED MEMBERS

- a) Athletes, Officials and Clubs of Affiliated Federations shall recognise the authority of the IWWF and respect its Statutes, Bye-laws and decisions.
- b) The admission of a Federation to affiliated membership constitutes its formal agreement to respect the Statutes, Bye-laws and Technical Rules; to conform to decisions of the IWWF and its Confederations; and to pay subscriptions and fines which may be imposed with the authority of the IWWF or its Confederations.
- c) All affiliated Federations and their members shall recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne as the only external body for jurisdiction.

National Federations are obliged to impose the said recognition on their athletes and members in all areas subject to the authority of the IWWF.

- d) All members shall adhere to the IOC requirements on doping and co-operate fully with the IWWF in its measures to detect or penalise infringements of those requirements. All member Federations shall either adopt WADA approved Anti-Doping Rules OR shall be deemed to have adopted the IWWF Anti-Doping Rules.

#### 7. CONFEDERATIONS

Each Confederation shall independently regulate their administrative structure and internal proceedings in complying with the Rules and Regulations of the IWWF.

##### 7.1. BUREAU AND EXECUTIVE BOARD AUTHORITY

In the case where the IWWF Bureau believes a Confederation decision is against the best interest of the sport as a whole, the Bureau has the right to request the Confederation to reconsider its decision and the Confederation is given the relevant reasons. In the event of a disagreement, the Executive Board will have the final decision.

## 8. EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSITION

The Executive Board shall comprise:

- a) the President;
- b) the Secretary General;
- c) the Treasurer;
- d) The Executive Director (non-voting but with voice);
- e) The Presidents and Secretaries General of the 5 Confederations or representatives chosen by the Confederations (10 persons);
- f) The Chairs (or nominated representatives) of the 8 Sports Division Councils (8 persons);
- g) Two Athlete representatives – normally the AC Chair and one other, recommended to be one male and one female and from different divisions (2 persons).

### 8.1. BUREAU COMPOSITION

The Bureau shall comprise:

- a) the President;
- b) the Secretary General;
- c) the Treasurer;
- d) The Executive Director (non-voting but with voice);
- e) Maximum of 4 additional members from the Confederation representatives on the Executive Board who do not already have representation from b) or c) above with the goal that each confederation has at least one representative on the bureau.

The Bureau will comprise a maximum of 7 members and a minimum of 6, plus the Executive Director.

### 8.2. PRESIDENT EMERITUS

- a) the President Emeritus shall be invited to all EB meetings and the Congress. He shall have the same privileges as the other EB members except with no vote.
- b) The President Emeritus shall be directed from time to time by the Bureau to represent the IWWF.

## 9. FINANCES

### 9.1. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The financial resources of the IWWF include:

- a) annual subscriptions from Affiliated Federations and/or Confederations
- b) sanction fees for World Titled Events.
- c) television rights, commercial rights, intellectual rights and other surpluses from water skiing events organised by or under the auspices of the IWWF.
- d) other membership fees.
- e) IOC, Government or other public or private subsidies, donations and legacies.
- f) investment income.
- g) various contributions depending on circumstances and needs.

### 9.2. TREASURER

#### 9.2.1. Duties

These include:

- to maintain the accounting records of the IWWF; issue invoices and collect debts due to the IWWF and arrange for the payment of its liabilities.
- to prepare the annual accounts and submit them for examination.
- to circulate the examined accounts to Members of the Executive Board and Member Federations together with a Treasurer's report.
- to prepare and submit annual budgets for the ensuing two years to the Executive Board and Member Federations in a Congress year.

- to assist with negotiations for and the awarding of World Titled Events other than those approved at World Congress and to receive copies of all signed Letters of Agreement and Indemnities.
- to invoice and collect monies due in accordance with agreements signed for World Titled Events to advise on other forms of income which the IWWF may from time to time levy or raise.
- to obtain advice on investments and make recommendations to the Executive Board and Bureau who shall always consider the safety of investments as paramount.
- to obtain Executive Board or Bureau approval for any bank overdraft facilities or any other borrowings.
- to keep the IWWF finances under continuous review and make recommendations to the Executive Board or Bureau for material variations to approved budgets.

### 9.2.2. Powers

These include:

- to have the Treasurer's recommendations on financial decisions recorded in the minutes.
- to be an authorised signatory to all IWWF bank accounts with the right to request information direct from banks and financial institutions.
- to require Council and Committee chairmen to provide proposals for their budgets for a two-year period and to incorporate the Treasurer's recommendations an such budgets into the overall IWWF budget.
- to recommend to the Bureau and/or Executive Board penalties to be introduced as Bye-Laws for the late payment of debts.
- to levy such penalties as approved
- to request and receive details of accounts of the Confederations, Councils and Committees.

## 10. CONGRESS

### 10.1. POWERS OF THE CONGRESS

Congress is the supreme governing body within the IWWF. Its functions shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) determining the principle lines of conduct regarding policy in general and the functioning of the Executive Board, Bureau and Councils.
- b) receiving reports on the activities of the IWWF and its financial statements.
- c) receiving the report of the Executive Director.
- d) receiving reports on decisions taken by the Executive Board and by the Bureau.
- e) receiving reports on bids for World Titled Events and decide if necessary.
- f) modifying the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- g) receiving from the Executive Board for ratification modifications to the Bye-laws and the List of Obligations for World Titled Events.
- f) deciding On other matters on the Agenda.

### 10.2. RESOLUTIONS

A resolution is an expression of intention or agreement or decision by the members of a company. In relation to companies incorporated under English law, resolutions and the procedures by which they are adopted are regulated by statutory provisions found in the Companies Act 1985. Failure to comply with such regulations would potentially render a resolution that was purportedly adopted, void or voidable. The formal resolutions recognised under English law are:

#### 10.2.1. Ordinary Resolution

An ordinary resolution is not defined by the Companies Act 1985 (the "Act") but is the resolution used for all matters not requiring another type of resolution under the Act or the company's articles of association (the "Articles"). An ordinary resolution may be adopted by way of a simple majority at a general meeting of a company, *i.e.*, more than 50% of the members who are entitled to attend, and vote do so in favour of the

resolution. Other than in relation to the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Company or any other general meeting convened for the adoption of a special resolution (see below), not less than fourteen (14) days’ advance written notice to all members is required to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”) of the Company where only ordinary resolutions are tabled. Subject to compliance with certain provisions of the Act, shorter or, in certain instances, longer notice may be given to convene such EGM.

#### **10.2.2. Special Resolution**

A special resolution is one which has been adopted by a majority of not less than 75% of members who are entitled to attend and vote, and who do so at a general meeting of which not less than twenty-one (21) days’ advance written notice has been given.

Special resolutions are required for important matters such as alterations to the memorandum and articles of association and change of the company’s name. Subject to compliance with certain provisions of the Act, the notice period for the calling of a general meeting at which a special resolution is tabled or required may be shortened.

A copy of a special resolution must be filed with the Registrar of Companies within fifteen (15) days of it being passed.

#### **10.2.3. Extraordinary Resolution**

An extraordinary resolution is one which has been passed by such majority as is required for a special resolution, *i.e.*, not less than 75% of members who are entitled to attend and vote. Where only extraordinary resolutions are to be proposed at a general meeting (other than the AGM) of the company, not less than Twenty-one (21) days advance written notice to all members is required to convene such general meeting.

Extraordinary resolutions are required for certain matters relating to winding-up of the company and the modification of class rights.

A copy of an extraordinary resolution must be filed with the Registrar of Companies within fifteen (15) days of it being passed.

#### **10.2.4. Elective Resolution**

Despite any contrary provision in the Articles, a company may adopt a resolution in general meeting for any of the following purposes:

Election as to dispense with laying of accounts and reports before the members at general meeting;

- a) Election to dispense with holding of an AGM;
- b) Election to dispense with annual appointment of auditors.

Such a resolution is known as an elective resolution and must be adopted by all members entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting convened by not less than twenty-one (21) days’ advance written notice stating that the elective resolution is to be proposed and stating the terms of the resolution. Subject to compliance with certain provisions under the Act, the notice period may be shortened. A copy of an elective resolution must be filed with the Registrar of Companies within fifteen (15) days of it being passed.

#### **10.2.5. Written Resolution**

Anything which a company can do by resolution (whether ordinary, special, extraordinary or elective) of the members in general meeting can be done without a meeting and advance written notice having been given by way of a resolution in writing. Such resolutions are known as written resolutions and each must be signed by, or on behalf of, all members who, at the ‘date of the resolution’, would be entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting that would have been convened to adopt such resolution if not for the written resolution.

The ‘date of resolution’ means the date on which the resolution is signed by, or on behalf of, the last member to sign. All signatures need not be on the same document provided each copy accurately states the terms of the resolution.

### **11. DIVISIONAL COUNCILS**

Water skiing has the following Divisional Councils:

- Barefoot
- Cableski
- Disabled
- Racing
- Showski



- Tournament
- Wakeboard ~~(including Wakesurf)~~
- Cable Wakeboard

**11.1. DUTIES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Each Divisional Council shall be responsible for preparing and proposing promotion and development plans for its division and shall have, at a minimum, the following duties:

- to establish Technical Rules for World Titled Events and Homologated events.
- to establish practical and theoretical examinations of international judges and officials.
- to examine and approve the site, the installations and equipment as appropriate for World Titled Events.
- to set the conditions to be observed for the establishment and the homologation of records.
- to maintain Standings and Rankings Lists of athletes in the IWWF according to their verified performances in homologated competitions.
- to circulate minutes of the Council meetings without undue delay.
- to report to the Executive Board and refer any matters as appropriate to the Executive Board for guidance.

Each Council Chairman may delegate roles and duties to their Council member as is necessary to share the work load. If any Council member does not fulfil their duties to the satisfaction of the Council, the Council chairman can request the Confederation President to consider the removal of the member from the Council and the appointment of a replacement.

Each Council may make their own policies and procedures on how they want to conduct their business. However, Byelaws 11.2, 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5 shall apply to every Council.

**11.2. COMPOSITION & VOTING**

Each Council shall have nine (9) voting members and up to five (5) alternates from the five Continental Confederations. Three (3) plus one (1) alternate each from Asia and Oceania, three (3) plus one (1) alternate each from Europe and Africa and three (3) plus one (1) alternate from the Americas with a recommendation that there should be at least one voting member or alternate from each of the five Continental Confederations. In the case that a voting Council member cannot attend a meeting, he should be replaced by an alternate from his Confederation if possible. No more than two (2) of these nine (9) voting members shall come from the same federation.

**In the case where a discipline is not active in all Confederations and without a Council Confederation, the President(s) of those Confederations will assist to fill the roles from interested individuals.**

As set out in Byelaw 13.1, the IWWF Athletes Commission shall appoint one member to each Council. Councils have the authority to appoint one other voting member if they feel it necessary for the work of the council.

This will give a maximum of eleven (11) voting members.

There shall be no proxy voting.

Except where stated otherwise in the divisional Technical Rules all voting shall be determined by simple majority.

As set out in Byelaw 13.1, the Athletes Commission shall also appoint an Alternate member.

Alternate members may attend meetings and shall have voice but no vote unless replacing an absent member.

A Council Chairman may invite such individuals with voice and no vote to attend all or part of a meeting as may be necessary to fulfil the functions of the Council.

**11.3. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Council shall meet biennially at the Divisional World Championships.

It is however recommended that the Council schedule a second meeting in the off year either in person, via teleconference, video conference or similar electronic medium.

**11.4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman shall be elected from among and by the members of the Council every two years to coincide with the meeting at the Divisional World Championships.

Any vacancy in the role of Chairman at any time will be filled by a further election and will be valid until the next election meeting.

It is recommended but not mandated that the Chairman of a World Council should not also be the Chairman of a Continental Confederation Council.

#### **11.5. ELECTION OF EB REPRESENTATIVE**

The EB Representative shall be elected from among and by the members of the Council every two years to coincide with the meeting at the Divisional World Championships.

It is recommended that the Council Chair be the EB representative.

Any vacancy in the role of EB Representative will be filled by a further election and will be valid until the next election meeting.

#### **11.6. BUREAU AND EXECUTIVE BOARD AUTHORITY**

In the case where the IWWF Bureau believes a Council decision is against the best interest of the sport as a whole, the Bureau has the right to request the Council to reconsider its decision and the Council is given the relevant reasons. In the event of a disagreement, the Executive Board will have the final decision.

### **12. COMMITTEES**

#### **12.1. SET UP OF COMMITTEES**

The Executive Board and the Bureau may establish Committees charged with the study of precisely defined matters on which they shall report their findings with proposals for measures to be taken or with specific duties.

At present the special committees are:

- Anti-Doping Committee – with TUE Sub-Committee and AD Hearing Panel
- ~~Cable Development – removed~~
- Coaching and Development
- Environment & Safety
- Hall of Fame
- **Media & Communications (new)**
- ~~Marketing & Media~~
- Medical
- Multi-Sport Games
- **Safe Sport (new)**
- **Sports Business (new)**
- **WakeSurf (new)**
- Women in Sport
- ~~World Cup Management – removed~~
- ~~Water Ski World Cup – removed~~
- ~~Wakeboard World Cup – removed~~

#### **12.2. COMPOSITION**

The Chairman shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The committee shall include at least one person from each Confederation with a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 persons. The EB may appoint one of their members to sit on the committee.

### **13. COMMISSIONS**

#### **13.1. ATHLETES COMMISSION**

The Athletes Commission will consist of ten (10) athletes, three (3) from the Tournament division (from different Confederations), one (1) each from the Barefoot, Boat Wakeboard, Cable Ski, Cable Wakeboard, Disabled, Racing and Showski disciplines.

By email ballot, the Commission members shall elect from amongst its members one (1) athlete to serve as chair for a two-year term at the conclusion of all the world championships taking place in the odd year.

The Athletes Commission shall also appoint from amongst its members two (2) representatives, preferably from different disciplines and different genders, to the Executive Board.

The three Tournament athletes on the Commission shall appoint one representative to the Tournament Council as a voting member with the other two athletes serving as alternates.

Each of the athletes representing the seven other Councils shall serve as the representative on his Council or appoint another athlete meeting the same eligibility requirements to that position. They shall be voting members and serve as representatives for a two-year term.

Each of the athletes representing the seven other Councils shall also appoint an alternate member.

### **13.1.1. Definition of an Elite Athlete**

Elite athletes must be:

1. members of an Affiliated Federation of the IWWF; and
2. have competed in
  - (a) at least one of the three (3) Open World Championships in their sport division previous to the one held during their sport division election year; or
  - (b) the Open World Championships in their sport division during the sport division election year; or
  - (c) a World Cup during the previous four (4) years before their sport division election year; or
  - (d) a World Cup during their sport division election year.

### **13.2. SPECIAL COMMISSIONS**

Special commissions are set up like the Councils but will have no Council status. They are working under the responsibility of the Executive Board or a specific Council and are charged to govern a discipline or a specific category of events.

At present the special commissions are:

- World University Waterski & Wakeboard

## **14. OFFICIAL COMPETITONS**

### **14.1. DESCRIPTIONS**

The following words may not be used in the title of a competition without the authority of the Executive Board or Bureau:

- "World" or related/similar terminology in any language
- "Intercontinental" or related/similar terminology in any language
- "Championships" applied to competitions other than those involving only members of the same Federation or Continental Confederation.

The organisers of all competitions containing the words "World" or "Intercontinental" in their title are bound by the provisions in the Letter of Agreement and Obligations which form an addendum to these Bye-laws.

No affiliated member Federation or Confederation may promote or support any event containing the words "World" or "Intercontinental" in its title unless it has received approval from the Executive Board or Bureau.

### **14.2. RIGHTS**

The rights to all competitions described in Art. 14.1 containing the words "World" or "Intercontinental" on their title belong to IWWF. The Bureau is empowered to negotiate such contracts and sign the Letter of Agreement and Obligations together with the appropriate Council Chairman on behalf of the IWWF.

### **14.3. RESTRICTION**

No other Water ski competition shall be allowed to take place on the same site in conjunction with a World Titled Event without prior approval of the relevant council and the Executive Board.

### **14.4. CALENDAR**

A Calendar for World Titled Events for the next two years shall be finalised 14 days after a Congress.

No event shall be approved for the Calendar unless the organiser has returned the signed Letter of Agreement and Obligations and Indemnity to the President of the IWWF and provided the required guarantee.

#### **14.5. ENTRY FEES**

No entry fees shall be payable for events subject to the Letter of Agreement and Obligations, unless specified at the time the bid is approved.

### **15. CATEGORIES OF EVENTS**

#### **15.1. MULTI-SPORT GAMES**

The participation of Water Skiing at World or any other Regional Multi-Sport Games shall take place under the authority of the IWWF or the appropriate Confederation.

**The selection of officials for Multi-Sport Games shall be carried out with the same principles as defined under 15.2.9 for World Titled Events. The nomination process will be undertaken by the relevant World or Confederation Councils according to the title of the event.**

#### **15.2. TITLED EVENTS**

A titled event is one for which the Letter of Agreement and Obligations forms a contract between the host Federation and IWWF.

##### **15.2.1. Bidding for titled events**

Federations may bid for such events up to six (6) years in advance of the date proposed for the event. Bids must be in writing, submitted to the President with copies to the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Council concerned. To be considered at an Annual Congress full bids with the required guarantee should arrive at least 30 days beforehand.

Bids shall be in writing and should be supported by the following:

- Confirmation that the List of Obligations will be fully honoured
- Proposed site with maps and pictures if possible
- Dates of training and competition
- Accommodation and costs
- Name of proposed sponsor if known
- Visa requirements
- Any proposed entry fee and charge for tickets to the final dinner including the currency in which it will be payable.
- Currency used for hotel and other expenses and which credit cards will be accepted for such payments.

Bids for events within three (3) years shall be submitted in writing to the same persons with the same information's as above for approval by the Executive Board.

Once a bid has been accepted no exceptions to the List of Obligations will be permitted unless approved by the Executive Board or Bureau.

Any contract entered into by the organiser before the Letter of Agreement and Obligations has been signed and returned shall be at the organisers own risk.

##### **15.2.2. Precedence**

The order of precedence of the Executive Board members at events organised under the auspices of IWWF is:

- The President
- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer
- The Chairman of the Council concerned
- The President of the Host Confederation
- The Presidents of the other Confederations
- The members of the Executive Board

### 15.2.3. Rules of Eligibility for Competitors and Officials

Rules of Eligibility for competitors and officials shall be determined by each Divisional Council, for Bureau approval.

### 15.2.4. Late Entries for titled events

Unless otherwise specified in the Technical Rules of a Division, the following will apply:

A late entry fee of 10 Swiss Francs per day per athlete shall be levied on each entry not received 10 days before the first official day of familiarisation or the first day of competition if there is no familiarisation.

Late entries will only be accepted with the consent of the Organiser and Chief Judge.

### 15.2.5. Medals and Titles

The distribution of the IWWF medals (gold, silver, bronze) at World Titled Events shall be determined by each Divisional Council but subject to approval by the Executive Board.

Each Divisional Council shall decide whether a World Championships or a World Trophy (no titles) shall be held. Such decision shall be stated by the Council before the bid is made. Once a Championships has been held it cannot revert to a Trophy.

### 15.2.6. Prize-giving ceremony

Medal ceremonies for each of the Events will take place at the site of the respective Event. The President (or his duly appointed representative as the case may be) shall decide who shall present the medals for the Events. Medals may be presented by the President himself, the appropriate Council Chairman or by members of the Executive Board. The President (or his duly appointed representative as the case may be) may select other persons as presenters.

The Organiser undertakes skiers will follow for the ceremony the guidelines on clothing extracted from the Byelaws of the IOC and attached to this Schedule.

The Organiser shall procure that:

- skiers are dressed in their official team uniform.
- the winner will be in the centre of the podium with second on the left and third on the right (when facing the podium).
- skiers will be called to the podium and presentation made in the order - third, second, first.
- after the three medals have been awarded a short version of the anthem of the winner's nation will be played and during the playing of the anthem the flags of the medal winners' nations will be raised.

### 15.2.7. Dress for Officials

Officials shall wear at the World Championships the appropriate cloths as determined by each Divisional Council, for Bureau approval.

### 15.2.8. Dress at award ceremonies

It is the responsibility of each National Federation to ensure its medal winners wear the appropriate team uniform. Personal sponsorship on clothing shall not be permitted.

### 15.2.9. Selection process for the ~~chief~~ officials

**The officials for a World Titled event shall be selected by the relevant Sports Division World Council or Commission. The method of their selection shall be detailed in the relevant Sports Division Rules and open to all qualified officials throughout the world.**

**The timeline for appointments shall be such that the final Officials Panel can be notified no later than 8 months before the start date of the event.**

**In the case of the Chief Judge for all World Titled events, the name of the nominated Chief Judge shall be**

submitted to the IWWF President for ratification with a resume outlining expertise and experience. The IWWF President shall accept and ratify this nomination unless there is just cause for not doing so. If the President rejects the proposed nomination, he will notify the relevant Sports Division Council or Commission asking for a new nomination.

When the officials' panel is finalised including the Chief Judge, it shall be sent to the IWWF President and Executive Director BEFORE being published. The IWWF President shall then formally notify in writing all the appointed officials personally including the Chief Judge with copies to the federation of the official and the relevant Divisional World Council or Commission.

After which the names of the panel may be made public by the relevant Council.

15.2.10. REMOVED

15.2.11. REMOVED

15.2.12. REMOVED

### 15.2.13. Eligibility of transgender/transsexual/sexual reassigned athletes

The IWWF adheres to current International Olympic Committee criteria for eligibility for transgender/transsexual/sexual reassigned athletic participation in IWWF sanctioned events. All relevant decisions will be made by the IWWF Medical Committee according to such criteria and will be final."

## 15.3. WORLD CUP

The World Cup is a series of events to support and promote our sport, Cities, Regions and Sponsors who demand greater recognition for their sporting and tourist facilities, culture, products and services.

The aims of the World Cup are:

- To provide worldwide exposure for the sports of Waterskiing and Wakeboarding.
- To help promote waterskiing and wakeboarding in a variety of countries and venues.
- To offer the top skiers and riders the possibility of additional income and recognition.

The World Cup is organised and managed by the World Cup Management Committee which reports to the IWWF Executive Board. The World Cup must be self-funding. A Sanction Fee for each World Cup stop is paid to the IWWF. The World Cup Management Committee decides (1) if a venue is suitable to host a World Cup and (2) if an event fulfils the criteria to be given the official designation of "IWWF World Cup stop". The IWWF Councils are not involved in World Cup management decisions, but will be consulted when appropriate with respect to technical aspects of the competition.

## 16. INSURANCE

### 16.1. PERSONAL INSURANCE - COMPETITORS

It is the responsibility of each Federation when entering competitors for a World Titled Event to ensure that its competitors are adequately insured for personal accident, permanent disabilities, death and medical expenses.

### 16.2. PERSONAL INSURANCE - OFFICIALS

The IWWF shall insure the Executive Board, Executive Director and Council members, for competitions and meetings which they attend and all Officials whom it appoints to events covered by the Letter of Agreement and Obligations. The insurance cover shall be:

Death:	500,000.-- Swiss Francs
Permanent Disability:	500,000.-- Swiss Francs

Cover will be effective from the commencement of their travel to the competition or meeting and continue until the safe conclusion of their travel after the event or meeting to their home, place of work or next place of stay, whichever is reached first.

### 16.3. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of each member Federation of IWWF to have valid insurance cover for Public Liability of a minimum of 2 Million Swiss Francs for any and all accidents, physical or material, caused to third parties by the

organisers, their helpers, assistants or other persons taking part in the event. This shall also apply to the material and installations used in the competition, during the training, competition and at any time during the event. This shall apply to all events, races or competitions.

## **17. OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS**

Competitors competing in competitions shall at all times comply with the Rules governing competitions.

In the case of an infraction sanctions varying from a written warning to temporary or permanent exclusion from IWWF activities may be applied by the appropriate authority (see art. 19.2). The Appeals procedure shall be as art. 20.1.

Competitors participating in any titled event under the authority of IWWF or any other competition covered by these Bye-laws accept them without restriction.

## **18. OBLIGATIONS OF OFFICIALS**

Officials, whether or not appointed to an event, shall act in a proper manner in keeping with their responsibilities and positions.

At all times they shall:

- Act impartially, completely disregarding nationality.
- Be in possession of and follow scrupulously and conscientiously all rules and regulations published by the IWWF.
- Comply with the decisions of the Chief Judge and/or the Jury.
- Make no personal comments, either in private or in public, on matters which are or have been the subject of discussion within the Jury.
- Uphold the authority and dignity of the IWWF.
- Attend all events to which they are appointed unless having given prior reasonable notice to the organisers.

In the case of an infraction sanctions varying from a written warning to temporary or permanent exclusion from IWWF activities may be applied by the appropriate authority (see art. 19.2). Appeals procedure shall be as art. 20.1.

## **19. DISCIPLINE**

No athlete, official, athlete's family or representative shall transgress the generally accepted norms of ethical sporting behaviour.

Federations or athletes may be held responsible for the actions of an athlete's family or representative.

The appointed team officials are responsible for the behaviour on and off the water of their athletes from the time of arrival to the time of departure from the competition.

### **19.1. INFRINGEMENTS**

Such transgressions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Violence or injury to others
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Insulting or offensive words or behaviour
- Abuse of equipment
- Substance abuse

### **19.2. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

In the case of failure to observe the rules National Federations have responsibility in case of non-observation of these rules to apply sanctions where the infringement falls within their jurisdiction. They shall inform IWWF, the Confederations and all other Federations of the action taken. Other Federations so notified shall, where applicable, enforce the sanction.

Otherwise, failure to comply with these rules shall be subject to a disciplinary action varying from a written reprimand to temporary or permanent exclusion from IWWF activities.

The disciplinary action may be taken by

- the Bureau
- the Executive Board
- the Divisional Council
- the Chief Judge and/or the Jury

Action taken by the Chief Judge and/or Jury shall have effect at the time and place of the competition at which the infraction occurs and shall be limited to that competition.

A report of the complaint and the action taken shall be made to the World Divisional Council and to the Federation of the person concerned within 14 days.

An infraction calling for action beyond that applicable to a competition shall be reported to the Bureau by the Chief Judge, the Organiser and the World Divisional Chairman within seven (7) days of the occurrence, accompanied by depositions from Officials concerned and/or witness to the infraction. The Bureau shall afford the parties concerned an opportunity to state their case which may include depositions from witnesses and other evidence.

Action taken by the Bureau shall be notified to the offender, their Federation and the World Divisional Council as soon as possible.

In the case of a more serious offence, the Bureau shall refer the matter to the Executive Board for action. The Executive Board shall investigate the matter and decide by postal/fax exchange or at a meeting, the action to be taken.

The Secretary General shall notify the offender, their Confederation, Federation and the World Divisional Council as soon as action is decided upon.

Action decided upon by the Bureau or the Executive Board shall be suspended if the Federation concerned takes action which, in the opinion of the Bureau or the Executive Board is appropriate and sufficient. Such action taken by a Federation must be notified to the Bureau within 30 days of the infraction, or when the action to be taken by the Bureau or the Executive Board is to come into effect, whichever is the sooner.

## **20. SANCTIONS**

For contravention of any Article or Bye-laws the Executive Board may apply such sanctions as it deems appropriate including

- imposition of a fine.
- removal of the whole or part of the Federation's voting power at the Congress.
- suspension for a period of time or from a specified competition or competitions of the Federation's Team or competitors.

### **20.1. APPEALS**

In case of a sanction taken other than at a competition the person concerned may have recourse to the Appeals Committee (see art. 20.2)

Appeals against decisions to be valid shall be sent to the President of IWWF, Secretary General, the Confederation, National Federation and the Council chairman concerned within 15 days of the receipt of the decision being contested.

### **20.2. APPEALS COMMITTEE**



The Executive Board shall select an Appeals Committee of 5 persons for a 2 year term. They shall not be members of the Executive Board or a Divisional Council.

In case of a vacancy occurring the remaining members of the Appeals Committee will appoint a person to fill that vacancy until the next Congress.

A member of the Appeals Committee personally involved in a dispute shall be replaced for the duration of the hearing. The remaining members of the Appeals Committee will appoint a person to fill the temporary vacancy.

Decisions of the Appeals Committee are subject only to further appeal to the Court of Arbitration of Sport.

## **21. ARBITRATION**

### **21.1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The overall aim of these article is to avoid unnecessary conflicts within our sport by means of an agreed procedure for unforeseen disputes in areas not covered by existing rules. The points below shall not overrule, overlap or interfere with Statutes, Bye-laws, competition rules, or disciplinary measures described elsewhere in documents adopted by the Congress.

The article shall apply to, and settle, all issues or disputes extending across the boundaries between any and all of the parties mentioned in art. 21.2 including:

- financial claims
- alleged violations of Statutes, Bye-laws and other official rules adopted by the IWWF
- disputes over the interpretation of same
- disputes over alleged unfair or unsportsmanlike conduct
- other administrative or organisational disputes.
- bringing the sport into disrepute.

The article shall not apply to:

- disputes over competition and disciplinary rules, or other subjects where full authority resides with the IWWF
- disputes within any single country
- issues that are unrelated to the sport of water skiing
- issues involving civil or criminal offences under the jurisdiction of any member country.

### **21.2. PARTIES CONCERNED**

Committed by the rules will be the IWWF, its Bureau, Executive Board, Councils, Committees, Confederations, Affiliated Members, Athletes and clubs of Affiliated Members and officials.

Also committed will be outside organisers of an international competition, whether commercial or not and it will be the responsibility of the relevant Federation to see that this requirement is observed.

### **21.3. COMPULSORY ARBITRATION**

If a claim or a dispute cannot be resolved by mutual agreement within 12 months of its origin, either party is entitled to demand a settlement by arbitration. The demand for arbitration shall be made by registered letter to the President and Secretary General of the IWWF, with a copy to the other party or parties.

### **21.4. INITIATION OF ARBITRATION**

Arbitration may be initiated upon expiration of the said 12 months by any of the parties or by the IWWF President with a copy to both parties involved.

In case of urgency, arbitration may be initiated prior to the expiry of 12 months, provided the IWWF President gives his consent in writing.

### **21.5. METHOD OF ARBITRATION**

Disputes which cannot be settled by agreement between the parties shall be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport as a final authority. The decision of the Court shall be final and binding on all parties.

**22. AWARDS & RECOGNITION OF SERVICES**

**22.1. DIVISIONAL SKIER / RIDER OF THE YEAR**

At the end of each season each Divisional Council of the IWWF will be asked to choose their Male and Female skiers/riders of the year. In choosing their skier/rider of the year each Council should ensure the award is based on athletic achievement in the current year. The results of each skier/rider should be considered in an unbiased manner.

Once chosen these skiers or riders will be announced as:

Barefoot	Barefooters of the Year
Cableski	Cable Skiers of the Year
Disabled	Disabled Skiers of the Year
Racing	Ski Racers of the Year
Showski	Show Skiers of the Year
Tournament	Skiers of the Year
Wakeboard Boat	Riders of the Year
Wakeboard Cable	Cable Riders of the Year

**22.2. IWWF ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

At the end of each season the skiers and riders chosen under Article 22.1 will be named to the IWWF Executive Board. The EB members will then vote to choose the Male and Female IWWF Athletes of the Year.

**Election process of Athlete of the Year**

The Election will be a closed ballot of the EB members sent only to the Administrative Office for tallying. Each Executive Board member MUST vote for a first and second choice from the recommended nominations of the Councils. First choice will be assigned two points and second choice will be assigned as one point. The nominee with the most votes will be judged the winner.

The winners will be known by the title IWWF Athletes of the Year.

**22.3. ORDER OF MERIT**

The International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation may confer an award named the "Order of Merit" upon any person who, in any capacity, has rendered particularly outstanding service within the aims of the IWWF internationally. This award shall be granted by the Executive Board on behalf of the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation and shall consist of a specially created award.

Nominations for consideration for the Order of Merit may be submitted by any EB member, Council, Committee or Commission.

*These Bye-laws were approved by the Congress at Biella on September 27, 2001 and additional changes were made by the Congress in Roquebrune on September 21, 2002 and the Congress in Howey in the Hills on September 18, 2003.*

*Further changes were approved by the IWWF Congresses in Austria in August 2007, Calgary in 2009, Dubna in 2011, Santiago in 2013, Chapala 2015 and Paris 2017.*

*They are in force with immediate effect.*

*The latest changes made by the Executive Board since the 2017 Congress are shown in red.*

*They come into immediate effect once sent to all Members.*

*These will be ratified by the Congress in 2019.*