

**AWSA  
EASTERN REGION  
WINTER MEETING**

**RULES COMMITTEE REPORT  
JANUARY 11, 2014**

The AWSA Rules Committee Meeting was held in Texas on Nov. 16, 2013. Both Lee Mershon and Gary Noll attended. The following are the rule proposals that the committee voted to approve. The full Rules Committee report is in the BOD Meeting packet posted on the AWSA East website. Thank you for letting us represent the Eastern Region.

**RULE PROPOSALS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE:**

**PROPOSAL 1: ADD Class X**

**(Red is new; blue is existing but rearranged)**

**1.02.B Tournament Classification ....**

**4. CLASS X - Used for experimental formats; i.e. change in course configuration, different boat speeds, etc., where scores WOULD NOT be placed on the ranking lists. Also see Rule 1.09 C.**

**C. Tournament classifications may be combined. For example, a Class R tournament may be run in conjunction with a Class C (or other).**

**D. Tournament fees: Please see USA-WS website under AWSA heading. Additional regional fees are also shown. (Class X equal to those for Class F, Bob Mayhew)**

**1.03 Sponsor Qualifications...**

D. Class F (Grass Roots) **and X** Tournaments: No experience qualifications are necessary.

**1.09 Tournament Limitations**

**A. SANCTION PERIOD LIMITATION: Tournaments, except the US Nationals, shall be sanctioned for a period of not more than six consecutive days, except where an official postponement is necessary for reasons of safety.**

***B. TOURNAMENTS PER DAY: Except for the Nationals, U.S. Open, and Team Trials, a tournament site or sponsor shall be limited to a single tournament each per day***

***C. ROUNDS PER TOURNAMENT: There shall not more than three rounds per tournament unless subsequent rounds after the third round are elimination based or sanctioned as Class X.*** Also, see Rule 13.01.A.

Rationale: This would allow the scoring to actually be captured and evaluated. Right now the scoring program had nowhere to send this information. Discussion regarding this proposal involved the current gate proposal changes that should be evaluated to decide if there is a need or desire to change. Most of the wording is exactly the same just reformatted. Now it includes the Class X wording and changed the "per" day to "each" day.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL 2:**

***ADD: 1.15 Judging Standards***

***When a judgment call is too close to call and cannot be decided by allowable reviews, then the benefit of the doubt shall go to the skier.***

Rationale: We felt it is necessary to state our standard for judging. This ideal has been in our clinic manual and it needs to be included in the rules.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL 3:**

**3.06 Performance Rankings**

**ADD:** Within each age division, each skier is ranked in each event and overall. The ability levels are 3 through 8, with 8 being the highest level ***in each age division.*** ***Level 9 is the elite ranking level, as defined in Rule 3.03.*** The ranking list is continually updated.

Rationale: There have been questions as to why level 9 isn't mentioned and felt there was a need to clarify this area.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL 4:**

**4.02:** Change the dates in the first paragraph next to last sentence.

Rationale: Clean up item regarding exempt competitors for international events.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL 5:**

**4.03A** section 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence the “telephone directory” is not being printed in the majority of states and we need to have an alternative reference here. I would suggest the address contained in the USA-WS membership database .

Rationale: From Jeff Clark. Will fix in rulebook.

**APPROVE**

**PROPOSAL 6:**

***ADD: Rule 6.03I***

***Judging for all events must be performed on the tournament site.***

Rationale: Felt that there was a need to make sure that events are judged from the tournament site. All of the officials should be watching and helping to make sure the tournament is running smoothly. They can't do that if they are not on site. Did not want to add any more requirements and add officials.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL 7: Disqualification Proposal moved to the end of approval proposals.**

**PROPOSAL 8:**

**Rules 8.02.D & E – Proposed Version**

**D. Boat Selection: For the National and U.S. Open Tournaments, the selection of boats and the assignment of boats to specific events shall be made by USA Water Ski Headquarters. National Towboat selection shall occur no later than July 1st. For Regionals, USA Water Ski Headquarters shall make the selection of boats, and the assignment shall be made by the Chief Judge and the Chief Boat Driver. At all other tournaments, the selection of towboats**

shall be made by the Chief Boat Driver, with the approval of the Chief Judge.

- E. Boat Use in Each Event:** The same driver and boat shall be used by all contestants in each Slalom and Jumping event, except in cases where two drivers of similar abilities and two boats **of the same model and manufacturer** are available, in which case the Chief Judge may decide to use two drivers and two boats in the same event in an alternating manner. Alternating manner shall mean the next available towboat will be used. However, in Jumping and Slalom tie run-offs, only one boat and driver shall be used. For the Tricks event, the skier may select a boat from any of the designated towboats, and two teams of drivers and boat officials may be assigned to the Tricks event at the option of the Chief Judge.

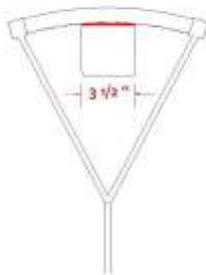
Rationale: The two main rules have been restructured and condensed. The highlighted area is the only change. The committee feels that the intent of this is to have the same manufacturer's boat pull an event when using two boats. The only time a "similar" boat is used is if there is a tow boat breakdown.

**APPROVED (OK with Towboat Committee)**

**PROPOSAL 9:**

**8.04D** The handle or handle assembly shall be made of 2.5 cm - 2.8 cm (1" to 1.25")..... ***When measuring curved handles a 3.5" (9cm) wide block will be used to equal out the curve.***

Rationale: This equalizes and standardizes the way curved handles are measured. The edge of the block closest to the inside of the handle is where the measurement will start. This diagram will be put into the back of the rule book for reference on how to measure along with wording.



Block edge furthest from the attaching loop is the official measurement point for ALL handles, both curved and straight.

**APPROVED (TC committee also)**

**PROPOSAL 10:**

**8.10F** If the skier supplies his own 80# jump switch, then the skier shall accept responsibility for any malfunction of the switch, including malfunctions that produce an out of tolerance time. When a malfunction results in a fast time **and the skier is at maximum speed**, the jump shall be scored as a pass. When a malfunction results in **either** a slow time **or a fast time and the skier is below maximum speed**, the skier shall accept the distance as his score, with no option of a reride.

Rationale: These items were omitted when we redid the interpretations. This is a clean-up item which matches the intent of the rule.

**APPROVE**

**PROPOSAL 11:**

Original proposal was voted down but still felt there was a need for a rule change. A second proposal was submitted.

**9.07 Boat Path**

The jumper shall tell the boat driver at what off-set distance to pass the ramp. The boat **driver** shall follow a straight path parallel to the course **and parallel to the right side of the ramp and shall not deviate the boat path or speed at any time in order to accommodate the skier's distance, landing, or ride-out.**

Rationale: Many drivers are either veering towards the jumper or away to what they think is helping the ride out. This is not allowed.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL 12:**

**10.03B** – Add the wording from IWWF Rule 14.06.b as the last sentence at the end of 10.03.B:

***A skier shall be judged as missing the entry or exit gate when the center of the ski passes to the outside of the center of the gate buoy as shown in the diagram below.***

{DIAGRAM}

Rationale: In our rewrite it looked like we omitted the wording regarding judging the gates. Also move the chart to be nearer to that wording. This is the same wording as IWWF.

**APPROVE**

**PROPOSAL 13:**

**10.03C Add: A skier who misses their entry gate on their first pass, but goes on to complete the remainder of the pass, may continue to the next pass or accept a score of zero. If the skier completes the next sequential pass (or opt-up pass), then he shall receive credit for both passes and be allowed to continue. However, if the second pass is not fully complete, then the score shall be zero.**

Rationale: This is currently what the World Cup stops put in place for sites that are rough. Maybe this would be a good option for skiers who are afraid to ski tournaments. This would probably only affect beginner skiers. It shouldn't affect a ranking list skier as most already have scores on there if they are established skiers. This is currently being discussed at the IWWF level too.

**APPROVE**

**PROPOSAL 14:**

**10.07 Boat Path**

A. The boat path is intended to be a straight line along the centerline of the course.

B. In no case shall ~~any part of~~ the towboat **pylon** deviate **by more than 20cm from the course centerline** ~~outside the bounds of the boat gates.~~

C. ~~The bounds of the boat gates shall be defined by the center of the attachment point of each buoy.~~

D. Class E tournaments also see Rule 14.04.B on Record forms.

Rationale: Submitted by Will Bush, Chair Towboat Committee. This has also been submitted to IWWF. With the size of boats getting wider the wording needed to change.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL 15:**

**10.08D2c** Each judge shall independently call the entrance gate by observing the monitor. If one or both judges did not observe the entrance gate, or the two judges should disagree, then the video would be replayed **only once, either** at normal speed **or in slow motion, ~~or frame-by-frame~~** to make the call. **See 1.15.** (If video replay is not available, the boat judge shall call the gates.)

Rationale: There have been many frustrations and questions regarding judging gates. This follows along with our trick rule and makes it so that the judges are not totally focusing on the gates. Too many reviews can override the actual score. If it is really that close as in not seeing the ball because the skier was on top, then the score should go to the skier. This also goes along with the new rule proposal #1.15.

## **APPROVE**

### **PROPOSAL 16:**

**10.06D Add: A skier cannot set a National record unless they ski at the actual age division maximum speed. An OM may not ski at 58kph set a record there and then drag that score to a 55kph division (M3). (also 14.02)**

Rationale: Several Elite skiers are reaching the age where they could set a record in an age division at a different speed even with the six buoy difference. Even though our rules allow the skier to ski at a faster speed, it is felt that to achieve a record it should be at the division's maximum speed.

## **APPROVED**

### **PROPOSAL 17:**

**11.10D** Timing Devices: In the event both timing devices should malfunction and the time is missed (or in the judgment of the majority of the event judges the time was incorrect), the judges, under the supervision of the Chief Judge, will determine the time from the official video **recording** ~~tape~~ provided the course entry buoys appear on the **recording** ~~tape~~ or a majority of the judges rule that the skier was in the course at the start of the run. If neither occurs, a reride is mandatory.

Rationale: Clean-up item

## **APPROVED**

### **PROPOSAL 18:**

**11.10E4 Add:** When weather, tournament-supplied equipment, or some other reason not the fault of the skier causes a delay of more than ten minutes between trick passes, the skier shall be allowed an unscored warm up pass, in the opposite direction of the scoring pass to be taken, with a protected score on the first pass already completed. ***If a video failure is discovered after completion of both of the skier's trick passes, then the skier shall be required to reride the affected pass(es), but shall have a protected score so long as video of a pass, or portion thereof, is available. If a reride is required on the first pass due to a video failure, then the skier shall have the option of repeating his second pass, but with an unprotected score.*** However, the Chief Judge, with the approval of the majority of the Appointed Judges, may deny this option if there is reason to believe that further delays will preclude finishing the tournament in a timely manner or otherwise work to the disadvantage of the remaining skiers.

Rationale: If there is a problem with video and more than 10 minutes have passed, the skier will receive a warm up pass only if it is the second pass since skiers will always just come off the dock and go right into the course on their first pass. Skiers feel they should be allowed to rerun the affected passes with a protected score if video of a pass is available, depending on which pass.

When there is a problem with a video run and the first pass is missed, this could impact both passes. Since tricks performed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> pass are sometimes determined by how well the first pass went, skiers want an option to run both passes over if they choose, but that second pass would not be protected. This follows the same rationale as slalom for rerides that result in timed delays.

### **APPROVED, REVISED 12-19-13**

#### **PROPOSAL 19:**

**11.12P ADD:** A Front Flip may also have a reverse.

The reverse BFL **or FFL** is defined as a BFL **or FFL** leading with the opposite shoulder and traveling in the opposite direction (right to left vs. left to right) from the original BFL **or FFL** immediately preceding it.

Rationale: Feels that this trick is just as hard the other direction and should be allowed a reverse. This is also going to IWWF (Approved)

**APPROVE** – Note also add asterisk to trick chart in back of the rule book to indicate an allowable reverse for FFL.

#### **PROPOSAL 20:**

**11.20H Add: *If video is reviewed by the event judges and they are unable to decide a trick, the Chief Judge or their qualified designee will review and make a final decision.***

Rationale: Some judges are watching the trick over and over again and delaying the tournament. Unfortunately there are still judges that are unable to call every run or just had problems. Instead of continuing to try to relook at a run bring in either the Chief Judge or another caller that won't delay the event.

**APPROVE**

**PROPOSAL 21:**

### **12.07 Safety Personnel**

The safety boat rider ***shall have a (Coast Guard approved Type III) PFD available in the boat, for immediate use*** and shore swimmer(s) shall wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets which are fastened at all times.

**Rationale:** Match the Safety Manual: "AWSA Specific:

With proper training and approval of the Safety Director the back-up-timer in the official slalom / Jump towboat may be designated as the safety swimmer. He shall have a PFD available in the boat, for immediate use. A spine board and CID should be located at the starting dock so that it can be immediately retrieved in the event of an injury requiring its' use".

It seemed that our rule required the vest to be worn and the safety manual had different requirements. Some instances it is better to not wear so this gives leeway to the safety crew.

**APPROVE: Approved by safety committee with added (Coast Guard approved Type III)**

**PROPOSAL 22:**

Chart in back regarding trick course.

***In the trick course diagram, specify the optional buoy shall be green and the entry buoy shall be red.***

Rationale: At a collegiate tournament much discussion that since colors are missing from diagram they can use any color they want?

**APPROVE TC Approval too**

## **PROPOSAL 23:**

### **13.02 Head-to-Head and Elimination Competition**

At Record Capability tournaments and below, with the express approval of the Regional Executive Vice President (cash award requires approval of the Executive Committee), Head-to-Head or **Elimination Competition** may be held. A preliminary contest for seeding may be held, or seeding can be based on previous performances, Regional, National, or World Rankings.

A. Rounds: The tournament shall consist of no more than three preliminary, non-elimination based rounds and no more than six total rounds. Scores obtained in any round may be included in the ranking list in the same manner that non-elimination based tournaments are included (i.e. generally the best round score).

B. Cutting Procedure: Each elimination round shall reduce the field of competitors advancing to a subsequent round by 50% **or more**.

Rationale: This was discussed last year and it didn't get on the agenda. There have been several tournaments that have used a similar format to encourage competition. This rule hopes to make it easier to have alternate formats. Gives organizers a little more leeway when putting on different formats encouraging competition.

## **APPROVED**

## **PROPOSAL 24:**

### **RULE 13.04 - NO GATE SLALOM FORMATS**

**A. Sanctioning: Tournaments or individual rounds must be sanctioned as Class X.**

- 1. Sanction fee is equal to that of a Class F format.**
- 2. Class X may be used for additional rounds but there can be no more than six total rounds in a tournament.**

**B. Minimal rules:**

- 1. ENTRY into official slalom course: Skier must initiate turn to buoy #1 from outside the crest of the left-hand (port side) boat wake AFTER passing the 55 meter boat guide alignment buoys. Additional buoys may or may not be used as references for skier starting points or to further restrict entry into the course.**

**2. EXIT from official slalom course: Skier must be in a skiing position and be inside (starboard side) of the left hand (port side) 55 meter boat guide alignment buoy to continue skiing. Additional buoys may or may not be used to further restrict area of exit.**

**C. Disposition of scorebooks from Class X**

**1. A copy with all scores from the tournament and a copy with just the Class X scores, both available through WSTIMS, must be sent to the LOC and to the President of AWSA.**

**2. Class X scores DO NOT go on the ranking list.**

Rationale: From Bob Mayhew, Obviously, the gate issue is an important one to a number of people with strong slalom reputations. We need to recognize this. Putting a section in the rulebook that supports a no gate format will keep things alive for this concept and the use of Class X for scoring these rounds will help with good data collection for future action.

There have been many rule proposals to change the gates. The committee would like to give organizers and skiers an opportunity to try different formats. We want to see if there is a real need to change and why? This will give us a way to collect data and make a better decision.

**APPROVE**

**PROPOSAL 25:**

**13.02A: Head to Head Rounds**

The tournament shall consist of no more than three preliminary, non-elimination based rounds and no more than six total rounds. **For skiers advancing to elimination-based rounds, their three scores shall be recorded from the preliminary round(s) and their highest score(s) from the remaining rounds, if applicable.**

Discussion: With several tournaments putting on head to head tournaments there hasn't been a clear way of putting in the head to head scores for inclusion in the tournament score book. This makes all preliminary rounds equal for all skiers. If the skiers that made it to the head to head can improve their score, then that was earned. Depending on how many preliminary rounds there are will then determine how many other scores go into the program. Ultimately only one score will go to formulate the ranking score for each skier.

**APPROVE**

## **PROPOSAL 26:**

***ADD 14.02: For a National Record, the performance must have occurred at a speed no greater than the division's maximum speed. (also 10.06D) From TC committee***

**APPROVED** ADDED TO BOTH LOCATIONS IN RULE BOOK.

## **PROPOSAL 27:**

***Put into Classification Chart: In Class E Slalom events, an ASSISTANT JUDGE may replace one of the two slalom tower judges in each tower when 5 judges are being used". (Of course...this does NOT apply to Regional and National tournaments---and maybe should be noted too).***

Rationale: This just makes it easier to find the judges requirements for all tournament classes.

**APPROVED**

## **DISQUALIFICATION PROPOSAL (#7)**

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**RATIONALE:** There is a lack of clarity regarding exactly what disqualification means and how it is to be implemented. If a skier is disqualified for a certain infraction, should that skier remain eligible for placement? Does the disqualification apply to only that round or to the entire tournament? If a skier is disqualified at Regionals, should he be eligible to enter and compete in Nationals? When a skier is disqualified, how should it be recorded in the scorebook – as a zero, as a disqualification, or are the scores omitted entirely? When is a report to the AWSA Board of Directors required?

To answer these questions, Rule 7.07 needs to define what disqualification means, specify how a disqualification is to be implemented in the scorebook, explain the process by which a contestant may be disqualified, and define which rule violations are serious enough to warrant disqualification. In this proposal, disqualification is defined as depriving a contestant of the right to participate in or win a tournament because of a violation of the rules. The exact wording of the proposed definition (in Rule 7.07.A) addresses all six handling issues outlined in Dave Clark's "Rules Infractions and Handling" table. Infractions that the Rules Committee does not deem serious enough to receive the full weight of this new definition of disqualification are proposed to be moved to other sections of the rule book, with the lesser consequences of those infractions detailed there, without use of the word "disqualification."

This proposal affects several areas of the rule book, so for clarity, the proposal is described in seven parts (Part A-G), with additional rationale and explanation included in each part.

## **Part A – Proposed Revisions to Rule 7.07**

**RATIONALE:** The proposal below for Rule 7.07 defines disqualification, how a disqualification should be recorded in the scorebook, the process by which a skier is disqualified, and which infractions warrant disqualification.

Also, some sections of the existing rule are moved to other areas of the rule book. Not being ready to ski should not subject a skier to disqualification as defined in the proposed 7.07.A. Therefore, this language is removed and inserted into Rules 9.01, 10.01, and 11.01, the "General" sections for Jump, Slalom, and Tricks, as detailed in Part B below. Likewise, passing between the boat and the ramp should not subject a skier to disqualification as now defined, so this language is removed and inserted into Rule 9.03, as detailed in Part C below. Finally, interference by the quick-release operator should not subject a skier to disqualification as now defined, so this language is removed and inserted into Rule 11.18, as detailed in Part D below. Misrepresentation of age or ranking is removed as its own section (7.07.F) and incorporated in the newly proposed section 7.07.C.

### **7.07 Disqualification**

- A. ~~**Not Ready to Ski: Any contestant who fails to be on immediate hand and in condition to ski when the boat is ready for the contestant shall be disqualified from the remainder of the event in that round. However, the Chief Judge or his designee, may grant up to three additional minutes for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the contestant's turn to ski (e.g., ripped binding).**~~  
**General: Disqualification is the most severe penalty that a skier may receive in competition. When disqualified, a skier is barred from continued participation in the tournament in all rounds and all events and is ineligible for placement in any event or overall. Any scores recorded prior to the skier's disqualification shall be removed from the scorebook, and the scorebook shall be amended to reflect the skier's status as disqualified. Any skier who is disqualified at a Regional Tournament shall be ineligible to enter and compete in the National Tournament.**
- B. **Disqualification Procedures: Contestants may be disqualified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges for any one of the reasons listed in Sections C-E below. The Chief Judge shall submit a written report to the AWSA Board of Directors regarding any such disqualification.**

***C. Cheating: A skier shall be subject to disqualification procedures if he (or his representative) willfully violates the rules to gain an unfair advantage in competition. This shall include misrepresentation of age or ranking. Handle lengths that are found to be out of tolerance after a skier's performance shall not be considered a willful violation of the rules or a cause for disqualification. (See Rule 10.16.B.2.b regarding slalom handles out of tolerance.)***

~~***B. D. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Any contestant (or his representative) or official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike or whose conduct may cause discredit to USA Water Ski, either on or off the tournament site before, during, or after the tournament, may be disqualified from participation in the tournament. by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges. The Chief Judge shall submit a report to the AWSA Board of Directors regarding any such disqualification.***~~

~~***C. Passing Between the Boat and Jump Ramp in the Jumping Event: See Rule 9.18.***~~

~~***D. Interference by Quick-Release Operator: See Rules 11.16.B and 11.18.***~~

E. Under the Influence of a Mind Altering Substance: Being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other mind altering substance, or if his participation would be a danger to himself or others, subjects a competitor to disqualification procedures. ~~***Disqualification is by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges.***~~

~~***F. Misrepresentation of Age or Ranking: Disqualification is by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges.***~~

## **Part B – Proposed Revisions to Rule 9.01, 10.01, and 11.01**

**RATIONALE:** Not being ready to ski should not subject a skier to disqualification as defined in the proposed 7.07.A. Therefore, this language is removed and inserted into Rules 9.01, 10.01, and 11.01, the "General" sections for Jump, Slalom, and Tricks, as detailed below. The text is added directly after the existing Rules 9.01 and 11.01 and as a new subsection C in Rule 10.01. The text being added to each rule is shown below in ***bold italics***, with recommended changes from the original wording of Rule 7.07.A ***highlighted in yellow***. These changes are made to eliminate use of the word "disqualified" in order to avoid confusion.

### **9.01 General**

Each contestant shall be allowed three passes through the jump course. ***Any contestant who fails to be on immediate hand and in condition to ski when the boat is ready for the contestant shall ~~be disqualified from the~~***

**~~remainder of the event in that round not be allowed to ski in that round of the event.~~ However, the Chief Judge or his designee, may grant up to three additional minutes for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the contestant's turn to ski (e.g., ripped binding).**

#### **10.01 General**

- A. The contestant shall follow the towboat through the entrance gate of...
- B. The boat shall be stopped at the end of each pass, unless the skier...
- C. Any contestant who fails to be on immediate hand and in condition to ski when the boat is ready for the contestant shall ~~be disqualified from the remainder of the event in that round not be allowed to ski in that round of the event.~~ However, the Chief Judge or his designee, may grant up to three additional minutes for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the contestant's turn to ski (e.g., ripped binding).**
- D. At the discretion of the Regional Executive Vice President, all slalom...
- E. At the recommendation of the LOC, the Chief Judge in conjunction with...

#### **11.01 General**

Each contestant shall be allowed two 20-second passes through the trick course (except as provided in Rule 11.03), during which he may perform as many tricks as he can. **Any contestant who fails to be on immediate hand and in condition to ski when the boat is ready for the contestant shall ~~be disqualified from the remainder of the event in that round not be allowed to ski in that round of the event.~~ However, the Chief Judge or his designee, may grant up to three additional minutes for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the contestant's turn to ski (e.g., ripped binding).**

### **Part C – Proposed Revisions to Rules 9.03 and 9.18**

**RATIONALE:** Passing between the boat and the ramp should not subject a skier to disqualification as now defined, so this language is removed from Rule 7.07.C and appended to Rule 9.03.D, as detailed below. Also, Rule 9.18 is deleted.

#### **9.03.D**

A pass is defined as the movement of the boat by and parallel to the ramp, regardless of what the skier does. A balk occurs when the skier refuses the ramp by either skiing to the left of the ramp and releasing the handle or by following the boat past the ramp while holding on to the rope. **A skier shall receive no further jumps in a round if, after leaving the boat's wake on a definite cut**

*to the ramp, the skier elects to pass between the boat course and the ramp, whether or not he retains the tow line. A judgment decision is required by a majority of the Event Judges as to whether the cut is "definite."*

#### **9.18 Disqualification**

~~*A jumper shall receive no further jumps in a round if, after leaving the boat's wake on a definite cut to the ramp, the jumper elects to pass between the boat course and the ramp, whether or not he retains the tow line. A judgment decision is required by a majority of the Event Judges as to whether the cut is "definite." Also see Rule 7.07.*~~

### **Part D – Proposed Revisions to Rule 11.18**

**RATIONALE:** Interference by the quick-release operator should not subject a skier to disqualification as now defined, so this language is removed from Rule 7.07.D and inserted into Rule 11.18, as detailed below.

#### **11.18 ~~Disqualification~~ Interference by the Release Operator**

~~*The skier supplied release person would subject the skier to disqualification in the event he interferes vocally or physically with the duties of the boat driver or the boat judge. (Also see Rules 7.07.A & 7.07.B).*~~ *If the skier-supplied release person interferes vocally or physically with the duties of the boat driver or the boat judge in the first pass, then the skier will receive a score of zero in that pass and not be allowed a second pass. Interference in the second pass will result in only the first pass being scored. Communications with the skier, including coaching, after a fall or in the sit down period, are allowable, provided the communication does not interfere with the officials.*

### **Part E – Proposed Revision to Rule 10.11.B**

**RATIONALE:** To avoid confusion, we should eliminate use of the word "disqualified" in Rule 10.11.B.

**10.11B.** The skier must be ready to ski immediately upon the boat's return. Should the skier not be ready or should the reason for the handle throw not be acceptable, he shall ***not be allowed to continue in that round. ~~be disqualified from the remainder of the event for that round.~~***

### **Part F – Proposed Revision to Rule 4.02**

**RATIONALE:** Need to clarify Rule 4.02 that the disqualification could be for any reason listed in the new rule 7.07, not only for unsportsmanlike conduct.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph of 4.02:**

If the Appointed Judges at a Regional Tournament disqualify a skier for ***unsportsmanlike conduct any reason listed under Rule 7.07, then*** the skier will not have met the requirement of skiing in the Regionals and thus would not be allowed to ski in the Nationals.

**Part G – Proposed Revision to Rule 12.03**

**RATIONALE:** For clarity, we should remove the word “disqualification” from Rule 12.03. This rule actually pertains to the specified rest periods that appear in other rules, so the words “specified rest period” are better than “disqualification time period.” Also, I’m not sure how Rule 2.06 applies here, so I recommend removing this reference.

**12.03 Waiving ~~Disqualification Time Specified Rest~~ Periods**

Should the Safety Director stop a tournament for any reason, ***disqualification time specified rest*** periods (Rules ~~2.06~~, 7.02, 9.10, 10.10, and 11.10) shall not run so long as the tournament is stopped.