
Rules of the Tournament Criterion of the South African Water Ski Federation

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1. **Introduction**

The rules set out below are the rules of the Tournament Criterion (“Tournament”) of the South African Water Ski Federation (“the Federation”) and have been adopted in terms of the Constitution of the Federation. In these rules, words importing the singular shall include the plural, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine.

The definitions used in the Constitution of the Federation shall apply in these rules.

“A” Rules

2. **Reserved fund**

The reserved fund consists of One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Rand in cash (R160 000) contributed by The South African Tournament Waterskiing Association, a voluntary association referred to in clause 1.1 of the Constitution. The reserved fund shall be invested in such a manner so as to ensure that the capital amount of R160 000 remains intact. This capital amount in the reserved fund may only be used for the purchase of a tournament ski boat. Any interest or income earned on the monies in the reserved fund may be utilised by the Criterion committee for any purpose that it deems fit. .

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the “A” Rules may only be amended with the approval of 75% of the Administrative and Competitive members of the Criterion present in person or represented by proxy in a class meeting.

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“B” Rules

3. Language

The official language of the Criterion is English.

4. Auditors

- 4.1. The auditors of the Federation will be the auditors of the Criterion.
- 4.2. The auditors shall be given full access to the financial statements of the Criterion to enable an audit to be carried out.

5. Corporate governance

- 5.1. The Criterion may open more than one bank account.
- 5.2. Any two of the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary of the Criterion or Secretary of the Federation shall be signatories to the Criterion’s bank accounts. A signatory that is a beneficiary, directly or indirectly, of any amount paid by the Criterion shall not be entitled to act as a signatory in the matter in which he has an interest.
- 5.3. The Criterion Committee members shall act with utmost good faith in their dealings with the Criterion.
- 5.4. Executive Council members, Criterion Committee members and skiers selected to ski in national or regional teams shall sign the code of conduct of the Federation, as amended from time to time.
- 5.5. A summary of up-to-date financial information shall be circulated to Criterion Committee members every quarter.

6. Remuneration of Criterion Committee members

- 6.1. No members of the Criterion Committee shall be paid a salary.
- 6.2. Criterion Committee members may be paid out-of-pocket expenses. The Criterion Committee shall have the power to determine a policy with regard to out-of-pocket expenses. Alternatively, such expenses will be reimbursed if agreed with the Chairman and Treasurer prior to them being incurred. The Treasurer (or Chairman) and one independent Criterion Committee member may approve expenses incurred by the Chairman (or Treasurer).

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7. Criterion colours

- 7.1. The colours of the Criterion shall be those of the Federation.
- 7.2. The Badge of the Criterion shall be the badge of the Federation, with the addition of the word "Tournament".
- 7.3. The following persons may be awarded the Criterion Badge
 - 7.3.1. Criterion Committee Members;
 - 7.3.2. Representatives of the Criterion on any trip outside the borders of South Africa;
 - 7.3.3. Skiers selected to ski for a national team who do not meet the required qualifying standards of their Criterion for national colours; or
 - 7.3.4. Any other person recommended by the Criterion Committee.
- 7.4. The Criterion Committee shall, by a simple majority, approve the award of Criterion colours.
- 7.5. The right to wear the Criterion colours shall not be limited to any time period.

8. Standards for membership

8.1. Competitive members

A skier may be admitted as a competitive member if he has, in the last or current season:

- 8.1.1. cleared a pass at a speed not less than the base speed in his category in slalom; or
- 8.1.2. scored 240 points or more in tricks; or
- 8.1.3. landed a jump of 10m or more.

8.2. Administrative members

A person may be admitted as an administrative member if he has, in the last or current season, in a tournament:

- 8.2.1. judged; or

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8.2.2. homologated; or

8.2.3. driven; or

8.2.4. scored;

and is available to perform such duties in the current season.

In addition, any person who has provided meritorious service to the Criterion, or whose expertise is required, or who has served on a zonal, regional or provincial committee in the past or current year, may be admitted as an Administrative member in the sole discretion of the Criterion Committee.

8.3. Ordinary members

Any person who does not qualify as a competitive or administrative member may be admitted as an ordinary member.

9. Rights of ordinary members

Ordinary members shall have the right to participate in the leg(s) of the National series that are held in that skiers' home region. This right is valid for one year only and, if exercised, may not be exercised again.

10. Technical rules

10.1. The Criterion shall be governed by the Tournament Additional Rules as read with of the IWSF Rules and the EAME Additional Rules.

10.2. The Tournament Criterion committee shall sanction national tournaments.

11. Tournaments

11.1. Format of tournaments

The Criterion shall endeavour to hold tournaments in all regions where clubs are active or can be developed. Each regional tournament shall form one leg of a national series, culminating in the South African Championships.

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11.2. Principle of rotation

The South African Championships shall be rotated amongst the [clubs/regions] on an equitable basis, with a planned 4-year rotation being published. Any region not hosting the Championships in turn shall get first preference at the end of the published 4-year rotation.

12. Officials

12.1. The requirements for International Officials are set out in the Water Ski Federation Region EAME Additional Rules, as amended from time to time.

12.2. All Officials must be current members of the Federation in order to officiate at competitions.

12.3. All Official's qualifications are valid for one year and are subject to renewal and, in order to be considered for renewal, all officials are required to attend a seminar at least once every three years.

13. Discipline

13.1. Code of conduct

All members of the Tournament criterion shall be bound by the code of conduct, **a copy of which is set out in Appendix 3 to these Rules.**

13.2. Breaches of the code of conduct

Breaches of the code of conduct will be handled as follows:

13.2.1. During training, by the chairman or manager of the club;

13.2.2. During tournaments in South Africa, by the organiser of the tournament; and

13.2.3. During tournaments outside South Africa, by the manager of the team.

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13.3. Disciplinary committee

A disciplinary committee consisting of three Criterion Committee members shall be appointed to consider disciplinary measures.

13.4. Terms of reference of the disciplinary committee

The disciplinary committee may investigate any breach of the code of conduct by any skier. The disciplinary committee shall, at the request of a team manager review penalties; suspensions or any other disciplinary measures proposed under paragraph 7.2

14. **Selection**

14.1. Selection committee

A selection committee consisting of three Criterion Committee members shall be appointed to select teams based on these rules. Any teams selected shall be forwarded to the Criterion Committee for approval.

14.2. Decisions of the selection committee

Decisions of the selection committee shall be by majority vote unless otherwise specified in the rules.

For competitions where selection committee selects the entry, the category in which the skier is entered will be at the discretion of that committee.

14.3. Selection philosophy

Tournament recognises that there may be a conflict between the selection of the team that will finish in the highest possible position in the Worlds and the need to bring credit to South African skiing through sending skiers that win medals or reach the finals. While Tournament recognises the importance of three-event skiing, it nevertheless subscribes to the philosophy of rewarding excellence.

14.4. Performance standards

The selection committee shall keep records of medallist standards by event and category.

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14.5. Rankings

Each skier's performance will be calculated as a percentage of the medallist standard for each event and for overall, based on the scoring system used in the Worlds.

The selection committee shall keep standings lists of all licensed skiers, by event and overall, reflecting the skiers' performance against the medallist standards. The ranking shall be based on the average of the skiers' best performances in three provincial, national or international tournaments over the most recent summer season. Skiers participating in tournaments overseas shall be responsible for providing their scores to the selection committee.

The selection committee shall publish the standings lists on the Federation's web site.

14.6. Basis for selection

Selection of skiers shall be based on the average of the skiers' best performances in the first round of three provincial, national or international tournaments from the most recent summer season of both the southern hemisphere and northern hemisphere (if applicable). Skiers participating in tournaments overseas shall be responsible for providing their scores to the selection committee.

14.7. Non-performance related selection criteria

The selection committee may in selecting a team, by unanimous agreement, take account of the fact that a skier was unable to ski in sufficient tournaments to establish a ranking because of injury.

The selection committee shall be entitled to take any skiers' disciplinary record and commitment to the South African team into account for selection purposes.

14.8. Minimum standards

No skier shall be selected to ski in a tournament if his performances do not meet the required minimum entry standards for that tournament.

14.9. Timetable and cash deposits

The selection committee may specify times by which selected skiers must commit to the team, any deposit to be paid and the terms of the deposit.

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14.10. Team selection

First preference will be given to selecting a team of overall skiers who could potentially end up as medallists as a team.

If it is unlikely that a team could achieve the medallist standard, the selection committee must consider the selection of skiers who are potential medallists in one or more events.

The selection committee may consider the selection of skiers who are potential finalists in one or more events, based on the impact this selection will have on the team result.

Team selection, including reserves, shall be based on the standings lists.

14.11. Previously Disadvantaged Individuals (“PDIs”)

PDIs who meet the prospective finalist standard shall be included in the team, subject to:

- no more than 25% of the team being selected from PDIs who are rated below skiers who are not selected; and
- the objective of maximizing the team’s medal opportunities.

The selection committee must make every effort to include PDIs in the team. In the event that no PDIs meet the prospective finalist standard, a PDI who meets the tournament entry standard shall be included in the team. If no PDI meets the tournament entry standard, the selection committee must consider appointing a non-skiing member to the team.

15. National colours

15.1. Standards for colours

The selection committee shall use the following percentages of the average of the finalists’ results in the World Championships as the primary basis for calculating the standard for National Colours:

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| Slalom and jump | 75% of the finalist standard |
| Tricks | 60% of the finalist standard |

If the standard calculated above is below the current standard, the current standard shall be retained and this standard is hereafter referred to as “the published standard”.

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No skier shall be awarded national colours unless he meets the following standard:

- Specialist • 100% of the *published standard* for that event
- 2-event skier • 100% of the *published standard* for either event;
or
- an average of 90% of the *published standard* in 2 events
- 3-event skier • 100% of the *published standard* for any event; or
- an average of 80% of the *published standard* in 3 events

15.2. Tables of standards

Appendix 1 contains the standards for national colours.

15.3. Recommendations for colours

The Criterion Committee shall put forward to the Federation the names of skiers to be awarded National colours.

The tables below set out the *published standards* as well as the requirement for award of colours:

Open division

Specialist (Published Standards)

| Event | Women | Men |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 6 x 13.00 x 55 | 3.5 x 12 x 58 |
| Tricks | 4 000 | 5 500 |
| Jump | 36m | 49m |

2-event skier

| Event | Women | Men |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 6 x 14.25 x 55 | 4.5 x 13 x 58 |
| Tricks | 3 600 | 4 950 |
| Jump | 32m | 44m |

3-event skier

| Event | Women | Men |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 3 x 14.25 x 55 | 1.5 x 13 x 58 |
| Tricks | 3 200 | 4 400 |
| Jump | 29m | 39m |

Junior division

Specialist (Published Standards)

| Event | Girls | Boys |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 4 x 14 x 55 | 2.5 x 13 x 58 |
| Tricks | 3 200 | 4 000 |
| Jump | 31m | 43m |

2-event skier

| Event | Girls | Boys |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 6 x 16 x 55 | 6.0 x 14 x 58 |
| Tricks | 2 775 | 3 600 |
| Jump | 28m | 38m |

3-event skier

| Event | Girls | Boys |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 1 x 16 x 55 | 2.0 x 14 x 58 |
| Tricks | 2 560 | 3 200 |
| Jump | 25m | 34m |

Senior division***Specialist (Published Standards)***

| Event | Women | Men |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 4 x 13 x 55 | 4.0 x 13 x 55 |
| Tricks | 3 100 | 3 500 |
| Jump | 34m | 41m |

2-event skier

| Event | Women | Men |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 4 x 14 x 55 | 6.0 x 14 x 55 |
| Tricks | 2 800 | 3 150 |
| Jump | 30m | 37m |

3-event skier

| Event | Women | Men |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Slalom | 3 x 16 x 55 | 3.0 x 14 x 55 |
| Tricks | 2 480 | 2 800 |
| Jump | 27m | 33m |