

2009 National Waterski Tournament Rules

(Applicable for the Malaysian National Championship)

1.0 Preamble

1.1 With the exception of the following rules IWSF Tournament Rules will be complied with. The website for the 2009 IWSF Tournament Rules is at:

<http://www.iwsf.com/rules/2009/rules09av1.0.fp.htm>

1.2 All competitors are expected to familiar with the relevant IWSF / MWSF rules and event supplementary rules for the events that they are competing in.

2.0 Entry Forms & Indemnity

2.1 Entry forms must be submitted to the organisers with the relevant entry fees before the stipulated closing date.

2.2 Competitors submitting entry forms or entry fees after the closing date will be charged an additional RM30.00 as late entry fees .

2.3 All skiers are to complete their indemnity forms and pay the entry fee before skiing.

3.0 Scoring

3.1 The winner for each event category will be the competitor with the highest two runs combined total scored.

3.2 In the event of a tie for first place, there shall be a run off. If a tie exist for 2nd or 3rd place, placement shall be decided on the basis of the higher second run score.

3.3 In the event that only one run is skied, the winner will be determined based on the score of that one run.

4.0 Slalom Starting Speeds

The minimum starting speeds for the various slalom categories are as follows :-

Women's Novice: any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Men's Novice: any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Women's Intermediate: 26 mph

Men's Intermediate: 28 mph

Women's Open: 32 mph

Men's Open: 34 mph

Women's Senior 1 (35 and above): 28 mph

Men's Senior 1 (35 and above): 30 mph

4.0 Categories

4.1 Skiers are requested to enter themselves into the respective division as per current training performances or immediate previous tournament performances.

4.2 The Skiers must declare in their entry forms their current performances and the Malaysian Water Ski Federation (MWSF) shall exercise it's discretion in placing skiers in the respective categories and such decisions made shall be final.

4.3 Skiers may only participate in the Novice category if they are first time tournament participants or have not made a successful pass at the minimum starting speed for the intermediate division in a previous tournament or in a training session.

4.4 Skiers will be promoted to a higher category if they have won any podium places in a tournament.

5.0 Men's / Women's Novice

5.1 Skiers in this category may nominate the speed that they wish to start. The speed will be increased by 2 mph at the end of every successful pass.

5.2 The rope length for this category is 75 ft, however, skiers can use a 60 ft rope length if they wish to.

5.3 Skiers in this category do not have to ski through the entry gates, but have to start from the left side of the wake and ski out the exit gates.

6.0 Mini-Course Slalom Category

6.1 Age Group Sub-Categories:

Girls' (10 and under): any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Boys' (10 and under): any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Girls' (15 and under): any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Boys' (15 and under): any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Girls' (18 and under): any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Boys' (18 and under): any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Women (above 18): any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

Men (above 18): any speed w/o gates but must start from left of first wake.

6.2 Skiers in this category will have to ski on a 60 foot rope but may elect to ski with a 22 off shortening.

6.3 Skiers will have to ski around the skier turn buoys on the right hand side of the boat wakes (3 red turn buoys) and both sets of boat gate buoys on the left hand side of the boat wakes (3 sets of yellow boat gate buoys).

6.4 The start speed shall be 22 mph for girls/women and 24 mph for boys/men and this speed will be increased by 2 mph at the end of a successful pass.

6.5 If the skier completes two perfect passes in the mini-course, he shall perform all subsequent passes in the full slalom course on a 60 foot rope at the minimum starting boat speed which are as follows: Women 22 mph, Men 24 mph. The speed will be increased by 2 mph at the end of every successful pass.

6.6 Skiers in this category do not have to ski through the entry gates but must start from the left of first wakes when negotiating the full slalom course, and have to ski out the exit gates.

6.7 Skiers who have competed twice in this category will be promoted to Novice category of the main slalom and shall no longer be eligible for this category.

6.8 Skiers participating in the novice slalom event are not permitted to compete in the mini-course slalom event. However skiers participating in the mini-course slalom category can participate in the novice slalom category.

7.0 Amalgamation of Categories

The minimum entry for each category is 3 skiers. Should this number not be reached in any category, it will be cancelled or amalgamated with the next higher category at the discretion of the organisers.

8.0 Non Malaysian Competitors

8.1 Non Malaysians who are residents in Malaysia may compete in all categories except for the Mini-Course Slalom category.

8.2 Some events sanctioned by the MWSF may have invited skiers participating from other IWSF affiliated Associations. Such overseas competitors (who are non residents in Malaysia) cannot participate in the Mini-Course Slalom and the Novice Slalom categories.

9.0 Malaysian Waterski & Wakeboard Championship

9.1 The MWSF shall organise 3 to 5 rounds of the Malaysian Waterski & Wakeboard Championship each year.

9.2 The Wakeboard Technical and Categories Rules are published separately to these Rules. However all non technical and non tournament waterski specific rules herein are applicable to the Wakeboard Championship or Wakeboard events. In this respect, "skier" also means "riders".

9.3 Points shall be awarded for each category with 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th and 1 point for 5th for each round.

9.4 The skier with the highest point accumulated for each category at the end of the final round of each year will be declared the "Champion" and the second highest accumulated points scorer shall be the "First Runner-Up" while the third highest point finisher declared the "Second Runner-Up". Trophies shall be awarded for these winners at the end of the final round.

9.5 For each round of the National Championship medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) shall be awarded for each category.

10.0 Protests & Appeals

10.1 Protests must be made in writing to the Chief Judge of the event during the event within one hour of any occurrence of incident or complaint against any official or competitor.

10.2 A protest in writing must be accompanied with a protest fee of RM50 cash.

10.3 The Chief Judge shall make a decision on the protest after consultation with his officials and after hearing the complaint. This decision so made is final.

10.4 Should the skier not be satisfied with the decision, he can lodge his appeal in writing to the MWSF within 24 hours from the end of the event accompanied with an appeal fee of RM250 in cash. The MWSF shall convene a hearing comprising of 3 juries (2 from MWSF and 1 from IWSF) to adjudicate such appeal within 30 days.

11.0 Cancellation of Categories or Event

Due to insufficient entries categories maybe cancelled instead of amalgamation and if this were to happen the entry fees will be refunded. Due to inclement weather or for safety reasons, the whole event may also be cancelled and if this were to happen entry fees will not be refunded as this is beyond the control of the organisers.

12.0 These Rules & Supplementary Rules

9.1 Supplementary rules will be published by the organisers or the MWSF for each event detailing the dates, venues, officials, programme and other tournament rules in addition to these rules as appropriate. All competitors must familiarise themselves of all publication of rules.

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