

Minutes of the WSC meeting 18/01/2023

Candido Moz	CM	WWSC Chairman
Bruce Cockburn	BC	AAO WSC President
Richard Carlson	RC	AAO delegate
Nigel Talamo	NT	AAO delegate
Alexopoulos Dimos	AD	E&A delegate
Gavin Kelly	GK	E&A delegate
Dana Garcia	DG	PANAM WSC President
Larry Gisler	LG	PANAM delegate
Sergio Font	SF	PANAM delegate
Martin Kolman	MK	Skier rep.
Ryan Dodd	RD	Skier rep.
Jacinta Carrol	JC	Skier rep.
Inv. Jo-Anne Moore	JAM	PANAM alternate
Inv. Jerry Jackson	JJ	Tech Committee delegate
Inv. Donal Connolly	DC	EyeTricks
Inv William Asher	WA	Pro Athlete

Apologise for absence.

Glen Williams cannot attend and is replaced by Richard Carlson.

At 12:05 (CET) the meeting is opened.

CM asked the participants that if they had a conflict of interest over any topic being discussed, then they must abstain from the discussion and from voting.

Item 1: Approval of the WSC Zoom meeting minutes of December 19

Minutes has been read and approved as amended.

Rule 10.04 Driver selection

Continuing from December 19 Minutes.

DG, wants to strengthen and implement what was discussed and reported in the December 19 minutes.

After having thoroughly discussed the problem we can summarize what has been said as follows: It is the opinion of the skiers' representatives that it is very important for them to be aware that whoever is driving is able to steer the boat in the best possible way and is sufficiently prepared and trained to drive Elite athletes.

All the members agreed on this statement. The other WSC members also agreed that the best drivers (used to pulling skiers at that level) should be appointed.

Therefore the selection must be made according to this principle to produce good results and great skier performances.

Then the discussion went into how to achieve this outcome.

WSC believe that for the 2023 Elite Worlds in Groveland Florida the Driver Selection should be determined using an experimental method to include;

- a) Athlete Survey
- b) BPMS Data,
- c) Resumes (pulled competition and scores at those events)
- d) Recommendations.

The intent is to select 4 drivers who match the skills of the skiers participating in the events.

Process to be followed:

- 1 Request Confederations to submit their list of drivers based on multiple or single event (Slalom, Jump or Slalom and Jump). The Confederations can submit their names based on a ranking system and/or with notes for each driver including level of interest.
- 2 Consolidate Athlete Surveys(*), BPMS Data for each Driver. Resumes (to include events, dates, number of shortline skiers who have run 10.75 and 10.25 at those events). Recommendations from competition organisers etc.
- 3 The WSC chair will designate a panel to sort through the data and compile the list of drivers with corresponding data.
- 4 The list compiled as per point 3 will be presented at the WSC meeting 6 months before the start of the Competition.
- 5 The WSC will then select the drivers, taking into consideration worldwide representation, and for each of them provide a memo on which driver has been selected and for what event. For example: Driver A selected for men Slalom and

(*) Athlete Survey

A working group will be taking care of the surveys and individual Drivers will be able to opt out if they wish.

The results of the survey will be kept inside the Council. No skiers name will be posted or listed.

To apply the above a few rule changes are needed and will be discussed in the next meeting.

Item 3: Eye tricks

DC presented a detailed report on the use of Eye Tricks during the 2022 season, which included:

- Use of the system in various competitions;
- Score comparison of the last 2 open worlds versus a panel of 7 Judges using eyeTrick;
- Report of Judges, Officials and skiers that has been involved with the use of the system.

Everyone involved in using the system or where the system was used was very satisfied. The system allows you to have the tricks scores almost in real time and is a big and important progress for our sport.

The presentation include also a price list on the costs (buy, rent, use of the system in competition). DC has also produced a set of rule changes which are needed for the use of the system in competitions.

The Council unanimously agreed to:

- **Approve eyeTrick for use in Trick Competitions at all homologation levels.**
- **Amend the relevant rules concerning tricks to allow eyeTrick to be used.**
- **Ask each Confederation to communicate with their officials announcing the approval of eyeTrick and encouraging all officials to register on the eyeTrick website and start the training process.**
- **Ask each Confederation to include eyeTrick awareness and training in their clinics and seminars.**
- **Ask each Confederation to plan to use eyeTrick at Titled events when the pool of trained judges is ready.**
- **Plan to use eyeTrick at World Titled events when the pool of trained judges is ready.**

To apply the above a few rule changes are needed and will be discussed in the next meeting.

Item 4: previous score, white/IWWF flag scores, new scores

DC wrote:

I propose (for skiers changing nationality) that IWWF merges scores from their time as Skiers to their IWWF skier profile and then again when they become skiers. They should not “lose” prior scores just because they change profiles.

WSC has discuss this issue and believe that:

All scores made during their career must be linked to each skier’s profile regardless of the nationality of the latter.

Item 6 – Discussion/clarification

6.1 - 6 buoys no continuation VS 0 at the next pass

This scenario has been discussed; slalom score is only based on the number of buoys achieved. 6 buoys at any speed/rope length or 0 at the next pass (assuming the previous pass was a valid completed pass) will correspond at the same number.

Skiers’ representatives believe that for seeding purpose a skier who performs 0 at next pass should be ranked above a skier that score 6 with no continuation.

No rule changes are necessary – the skiers proposal will be submitted to the Pro Committee for their evaluation for possible use in Pro Events.

6.2 - Jump re-ride

Question:

If a skier receives a Fast 82 (1st +2nd) or Fast 41 (3rd seg) but not so fast that they had been pulled at the incorrect speed. - And Falls
Are they entitled to a Re-Ride for fast speed - which might have caused their fall?

This situation has to be resolved using:

Jump Timing Re-ride Chart at below Maximum Division speed

Seg1 (52m)	seg1+2 (82m)	Seg3 (41m)	Action
OK	OK	not F for max speed	None
one segment is F for max speed and no segment is S			mandatory re-ride if distance is best distance in skiers turn
one segment is F for max speed and at least one segment is S			mandatory re-ride if distance is best distance in skiers turn, otherwise optional with protected score
No segment is F for max speed and seg1 or seg1+2 is S or F for requested speed			optional re-ride (protected score)

If fast 3 segment option 1 of the above chart applies.

If fast seg1+2 last option of the above chart applies.

6.3 - Safety Procedures during Official Familiarization

WSC believes that during the Official Familiarisation the same safety procedures as for the Competition should be in place and apply.

MC will ask that the above request/specification will be added in the LAO.

6.4 - Dock Starters at World Title Events (Jetty Marshall)

WSC believes that the Organisers should make suitably qualified available people to be used as Jetty Marshalls with good knowledge of the competition dynamics and the relative rules.

MC will ask that the above request/specification will be added in the LAO.

6.5 & 6.6 – Slalom Handle - Helmet

- Should slalom handle safety meshes/protectors be required for junior skiers?
- Is there a way to make sure that jump helmets are properly fitted, or at least to make sure that skiers are aware of the importance of proper fit?

WSC believe that they are not sufficiently qualified to go into the merit of such protections/safety measures.

CM will submit the above request to the IWWF Medical Commission.

Item 8 – Rulebook Cover

British Water Ski and Wakeboard have once again offered to sponsor the Rulebook Cover for 2023.

Proposed to use picture of Will Asher and Regina Jaquess as they have been nominated 2022 skiers of the year.

The use of any images will need to be agreed by the two skiers. Will Asher agreed as he was present at the meeting. Dana Garcia will ask to Regina.

Meeting closed at 15:00 CET, next meeting January 23-24 night time for Europe.

Candido Moz