

2020 ASIAN TOURNAMENT RULES

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These rules supersede all previous editions and publications whether in previous tournaments or coming tournaments' bulletins and addenda and shall remain in effect until an amended edition of the rules is published. These rules have been drafted in English. In the case of conflicting interpretation, only the English text shall be considered authentic. All correspondence regarding these rules should be addressed to the Chairman of the IWWF Asia Waterski Council: Mr. Geoffrey Kee at Email: geofkee@yahoo.com or asianwaterskitc@yahoogroups.com.sg

All IWWF Asia sanctioned tournaments will be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of the IWWF World Tournament Rules with the exception of the modifications made in this document.

1. ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

1.1 Skiers who may participate:

Each Federation may send one team for the Open Championships consisting of up to six (6) skiers of which a maximum of four (4) of either sex is allowed.

Each Federation may send one team for the Junior (U17) Championships consisting of up to four (4) skiers of which a maximum of three (3) of either sex is allowed.

Each Federation may send one team for the 45+ Championships consisting of up to four (4) skiers of which a maximum of three (3) of either sex is allowed.¹

Each Federation may send one team for the 35+ Championships consisting of up to four (4) skiers of which a maximum of three (3) of either sex is allowed.

If in the event any Asian Tournaments comprise multi-championships or events for age groups (U17, 35+ and 45+) and Open, a skier may participate in only one category.

For the Asian Tournament, Federations may nominate two (2) reserves who will be allowed to ski in the competition. The reserves must consist of one male and one female.

For the Asian Tournament, Federations may request to nominate more than two (2) reserves subject to special dispensation being given by the IWWF Asia Waterski Council and the Organising Committee of the Tournament.

Reserves, invitational skiers, individuals or invited Federations can receive a medal and will also be eligible for Individual Overall medals. They will however, not be eligible to participate in team overall titles.²

¹ The age of 40+ was implemented in 2015. In 2019, it was decided to remove 40+ and have 35+ and 45+ to align with World divisions.

² This was changed in 2017 to allow individuals to be eligible for Individual Overall medals.

All Federations must notify the Scorer at least 7 days prior to first day of competition of official names of all team members and reserves.

Non-citizens of countries entering the Asian Open may participate provided³:

- a. that the competitor is a resident of the country he is representing.
- b. he has been resident for a minimum of 36 months prior to the competition or special dispensation may be granted by a panel comprising the IWWF Asia President, the IWWF Asia Secretary General and the Chairman of the IWWF Asia Waterski Council (AWC).
- c. he has not previously skied for another country for at least 12 months prior to taking up residency.

2. OPEN INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Skiers not selected for their national teams may qualify to compete in the Regional Championships as individuals only in the relevant event(s) if they meet one or more of the following ratings:

| | | |
|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Men | Slalom | 3.00/58kmph/18.25m |
| | Tricks | 3500 points |
| | Jump | 40m |
| Women | Slalom | 3.00/55kmph/18.25m |
| | Tricks | 2000 points |
| | Jump | 30m |

All skiers qualified as individuals must be entered by their Federation. Skiers entering as individuals shall not have their scores count towards team standings.

3. AGE GROUP INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Skiers not selected for their national teams may qualify to compete in the Regional Championships as individuals only in the relevant event(s) if they meet one or more of the following ratings:

| | | U17 | 35+ | 45+ |
|---------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Men / Boys | Slalom | 3.00/55kmph/18.25m | 3.00/52kmph/18.25m | 3.00/52kmph/18.25m |
| | Tricks | 2500 points | 2500 points | 2500 points |
| | Jump | 30m | 30m | 25m |
| Women / Girls | Slalom | 3.00/52kmph/18.25m | 3.00/52kmph/18.25m | 3.00/49kmph/18.25m |
| | Tricks | 1500 points | 1500 points | 1500 points |
| | Jump | 20m | 20m | 18m |

³ A review was completed at the AWC meeting on 27 Sep 2019 and it was decided that there would be no change to this rule.

All skiers qualified as individuals must be entered by their Federation. Skiers entering as individuals shall not have their scores count towards team standings.

In the calendar year shown, the year shown for each division is the year of birth for eligibility.

| Year | U17 | 35+ | 45+ |
|------|------|------|------|
| 2020 | 2003 | 1984 | 1974 |
| 2021 | 2004 | 1985 | 1975 |
| 2022 | 2005 | 1986 | 1976 |
| 2023 | 2006 | 1987 | 1977 |

4. SKIER IDs

4.1 All Federations must ensure that all participating skiers submit IDs to the Tournament Council. If Federations fail to submit the required IDs, the Tournament Council will assign IDs.

4.2 At competitions, the Scorer will be allowed to assign IDs on behalf of the Tournament Council. The Scorer will inform the Tournament Council of any IDs assigned⁴.

5. IWWF WORLD RULES MODIFICATIONS

5.1 The Asian Open Championship and the Asian Junior (Under 17) Championships shall be held annually with effect from 2011. The Asian Masters Championship is to be run concurrently with the aforementioned Championships if possible from 2015.

5.2 The number of skiers qualified to ski in the Final round of an event shall be as shown in the following table and will be announced immediately after the end of the Preliminary round of the event:

| Number of skiers entered in Preliminary round ⁵ | Number of skiers in Finals |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1 – 6 | All |
| 7 – 12 | first 6 |
| 13 – 18 | first 10 |
| 19 – 25 | first 12 |
| 26 and more | first 14 |

5.3 Ties: In the case of a tie for any position which may result in more than required number of skiers going through to the final round there will be a run off between the tied skiers so that only the above number of skiers go into the finals.

⁴ Inserted in 2019.

⁵ As per IWWF rules, the number of skiers entered is specified as at midday the day prior to the preliminary round. For clarity, once the start list has been published, this is the number that is deemed to have “entered”.

5.4 Zero score in Preliminary Round. A skier who skis in the preliminary round but has a zero score is allowed to ski in the finals⁶. This is provided all positions were not already full. Skiers must however have made an attempt to pass through the gate, attempted a trick or attempted a jump ie approached the jump ramp in order to qualify for the finals.

5.5 Jump Speeds and Ramp Heights

| | | Maximum Speed | Ramp Height | Remarks |
|---------------|------|---------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Men / Boys | Open | 57kmph | 1.50m / 1.65m / 1.80m | To be eligible to jump at 1.65m the skier must have achieved a score of 38m at the 1.50m height in a homologated tournament as certified by their Federation. To be eligible to jump at 1.80m the skier must have achieved a score of 48m at the 1.65m height in a homologated tournament as certified by their Federation. |
| | U17 | 51kmph | 1.50m / 1.65m | Boys shall use the 1.5m ramp unless they can show a certified result of a jump of 38m on a 1.5m ramp in which case they may opt to jump on a 1.65m ramp. |
| | 35+ | 57kmph | 1.50 m / 1.65m | Competitors may optionally select a 1.65m ramp height. |
| | 45+ | 54kmph | 1.50m | |
| Women / Girls | Open | 54kmph | 1.50m / 1.65m | To be eligible to jump at 1.65m the skier must have achieved a score of 38m at the 1.50m height in a homologated tournament as certified by their Federation. |
| | U17 | 51kmph | 1.50m | |
| | 35+ | 51kmph | 1.50m | |
| | 45+ | 51kmph | 1.50m | |

Maximum speed, ramp height and eligibility to jump at a higher ramp height have generally been extracted from World Rules.

For athletes that do not have scores at ranking events, a letter from their respective Federation stating their performance must be produced. This letter must be shown to the Chief Judge prior to the start of the event.

⁶ Inserted in 2019.

5.6 Team Scoring

| Division | Scores Selection |
|------------------------|--|
| Open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best <u>three</u> scores, men or women, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the team score. • At least one score from each sex is to be used. |
| U17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best <u>two</u> scores, men or women, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the team score. • At least one score from each sex is to be used. |
| 35+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best <u>two</u> scores, men or women, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the team score. • At least one score from each sex is to be used. |
| 45+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best <u>two</u> scores, men or women, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the team score. • At least one score from each sex is to be used. |
| Max Kirwin Team Shield | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined score from U17, Open and 45+. • Presented the team with the highest combined score. |

5.7 See Team Scoring section in World Rules for details on how scores are calculated.

5.8 The minimum number of members for a team is one.

5.9 Slalom General

| Category | Start Speed | Shortening At | Category | Start Speed | Shortening At |
|----------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Open Men | 52kmph | 58kmph | Open Women | 49kmph | 55kmph |
| U17 Boys | 40kmph | 58kmph | U17 Girls | 37kmph | 55kmph |
| 35+ Men | 46kmph | 55kmph | 35+ Women | 43kmph | 55kmph |
| 45+ Men | 46kmph | 55kmph | 45+ Women | 43kmph | 52kmph |

Skiers may opt to start at a shorter rope length as per World Rules.

Final rounds shall start at the same speeds and rope lengths as above unless changed by the Event Judges because of water and/or weather conditions.

5.10 Slalom Judging

Gates are deemed to have been taken if the judges agree that the skier attempted to pass through the gates.

5.11 Jump Overall Scoring:

Open Men: $P = (S - 25) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 25)$ [As per IWWF Rules]

Open Women: $P = (S - 17) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 17)$ [As per IWWF Rules]

U17 Boys: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$

U17 Girls: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

35+ Men: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$

35+ Women: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

45+ Men: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$

45+ Women: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

6. General

6.1 Judges for the IWWF Asia Championships shall be appointed by the President who shall select them from a list established by the Council⁷.

6.2 Judges for the IWWF AO Championships shall be elected by the President IWWF Asia or IWWF Oceania depending on the region hosting the event.

6.3 These Asian Rules are applicable to stand alone Asian Championships, any international tournaments run in Asia and the AO Championships subject to any further variations made in the rules of any relevant tournaments. For example, the paper Asian Championship in the AO Championship may not include the Slalom Judging Rule exception above or may have variations to any of the rules above.

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⁷ This is extracted from the IWWF Asia constitution.

ANNEX A

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR ASIA 2020⁸

ASIAN RECORDS

1. Asian records will only be recognized for Men and Women Open (Slalom, Trick and Jump).
2. The best performances for the following categories will be recognized:
 - Boys and Girls Under 17 (Slalom, Trick and Jump).
 - Men and Women Masters (40+) (Slalom, Trick and Jump).
 - Any other age groups should these be included in future Asian Championships.
3. Records set at IWWF Asian Championships shall be classified "Asian Championship records".
4. For the competitions listed below, the Asian WC Chairman will provide the Chief Judge with a list of current records.⁹
 - Asian Championships.
 - Asian Beach Games.
 - Asian & Oceania Championships.
5. For any new Asian Confederation records, the Chief Judge shall be responsible for the completion of the required record application. However, respective Federations and skiers should also ensure that the Chief Judge is aware that a record has been broken.
6. For tournament records (and age group records), for example Asian Championship, Asian Beach Games, Masters and Junior records. No record application submission is required. The Asian TC will ratify the record based on the published competition results.¹⁰
7. The completed record form shall be sent by the Chief Judge within two weeks of the completion of the event to:
 - the skier's National Federation.
 - the Chairman of the Asian Tournament Council.
8. For new Asian Open records, an application will need to be submitted to the Asian TC Chairman. Supporting evidence as described in the standard IWWF record application form will need to be submitted by the skier's national federation.¹¹

⁸ *The Additional Rules were merged into the 2020 Asian Tournament Rules.*

⁹ *Future versions will look into including any other IOC recognised events such as SEA Games.*

¹⁰ *An exception to this rule would be when the tournament record or age group is also a new Asian Confederation record. In this case, a record application will be required.*

¹¹ *Refer to IWWF Tournament Water Ski Rules Section 16.07.*

9. The form can also be downloaded from:
<https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=http://iwwfeatc.bravesites.com/files/documents/Record-Dossier.xls>
10. Upon receipt of the form and the necessary supporting documentation, the Chairman of the Asian Tournament Council will either accept or reject the application and will advise the Asian Tournament Council members and the IWWF Asia President and the applicant of his decision.
11. The record will then be considered a 'pending record', pending final ratification by the Tournament Council and President IWWF (Asia).
12. The AWC members must advise the Chairman of their ratification or rejection of the 'pending record' within 30 days of the distribution of the information. TC members with potential conflicts of interest will be excluded from voting.
13. Records shall be ratified if approved by a >50% majority of the AWC. There shall be no proxy voting. In the case of a tie, the TC Chairman shall have the deciding vote.
14. At competitions listed below, the AWC Chairman, with advice from the Chief Judge and Homologator will review the evidence together with any AWC members present and will accept or reject any record applications on site. In the absence of the AWC Chairman, an AWC member will be assigned to act on behalf of the Chairman.
 - Asian Championships.
 - Asian Beach Games.
 - Asian & Oceania Championships.
15. Following the acceptance of the record application, the record will be a 'pending record' pending ratification by the rest of the AWC members and the IWWF Asia President.
16. For tricks, a minimum of 5 judges¹² will be required for a record review (ideally, different judges to those originally judging should be used). Selection of the judges will be by the AWC Chairman from a pool of recognized, qualified judges, including those from other Confederations.
17. As per IWWF rules regarding trick record verification: "Although the record verification cannot change the score recorded in the tournament, the score may be changed for record submission".
18. Any Class R and Class L sanctioned events can be used for record applications.

¹² Increased from 3 to 5 in the 2017 version.

19. For record applications at competitions not listed above, the respective Federation of the skier shall be responsible to inform the Chief Judge that an Asian record has been broken and to submit the required application forms and videos to the Asian TC for ratification.
20. For records set at World Championships, verification of results will not be required by the ATC. However, Federations must submit a record application as per paragraph 9. The record application will then be ratified by the ATC.¹³
21. Approval and submissions of records by Federations should not be unreasonably withheld. An athlete, may submit an application directly to the Asian Tournament Council if he / she feels that the record is justified. The athlete must also inform his / her respective Federation that an application has been made directly to the Asian Tournament Council. In consultation with the respective Federation, the Tournament Council will assess if there are grounds for the record to be withheld.¹⁴
22. All records are to be uploaded and maintained by the AWC Chairman with regular updated copies to be distributed and filed by the IWWF Asia Executive Board and TC members.
23. Issue of IWWF Asia Record Certificates: Upon ratification and confirmation by the AWC Chairman, the AWC Chairman and IWWF Asia President shall issue a Certificate for any new records accomplished.
24. For best performances, the published scores will be used without the requirement for validation. The AWC will then ratify the record. For Open scores used for age group records, only the following can be used:
- Open Tricks: All age groups.
 - Open Slalom: Only for U17 (same shortening speed).
 - Open Jump: Not used because of difference in maximum boat speed and ramp height.
25. Appeals. If the initial application for the ratification of records is rejected, the respective Federation may submit an appeal to the Asian TC. The Asian TC will nominate a different set of qualified judges to review the application.
26. In the event that a further appeal is necessary this should be referred to the IWWF Asia Appeal Executive Committee comprising of its three Vice-Presidents¹⁵, who will determine the appropriate course of action.
27. No appeal should be made to the IWWF Appeals Committee until the IWWF Asia appeals process has been exhausted.

¹³ *This was added in the 2019 version.*

¹⁴ *This was discussed at the ATC meeting in Korea on 25 Aug 2016.*

¹⁵ *This was amended following the election of the 3 IWWF Asia Vice-Presidents in Aug 2016.*

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28. National judges can be used by any Asian country. All Federations, should submit a list of their national judges who they deem are able to judge outside their country to the IWWF Asia Waterski Council. National Judges nominated to judge outside their own country must be qualified in all three events.

ANNEX B

MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL JUDGES

General

In order to standardize the level of National Judges in Asia. This appendix provides some guidelines that Asian Federations may use for the qualification of National Judges.¹⁶

Federations can obtain training videos and exams from the IWWF Asia Waterski Council.

Definition

A National Judge is a judge, who has taken and passed the appropriate theoretical and practical examinations to become a National Judge, but who has not yet gained the necessary experience to be fully qualified at international events.

Responsibility

National Judges are designated by and are the responsibility of respective Federations.

Examinations

The exam should consist of 3 parts: theoretical, practical (tricks and slalom) and actual competition experience.

Theoretical Examination

The candidate will sit a theoretical exam to be a National Judge. The paper will contain questions on IWWF rules and Asian rules.

Practical Examination

The exam is primarily a trick reading and slalom scoring examination. Exam videos for tricks and slalom may be used.

During the trick exam each of the following will be counted as one error:

- Writing a trick which was not performed by the competitor.
- Writing a trick other than the tricks the competitor performed.
- Omitting to indicate that the skier starts in a back position.
- Omitting to indicate the end of the pass.

Only 20 second passes for which the official score (before disallowed tricks) is 1800 points or more will be considered. Each pass with zero or one error will be counted as a success. Each pass with two or more errors will be counted as a failure.

¹⁶ The material from this annex is based on the British Tournament Additional Rules 2019 v1.

Actual Competition Experience

After passing the exams, it will be necessary for the candidate to act as a judge (under supervision) at an actual competition.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate:

Slalom – Boat judging and tower judging including video gates. Slalom scoring rules.

Jump – Boat judging and distance measurement. Jump scoring rules.

Tricks – Trick writing.

ANNEX C

OTHER AGE CATEGORIES

IWWF World Rules Modifications

1.0 Jump Speeds and Ramp Heights

Under 14 (not in the Asian Team Championship)

Girls Maximum speed 45 km/h Ramp 1.50m.

Boys Maximum speed 48 km/h Ramp 1.50m.

2.0 Slalom General

The following speeds and tow line lengths shall be used for U14 slalom:

| U14 (not in the Asian Team Championship) | | Boys | Girls |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| | | Continuous | Continuous |
| 1st Pass | 18.25m rope | 46 km/h | 43 km/h |
| 2nd Pass | 18.25m rope | 49 km/h | 46 km/h |
| 3rd Pass | 18.25m rope | 52 km/h | 49 km/h |
| 4th Pass | 16m rope | 52 km/h | 49 km/h |
| 5th Pass | 14.25m rope | 52 km/h | 49 km/h |
| 6th Pass | 13m rope | 52 km/h | 49 km/h |

3.0 JUMP Overall Scoring:

Open & U21 Men: $P = (S - 25) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 25)$

Open & U21 Women: $P = (S - 17) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 17)$

U14 Boys: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$

U14 Girls: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

Seniors Men +35: $P = (S - 10) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 10)$

Seniors Women +35: $P = (S - 7) * 1000 / (\text{Best Score} - 7)$

ANNEX D

MALINDO CUP

General

From 2014 onwards there will be a MALINDO CUP tournament organized by Indonesia organizing in even years and Malaysia organizing in odd years.

This is a friendship cup for U17 boys & girls and U14 boys & girls which overall team scores are calculated as follows amongst the maximum 4 entries for U17 and maximum 4 entries for U14. At least one entry in U17 or U14 must be a boy or a girl.

Team Scoring

The Team Overall scores are calculated as follows:

- a. The 3 best overall scores by either a Boy or a Girl for each Under 17 Team in each event.
- b. The 3 best overall scores by either a Boy or a Girl for each Under 14 Team in each event.
- c. The total of the scores above will be used to produce a Combined Team result for the MALINDO cup.

ANNEX E

OPTIONAL COMPETITION FORMATS¹⁷

From 2015 onwards, organizers can use the optional formats listed below. The intent of these formats is to allow skiers an opportunity to ski more than once in each competition.

The following formats can be used:

B Final¹⁸

In this format, there is no change in the manner in which the preliminary or final rounds are conducted. An additional B-Final will be held for skiers that did not qualify for the main finals. Skiers that take part in the B Final cannot place above any skier in the main final regardless of performance. For team scoring, results for skiers in the B Final will not be used. Results for the B Final will be published as a separate event.

Last Chance Qualifiers (LCQ)

This format can be used for competitions other than the Asian Championships.

This format was used successfully at the Asian Cup in Makassar from 5 to 7 Sep 2014.

These formats will be discussed in greater detail at a later date.

¹⁷ APPENDIX D (Multi-Sport Events – For Info Only) that was available in earlier versions of the Asian Tournament Rules was removed in 2019.

¹⁸ B Finals were successfully carried out at the 2016 Asian Championships in Korea. This section was updated based on what was done.

ANNEX F

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES FROM 2019 RULES

Changes to the 2020 version are highlighted below:

- Yellow Highlights indicate changes to 2019 rules.
- Most were approved at the AWC meeting on 27 Sep 2019.
- Masters category now 35+ and 45+ to align with World Rules.
- Changes made to make current rules clearer.
- Changes made to align with IWWF Asia constitution.
- Many paragraphs of words changed to table format.
- Additional Rules added as Annex A to Asian Tournament Rules.
- New Annex B covering management of national judges.
- New Annex F explaining changes from 2019 rules.
- Other Annexes renumbered.

Planned changes to 2021 version:

- Restructure rules to align with new World Rules format.