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2021 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PROPOSAL

Aim

To create an affordable and competitive event, attracting senior skiers from around the world. To present an event that is exciting for competitors and spectators alike. To bring the sport of barefooting to adventurous and exciting locations for senior skiers by combining the championships with a tourist event, holiday or cruise to follow immediately after. To foster relationships between skiers and extend the longevity of senior skiers participating in the sport.

Format

The event proposed will have three age divisions. The age of the skier will be determined by the age the skier was on the December 31st the year preceding the Championships.

- 35 – 45 years

Competes in:

- Tricks
- Slalom
- Jump

With the overall champion being calculated on all three events.

- 45 – 55 years

Competes in:

- Tricks
- Slalom
- Jump (optional)

With the overall champion being calculated on tricks and slalom scores only.

- 55 years and over

Competes in:

- Tricks
- Slalom

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The skier with the best scores overall from both rounds will be crowned as Seniors Champion.

The championships will consist of two rounds for all skiers.

The event would last for approximately 4-5 days.

Estimated Skiers

It is estimated that 50-60 skiers would be attending the event.

Division	Male	Female
35 – 45 years	20	5
45 – 55 years	15	5
55 years and over	10	3

Officials

The lead officials will be limited to:

- Chief Judge
- Assistant Chief Judge
- Homologator/Level 1 Judge
- Three Level 1 Judges (one from each confederation)

The LOC will be providing the following to the above officials:

- Accommodation
- Meals each day of competition

Officials will not be picked up from the airport and daily transport will be coordinated by the officials and their federations or confederations.

The balance of judges will be made up by spouses of competitors, skiers and members of the LOC, with three judges and two drivers from each confederation. These judges will not receive accommodation or meals.

Division	Judges	Drivers
35 – 45 years	3	2

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45 – 55 years	3	2
55 years and over	3	2
TOTAL	9	6

X-Games

Immediately following the conclusion of the Seniors Championships an X-Games format event will be held. Five open division skiers will participate in this event, with the balance of competitors to be made up of senior division skiers.

Post Competition Tourist Event

The location of the Senior World Championships should be at a highly sought after tourist location. Following the Senior World Championships the Senior skiers tourist holiday will occur. The holiday should last for approximately 3-5 days and should be appealing to a diverse range of people, but specifically targeted at those in the senior division. The trip should be designed to foster lasting relationships between senior skiers.

The LOC would be responsible to submit the proposed tourist holidays, along with projected costs and draft itinerary to the WBC when putting forward their bid to host the Senior World Championships.

Examples of a suitable tourist holidays could include 3-5-day cruises, 3-5-day campervan trips or 3-5-day adventure trips.

Locations

Examples of locations that are suitable for a Senior World Championships in this format include, but are not limited to:

- Hawaii
- Florida
- New Zealand
- Sydney
- South Korea
- Malaysia
- Italy
- France

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- Mexico
- England

Benefits

Some of the benefits of this event would be:

- The LOC would have substantially reduced sanction fees.
- The officials cost would be substantially reduced
- The event could be run in a shorter period of time than a standard World Championships
- The number of officials required is reduced by skiers and members of the LOC assisting in running the event
- The hosting of the event would be focused on a group of a similar age, so the evening events would be more communal
- The empowering of new judges and older skiers into judging positions could keep skiers in the sport and create new opportunities for less experienced judges
- Seniors would be available to hold chief positions and officiate at the Junior Open Worlds
- Hosting the tournament would be substantially cheaper, which would allow countries with fewer skiers a chance to host championships
- Opportunities to expand knowledge of the sport to countries with currently little skier participation
- The fostering of long term relationships between skiers within the senior division