

2010 WORLD TECHNICAL RULE CHANGES

104: SLALOM AND TRICK COURSE

(A) Course Dimensions. The dimensions of the courses shall be as indicated in the following figure, however the layout of the competition area is permitted to be varied to suit the tournament site. The competition site shall encompass a starting dock, skier advisory buoys for both passes, shutdown buoys for both passes, and a turn-around buoy at the far end.

- (3) **Turn-Around Buoy.** The distance between the starting dock and the turn-around buoy shall be not less than 650m and not more than 850m'.

Allows for use of longer waterways and increased the start distances.

207: RULE CHANGE PROCEDURE

(A) How to Submit. Any member in good standing of a federation with competitive barefoot skiers can submit a proposal to add, edit or delete a requirement of the Technical Rules.

(B) Proposal Content. The proposal must contain the following:

- (1) Identify the Rule number to be revised where applicable.
- (2) The text requested to be added, deleted, or revised.
- (3) The reason for the rule change.

Note: Contact information for the WBC Rules Committee is available at www.WorldBarefootCouncil.com.

(C) Approval. The proposed change will be reviewed by the WBC Rules Committee and any proposed changes shall be sent to the WBC for approval.

(D) Published on WBC Internet Site. Any amendments shall be published as soon as practicable on the official WBC internet site at www.WorldBarefootCouncil.com.

This procedure was moved from the PPG and re written. No actual "change" from the present procedure.

403: JUMP PROFICIENCY

Skiers entering the jump event must have achieved the following proficiency: A positive jump score on the current Rankings List, or a positive score in an IWWF Homologated Rankings List tournament between the cut off of the current Rankings List and up to four weeks prior to the World Championships.

Adds the requirement of actually landing a jump in a competition prior to the Worlds. The committee will further suggest setting minimum scores for all divisions, however we believe this should be done for post 2010. This will ensure a minimum of experience in the Jump event.

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406: INDEPENDENT ENTRANTS

(B) Qualifications. Skiers not selected for their National teams may qualify to compete in the 2010 World Championships as independents if they achieve one or more of the following World Ranking List scores during qualifying period of March 01, 2009 to July 12, 2010.

- (1) **Boys.** Jump 10.2m, Slalom 10.6, Tricks 1820.
- (2) **Girls.** Jump 9m, Slalom 4.4, Tricks 860.
- (3) **Gentlemen.** Jump 12.2m, Slalom 14.6, Tricks 2340.
- (4) **Ladies.** Jump 8.5m, Slalom 4.5, Tricks 500.
- (5) **Men.** Jump 21.2, Slalom 16.6, Tricks 4570.
- (6) **Women.** Jump 10, Slalom 8.6, Tricks 1450.

To ensure contestants have a minimum skill in the events.

608: LEVELS OF BOAT JUDGES

Boat Judges shall be categorized in four levels according to their experience and qualifications.

- (A) Level 1 Judge.** A Level 1 Judge meeting the following requirements is qualified to judge any tournament:
- (1) Has judged at least three National or Confederational Championships, or six RC tournaments (with three including jump) of 20 or more skiers under the direction and supervision of a Level 1 Judge.
 - (2) Has judged for at least five years.
 - (3) Shall pass a WBC test.
- (B) Level 2 Judge.** A Level 2 Judge meeting the following requirements is qualified to judge Record Capability and Ranking List tournaments.
- (1) Has judged at least two National or Confederational Championships, or four RC tournaments (with two including jump) of 20 or more skiers under the direction and supervision of a Level 1 or Level 2 Judge.
 - (2) Has judged for at least four years.
 - (3) Shall pass a WBC test.
- (C) Level 3 Judge.** A Level 3 Judge meeting the following requirements is qualified to judge Ranking List events.
- (1) Has judged for at least three years.
 - (2) Shall pass a WBC test.
- (D) Level 4 Judge.** All other Judges.

Allows RC tournaments other than National championships to go towards experience. Some countries may not have National Championships, or may be so large that attending three could be cost prohibitive, with no increase in quality of experience. This proposal will ensure an experienced judge will mentor the judge through the learning process.

609: LEVELS OF BOAT DRIVERS

Boat Drivers shall be categorized in four levels according to their experience and qualifications.

- (A) Level 1 Driver.** A Level 1 Driver meeting the following requirements is qualified to drive any tournament:
- (1) Has driven at least three National or Confederational Championships, or six 3-event RC tournaments of 20 or more skiers under the direction and supervision of a Level 1 Driver.
 - (2) Has driven for at least five years.
 - (3) Shall pass a WBC test.
- (B) Level 2 Driver.** A Level 2 Driver meeting the following requirements is qualified to drive Record Capability and Ranking List tournaments.
- (1) Has driven at least two National or Confederational Championships, or four 3-event RC tournaments of 20 or more skiers under the direction and supervision of a Level 1 or Level 2 Driver.
 - (2) Has driven for at least four years.
 - (3) Shall pass a WBC test.
- (C) Level 3 Driver.** A Level 3 Driver meeting the following requirements is qualified to drive Record Capability and Ranking List tournaments.
- (1) Has driven for at least three years.
 - (2) Shall pass a WBC test.
- (D) Level 4 Driver.** All other Drivers.

610: LEVELS OF HOMOLOGATORS

Homologators shall be categorized in four levels according to their experience and qualifications.

- (A) Level 1 Homologator.** A Level 1 Homologator meeting the following requirements is qualified to homologate any tournament:
- (1) Has homologated at least three National or Confederational Championships, or six 3-event RC tournaments of 20 or more skiers where under the direction supervision of a Level 1 Homologator.
 - (2) Has homologated for at least five years.
 - (3) Shall pass a WBC test.

(B) Level 2 Homologator. A Level 2 Homologator meeting the following requirements is qualified to homologate Record Capability and Ranking List tournaments.

- (1) Has homologated at least two National or Confederational Championships, or four 3-event RC tournaments of 20 or more skiers where under the direction supervision of a Level 1 or Level 2 Homologator.
- (2) Has homologated for at least four years.
- (3) Shall pass a WBC test.

(C) Level 3 Homologator. A Level 3 Homologator meeting the following requirements is qualified to homologate Record Capability and Ranking List events.

- (1) Has homologated for at least three years.
- (2) Shall pass a WBC test.
- (D) Level 4 Homologator. All other Homologators.

Previously we had no parameters of what is required to be a Homologator or Driver. This will offer potential Drivers and Homologators a guide for upgrading and encourage mentorship

706: OFFICIAL USE

(A) When Permitted. The Boat Judges are only permitted to view the official video of an event before the expiry of the protest time at the request of the Chief Judge or Chief Scorer, under the following circumstances:

- (1) **Simple Majority.** To obtain a simple majority decision as to the skier's performance.
- (2) **Failure of Timing Device.** To determine the time parameters of a pass in the event of failure of the timing device.
- (3) **Exceptional Circumstances.** In circumstances which are judged to be exceptional, the Chief Judge or Chief Scorer is authorized to instruct the Boat Judges to review the video recording to correct errors or misconceptions. **The Chief Judge is free to use any and all evidence he feels is applicable to effect an expeditious and correct decision.**

Allows the CJ Latitude in rendering decisions. The CJ is free to choose whether to use outside evidence or not, depending on the confidence the CJ has in that evidence.

1101: BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

(A) Speed. Tow boats containing the required boat officials as per 607 shall have the performance necessary to obtain 72 kph/44.7 mph by the skier's advisory buoy while towing a heavy barefoot skier **weighing approximately 80k/175 lb.**

Gives a definition of the weight of a "heavy skier."

1408: CREDIT FOR JUMP

(B) Jump Disallowed. A jump shall be disallowed if:

- (1) **BSP Prior to Ramp.** The skier does not attain BSP by the start-of-course buoy and maintain it to the ramp.
- (2) **Tumbleturn.** The skier attempts to recover by a greater than 90-degree tumbleturn after the skier has gone over the ramp, but before BSP has been recognized.
- (3) **BSP after Ramp.** The skier does not attain BSP before the end-of-course buoy.
- (4) **Maximum Speed.** The average towboat speed is judged to have exceeded 73.5 kph/45.7 mph, as checked by a GPS speed-measuring device.
- (5) **Contact with Ramp.** In the opinion of the Boat Judge, the skier **advantageously** contacts the ramp with anything other than the feet. **The Chief Judge can be called upon to adjudicate if the Boat Judge is unable to make an immediate ruling.**

This was the interpretation approved in Otaki, New Zealand January 2009 by the CJ and the Jury that was submitted to the WBC for approval during the event.

1502: PASSES

(A) Two 15-Second Passes. In each round each skier shall be allowed two 15-second passes through the Slalom course, one forward and one backward, during which the skier can score points.

(B) Two Forward Passes. If both passes are in the forward BSP or any portion of a pass is made in the forward BSP, then the points for the lower-scoring forward pass or portion of the forward pass shall be calculated at **25% of the scored value** rounded to **two decimal places (.01)**.

Clarify the calculation and to eliminate the gap between the skills presented and score received. Result will be that every increment is given a unique score.

1603: TRICK START POINTS

	Two-Foot	One-Foot	Flyer Bonus	Tower Bonus
Front Deep	50	100	50	150
Front Toe-Up		400		
Front Tumble	100	150	50	100
Back Deep	200	500	100	200
Back Toe-Up		450/350*		
Back Tumble	400	700	100	200

* Imperfect Version [1603(A)(11)]

Better aligns the degree of difficulty to the starts.

1607 OFFICIALS

(C) Written Record. The Boat Judge(s) shall make a written record, in accordance with the Trick Shorthand Table of the identity and success of each trick as it's performed. This record shall note the direction of a turn, and on which foot if a one-foot trick.

Short-Hand Tricks Symbols -1607(C)									
	Surface Tricks				Wake Tricks				Wake-to-Wake
	Two Foot		One Foot		Two Foot		One Foot		
	Basic	Rev	Basic	Rev	Basic	Rev	Basic	Rev	
General									
Hop	Λ		Λ>	<Λ	Λ _v				Λ _w
Knee Skiing	K								
One Foot			>	<					
Rope in Teeth	T		T>	<T					
Rope on Neck	N		N>	<N					
Side Slide-Backward	BSS								
Side Slide-Forward	SS								
Side Slide Switch	SSS								
Sit Down Stand Up	SD		SD>	<SD					
Somersault (Flip)	O				O _v				O _w
Toe Hold			C.	.C					
Tumble 180	↵	↵	↵>	<↵					
Tumble 360	Ϸ	Ϸ	Ϸ>	<Ϸ					
Wave-One Hand	W.	.W							
Turns									
180° Turn	1.	.1	1>	<1	1 _v	v1	1> _v	v<1	1 _w
360° Turn	3.	.3	3>	<3	3 _v	v3	3> _v	v<3	3 _w
540° Turn	5.	.5	5>	<5					
720° Turn	7.	.7	7>	<7					
Step Turn 180°	S1	1S			S _v	vS			S _w
Step Turn 360°	S3	3S							
Step Turn 540°	S5	5S							
Step Turn 720°	S7	7S							
Toe Turn			C1	1C			C _v	vC	

1. Added reverse hop symbol [1609(A)].
2. Better illustrates what is actually happening on the water for the 180 Tumble Turn.

1609: BONUS ACTIONS

(A) Bonus Values. The following pass tricks carry a bonus value (**basic and reverse**), which are are treated as separate from the whole trick and judged and scored as bonuses:

- (1) Hop-Front (one foot) – 50 points
- (2) Hop-Back (one foot) – **100 points**
- (3) Hop-Back (line step) – 100 points
- (4) One Foot (line step) – 100 points

Adds reverses of one foot hops and adjusts the score since there are now two available.

1610: PENALTIES AND REVERSIONS

(D) Surface/Wake Turns. The skier will incur a 100-point penalty if he loses BSP before recognition of the trick but successfully completes the trick and regains BSP. A fall to a position that requires a greater than 90-degree tumbleturn to recover will disallow the trick.

- (1) If the skier fails to demonstrate one-foot BSP before the start of a turn, it shall always be judged as a two-foot turn and all rotation rules contained in 1613(B) shall apply.
- (2) If the skier fails to satisfy the lifted foot requirements during the rotation of a one-foot turn or before BSP has been recognised at the end of the trick **but relifts the lifted foot to one-foot BSP before moving on to the next trick** then the trick will be judged as an imperfect one-foot turn and it shall incur a 100-point penalty. **Should the skier fail to relift to one-foot BSP, the turn shall not score.**

Suggestion from the Judges seminar in Otaki. Consensus was that requiring the foot to be lifted at the end will reduce the number of people intentionally doing the imperfect version.

1610: PENALTIES AND REVERSIONS

(F) Rope-on-Foot Turn.

- (1) When attempting a front-to-back rope-on-foot turn, the skier will incur a 100-point penalty if he does not maintain BSP throughout the turn **or if the hands are not clear from the handle prior to the turn.**

Was suggested at the judge's seminar in Otaki.

1623: POINT VALUE TABLE

Reduce side-slide points to **150 points**.

Increase 1-foot 360 surface turns up **200 points**.

Better aligns with the degree of difficulty of the trick and the judging standard.

THE FOLLOWING IS NOT A CHANGE FOR 2010. IT IS A FORMAL TRIAL AGREED ON BY THE WBC:

1103: ROPES AND HANDLES

(G) Leader. Where the optional 'high' attachment point as permitted in 1101(D)(3) is provided, the Tournament Committee shall provide a rope leader made from a low-stretch material with the overall length of 3m/10' $\pm 5\%$. The ends of the leader shall be finished with a 15cm ± 2.5 cm/6" ± 1 " loop and a clip shall be supplied for the attachment of the skier-supplied rope.

Makes for a standard practice on rope attachment for the high tower. We suggest this "rule" be used for the 2010 season and if it is found to not hinder skier performance then it will be adopted for the 2011 rules. If a better method is found through testing during the season then that will be adopted.