



Confirming Requirements for IWWF Records.

World Records are the pinnacle of achievement in barefoot waterskiing. For athletes across all divisions, these records validate excellence and inspire future generations. Adherence to technical rules ensures:

- * *Fairness*: Equal standards for skiers of all ages, divisions, and skill levels.
- * *Legacy*: Records become timeless benchmarks.
- * *Trust*: Sponsors, media, and federations invest in a sport grounded in Integrity.

Unambiguous standards ensure credibility in IWWF World Barefoot Water Records. These standards apply regardless of location or age division. Fostering such credibility is of paramount importance.

The Council believes the sport will benefit from educating tournament organisers and participants about procedures necessary to hold an IWWF World Record Capable Tournament and to establish World Records. Tournament Organizers and Athletes need to be confident that any potential records set at a World Record Capable Tournament are not invalidated by failure to adhere to these standards. No tournament should be designated as Record Capable without a willingness and ability to strictly comply with them.

Accordingly, the purpose of this communication is to:

- *Confirm the Council's commitment to enforcement of these standards for the benefit of the sport.
- *Educate on how to comply with these standards.
- *Make compliance easier by summarising, in one place, what the standards require and providing education about compliance.

The Technical Rules: A Roadmap to Credibility.

Ensuring we have global standardised procedures for World Records is a core mission of the Council and critical to international confidence in every record's legitimacy. Compliance with these procedures requires looking at several different sections of the Technical Rules. Below is a summary of how the Technical Rules address World Records.

1. Homologation Requirements

Records can only be set at WBC-approved tournaments (Rule 1702) with:

* Certified Officials: Judges, drivers, and video operators trained to Level 1–4 standards (Rule 213).

* Standardized Equipment: Towboats meeting specifications (Rule 1501), homologated ropes/handles (Rule 1402–1403), and GPS speed verification (Rule 405).

* Approved Courses: Jump, slalom, and trick courses adhering to layout and measurement protocols (Chapter 16).

2. Documentation

Every record claim must include:

* Video Evidence: High-resolution footage (Rule 1303) to validate performance.

* Timing Data: GPS-confirmed speeds within tolerances (Rule 303, 405).

* Affidavits: Signed statements from judges, drivers, and homologators (Rule 1706).

3. Verification

The Records Review Committee (RRC) (Rule 1707) conducts evaluations to:

* Confirm compliance with technical rules.

* Resolve discrepancies using video replay and scoring consensus.

* Publish ratified records publicly (Rule 1709).

Conclusion

Credibility is not optional—it is the foundation of Barefoot waterskiing’s growth. By enforcing Chapter 17’s frameworks, we honour every athlete’s effort and ensure records stand as unassailable milestones. Let’s champion a future where every splash, trick, and jump is beyond reproach.

INTERPRETATION AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING IWWF WORLD BAREFOOT WATER SKI TECHNICAL RULES RELATING TO WORLD RECORDS.

This Interpretation and Guidance of the World Barefoot Water Ski Technical Rules is issued after review by the WBC Rules Committee Chairman and approval by the IWWF World Barefoot Council (WBC) pursuant to Rule 204 (A) and specifically relates to the conditions necessary for holding IWWF World Barefoot Waterski Record Capable Tournaments.

1. Confederation and World Championships

All Confederation and World Championships are automatically recognised as World Record Capable, provided they meet the requirements set out in Chapter 17 of the IWWF World Barefoot Water-Ski Technical Rules (“Rules), with emphasis on the following:

- Compliance with all site standards

- Completion of proper homologation
- Obtaining all necessary official approvals

2. All Other Tournaments.

All other tournaments should likewise fully comply with Chapter 17 of the Rules. The WBC would like to provide the following guidance regarding World Record Capable Tournaments. They must:

- Receive prior approval by the WBC. Communications seeking approval should be sent at least 30 days before the commencement of the tournament to: Geoff Blaauw, Chair of the WBC geoff.blaauw@icloud.com, with a copy to John Cornish, Secretary of the WBC jmcscornish@gmail.com
- Be homologated by a level 1 or 2 Homologator; World Record applications must include a report by such Homologator consistent with Rule 1700 (E) requirements.
- Be listed on an official federation/confederation calendar or for an invitation at least 30 days before the commencement of the competition, and be a significant, listed event, not an ad hoc competition.
- Follow the Rules regarding the use and calibration of approved speed control systems.

The number of record-capable rounds (Rule 1702), compliance with safety equipment specifications (Chapter 11 of the Rules), and course specifications for each event (Chapter 16 of the Rules)

- Comply with the record review and ratification process found in Rule 1706.
- All participating skiers are required to hold a valid IWWF license.

This interpretation and guidance is being provided to ensure that World Barefoot Waterski Record Capable Tournaments maintain the highest standards of competition integrity and fairness.

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