

Judges & Scorers Committee Report January 2022

The status of testing materials:

Our current practical tests were all blocked by YouTube privacy settings. Some were retrieved and updated for a temporary fix. New videos are being reviewed and scrutinized for inclusion for an updated test but details of inclusion in the new Learning Management System (LMS) have not been defined in structure or format for ease of access and testing implementation. The videos for tricks for SR testing will reflect videos gathered from Nationals or tournaments identified at a high level of judges and skiers and typically are of an HD quality. Runs have N/C tricks that are indicative of issues seen often and reflect judging vs recognizing tricks. There may be options on this which will be dependent on the AWSA LMS capabilities and would make modifying the test hopefully easier in the future. Melanie and I will discuss details of what can be done once the membership database issues are corrected and addressed.

Our goal is to have new slalom and trick Senior Practical Exams completed by March 1, 2022. Written tests and clinic materials will be reviewed once new rules are confirmed and should be integrated into the LMS database at AWSA so that modification and access are easily maintained.

Foreign officials:

Foreign officials transferring to AWSA ratings and working AWSA events is a growing conversation. This was approved by the board and we are moving forward on this. It makes sense that a foreign official would not be a Chief until they have completed this process, but could serve in any capacity for L or R events as they may actually be more familiar with IWWF rules than some of our officials. Some country requirements are comparable to AWSA as far as practical experience and make this process easy and would require a confirmation of AWSA Rules knowledge if they desire the qualifications. An additional question that is coming forward is the new Safesport and Background check requirements being implemented that will need to align AWSA and IWWF requirements. IWWF has identified training criteria is the responsibility at the Federation level and could add to the complexity of the transition from foreign to AWSA. Background check may need to be handled similar to the Drivers Committee Attestation form, but that has not been confirmed at this time.

Tournament expectations:

Throughout history issues with officials not adhering to expectations for tournaments have been cited. We are reviewing the J&S Manual and will revise or edit any processes related to inappropriate behavior or documentation. We are aware this may actually need to be included in a rules conversation. It looks like officials not being onsite or not being responsive to conflicts of interest have been identified, but it seems reporting of rules exceptions may be all that needs clarification within the clinic scenario. The Seeding committee is asking for the stressing that scorers or the person(s) submitting event documentation and scorebooks adhere to timeframes and include all

that identified as a complete tournament scorebook package. This may need to be highlighted in the manual and clinic materials also.

Fast track:

The quantitative requirements are fairly clear cut, but there seems to be some conversation especially for fast-track officials. The focus is for a top level judge to be cognoscente of the rules. The committee is reviewing practical review, written testing and adding an experience minimum for Senior.

PanAm:

PanAm / IWWF level officials are being implemented and include changes to the current minimum years of experience. Judges and scorers will now be identified as PanAm and/or AWSA judges in the AWSA membership database to help clarify officials' background and qualifications for specific events. Currently a foreign official may be listed in the membership database as PanAm without a Senior qualification. An AWSA official could have both Senior and PanAm with different expiration dates. Judges and scorers fall into this new PanAm category with a number of "grandfathered" officials being identified.

Manual and Clinic materials,

There are new rules and criteria coming out this year, some possibly in-depth. Our goal is to review and make recommendations on the clinic documentation. This may need to include some variations for in-person vs Zoom type clinics. Melanie and I have discussed the LMS capabilities and hope to possibly look into a LMS monitoring of the clinic process may be in our future, especially if we continue to see a trend in non face-to-face meetings.

New

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