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Hard to believe the weather that has been hitting all of us this year and hopefully you are not experiencing too many hardships.

We attended the Senior Officials clinic in Austin, TX over the weekend. It was 34'with icy rain when we arrived on Friday and 70'and sunny when we left on Sunday! The clinic for was a great success and kudos go to Gordon Hall and Floyd McCreight for planning and conducting a great conference for the judges, scorers and drivers. The breakout sessions for the scorers was conducted by Dave Allen and Tina Lindsey and they presented the new updates to the program and interesting subjects on how to apply various situations to our use of the WSTIMS for Windows scoring program. Every region had scorers in attendance and we all interacted very successfully and came home better prepared to score tournaments in our regions.

Update 2.0.1.01 is Available for Downloading
The updated version 2.0.1.01 is now available for download and has many new features and fixes that we will review for you in this edition of our newsletter.

NOPS Calculators
There is a NOPS calculator built into the WfW program under the Tools tab for you to use. There is also a NOPS calculator on the AWSA website that you can download for a stand alone application when you don't want to start the program to use that one. It has been updated recently and you need to download the application again if you downloaded it before today.

Live Web Tab In Event Scoring Panels Has Changed
The Live Web reporting and structure has received many navigation enhancements that have improved the presentation tremendously. The Live Web scoring "URL" options have been changed to allow you to send the scoring information to the Water Ski Results page as the default posting and the ability to also send the information to an alternate "URL" (website, Twitter, etc.). This is a great improvement, so that we can have the greatest exposure of the scores to the water skiing community. Another change involves the uploading of the scores when you change events. The information will be sent from the event being scored without the need to "turn on Web Live" for each event when you change. In other words a constant feed of the information from the time that you initialize the option in the morning, until the end of the day, UNLESS you lose your internet connection for some reason. This falls under the heading of "weird geek stuff that is unexplainable". If this happens to you, just hit refresh and the current event will be updated. You will need to do this on the other computers as well if you are using a "master router" on the site, and you are using multiple computers.

If you are using multiple computers and one of the other events is being scored on a lake without an internet connection, when you do the export of the event scores and transfer them to the Master computer which has an internet connection, open the event (each age division or all skiers in the event) and upload them into the Web Live stream for all to see.

Slalom Summary Error Fixed
If a skier's last pass has a fast time and the skier decides not to take a reride the score should be protected and be included in the final total. However in the summary results the final pass was being ignored because of the out of tolerance time. This has been corrected and the final pass is included in the Summary score results.

Overall Summary and Results
There has been a need in the program to automatically select the first score for an event and that score be used as the first round score regardless of the round it was scored in, when the Overall Scores to be used selected is "Round". When the "Scores to be Used" option on any of the event summary windows is selected then a skiers scores will be assigned to the round in the order of the first one skied is round 1 and the second one skied is round 2.

There is one exception to this that you will need to use for multiple round State and Regional tournaments. When the scores to be used is selected as "First", then in order for your State or Regional Overall champion to be correctly reported, each of the three events (two for B1-G1 and Men & Women eight and up) then all of the scores must be in the first round so that the proper skier is recognized as the Overall champion in the Awards Summary. The Overall scores that go into the seeding (WSP) file will be as stipulated in the rulebook.

Skier Performance File Change
In a typical Head to Head tournament we have two qualifying rounds and then four elimination rounds (16, 8, 4, 2). The Rules committee has changed the way that these scores will be transmitted to the Skier Performance file, to allow six rounds (as noted above) of scores to be included in the seeding (WSP) file in the tournament data upload. The Skiers Qualification committee will determine the algorithm to select the score that will be posted to the Ranking List from the tournament scores for the skier. This will also apply to a normal Elimination type tournament format.

Dave received several suggestions at the Senior Clinic that will enhance the operation and reporting functions of the program and he has added them to the wish list. If you have a suggestion, please send them to me with the enhancement and the rationale behind the change and we will get take them under consideration.

Stay warm and it will be time to hit the water before you know it.

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The weather is warming up and we are all getting back on the water in the sport we love and it is time to open our minds to the tournament competitions and the scoring program changes and improvements that have been made this spring.

Update 2.0.1.3 is Available for Downloading
The updated version 2.0.1.3 is now available for download. Dave has fixed several small glitches, removed the processing of the Chief Judge, Safety and Towboat reports in the PDF format and added support to upload and attach Trick videos to the skiers score sheets on the Live Score postings to the waterskiresults.com website.

To begin this newsletter, I will address the mundane issues that affect most of us in some way.

Team Summary
Corrected a problem when using the 1000 point scale for team overall that the 1000 points were assigned to the top team skier and excluded all non-team skiers.

Running Order Exceptions In NCWSA Tournaments
There was an exception encountered on a collegiate tournament when selecting a non-team group and at least one other group and with the filtering of zero rows when using filters to set the running orders. These issues have been fixed.

Officials Work Assignment Copying
In some tournament types the copying of the officials used in one event to another event was not working correctly. This issue has been fixed and is working correctly now.

PDF Requirements For All Reports Removed
The Chief Judge, Safety and Towboat reports are not using the PDF format as we have done in the past. We are now producing two different types of formats for these reports.

The first is a PRN file that presents the information in a presentation for people to read and digest.

The second report is in a CSV format and has a TXT file extension. In this type of format all of the information is presented in a long string of data and is for the importing into an

Excel spreadsheet or a database program for processing. Headquarters is now importing all there of these reports into Access and it will give them a ability to analyze the information and produce more comprehensive reports.

Slalom Class C Mulligan Rule
For many years in novice slalom events, the LOC has opted to use a mulligan based scoring to allow our newcomers a second chance to score buoys and has brought in many new skiers to our tournaments. Now the Rules Committee, in their infinite wisdom, will allow us to use this option in Class C and below sanctioned tournaments.

Enhanced reride functionality to identify the new 10.03 rule for Class C and lower tournaments. The enhancement will mark a first pass with a score of 6 but missed entry gates as a reride per rule 10.03. If the next pass is successful, then the score is recorded and the skier is allowed to continue. If the skier does not make a full pass on the 2nd pass then the score is recorded as zero.

Jump Timing
An error was found that was incorrectly allowing a fast 41m segment time. This has been corrected.

Linking Trick Videos To Skier Score Sheets In Live Web Scoring
Dave has developed a process that will allow you to link the video of a skiers trick passes to their score sheets when you are using the Live Web scoring option in a tournament. Dave linked all of the trick videos from the 2013 Eastern Regional Championships and I linked 6 skiers to the Sunset Classic/ US Team Trials to learn the procedures involved in this process and develop a To Do list of the steps involved. Both of these tournaments are listed on the Live Web Scoring link on the waterskiresults.com website.

We will call the following steps Plan A and they have been tested and worked, the only caveat, is that you need to read and follow each step as noted. This will save you heart ache and exasperation during the process.

Keep in mind that the area where the videos are being reviewed by the event Judges and the scoring processing areas are separate and it is not realistic to try and post these videos in a live timeframe. There is the 2 hour period of review by the skiers and or their representatives to correct scoring errors and the Rules are very specific in how this process is handled. The scoring of the Trick runs is the most intense time for the scorers during the tournament and we are NOT recommending that you try to add this to your workload during this timeframe and post the videos live. This will be your call based on your situation.

The first steps in the process will be to have a discussion with the Technical Controller and the Chief Judge on the format for the name of the skiers and associating them correctly with the skiers' name that has been provided in the tournament template download; this will give you a consistent platform to work from.

This is the suggested steps to accomplish this:

1. The scorer will export the SplashEye skier running order list from the Trick Running Order screen in WSTIMS to your tournament folder and then can be exported to a Flash drive for the Technical Controller to import into the Trick video computer to be used by the Judges for the event. The SplashEye and Corson Timing programs will both import this list.
2. The official timer for the event will select the skier name for each video from the dropdown list of names.
3. The official timer will save the video files to the video folder of each video processed. This will also identify the round and the pass along with the skiers name.
4. At some point the Technical Controller will export these video files to a Flash drive for the scorer to upload to the Live Scoring of the tournament on the WSTIMS website.
5. Dave has worked out a process within WSTIMS to handle this automatically after selecting the Video Upload feature in the Trick scoring portion of WSTIMS.
6. This will take place when the scorer and Technical Controller have time to accomplish the upload.

Variations allowable in the naming format of the video files:
For the trick videos you will need to save the video files with the skier's name as it appears on the tournament registration. If the tournament has only 1 round then the file name should include a designation for the pass such as P1, P2, Pass1, or Pass2. If the tournament has more than 1 round then the file name should include the round designation such as R1, R2, Round 1, or Round2.

Here are some examples of the various ways that Dave believes (empathize believe) you can format the video file names that should work. The first is the one Dave recommends, but all should work. He used "mp4" as the file extension but any valid video file format should work.
e.g. DavidAllenR1P1.mp4, DavidAllenR1P2.mp4, DavidAllenR2P1.mp4, DavidAllenR2P2.mp4
e.g. DavidAllenP1.mp4, DavidAllenP2.mp4, DavidAllenP1.mp4, DavidAllenP2.mp4
e.g. David Allen r1 p1.mp4, David Allen r1p2.mp4, David Allen r2p1.mp4, David Allen r2r2.mp4
e.g. Allen, David r1 p1.mp4, Allen, David r1p2.mp4, Allen, David r2p1.mp4, Allen, David r2r2.mp4

Keep in mind that this is Plan A!

Now to your procedures to use in this process:
When scoring tricks you can send the scores to the Web Scoreboard the same as always.

To load the videos to the video hosting service use the "Load Video Files" option under the trick menu. On this window do the following:

- Use the "Select Files" button to locate and select 1 or more video files (use the standard "control click" to select multiple files).
- You can assign tags to the videos by either selecting the check boxes.
- Use the Add Tag button to add new tags to assign to the videos.
  Tags are used to search for videos on the http://sproutvideo.com/ website, not really relevant at this point.
- Before the upload process begins, you will see the video file name in the top of the panel and a drop down list of skier names below. You will need to select the skier name to associate with the displayed video file name. You will do this for each video/ pass of the skier.
- Use the "Load" button and it will read thru the selected files, match it with a skier, and then upload the video. Each pass video will take about 2 ½ minutes to upload with a DSL internet connection. I have not tried this with my MiFi at this time.
  If a file name doesn't match a skier exactly you will be given a list of selections for you to select the matching skier for a video file.
- Once the files have been uploaded you should open the Trick Entry window. Show either all the trick skiers or filter it to match the trick videos uploaded.
- Use the "Live Web" button to "Resend Visible Skiers" to resend the skiers scores which will now include a reference to the videos.
- Go to the Web Scoreboard.
- Select tricks and view the skiers scored.
- Select a skier and you should see the trick form and the videos should be available.

I did encounter a problem with one of my skier uploads during my testing. When I checked the Live Scoring of the skier on the website, his first pass was blank and his second pass video was there. I surmised that I must have done something wrong (not unusual), so I went back to WSTIMS and resent the pass 1 video file. I then went back to the website and there in pass 1 was a panel that was black with the run dart in the middle. I clicked on the refresh icon on the top right and the skier did not appear. I conferred with Dave and he said that at the file goes into the cache (that mysterious area in the computers operating ram) where things go for processing sometimes will refresh with a click of the refresh icon. He said I needed a "hard refresh" and he had me hold down the shift key and press the F5 key simultaneously and the refresh worked and the video was there for all to see.

Keep in mind that all of this is Plan A and if you read carefully and follow the instructions, everything will work.

If you have problems, we are here to assist you, Jeff

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Update 2.0.1.4 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.0.1.4 is now available for download. This update has a housekeeping issue for IWWF tie breaking and a new procedure to use for scoring slalom skiers in Class C tournaments that are attempting to qualify for Level 9 Open division.

Tie Breaking Criteria For IWWF Rules

Dave has enhanced the tie breaking criteria for tournaments using the IWWF rules set. This involves single and multiple tie breaking options that may occur in a tournament. This will affect slalom, trick and jump events as well as reporting the correct placements in the Master Scorebook.

Procedures For Scoring Men 3-6/MM And Women 5 Slalom When Higher Speed Is Used

The following is posted on the Rules Committee link in the Three Event tab on the USA-WS website. It is a work in progress and Dave Allen has written the required coding into the program, so that the scoring results will be properly applied to the ranking List via the WSP file and allows the skier to attempt to meet the requirements for skiing in the Open divisions. Dave Clark has made the necessary changes to the Ranking List criteria.

This will not affect the Boys1-2 and Girls 1-2 slalom skiers because they have the option of moving to the Boys 3 and Girls 3 divisions to ski at the higher speed standards. Keep in mind that Boys and Girls 3 are up to 17 years of age and the sub-categories of Boys and Girls 1-2 are for competitive purposes.

This new option is being put into effect for the older age divisions.

MEN 3-6 SLALOM SKIERS Seeking OPEN MEN Qualification Background:

Men 3-6/Master Men slalom skiers who seek an Open qualification at 34 mph are required to ski a little further down the rope than they would if they could ski at 36 mph. For example, on any given day the Open Men Level 9 cutoff score could be 109, which is 1 @ 39 for Open Men/Men 1/Men 2 skiers at 36 mph. For Men 3-6 or Master Men skiers it is also 109 buoys, which at 34 mph is 1 @ 41. Where the rub comes is that while a Men 3-6 or Master Men skier *could* elect to ski at 36 mph instead of 34 mph, rule 10.06 D dictates that their total buoy score would be computed as though they were skiing at 34 instead of 36. So a 1@ 39 at 36 mph for a Men3 skier becomes 103, rather than 109.

Hence the rule is blocking a path that the Men 3-6/Master Men should be able to use if they want to ski at the higher speed.

Pending Rules Committee Action: The Rules Committee is in the process of modifying AWSA Rule 10.06 D, second sentence, to accommodate these skiers and will probably read:

Any passes skied at that higher speed shall receive credit for buoys as though they were being run at his division maximum speed for the official scoring in his age division. *For elite qualification purposes, however, those higher speed passes shall receive credit for buoys at the speed actually skied*.

Until this rule is finally approved there is an existing alternate method (work-around) to accommodate these skiers.

The Work-Around: For scoring, the skier can be placed in division IM (International Men) for sanctioned tournaments Class C and above where his 36 mph performance will be recognized by the ranking system and treated as being equivalent to AWSA Open Men (OM). The skier will also continue to be ranked as a Men3-6 skier using the scoring offset but will also be placed on the OM ranking list. That list will show "not qualified" UNTIL such time as the skier's average buoy count equals or surpasses the Level 9 threshold for OM and moves him onto the list of qualified open skiers.

The division of IM/IW is not part of the AWSA published schema but was created in WSTIMS to handle international skiers skiing in AWSA events and will now handle this unique situation.

This procedure could also be used for Women 5 skiers **to ski as IW, where they want to** qualify for Open **Women**, since the Women 5 slalom speed is lower than the Open Women speed of 34mph.

This option may not be used at Regionals or Nationals per rule 3.02D

All of the regions are getting in the groove this weekend and joining those of us in the warmer climates in enjoying our great sport.

See you soon and if you have any questions or problems, please contact us to make your work easier.

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Update 2.0.1.6 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.0.1.6 is now available for download and has fixed several glitches and added an update to the AWSA and IWWF records tables along with the new 2014 Homologation dossier.

Live Web Settings Caused Crashes

There was an error in setting up the Live Web that has caused crashes. The issue was happening when the location field was blank and the default location was being set incorrectly. Default location is now being properly set if no value is supplied.

Added Trained Driver to the Officials Ratings List

Trained Drivers are being used in Grassroots tournaments and the program now support this new rating.

Slalom Score Entry Correction

If a time was unavailable for a pass, there wasn't a way to indicate this condition and move on to a reride. This issue has been fixed to allow you to click on the reride check box, give a reason, and then move on to repeat the pass.

Issue Reported For Scores In IWWF Divisions In Class C And E Tournaments

Total buoy scores are showing as 6 buoys higher than they should be when an IWWF age division is used with a class of E or C event.

The issue has been fixed to calculate the correct IWWF buoy count regardless of skier event class.

Updated the records tables for AWSA and IWWF to the current approved records.

The new 2014 Homologators dossier has been included in the program.

Have fun at your Regional tournaments and we will see you at the Nationals in San Marcos, TX.

Jeff & Dave