



**INTERNATIONAL WATER SKI FEDERATION
REGION EUROPE, AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST**

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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose, function and composition

The Bye-laws are supplementary to the Statutes. The Letter of Agreement and Obligations for Titled Events, the Rules of Eligibility and the Drug Testing requirements are extensions of these Bye-laws.

1.2. Application

The Bye-laws apply without restriction unless otherwise specified to all divisions of water skiing.

1.3. Definitions

Where the term "Region EAME" is used it is held to mean the Region of Europe, Africa and the Middle East as defined in the Constitution of the International Water Ski Federation.

Where the word "Admincom" is used, it is held to mean the Administrative Committee of Region EAME.

Where the word "he", "him" or "his" is used, it is held to refer to persons of either sex.

Where the word "competitor" is used it is held to include the driver and observer for racing events.

Where "his (the competitor's) Federation" is used, it is held to mean the Federation of the country, where the competitor is in possession of a passport of that country or where he can prove permanent residency for more than 5 years.

Where "his (the Official's) Federation" is used, it is held to mean the Federation who applied for his examination or after his qualification, any Federation under whose authority the Official advises Region EAME he then comes.

Where the term "Cash Prize" is used, it is held to combine prizes in cash, material inducement, gift of values, compensation and inducement to attract a competitor to attend.

Where the term "waterski" is used it is held to include Barefoot waterskiing, Cable waterskiing, Tournament (classic) waterskiing, Wakeboarding (boat & cable), waterskiing for the Disabled and waterski Racing.

National Governing bodies may extend this to include other forms of sport on water where a person or persons are towed by a boat or cable.

1.4. Amendments, additions, annulments

As stated in art. 24 of the Statutes, Bye-laws will be established by the Admincom. They will be effective as soon as they have been communicated in writing to the Federations. Bye-laws and modifications thereto must be approved by the following Annual Congress.

1.5. Additional Rules

Additional Rules for each division shall be the compilation of the rules made by the Divisional Councils under art. 34 of the Statutes.

1.6. Doping

The rules of the IWSF on doping shall be adopted by EAME, substituting 'EAME' for 'IWSF' in all relevant places. Any amendments to the rules adopted by the IWSF shall automatically be adopted by EAME.

The above shall apply in all matters relating to doping, including banned substances, penalties and appeals procedure.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1. Federations

2.1.1. Annual Subscriptions

The amount of the annual subscription to be paid by affiliated member Federations shall be determined as a function of their voting power at the annual Region EAME Congress.

Subscriptions will be invoiced annually before the 1st of March and shall be payable by the following 30th April. Federations not having paid by the 30th April shall be subject to a late payment penalty of 10% per month (or fraction of a month).

No athlete from a Federation whose subscription and/or late payment penalty is unpaid may participate in a Regional or World titled event, unless the Regional or World titled event is taking place in April or May of the year to which the subscription relates.

2.1.2. Voting power

Each full member Federation has at least one vote for general business.

Associate member Federations and recognised Federations have no voting powers.

The total number of votes a full member Federation has for general business is one plus the highest number of votes in any of the divisions.

The maximum number of votes a Federation can have in any division is three.

In order to have up to three votes for a division, a Federation has to fulfill the following criteria in at least one of the four years preceding the date of the Congress:

- 1) Having organised a Qualified Titled Event (see list below), an International Competition or a National Championship with accepted homologation by the relevant EAME Council.
- 2) Having had an athlete participate at a Qualified Titled Event (see list below).
- 3) Having had an official participate at a Qualified Titled Event (see list below).

List of the Qualified Titled Events: see Appendix-A – Voting powers.

2.1.3. Supply of goods and services

Orders to Region EAME for goods, articles or services shall be made through Federations.

Invoices for such goods or services will be dealt with through Federations and will be paid through the Federations.

Invoices shall be paid within two months of the date of issue. Late payment shall be subject to a penalty of 10% per 3 months or part thereof, after becoming overdue.

If the share of Entry Fees collected by the Organizer is not paid to EAME within 30 days of the event a Member Federation shall lose the deposit of 1000 EURO (4.5.1.1.g.) and shall have its voting rights to the next Congress withdrawn for the relevant discipline.

2.1.4. Sanctions

For contravention of any Statute or Bye-law the Admincom may apply such sanctions as it deems appropriate including

- imposition of a fine
- removal of the whole or part of the Federation's voting power at the Annual Congress
- suspension for a period of time or from a specified competition or competitions of the Federation's Team or competitors

2.1.5. Appeals

A Federation contesting sanctions imposed under 2.1.4 may have recourse to the Appeals Committee (see art. 6).

2.1.6. Medical representative

All Federations may, and Federations with a voting power of 3 and 4 votes shall nominate a medical referent to be responsible for contact and collaboration with the EAME Medical Commission.

2.1.7. Rights of Associate members

Athletes of Associate members have no rights to participate in international competitions or titled events. On written request of the Federation the Bureau may for one year only accept the entry of one male and one female skier to such an event.

2.2. Other memberships

The Admincom may propose to Congress other kinds of membership.

3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1. Congress

3.1.1. Elections

The order of business is as follows:

- The election of the President of Region EAME.
- The election of the Secretary General of Region EAME.
- The election of the Treasurer of Region EAME.
- The election of Divisional Council members.
- The election of the members of the Admincom.

Voting at elections shall be by secret ballot with a maximum of three rounds. An absolute majority (i.e. over 50%) of the total number of ballots returned is required for being elected at rounds one or two; a

simple majority (i.e., the candidate with the greatest number of votes) is sufficient at round three. The second and third round shall only be carried out in the case wherein, after the previous round, still posts remain to be filled.

Where elections are held for more than one post at the same time, all unsuccessful candidates will go forward to the next round.

Where elections are held for a single post, the candidate(s) polling the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated for the next round.

3.2. Meetings

The provisional dates and venues for the meetings of the Admincom and Councils up to the next Congress shall be scheduled and announced during the Congress weekend.

Meetings of the Administrative Committee will be convened by the President or the Secretary General whenever they judge necessary, and at least twice a year, once before June 1st and once after October 1st. Notice convening meetings shall be given and an agenda circulated at least 30 days before the meeting.

Meetings can exceptionally be convened at the request of at least three members; in case of urgent matters, such meetings shall take place within fifteen days.

3.3. Executive Manager

An Executive Manager may be appointed by the Admincom to perform such duties and at such Honorarium as shall be approved by the Admincom and set out in writing.

3.4. Decisions

Decisions of the Administrative Committee and/or the Divisional Councils will be taken by simple majority. In case of equal voting, the casting vote of the President of said body will decide the issue.

3.5. Scientific Prize

The Admincom, aware of the present development of Water Skiing and of future possibilities, has decided to provoke and canalise scientific research that can be used for Water Skiing equipment: skis, ropes, boats, ski-jumps, protective clothing, safety vests, etc.... in the domain of:

- mechanics : resistance, vibration, adhesives, etc.
- physical : hydro- and aerodynamic forces, covering of surfaces, etc.
- clothing : form and material of protective clothing, etc.
- electronics : communications, software, new devices, etc.

This Prize could also be awarded to Medical Sports research, etc.

The Prize may be awarded in the form of a Certificate and a symbolic prize of 700 EURO to individuals, businesses or associations.

The winner can use the publicity that comes with this Prize for his own publicity or promotion.

Nominations shall be proposed to the Admincom by a Divisional Council and accompanied by a dossier prepared by the nominating Council. The dossier shall include reference to the theoretical and practical studies and results leading to a decisive benefit to waterskiing.

The dossier and nomination shall be in possession of the President no later than November first of the year.

The Prize shall be awarded by the Admincom for presentation at the following Congress.

3.6. Divisional Councils

Each Divisional Council will be composed of a minimum of three members and a maximum of seven, not including an optional athlete's representative.

The Decisions of a Council are valid only if at least three of its members are present. Nevertheless, postal voting is permissible on specific proposals.

If only two members of a Council are present at a meeting attended by the President or the Secretary General of Region EAME, either of these may participate, with a vote, to complete a quorum.

In the case where the Admincom believes a Council decision is against the best interest of the sport as a whole, then the Admincom has the right to request the Council to reconsider their decision and the

Council is given the relevant reasons by the Admincom. In the event of a disagreement the Admincom will have the final decision.

In the event of resignation or death of a member of a Divisional Council, that Council is empowered to co-opt a substitute member whose nomination shall be submitted to the next Congress.

A member of a Divisional Council who is not present, force majeure excepted, at two consecutive Council Meetings or at three non consecutive meetings during a term of office, will automatically be considered to have resigned. The Divisional Council may co-opt a substitute member of its own choice but only with the approval of his Federation.

The substitute's term of office will end at the same time as that of the member replaced.

The powers and duties of each Council are:

1. to promote the specific sporting interest of its division, with due observance to the recommendations of the Admincom.
2. to draw up rules for events containing the words 'Europe', 'European' or 'Region EAME' in their title and ensure that all orders and instructions necessary for the organisation and the running of those events are respected.
3. to draw up the practical and theoretical examinations of international judges and officials to conduct examinations and maintain a register of all those qualified.
4. to set the conditions to be observed for the establishment and the homologation of records.
5. to submit a list of judges and officials for EAME Titled Events to the EAME Bureau and for World titled events to the President of the International Water Ski Federation and the Chairman of the World Council concerned.
6. to decide the category of competitions and the conditions required for them to be accepted for the calendar.
7. to draw up Standings Lists of skiers in Region EAME, by division, from results of homologated competitions.
8. to test and approve boats and equipment.
9. to appoint 3 members plus a substitute to represent the Region on the relevant World Council. If the Council decides to put forward a person to World level that is not a member of the Council, then this person needs the approval of his Federation.

The Councils will meet on the convocation of their Presidents or Secretaries whenever they consider it appropriate and at least three times a year.

They can be convened exceptionally on written request of at least three members, within twenty one days in case of urgency.

3.7. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The resources of Region EAME consist of:

- a. payments made by Federations in the form of subscriptions or entry fees.
- b. sanction fees from the holding of events containing the words 'Europe', 'European' or 'Region EAME' in their title and income from television and promotion in accordance with the List of Obligations.
- c. levies on and the right to participate in other income from cash prize events.
- d. income from sponsors and donors.
- e. penalties and fines levied in accordance with the Statutes or Bye-laws.
- f. licences, performance booklets and homologations.
- g. sales of merchandise and services.
- h. gifts and bequests.
- i. various contributions depending on the circumstances and need of Region EAME.

4. OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

4.1. Descriptions

The following words may not be used in the title of a competition without the authority of the Admincom:

- "Region EAME", "European" or "Europe"
- Words implying a multinational area
- "Championships" applied to competitions other than those involving only members of the same Federation.

The organizers of all competitions containing the words "Region EAME", "European" or "Europe" in their title require the approval of the Admincom.

Article 4.10.1 applies to those competitions as to the fees to be paid to EAME in accordance with Appendix-A to the Letter of Agreement and Obligations for Titled Events (split to EAME).

The organisers of EAME Titled Events are bound by the provisions in the Letter of Agreement and Obligations for Titled Events.

4.2. Rights

The rights to all competitions described in art. 4.1 containing the words "Region EAME", "European" or "Europe" on its title belong to Region EAME.

4.3. Restriction

No other Water ski competition shall be allowed to take place on the same site in conjunction with, or on consecutive days, before or after a Region EAME or European "Championship" or "Cup" event without prior approval of the relevant Council and the Admincom.

4.4. Calendar

Fines for late notification :

1. November 30th - finalized date for all events with EAME or European in the title.
2. January 15th - finalized date for all other international competitions and National Championships.
3. If competitions are **added** to the calendar after the Congress, the following fines will be levied :
 - Fine till March 1st : 100 Euro.
 - Fine from March 2nd till May 31st : 200 Euro.No competitions will be added to the calendar after May 31st.
4. Fine for **changing** the dates or place of a calendar competition after March 1st = 100 Euro.
5. Fine for **cancelling** a calendar competition after March 1st = 200 Euro.
6. The fine for cancelling European Championships will be according to the Letter of Agreement and Obligations.
7. These fines are to be decided upon by the relevant Council who can deem that a "force majeure" situation voids the fine. The Council will send the list of the approved fines to the EAME Office, which will send the invoices to the Federations concerned.

Full information on the event must be sent to all appointed officials no later than 60 days before the event to enable them to purchase APEX rate air fares. Should the information not be sent in time and the officials be unable to obtain the APEX rate, then the organiser shall be responsible for the excess.

An organising Federation cancelling or changing the date or venue of a Calendar competition less than 60 days before the original date on the Calendar, becomes responsible for reimbursing any substantiated expenses necessarily incurred by Officials appointed by Region EAME for the competition.

4.4.1. Entry Fees

Entry fees for all titled events shall be fixed by the Admincom and must be approved by the Congress.

4.4.2. Blocked dates for National Championships

The following shall be the blocked dates for the National Championships in each discipline:

- Barefoot: First full weekend in August
- Cable: Third full weekend in July
- Racing: No fixed date, but see Additional Rules
- Tournament: Last full weekend in July or first weekend of August, to be announced by the Tournament Council before September First of the preceding year

Federations wishing to depart from these dates must apply, stating reasons, and obtain the consent of the relevant Council.

Countries situated in the Southern Hemisphere where the seasons are reversed, will be exempted from this article.

No international competition shall take place on a blocked date of the division concerned.

4.4.3. Intention to Enter Form

An organising Federation cancelling or changing the date or venue of an EAME Titled event less than 60 days before the original date on the Calendar, becomes responsible for reimbursing any substantiated expenses necessarily incurred by Federations who have sent in time an 'Intention to Enter' form for the Championships.

For all EAME Titled Events the EAME office will send an 'Intention to Enter' form to the Federations. This 'Intention to Enter' form has to be returned to the organising Federation and to the EAME office with a deadline of 60 days before the start of the competition.

A Federation entering a team (even of only one skier) after that deadline, will be fined 200 Euro.

4.5. Categories of events

4.5.1. Titled events

A titled event is one for which the Letter of Agreement and Obligations for Titled Events forms a contract between the host Federation and Region EAME.

Should a site inspection be required by the Council concerned, the Council will appoint a person to inspect and report on the site. Their travel and accommodation costs shall be the responsibility of the Federation bidding for the event.

4.5.1.1. Bidding for titled events

Federations may bid for such events up to 2 years 9 months in advance of the date proposed for the event. Bids must be submitted to the President of Region EAME with copies to the Secretary General and the President of the Council concerned and should arrive at least 30 days before the annual Congress at which they are to be considered.

Bids shall be in writing and should be supported by the following:

- a) Confirmation the Letter of Agreement and Obligations will be honored
- b) Proposed site with maps and pictures. In case of a new site dates and information of previous homologated competitions held at that site. A Site Evaluation Report must have been filed.
- c) Dates of training and competition
- d) Accommodation and costs
- e) Name of proposed Sponsor if known
- f) Visa requirements
- g) A deposit of 1.000 EURO
- h) Any proposed charge for tickets to the final or presentation dinner, including the currency in which the charge will be payable. If medals are presented it must be free of charge.
- i) If lunch is to be provided free of charge, or the approximate price
- j) Which currency will be used for hotel and other expenses (see art 4.8) and if credit cards will be accepted for such payments

Bids for events not allocated at the relevant Congress shall also be submitted in writing to the same persons with the same information as above. The decision on whether to accept or reject the bid shall be made by the Admincom.

Unless detailed and approved when the bid is awarded, there shall be no charge under h) and i) and no change under j).

4.5.1.2. Precedence

The order of precedence at Titled events of Region EAME is:

- The President
- The Secretary General
- President of the Council concerned
- The Vice President
- The EAME official representative (if not one of the above)
- A member of the Admincom or the Council secretary concerned

4.5.1.3. Rules of Eligibility for competitors

A competitor who competes in Region EAME in a Water ski competition not sanctioned by Region EAME or a National Federation, may not be eligible for any Region EAME Titled Event for a period of 12 months.

4.5.1.4. Rules of Eligibility for Officials

An Official who takes part in a Water ski competition not sanctioned by the host Region or his National Federation, may have his official qualification suspended for a period of 12 months.

4.5.1.5. Late Entries for titled events

Unless otherwise specified in the Technical Rules of a division, the following will apply:

A late entry fee of 10 EURO per day per competitor shall be levied on each entry not received 10 days before the first official day of familiarization or the first day of competition if there is no familiarization.

Late entries will only be accepted with the consent of the Organizer and Chief Judge.

4.5.1.6. Teams not showing up

A Federation team failing to show up having sent in an entry to a Titled Event shall nevertheless have to pay the full entry fee for all the skiers announced - unless a valid written excuse is received by 12 noon of the day before the start of the competition.

4.5.1.7. Medals - Awards and Restrictions

At each competition covered by the Letter of Agreement and Obligations for Titled Events Gold, Silver and Bronze medals should be awarded to the first, second and third placed competitor in each event and the overall.

The award of titles and recommended medals shall be as follows:

- 1 or 2 competitors: No title, no medals
- 3 competitors: Gold medal only
- 4 or 5 competitors: Gold and Silver medals only
- 6 or more competitors: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals

These rules may be changed on the recommendation of a Divisional Council and the approval of the Administrative Committee.

For the Overall medals the number of medals presented cannot exceed the lowest number of medals presented for an individual event in that competition. Thus the Overall title shall only be awarded if the title has been awarded in all events.

Team medals shall be awarded to the official members of the team, plus one for the Federation in a commemorative box of the first three winning teams subject to the same restrictions on qualified numbers as above.

4.5.1.8. Prize-giving ceremony

The competitors in the first three positions shall be called to mount the podium in order 3rd, 2nd, 1st.

After the medals are presented the competitors' national flags are being hoisted and the national hymn of the winners country is played.

4.5.1.9. Dress at Award Ceremonies

It is the responsibility of each National Federation to ensure its medal winners wear their team uniform appropriate to the place of the ceremony.

4.5.2. Cash Prize Competitions

This rule shall only apply where the value of the Cash Prize (see definitions) exceed **2.500 EURO**.

Full details of the total value of the Cash Prize must be notified to two of the following - the President of Region EAME, the Secretary General, the Administrative Office, so as to be received no later than 7 days after the event.

Failure to comply will result in an automatic increase in the levy of 10%, which shall be applied even if the resulting total levy becomes in excess of the stated maximum in article 4.10.3.

In competitions in which the Cash Prize total is up to 7.000 EURO, (CP2), the expenses of the judges and officials for travel and board and lodging covering the period from on day before the competition to either its conclusion or the morning afterwards, depending on the end of the competition, are to be paid by the organizer. Travel shall be paid up to a maximum of 200 EURO.

In competitions in which the Cash Prize is more than 7.000 EURO, (CP1), the expenses of the judges and officials for travel and board and lodging covering the period from on day before the competition to either its conclusion or the morning afterwards, depending on the end of the competition, are to be paid by the organizer. Travel shall be paid up to a maximum of 700 EURO.

Where air fares are payable they shall be at APEX rates from their own country where available. If the Official pays a higher amount for any reason he will be reimbursed on the APEX fare basis from his own country.

Where surface travel is more practical than air travel the amount payable shall be 2nd class rail fare and ferry.

If a Cash Prize event is downgraded or extended in duration, the Organizer must advise the relevant Council Chairman, the Administrative Office and all appointed Officials at least 60 days before the event. Any appointed Official shall have the right to withdraw from the event up to 42 days before the first day of competition.

A withdrawing Official must notify the Organizer, the relevant Council Chairman and the Administrative Office.

The responsibility to replace a withdrawing Official is that of the Organizer.

When a persisting financial disagreement occurs between the Bureau and the National Federation responsible for the organization of the competition, a vote of the Admincom will be taken within 14 days of the request of that Federation. The vote will be concerned only with two amounts: that proposed by the Bureau and that proposed by the National Federation.

4.6. Homologation of competitions

National Federations and Tour organisers are to pay to Region EAME a homologation fee for their national and international competitions for which they present an homologation dossier in accordance with the Divisional Council Additional Rules.

The National Championships, or an equivalent name, are exempted from such a fee. When these are run in several parts the final one is the only one exempted.

Homologation fees will be invoiced by the end of the financial year.

4.7. Invitation protocol

Federations shall ensure that a competition organiser does not accept the entry of a competitor who is not a member of his national Federation or who belongs to another Federation which has advised the Federation that this athlete is not allowed to compete.

4.8. Expenses reimbursed to Officials

The currency to be used for hotel and other expenses (by officials and competitors) should always be the local currency unless, when the bid for a competition was received, notice of other currency requirements were made and approved by the Admincom.

Any expenses repayable by the organiser to Officials must be paid at the beginning of the competition and shall be in a currency which can be legally taken out of the country.

4.9. Recognition of non-specified Officials

A member of the Admincom or a Divisional council presenting his official Region EAME card shall be given due recognition at any EAME Titled event.

4.10. Fees

4.10.1. Sanction fees

Fees for all competitions containing the words "Region EAME", "European" or "Europe" in their title are set out in the Letter of Agreement and Obligations.

4.10.2. Homologation fees

The homologation fees are payable on the submission of an homologation dossier, even if the homologation or the homologation level is refused.

The fee for a national competition is 100 EURO and for an international competition 200 EURO.

The fee for a national waterski race is 50 EURO and for an international waterski race 100 EURO.

4.10.3. Cash Prize fees

For Cash Prize Competitions as defined in art. 4.5.2 a levy will be made on the organizing Federation of **10%** of the total value of the Cash Prize. Such levy shall be **a maximum of 2.500 EURO**.

4.10.4. Fee for sponsor titled competitions on the official Calendar

Region EAME will levy a fee which shall be a minimum of 1.000 EURO unless the fee is equaled by or exceeded by the levy under art. 4.10.3.

Subject to the minimum, the fee will be negotiated in each individual case.

4.11. Insurance

4.11.1. Personal Insurance - Competitors

It is the responsibility of each Federation when entering competitors for international competitions to ensure that its competitors are insured for personal accident, permanent disabilities, death and medical expenses.

4.11.2. Personal insurance - Officials

Region EAME shall provide accident insurance for its elected Committee and Council members, for competitions and meetings which they attend and for all Officials who are appointed to events on the official Calendar or to international non-Calendar competitions. The insurance cover shall be:

Death by Accident 500,000 Swiss Francs

Permanent Disability 500,000 Swiss Francs

Cover will be effective from the commencement of their travel to the competition or meeting and continue until the safe conclusion of their travel after the event or meeting to their home, place of work or next place of stay, whichever is reached first.

4.11.3. Public Liability Insurance

It is the responsibility of each member Federation of Region EAME to have valid insurance cover for Public Liability with a recommended minimum of 1.000.000 EURO for any and all accidents, physical or material, caused to third parties by the organizers, their helpers, assistants or other persons taking part in the event. This shall also apply to the material and installations used in the competition, during the training, competition and at any time during the event. This shall apply to all events, races or competitions.

4.12. Obligations of Competitors

Competitors competing in competitions shall at all times comply with the Rules governing competitions.

In the case of an infraction sanctions varying from a written warning to temporary or permanent exclusion from IWSF activities may be applied by the appropriate authority (see art. 5.2). Appeals procedure shall be as art. 5.3.

4.13. Obligations of Officials and the relevant Council Chairman

Officials, whether or not appointed to an event, shall act in a proper manner in keeping with their responsibilities.

At all times they shall:

- Act impartially, completely disregarding nationality.
- Be in possession of and follow scrupulously and conscientiously all rules and regulations published by the IWSF and Region EAME.
- Comply with the decisions of the Chief Judge and/or the Jury, taken within their authority.
- Make no personal comments, either in private or in public, on matters which are or have been the subject of discussion within the Jury.
- Uphold the authority and dignity of the IWSF and Region EAME.
- Attend all events to which they have been appointed unless having given prior reasonable notice to the organisers and the relevant Council Chairman.

In the case of an infraction sanctions varying from a written warning to temporary or permanent exclusion from IWSF activities may be applied by the appropriate authority (see art. 5.2). Appeals procedure shall be as art. 5.3.

4.14. Availability of Officials

Each year International Officials are expected to make themselves available to officiate at one or two events in their own country as required by their National Federation.

5. DISCIPLINE

No competitor, Official, competitors' family or representative shall transgress the generally accepted norms of good sporting behavior.

At IWSF and EAME Titled events the appointed team officials are responsible for the behavior of their competitors at all time.

5.1. Infractions

Such transgressions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Violence or injury to others
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Insulting or offensive words or behavior
- Abuse of equipment

5.2. Disciplinary action

National Federations have full responsibility in case of non observation of these rules to apply sanctions where within their jurisdiction. They shall inform Region EAME and all other Federations of the action taken. Other Federations so notified shall, where applicable, enforce the sanction.

Otherwise, failure to comply with these rules shall be subject to a disciplinary action varying from a written reprimand to temporary or permanent exclusion from IWSF activities.

The disciplinary action may be taken by

- the Bureau
- the Admincom
- the Divisional Council
- the Chief Judge and/or the Jury

Action taken by the Chief Judge and/or Jury shall have effect only at the time and place of the competition at which the infraction occurs and shall be limited to actions at that competition.

A report of the complaint and the action taken shall be made to the Divisional Council and to the Federation of the person concerned within 14 days.

An infraction calling for action beyond that applicable to a competition shall be reported to the Bureau by the Chief Judge, the Organizer or the Divisional Chairman within 7 days of the occurrence, accompanied by depositions from Officials concerned and/or witness to the infraction. The Bureau shall afford the parties concerned an opportunity to state their case which may include depositions from witnesses and other evidence.

Action taken by the Bureau shall be notified to the offender, his Federation and the Divisional Council as soon as possible.

In the case of a more serious offence, the Bureau shall refer the matter to the Admincom for action. The Admincom shall investigate the matter and decide by postal/fax exchange or at a meeting, what action is to be taken.

The Admincom shall notify the offender, his Federation and the Divisional Council as soon as action is decided upon.

Action decided upon by the Bureau or the Admincom shall be suspended if the Federation concerned takes action which, in the opinion of the body which acted originally, is appropriate and sufficient. Such action taken by a Federation must be notified to the Bureau within 30 days of the infraction, or when the action to be taken by the Bureau or the Admincom is to come into effect, whichever is the sooner.

5.3. Appeals

In case of a sanction taken other than at a competition the person concerned may have recourse to the Appeals Committee (see art. 6)

Appeals against decisions to be valid shall be sent to the President of Region EAME, Secretary General, Administrative Office and the Council President concerned within 15 days of the receipt of the decision being contested.

6. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Admincom shall select an Appeals Committee of 5 persons for a 2 year term. They shall not be members of the Admincom or a Divisional Council.

In case of any vacancy occurring the remaining members of the Appeals Committee will appoint a person to fill that vacancy until the next Congress.

A member of the Appeals Committee personally involved in a dispute shall be replaced for the duration of the hearing. The remaining members of the Appeals Committee will appoint a person to fill the temporary vacancy.

7. ARBITRATION

7.1. Purpose and scope

The overall aim of these rules is to avoid unnecessary conflicts within our sport by means of an agreed procedure for unforeseen disputes in areas not covered by existing rules. The points below shall not overrule, overlap or interfere with Statutes, Bye-laws, competition rules, or disciplinary measures described elsewhere in documents adopted by the Region EAME Congress.

The rules shall apply to, and settle, all issues or disputes extending across the boundaries between any and all of the parties mentioned in art. 7.2 including:

- financial claims
- alleged violations of Statutes, Bye-laws and other official rules adopted by Region EAME
- disputes over the interpretation of same
- disputes over alleged unfair or unsportsmanlike conduct
- other administrative or organizational disputes.

The rules shall not apply to:

- disputes over competition and disciplinary rules, or other subjects where full authority resides with official bodies of the IWSF and Region EAME
- disputes within any single country
- issues that are unrelated to the sport of water skiing
- issues involving civil or criminal offenses under the jurisdiction of any member country.

7.2. Parties concerned

Committed by the rules will be the IWSF, Region EAME, its Bureau, Admincom, Councils, Commissions, member Federations, clubs, individual competitors and officials.

Also committed will be outside organizers of an international competition, whether commercial or not and it will be the responsibility of the relevant Federation to see that this requirement is observed.

7.3. Compulsory arbitration

If a claim or a dispute cannot be resolved by mutual agreement within 12 months of its origin, either party is entitled to demand a settlement by arbitration. A demand for arbitration shall be made by registered letter to the President of Region EAME, the Secretary General and the Administrative Office, with a copy to the other party or parties.

All the above parties shall agree in advance to respect any decision made by the arbitrators and to forgo any other form of legal action.

7.4. Initiation of arbitration

Arbitration may be initiated upon expiration of the said 12 months by any of the parties or by the Region EAME President with a copy to both parties involved. In case of urgency, arbitration may be initiated prior to the expiry of 12 months, provided the Region EAME President gives his motivated consent in writing.

7.5. Method of arbitration

Disputes which cannot be settled by agreement between the parties shall be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport as a final authority. The judgment will have a definitive and executory nature.

8. TEMPORARY DISPENSATION

Until such time as a definitive decision has been taken the athletes of the geographical area of Northern Ireland may take part for either the British or the Irish Federation at their choice, in all the competitions of Region EAME, as long as the rules and regulations are respected; their passport being the decisive factor to prove their nationality.

This decision is temporary and is valid only for the transitory period and shall not affect the future of the competitors of the clubs of the Federation involved.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION

These Bye-laws were approved by the Congress in Cyprus 25th January 1992. The most recent amendments were approved **by the 2007 Congress in Roma, Italy.**

APPENDIX A - VOTING POWERS

	GENE- RAL	BARE- FOOT	CABLE	RACING	TOUR- NAMENT	DISA- BLED	WAKE- BOARD	CABLE WAKE.
MAXIMUM VOTES	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

One vote for having organised in at least one of the four years preceeding the date of the Congress a Qualified Titled Event, an International Competition or a National Championships with accepted homologation by the relevant EAME Council.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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One vote for having had an athlete participate at a Qualified Titled Event in at least one of the four years preceeding the date of the Congress.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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One vote for having had an official participate at a Qualified Titled Event in at least one of the four years preceeding the date of the Congress.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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QUALIFIED EVENTS	BARE- FOOT	CABLE	RACING	TOURNA- MENT	DIS- ABLED	WAKE- BOARD	CABLE WAKE.
EAME Championships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EAME Under 21 Championships				<input type="checkbox"/>			
EAME Junior & Dauphin or Youth Championsh.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
EAME Senior Championships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
World Championships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
World Under-21 Championships				<input type="checkbox"/>			
World Junior Championships	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>			