

NATIONAL WATER SKI RACING ASSOCIATION



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NWSRA - REGION V AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED RULE BOOK

Unless otherwise indicated within this rule book or mandated by the NWSRA - Region V Australia Committee, any violation of these rules will result in the minimum penalty of DISQUALIFICATION and loss of points earned for the race in which the violation occurred. Driver, Observer and Skier are considered a Team, violations occurring on the race course will result in forfeiture of points earned by each team member in that race. Further action may be taken by the NWSRA - Region V Race Committee and or the NWSRA - Region V Executive/Committee.

1. COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

1. All competitors must be current financial members of the National Water Ski Racing Association - Region V Australia Inc.
2. Proof of Age must be given: Driver's Licence shall be considered proof for adults, Birth Certificates for children.
3. No points will be given, resulting in disqualification, if you are not a member of NWSRA - Region V at the time of participation in an event.
4.
 - (a) All possible safety precautions must be taken.
 - (b) No competitor shall be allowed to compete or to continue to compete if, in the opinion of the Safety Officer and two thirds of the event referees, his/her competing would be a danger to himself/herself or other competitors in the event. During the competition, the Safety Officer may, at any time, request the Chief Referee to halt the event for a poll of the referees in regard to the competitor's actions or condition. Whenever practical, the advice of an onsite paramedic or doctor should be obtained.
 - (c) Those competitors requested by NWSRA – Region V, pursuant to the Membership Conditions are to provide a “Medical Examination Form” duly completed by a registered Medical Examiner prior to their participation in the event.
 - (d) Any competitor hospitalised or sustaining any injury during the racing season, which in the opinion of Officials may affect the competitor's or others safety must present a Doctor's Release in writing to the NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. Committee to continue racing that season.
5. It is the responsibility of all Drivers, Observers and Skiers 16 years of age and over to be Helpers and to provide the necessary assistance to effectively run the scheduled events. It is the responsibility of each skier 16 and over to be a Helper or to supply the name of an individual 16 and over to be a Helper.
6. All Drivers must hold a current Competition Licence.
7. All Observers must hold a current Competition Licence.
8. All Drivers and Observers riding in a boat during an event WILL be required to wear foot protection. Open toed shoes and sandals WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. All occupants must wear life jackets and/or floatation device secured whenever the boat is under power on the water.
9. All Driver's and Observer's and Skier's Equipment (life jackets, helmets, wetsuits, etc) must be marked with a permanent name tag to discourage borrowing. Equipment inspections will be carried out at random.
10. Any Competitor causing a sanctioned organisation in good standing involved in a sanctioned event to pursue an individual for monies due, to an excess of 14 days and so notified will be required to make payment of the debt with a 100% penalty or be banned from future participation in any Region V events until paid in full.

11. In the event of a FALL an "Incident Report Form" is to be completed on the day and handed to the Race Chairman or Chief Referee.

2. RACE ENTRIES

1. It is the responsibility of **All Competitors** to ensure their entries are completed accurately and signed prior to racing. Failure to comply will cause a no start to be recorded and forfeiture of all points for that event for the entire team.
2. All Entries are required to have a Nominated Helper. If a "Helper is Not Nominated" by the Skier the Entry may not be accepted and the Skier will forfeit any points accrued for the Round.
3. Substitution Forms must be completed and submitted prior to the five (5) minute warning for the event otherwise no points will be awarded for that competitor or crew.
4. All entries will be accepted one (1) hour prior to each event up to and including 11.00am on each day of competition. No phone entries.
5. Postal Entries: Postal entries are acceptable on the Official Entry Form, accompanied by payment, and to be received by C.O.B. Wednesday prior to the Round.
6. Bulk Entries: Bulk entries are acceptable accompanied by full payment. Bulk entries consist of individual entry forms for each event entered, each round and must have original signatures. On each entry.
7. The Race Chairperson shall close Sign-On Sheets at the close of registration and ensure the pole position draw is implemented in a fair manner. No participant will be allowed to sign up late. No Driver or Observer shall be allowed to compete during the day if he or she did not attend that days Driver's and Observer's Briefing, except under extenuating circumstances, and at the discretion of the Race Chairperson
8. Late Entries will not be accepted.

3. NWSRA - REGION V RESPONSIBILITY

1. It shall be mandatory that communications be maintained between turn boats, finish boat, start boat and beach officials.
2. NWSRA - REGION V Australia Inc. shall distribute flyers seven to fourteen days prior to the date of the first competition round.
3. The NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. President shall insure that the forms required to effectively run the event are available.
4. The NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. Point Score Officer shall receive the Score Sheets, post the points, and publish a Points Sheet indicating points order and finishes and distribute as follows:
 - (a) NWSRA – REGION V Points Chairperson
 - (b) NWSRA - REGION V Committee Members.
5. Copy of the Points Sheet to be posted for perusal by Competitors at the following round.
6. NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. may hold sanctioned points events on either one or two days.

7. NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. shall appoint a Chief Referee at the Annual General Meeting.
8. NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. shall have the responsibility to determine its own Fees and Registration procedures.
9. It shall be the responsibility of NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. to assure that all skier's equipment is adequate and in good condition.
10. It is the responsibility of the NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. Membership Officer to collect fees. All membership fees become due prior to the Competitor participating in their first event.
11. It shall be the responsibility of the NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. Officials at each event to try and ensure all participant's equipment is adequate and in good safe condition. It is also the responsibility of all NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. Officials to be aware and bring to the attention of the Race Chairperson any infringement of the Rule Book, drinking of alcoholic beverages or using illegal drugs by competitors, equipment violations or unsportsmanlike conduct.
12. The Rescue Boat and all other Course Boats shall have priority into the wash bay at the conclusion of Sunday's racing. Any boat already in the wash bay when the Course Boat arrives, is permitted to complete its washing and flushing. All boats being washed & flushed must vacate the wash bay before they are chamois'd and/or wiped dry. All competitors have an obligation to assist in the washing and flushing of the Course Boats and are to avail themselves accordingly on a regular basis. The NWSR – Region V Committee will issue warnings and / or penalties to crews who are violating this rule.

4. REFEREES RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Chief Referee and Race Committee shall be responsible for interpreting and enforcing the Rule Book.
2. Referees shall referee all race events during the race year. These will be volunteer positions. They shall familiarize themselves with the rules and be capable of making a positive decision immediately upon observing an infringement.
3. The Chief Referee shall organise a schedule of working Referees and Helpers. If a Referee or Helper is not available to fulfill their assignment the skier is automatically disqualified.
4. No two (2) Referees from any one competing crew can be positioned on one judging point.
5. The Race Chairperson shall close Sign-On Sheets at the close of registration and ensure the pole position draw is implemented in a fair manner. No participant will be allowed to sign up late. No Driver or Observer shall be allowed to compete during the day if he or she did not attend that days Driver's and Observer's briefing, except under extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the Race Chairperson.
6. There will be a minimum of six (6) Referee / Helpers on the course at all times. Two (2) at each turn, two (2) on the Finish Boat and the Chief Referee in the Club House.
7. The finish line Referee shall ensure that the race is run for the prescribed and pre-announced number of laps, and that all flagging is done correctly.
8. The Chief Referee or his/her alternate shall be available at the Official's Desk and will Resolve any infringements committed on the beach or on the race course.
9. There shall be a Referee / Helper in the Start Boat who shall be advised on the pole positions and shall ensure the line-up is correct. He/she may double as Turn Judge / Helper once the race has started.

10. The Chief Referee must disqualify a Boat Driver found to be demonstrating poor handling ability or creating a safety hazard.
11. The Chief Referee and/or Race Chairperson has the authority to stop any race where conditions are deemed unsafe to continue.

5. PROTEST PROCEDURES

1. The Race Chairperson shall form a Committee to resolve any protest. This Committee shall be comprised of the Race Chairperson, (or Vice President or Acting Chief Referee), and those NWSRA - Region V representatives or alternates who are present at the event site and appointed by the NWSRA - Region V Race Chairperson prior to the start of the event.
2. A Race Committee shall hear any pending disqualification or infringement called in by a Referee in the event of a Protest.
3. This Committee shall exist primarily to solve what conflicts may occur, but may only make a decision on a Protest when the Chief Referee feels it was a debatable item or failed to make a decision at all.
4. A decision shall be made after a meeting with only the participants concerned, away from any crowd, and after a vote has been taken in private. No member of any Race Committee shall take part in the decision in which he or she is directly involved.
5. A Protest must be filed within thirty (30) minutes of the conclusion of the event being run. It must be an accurate account of the infringement using rule and page number from the Rule Book whenever possible. This Protest must be given to the Race Chairperson and a Protest Meeting must be held on the same day as the race in which the infringement or disqualification occurred.
6. A Protest must be accompanied by a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00.) deposit, which will be returned if the Protest is allowed. If the Protest is disallowed, money paid may be retained by the NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. organisation, and this will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
7. All decisions by the Race Protest Committee will be Final. These decisions cannot and will not be withdrawn, appealed or overturned at a later date.

6. CLASSES, SKIER QUALIFICATION & SKI REQUIREMENTS

- Classes are not required to be run in this Order.

	SATURDAY - EVENTS	LAPS			SUNDAY - EVENTS	LAPS
1	NOVICE WOMEN	3		1	0-9 BOYS & GIRLS	2
2	40-49 WOMEN & 50 + WOMEN	4		2	10-12 BOYS	3
3	60 mph SOCIAL	3		3	10-12 GIRLS	3
4	70 mph SOCIAL	3				
5	NOVICE MEN	3		4	SOCIAL MEN	4
6	31-39 WOMEN & 50+ MEN	4		5	13-15 GIRLS	4
7	60 mph ENGINE	3		6	2 UP - JUNIOR	3
8	70 mph ENGINE	3				
9	OUTBOARD (Moc Down)	4		7	16-20 GIRLS	4
10	SOCIAL WOMEN	3		8	21-30 WOMEN	4
11	25-29 MEN	4		9	20-24 MEN	4
12	30-35 MEN	4		10	16-19 BOYS	4
13	36-44 MEN	4		11	13-15 BOYS	4
14	45-49 MEN	4		12	WOMENS OPEN	8
15	UNLIMITED	4		13	MENS OPEN	10
16	2 UP - SENIOR	4				

- Determining Age Division shall be - The age of the Skier as of midnight, on the 31st December, prior to January 1st of the current year, which determines the age class they will ski in all year.

ie: 19 years as of midnight 31st December, 20 years 1st January, will run in the 16 to 19 age division.

- It is the responsibility of all Skiers and where applicable, Parents and Guardians, that they be familiar with the definitions and/or age limitations applying to all classes entered. Violations could result in Competitors being refused entry for the remainder of the seasons' competition for any class.
- Every Class must be run regardless of the number of Entrants. Classes will be run simultaneously at the discretion of the Race Chairperson and agreed to by all competitors involved.
- To qualify as a Novice skier:

That after qualifying as a Novice Skier at NWSRA - Region V, a Novice Skier may compete at another Sanctioned Event, without precluding them from retaining their Novice status until such time 2000 points have been accrued. However he or she is ineligible to contest Novice Class for the following seasons.

6. To qualify as a Social skier:

The spirit of the rules of Social Class is to provide a class in which the majority of social skiers may be competitive (depending on their skiing skill) without necessarily spending money on special skis. The skis used should not have a significant advantage over any of the commonly available and popular slalom skis.

7. Ropes - Maximum allowable length is 36 metres (118ft.) from the transom of the boat to the handles.

8. Social Class Skis –

- (a) The front foot binding is unrestricted, ie:- any social binding can be used.
- (b) The rear foot binding is restricted to a toe piece only. No heel piece can be used, ie:- no part of the fitting may support the heel or ankle. If a heel piece or ankle strap is standard, these pieces must be removed from the ski to be eligible. A sole plate may be used with a maximum 2mm base plate and continuous from front to rear rubber strip with a maximum thickness. No wedge may be used under the foot, no toe grips or supports, no indentation in the top surface of the ski. Roughened surfaces are allowable under the rear foot with equal density but must be continuous from in front of the rear toe to behind the rear heel; contact roughened sole pieces may also be used, provided the total thickness of any or all sole pieces is 5mm.thick, above the top surface of the ski. No other form of support or adhesion for the rear foot is allowed either outside or within the rear foot binding. Competitors are not permitted to tape ski bindings, in any way, externally.
- (c) Maximum thickness for the ski is 2.2cm.
- (d) The ski must have a concave bottom surface. This concave must be at least 0.5cm deep and 7.0cm wide, and being of a curve and blended cross-section. This section should start in front of the front foot piece and extend rearwards to behind the back of the rear foot piece, this section being at least 70cm.
- (e) The ski must fit in a box of the following internal dimensions:
 - (i) Length: 175CM.
 - (ii) Width for Front 100cm of box : 20cm.
 - (iii) Width at Back edge of box: 7. 5cm.
 - (iv) The box will taper uniformly and symmetrically from 20cm to 7. 5cm over the last 75cm of its length.
 - (v) The front edge of the box will be 18cm high so that the tip of the ski will not pass over it.
 - (vi) There will be a space cut in the bottom of the rear of the box, large enough to allow any fins to pass through.
 - (vii) The ski must be placed flat on the bottom of the box with the rear of the ski against the rear of the box, and the centre line of the ski along the centre line of the box. Virtually all common skis will fit into the box. Due to manufacturing tolerances some of the popular social skis do not always fit. Skis which comply to the spirit of the rules will be allowed, ie:- those which in the opinion of the judges do not give a significant advantage. Square back skis such as Wake jumpers or cut down Rails, do not fall within the spirit of the rules and will not be allowed unless modified so as to fit into the box. Specially made skis designed to take full advantage of the rules will be allowed only if they meet all the requirements, ie:- they must fit in the box freely (not forced)

9. Skis

- (a) Coloured fluorescent orange paint or adhesive tape at least 15cm in length must be placed on the upper and lower front tip of all skis with a maximum 5mm margin permissible around the perimeter of the ski. Manufacturer's logo must be under the 15cm.area.
- (b) Either one or two skis may be used, and such skis must be in a serviceable condition.
- (c) Skis shall not be more than three (3) metres in length.

10. Each region shall document and make available to all of its competitors the complete rules by which all classes will be run.

11. A procedure, once established for a season, shall remain unchanged for that season.

12. Skiers may enter a Maximum of 5 Events plus 1 Two Up Event.

7. RACE COURSE

1. Race Course:

- (a) Minimum linear distance Two Kilometers (2kms) was (2 1/2)
- (b) Maximum linear distance Four and one half kilometers (4.5kms) was (3 1/2)
- (c) Recommended: Minimum width of course shall be 100metres with three (3) buoy turns.
- (d) A 100 metre lead in buoy will be in place approaching the three (3) buoy turns.

2. Recommended that there be four (4) buoys placed on the straights at the discretion of the Chief Referee, marking pole line of course, and exclusive of turn buoys.

3. Each turn buoy must be clearly and adequately marked to insure a safe race course. Turn buoy colour orange and a minimum of 45cm. high.

8. FLAG CODE

GREEN	Start
YELLOW	Caution
RED	Stop
WHITE	Closed Course - return to pits
BLUE	1 Lap to Go
CHECKERED	Finish of Race.
BLUE & WHITE	Medical Assistance Required
RED & GREEN FLAGS SHOWN TOGETHER ON START BOAT	signifies an Aborted Start Return to Start Line.

- 1. Only turn boats will display a Green Flag during a race indicating that there are no downed skiers in their immediate area and the course is clear and open.
- 2. Course boats and finish boat will display a Yellow Flag when a skier is in the water in the immediate area (immediate area defined as "boat prior to the problem")
- 3. Course Boats and the Finish Boat will display a Red Flag only at the direction of the Chief Referee or Race Chairperson to stop the race and give assistance if required.
- 4. No Boat shall leave the race course unless a White Flag is displayed.
- 5. An Orange Flag must be displayed by competing vessel for skier in water, or a disabled vessel on course.

6. Driver and/or Observer must acknowledge a Yellow Course Flag, and indicate to the Skier that they have been seen.
7. A Blue or Checkered Flag will be displayed from the Finish Boat, a Yellow Flag will only be displayed from the Finish Boat if they have a fallen skier in their immediate area the Finish Boat will display the White Flag for Boats to return to pits.
8. Official Flags are to be a minimum of 50cm x 50cm.
9. Once a Red Flag is shown, a race must be stopped. Boats must stop and remain where they are until further instructed. Under no circumstances are Boats to pass a Red Flag and continue racing or continue to the finish line.
11. The Start Boat shall show a Green and Red Flag to indicate an immediate restart.

9. SCORING AND POINTS

1. Maximum of number of Skiers in a Race can exceed 12 at the discretion of the Race Chairperson.
2. In the event a skier is unable to compete in the "Final" of a Race, an alternate skier will not be allowed to participate in the "Final" Race in place of the other Skier.
3. Points System:-

1ST	800	12TH	34
2ND	600	13TH	26
3RD	450	14TH	19
4TH	338	15TH	14
5TH	254	16TH	11
6TH	190	17TH	8
7TH	142	18TH	6
8TH	106	19TH	4
9TH	80	20TH	2
10TH	60	DNF	1
11TH	45	DNS	0

4. Boats, Drivers, Observers and Skiers shall receive points according to placing.
5. The owner of a boat may change without forfeiting the earned points to date in the following manner only and must meet all of the following conditions.
 - (a) The displaced Boat forfeits its racing number and all points to date go to the replacement Boat.
 - (b) The replacement Boat shall have no points at the time of transfer.
 - (c) The transfer shall take place between sanctioned point events, with prior notification to the Region V Committee.
 - (d) The reason for the transfer is due to selling, trading or total destruction of the displaced boat. Once a boat is deemed destroyed it is ineligible to ever again compete in a NWSRA Region Event.
6. Race Results shall be posted after each sanctioned event by the NWSRA - Region Point Scorer or their alternate.

7. A race will be declared when the lead Skier has passed the Finish Boat and completed 50% or more of the race.

10. BOAT

1. The maximum length of a Boat will be 6.5 metres (bow to transom) centre line.

11. SAFETY & EQUIPMENT

1. Required Medical Services & Equipment:-

- (a) NWSRA - Region V shall have on hand at each sanctioned Event a First Aid Kit, assembled for emergency use and is to include splints, plus have at the race site the following:-
 - (i) A certified Paramedic.
 - (ii) The Rescue Lifter must be available on the race course in a designated Rescue Boat at all sanctioned Events. The Chief Referee shall designate the location on the course.
 - (iii) The rescue boat must be equipped with a "Miller Board" or other type of water rescue device designed so when utilized, it will remain in place with the injured competitor through transportation to the hospital.

2. Required Boat Equipment: Scrutineering Certificate.

3. Numbers:-

Numbers to be coloured Black and be a minimum 25cm high, 15cm wide (except number one) and 5cm thick with minimum 5cm clear spacing between each number and from all edge of mounting board. Mounting board or backing to be coloured White and to have a clear horizontal visible area from both sides when planning of minimum 35cm high by minimum 45cm wide. Number board or backing to be located on a straight vertical surface. All numbers/boards to be located above deck or gunwale line and securely fixed to vessel or motor area. Number board to be of non-translucent material. Numbers on the side of a boat must be displayed in black on a white background by means of waterproof material in such a manner to be visible on both sides of the boat when the boat is on the plane. On a white or light coloured boat, a thin framed edge must be placed around the background and a minimum of 2.5cm from the numbers edge. The minimum dimensions of individual numbers will be 30cm.high, 22.5wide, 5cm.thick and spacing of 12.5cm. However if hull permits larger numbers are encouraged.

4. Race Helmets - Drivers and Observers:-

All boat crew members competing in Events shall be required to wear helmets. Hard hat area of helmet to be FLUORESCENT ORANGE. All helmets are to be of an approved type and must be in good condition and devoid of dents and splits. Helmet visors shall be in good condition and devoid of cracks and easily detachable ie:- not bolted down. Visors must not be secured in any way which prevents them lifting ie:- taping. Competitors name will be permitted once in letters of 20mm max height 100mm long at the base of the helmet.

5. Life Jackets:-

- (a) Lacing ties and/or straps shall be adequate and in good condition.
- (b) Zips where used shall be in working order
- (c) Tears or rips or bad repairs whereby buoyancy will leak out, shall not be permitted.
- (d) Jackets shall be dry and not oil or water logged.
- (e) Jackets shall be fitted with hold-down straps to the legs.

- (f) All life jackets to be predominantly one or more of the following colours canary, wattle, golden yellow, international orange, scarlet or bright fluorescent colours.
- (g) It is recommended that when Boat testing and unofficial practice all crew members wear all safety equipment.

6. Skier's Equipment:-

All external surfaces of the hard Helmet Shell, shall be fluorescent orange, in the case of soft outer covered helmets they shall be fluorescent orange with the exception of the chin and goggle securing straps and Mauser Joining Tape.

7. No competitor is allowed to continue in a race without a helmet.

8. Helmets recommended:-

- (a) Cover for the ears to prevent ruptured ear drums when the head hits the water in a sideways fall.
- (b) A secure and close fit on the head to reduce the possibility of "bucketing" or forcing water between the helmet and the head.
- (c) Secure straps - correctly adjusted. "D" Clips must not be used as a means of fastening or adjusting the skier's helmet.
- (d) The Helmet must float and be adequately constructed to absorb impact. Competitor's name will be permitted once in letters of 20mm maximum height x 100mm long at the base of the Helmet.

9. Wetsuits:-

With built in flotation will be accepted provided that the top section (from armpits up) excluding underarm gussets, mauser tape on seams and edging, zipper is one or more of the following colours - canary, wattle, golden yellow, international orange, scarlet or bright fluorescent colours, and have three (3) safety straps over the opening areas. It is desirable but not mandatory that the safety straps be one of the abovementioned colours. All recommended colours must still be visibly bright when wet. If a buoyancy vest is worn these are also to be of the predominantly recommended colours and must have crutch straps.

10. Boat Inspections:-

NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. will appoint a team of Boat Scrutineers to inspect Boats and provide a Scrutineering Certificate. Enforcement of the Safety Rules will fall upon the Scrutineers and the Safety Officer. These decisions are final and may not be overturned by any other Race Official.

12. START POSITIONS & GRID STARTS

- (a) A draw will be conducted at the commencement of the Region V Season to determine Start Pole Positions. Start Pole Positions for all subsequent rounds are determined by the finish position at the previous round ie:- first place goes to outside pole, second to the next and so on. New competitors to NWSRA - Region V Australia Inc. will start on outside pole and where there are more than one new competitor they will draw for pole position.
- (b) Start Positions - DNF& DNS Clarification:
 - (i) DNF goes to Pole 1. If more than 1 DNF in event a draw to be done for pole position.
 - (ii) DNS goes to Outside Pole. If more than 1 DNS a draw to be done for pole position.

- (c) Clarification of DNS:
 - (i) Skiers who did not start in the previous round will go to the outermost pole before poles are allocated to new competitors. Further - if a competitor does not actually face the starter on the start line, this is considered as a "did not start"
- (d) Clarification of DNF:

Where the skier failed to cross the finish line before the race is declared as completed by the display of the "white" flag. For return to pits.
- (e) These pole allocations for DNF's and DNS's will only apply to consecutive rounds.
- (f) Region V International: All events will be timed events and finish positions will be determined by such times.

13. START PROCEDURE

1. A Five Minute Warning will be sounded prior to the start of each race, during this time the Start Boat will display a Red Flag and competing boats with skier on boat shall proceed at idle speed to the start area.
2. A Skier may substitute a Boat up to the sounding of the Five Minute Warning, providing the Judges Desk has been notified prior to the start of the race, and Substitution Form submitted.
3. The Start Boat will have a Red Flag raised and will display same for a maximum period of five (5) minutes, or until the Boats are in their correct Pole Position and signal to the Starter they are ready by raising their hand.
4. Then the Yellow Flag shall be displayed for a maximum of two (2) minutes or until the Drivers are in their proper Pole Positions and signal they are ready by raising their hand.
5. The Green Flag will be raised and dropped at the Starter's discretion (minimum 30 seconds).
6. In the event that all Boats are present and in their proper Pole Positions and have signaled they are ready before the five minute period ends, the starter may go directly to the Green Flag. Under no circumstances should any Boat go past the Start Boat before the Green Flag is dropped "Penalty for this is Disqualification".
7. No Skier will be allowed to start if he or she is up and skiing towards the start line before the Green Flag is dropped. No Boat may cross the race course after the Green Flag has been dropped. Late Starters must come onto the course with safety making sure they do not impede other competitors.
8. There will be no Restarts without the approval of the Chief Referee or Race Chairperson.
9. Any Boat, due to Driver's negligence, causing another Boat not to be able to start the race will be Disqualified.

14. FINISH PROCEDURE

1. The finish of a ski race shall be determined by the Skier, however, the Skier must be up and skiing, under tow, when crossing the finish line.
2. The Blue Flag will be raised at the finish line when the leading Skier has one (1) lap to go. The Blue Flag will remain raised signifying to all ski teams following that they are on their last lap.

3. The Checkered Flag will be raised at the finish line prior to the lead Skier passing the finish line and all Skiers following will be scored in order of finish and laps completed as they pass the finish line.
4. The drop area for a ski race will be determined by the Race Chairperson prior to the event and announced at the Driver's and Observer's Briefing. Skiers must hang on to the tow rope until reaching the drop-off area.
5. Skiers must ski in the wake of their own boat throughout the entire race. Skiers must ski to the outside of each turn buoy. Penalty for skiing outside the wake is Disqualification.

15. PASSING IN A RACE

1. Passing in a race must be on the right hand side only.
2. Passing is complete when the skier doing the passing is 100 Metres ahead of the Boat being passed.
3. No Boat shall follow directly behind a Skier closer than 100 metres.
4. When a pass has been completed the Boat and Skier must move in to Pole Position.
5. Passing a fallen Skier can be done on either side, whichever is safer. If a boat is disabled, pass may also be done on either side.
6. However if a fallen Skier or disabled Boat is on Pole one (1) passing must be done on the right hand side only. You cannot come back into the course forcing the boat that has pole out of its position.
7. When picking up a fallen Skier, you must slow down, yield right of way to oncoming boats and turn in either direction, whichever is the safest. You must turn and come down the ski rope to your fallen skier, ski ropes must be kept as parallel to the course as possible.
8. Any blocking, turning wide, or running wide will result in Disqualification.
9. Adequate side clearance shall be maintained throughout the race, a Minimum of 5 Metres is required.
10. Any Boat causing a race to be stopped for any reason shall cause the entire team to be given a "Did Not Finish". If a race is stopped by a Red Flag only teams competing at that time will be allowed a restart.
11. In case of injury, the Medical Flag must be displayed.

16. PENALTIES

1. A Driver receiving two (2) Disqualifications for violations during a single sanctioned Event will be Disqualified for the rest of that entire Event. Any Driver disqualified for violations four (4) times during a calendar year will be Disqualified for the remainder of the sanctioned races for that year.
2. Penalties for moving violations will apply to an entire team (Skier, Driver and Observer)
3. Any Competitor exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct in the opinion of any Referee or Race Official shall be Disqualified as determined by the Region V Race Committee
4. The violation of running on a Course that is closed will result in automatic Disqualification of the Boat and the Driver for that weekend unless permission has been granted by the Race Chairperson or his/her alternate.
5. If a Boat misses a Course Buoy through Driver error, the Driver must recover the Buoy or they are deemed to be down one (1) lap.
6. If a Boat has a spin out, hook or an erratic change of pole position during the race, the Boat and Crew are required to immediately retire from the race, further continuing on in the race is strictly prohibited. The following is also required to take place:-

- (a) The Boat and Crew will be given a Did Not Finish (DNF) Result.
 - (b) The Boat will be required to be Scrutineered by the Chief Scrutineer before being permitted to race again.
 - (c) The Boat and Driver will be required to cease racing for the rest of the day and will be given a One (1) Race Penalty and will not be eligible to compete in their next entered race and must attend their next scheduled race and be an active Helper under the direction of the Race Committee.
- 7. Any Boat receiving a tow will not be allowed to restart and/or finish a race. The team will receive a DNF (Did not finish).
 - 8. The Race Chairperson shall not solely be responsible for a single decision.
 - 9. The Race Chairperson shall convene a meeting with Region V Race Committee Members to determine the best procedure to expedite races in the best interest of competitors and spectators.

17. SKIERS ON DECKS OF BOATS

- 1. Skiers are allowed on the deck of the Boat leaving the beach and proceeding to the start only if the Boat proceeds at an idle speed. Observers must hold skier whilst proceeding to start line.

18. STARTING OF MOTORS ON BANK OR RAMP

- 1. Starting of motors is not permitted prior to the announced time at Briefing.
- 2. Boat motors are not to be started on dry land except in the wash bay facing exhaust to the water at idle for flushing purposes only. This is a condition on the Aquatic Licence issued.
- 3. No camping on site is allowed – Council Condition.

19. ENGINE CLASSES

- 1. Unlimited Division:-
 - (a) All Inboard and Outboard boats including Twin Rigs.
 - (b) No back to back seating allowed.
- 2. Outboard Class – M.O.C – Single Engine Outboards applies:-
 - (a) Hulls must be factory production model sold or advertised through normal channels. Light lay ups from factory will be allowed. Centre steering will not be allowed. Mod V.P's to be included in the Moc Class.
 - (b) Motors exceeding 200 kilos in weight will not be permitted on Boats with length less than an advertised length of 17.5 feet, 5.34metres in length.
 - (c) Cockpit size shall be 1680mm length by 1170mm breadth minimum.
 - (d) Observers seat will be next to or in front of Driver's seat. No part of the Observer's seat shall extend past the rear part of the driver's seat.
 - (e) All engines must have operational forward, neutral and reverse controls.
 - (f) Motor modifications shall be acceptable. No dry exhausts allowed.
 - (g) Vented cowls are permitted.
 - (h) No turbo charging, super charging or nitrous oxide allowed.

- (i) Maximum c.c. 3.5 Litre.
- (j) Vented cowls are permitted, however no scoops.
- (k) All Jacking Plates must be fixed in position and not able to be adjusted during a race.
- (l) A minimum depth of 50mm from the Running Blank to the center of the prop shaft must be maintained.

3. 60MPH & 70MPH Social Class

- (a) 60mph and 70mph Social Class is to be skied on a Social Ski in which Clause 8 relating to “Social Class Skis” applies to define the meaning of a Social Ski, there is no rope length restrictions.
- (b) Competitors are to use the GPS Speed App as stipulated by Region V Australia.
- (c) It will be the responsibility of the Crew to fit the GPS in a position where it is going to track correctly.
- (d) The Crew will present their GPS to the Officials before racing fully charged and cleared of all history ready to use. Only GPS’s checked and cleared before racing will be accepted.
- (e) It will be the responsibility of the Crew to start the GPS before leaving the bank and stop the GPS after the race is completed. All speed restricted competitors must present their GPS regardless if they finish or not within 10 minutes of the completion of their race.
- (f) Any competitor’s GPS that do not give readings with a complete map/track upon return will be disqualified. Appeals and protests will not be permitted on GPS Readings.
- (g) No GPS activated speed control is to be used.
- (h) No systems allowed to override driver throttle control, throttle stops must not be able to be adjusted whilst underway.
- (i) The Driver is the only person to have any physical control over the throttle.
- (j) The Driver is the only crew member to be able to read any GPS in the boat. The Observer must keep their full attention on the Skier.
- (k) A tolerance of 2.5mph in a single spike situation will be considered at the discretion of the Chief Referee taking into consideration racing conditions on the day.

4. 60MPH & 70MPH Engine Class

- (a) 60mph & 70mph Engine Class has no ski or rope length restrictions.
- (b) Competitors are to use the GPS Speed App as stipulated by Region V Australia.
- (c) It will be the responsibility of the Crew to fit the GPS in a position where it is going to track correctly.
- (d) The Crew will present their GPS to the Officials before racing fully charged and cleared of all history ready to use. Only GPS’s checked and cleared before racing will be accepted.
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- (k) A tolerance of 2.5mph in a single spike situation will be considered at the discretion of the Chief Referee taking into consideration racing conditions on the day.

20. DRUGS & ALCOHOL

20.1 Drugs

- (a) Region V Australia has adopted and supports the SRA Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy (Illicit Drugs Policy). All Region V Australia competitors must comply with such Policy, which can be found on our Website. Any reference to an SRA Delegate is equivalent to a Region V Australia Delegate.
- (b) A Competitor who is under the influence of a non-prescribed drug, restricted prescribed drug, cannabis, narcotics and stimulants (such as amphetamines, cocaine, etc), or is otherwise in breach of the Illicit Drugs Policy, shall be immediately suspended from competing in events on that day and shall be disqualified from events already competed in on that day.
- (c) A Competitor who is found to have used a non-prescribed drug or restricted prescribed drug in breach of the Illicit Drug Policy will also be liable to such other penalty as prescribed by the Illicit Drugs Policy.
- (d) The Race Committee or the Chief Referee, or anyone authorised by the Race Committee or the Chief Referee, shall have the power to require any Competitor at any time during the running of events or prior to the running of events on any day to submit to a drug test or drug analysis for the purposes of ascertaining drugs in that person's blood by use of a drug testing or drug analysis device approved of for that purpose.
- (e) Each Event will include in their Event briefing a designated period of time(s) to conduct drug testing. Subject to the Race Committee and Chief Referee's powers under rule 20.1(d), no testing will be conducted outside of this designated time period. All Members selected are to present for drug testing.
- (f) No minor can be drug tested without the consent of his/her parent or guardian or crewmember or without the approval and in the presence of the Chief Referee or his/her nominee.
- (g) Any Competitor refusing to undertake an authorised drug test or drug analysis shall be liable to immediate suspension from all events on that day and shall be liable to disqualification from all events competed in on that day.

20.2 Alcohol

- (a) Subject to Rule 20.2(h), a Competitor shall not consume any alcohol on the day of an event. A Competitor who has consumed alcohol, on the day of the event, shall be immediately suspended from competing in all events on that day.
- (b) A Competitor who is under the influence of alcohol shall be liable to immediate suspension from competing in events and shall be liable to disqualification from events already competed in on that day.
- (c) It shall be absolute proof of a Competitor "being under the influence" if there is present in that Competitor's blood a concentration of alcohol in excess of 0.000 grams in 100 millilitres of the blood, or such lower concentration as may be prescribed by any relevant State Laws.
- (d) The Race Committee or the Chief Referee, or anyone authorised by the Race Committee or the Chief Referee, shall have the power to require any Competitor at any time during the running of events or prior to the running of events on any day to submit to a breath test or breath analysis for the purposes of ascertaining the concentration of alcohol in that person's blood by use of a breath testing or breath analysis device approved of for that purpose.
- (e) Each Event will include in their Event briefing a designated period of time(s) to conduct breath testing. Subject to the Race Committee and Chief Referee's powers under rule 20.2(d), no testing will be conducted outside of this designated time period. All Members are to present for breath testing.
- (f) No minor can be breath tested without the consent of his/her parent or guardian or crewmember or without the approval and in the presence of the Chief Referee or his/her nominee.

- (g) Any Competitor refusing to undertake an authorised breath test or breath analysis shall be liable to immediate suspension from all events on that day and shall be liable to disqualification from all events competed in on that day.
- (h) Nothing contained herein shall apply to alcohol consumed after the completion of that Competitor's competition in events on that day, that is after a Competitor reaches the bank following the completion of his/her final event of the day.
- (i) Any Competitor:
 - (i) asked to undertake a breath test must record a blood alcohol level of 0.000;
 - (ii) who records a positive reading will be retested once only, 15 minutes after their first test is conducted, during the designated period of time detailed in the Event information;
 - (iii) who is tested within 15 minutes of the closing time of the designated period of time detailed in the Event information, will have their second test conducted at the closing time;
 - (iv) who is waiting to conduct their second breath test, must remain in the testing area;
 - (v) who is still over 0.000 at this time will be disqualified from that event; and
 - (vi) who is disqualified from 3 Events in any one season for being over 0.000 will have their membership of Region V Australia immediately cancelled by the Committee.
- (j) Any Official:
 - (i) asked to undertake a breath test must record a blood alcohol level of lower than 0.050;

21. DEMERIT POINTS SYSTEM

21.1 Drivers

- (a) All Drivers will abide by the NWSRA - Region V Australia Demerit Points System for the Season.
- (b) Drivers who have not committed any offences will have Zero (0) Demerit Points.
- (c) Drivers who commit safety offences will have the Demerit Points added to their Driving Record.
- (d) Drivers who reach or exceed their Demerit Point Limit of Twelve (12) Points will be issued with a Notice of Suspension by NWSRA - Region V Australia for the following:-
 - (i) First Time attaining Twelve (12) Points is a Three (3) Month Suspension.
 - (ii) Second Time attaining Twelve (12) Points is a Six (6) Month Suspension.
 - (iii) Third Time attaining Twelve (12) Points is a Twelve (12) Month Suspension.
- (e) Demerit Points for each offence last for a period of Twelve (12) Months starting from the date of the offence.
- (f) Demerit Points for driving offences will be enforced as follows:-

Demerit Points – Driver	
Demerit Points	Offence
2	Changing Pole in a corner without impeding another competitor Following directly behind a skier within 100m Changing pole before the skier is 100m ahead of boat being overtaken
4	Disobey Red Flag Failing Breathalyser and/or Drug analysis Disqualification due to a safety breach Any other safety breach contrary to Briefing
6	Impeding Skiers or Boat by a safety breach e.g. changing poles, encroaching skiers, forcing others to take evasive action
8	Impeding Skiers or Boat by a safety breach causing them to be severely disadvantaged and or forcing multiple competitors to take evasive action
10	Spin Out, hook or an erratic change of pole position as defined in Rule 16.6

- (g) All Race Penalties along with the appropriate Demerit Points shall be calculated by the Chief Referee and reported to the NWSRA - Region V Australia Committee.
- (h) NWSRA - Region V Australia will maintain a Demerit Point Driver Register and notify the Competitor in writing of their Suspension once they have attained their Demerit Point Limit as set out in Rule 21.1(d) above.
- (i) It will be the Competitor's sole responsibility to record and monitor their own Demerit Point status and make contact with NWSRA - Region V Australia for clarification of their Points Status as required.

21.2 Observers

- (a) All Observers will abide by the NWSRA - Region V Australia Demerit Points System for the Season.
- (b) Observers who have not committed any offences will have Zero (0) Demerit Points.
- (c) Observers who commit safety offences will have the Demerit Points added to their Observing Record.
- (d) Observers who reach or exceed their Demerit Point Limit of Twelve (12) Points will be issued with a Notice of Suspension by NWSRA - Region V Australia for the following:-
 - (iv) First Time attaining Twelve (12) Points is a Three (3) Month Suspension.
 - (v) Second Time attaining Twelve (12) Points is a Six (6) Month Suspension.
 - (vi) Third Time attaining Twelve (12) Points is a Twelve (12) Month Suspension.
- (e) Demerit Points for each offence last for a period of Twelve (12) Months starting from the date of the offence.
- (f) Demerit Points for driving offences will be enforced as follows:-

Demerit Points – Observer	
Demerit Points	Offence
2	Changing pole before the skier is 100m ahead of boat being overtaken
4	Disobey Red Flag Failing Breathalyser and/or Drug analysis Disqualification due to a safety breach Any other safety breach contrary to Briefing
6	Impeding Skiers or Boat by a safety breach e.g. changing poles, encroaching skiers, forcing others to take evasive action
8	Impeding Skiers or Boat by a safety breach causing them to be severely disadvantaged and or forcing multiple competitors to take evasive action

- (g) All Race Penalties along with the appropriate Demerit Points shall be calculated by the Chief Referee and reported to the NWSRA - Region V Australia Committee.
- (h) NWSRA - Region V Australia will maintain a Demerit Point Observer Register and notify the Competitor in writing of their Suspension once they have attained their Demerit Point Limit as set out in Rule 21.2 (d) above.
- (i) It will be the Competitor's sole responsibility to record and monitor their own Demerit Point status and make contact with NWSRA - Region V Australia for clarification of their Points Status as required.

NATIONAL WATER SKI RACING ASSOCIATION

REGION V AUSTRALIA Inc.

BRIEFING SHEET

1. **DRIVERS** please remember this is a Skier's Race and not a Boat race. Boats should be driven to the capacity of the Skier not the Boat.
2. **OBSERVERS** are the most important part of the Team. They must control the Driver's speed, and must advise the Driver of their position on Course. Therefore, it is essential that the communication with the Driver is clear, correct and accurate.

3. **FLAG CODES**

GREEN	Start
YELLOW	Caution
RED	Stop
WHITE	Closed Course - return to pits
BLUE	1 Lap to Go
CHECKERED	Finish of Race.
BLUE & WHITE	Medical Assistance required
RED & GREEN FLAGS SHOWN TOGETHER ON START BOAT	Signifies an Aborted Start Return to Start Line.

4. A Driver **OR** Observer **WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE YELLOW FLAG OR FALLEN SKIER** by putting their hand up.

5. **STARTING PROCEDURE**

Skier's must be ready before completion of the previous race.

- (a) A Five Minute Warning will be sounded prior to the start of each race, during this time the Start Boat will display a Red Flag and competing boats with skier on boat shall proceed at idle speed to the start area.
 - (b) The Start Boat will have a Red Flag raised and will display same for a maximum period of five (5) minutes, or until the Boats are in their correct Pole Position and signal to the Starter they are ready by raising their hand.
 - (c) Then the Yellow Flag shall be displayed for a maximum of two (2) minutes or until the Drivers are in their proper Pole Positions and signal they are ready by raising their hand.
 - (d) The Green Flag will be raised and dropped at the Starter's discretion (minimum 30 seconds).
 - (e) In the event that all Boats are present and in their proper Pole Positions and have signaled they are ready before the five minute period ends, the starter may go directly to the Green Flag. **Under no circumstances should any Boat go past the Start Boat before the Green Flag is dropped "Penalty for this is Disqualification"**.
6. Adequate side clearance shall be maintained throughout the race, **A MINIMUM OF 5**

METRES.

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7. FINISH OF SKI RACE

BLUE FLAG will be raised at finish line when the lead Skier has one (1) Lap remaining and will signify to all Competitors following they have one (1) Lap to Go.

CHECKERED FLAG will be raised when the lead skier crosses the Finish Line and all Skiers following will be scored in order of Finish and Laps completed.

All finishing boats **MUST** proceed around the three (3) end Course Buoys and finish in the centre of Course, pull their Skier into the boat and wait until the **WHITE FLAG** is displayed - indicating the Course is clear before returning to the pit area.

PLEASE NOTE: No member of the crew is permitted to be on the deck of the Boat when returning to the pit area – RMS Regulation- bow riding.

8. Skiers MUST SKI IN THE WASH of their own Boat throughout the Entire Race.

7. PASSING IN A RACE:

(a) Passing in a race MUST be on the RIGHT HAND SIDE ONLY.

(b) The pass is complete when the Skier doing the passing is 100 METRES AHEAD of the Boat passed.

(c) No Boat shall follow directly behind a Skier closer than 100 METRES.

(d) When a pass has been completed the boat and skier MUST MOVE IN TO POLE POSITION.

(e) Passing of a fallen Skier can be done on either side, whichever is Safer. If a Boat is disabled passing may also be done on either side. However, if there is a fallen Skier or disabled Boat on POLE ONE (1) Passing must be done on the RIGHT HAND SIDE ONLY.

10. When picking up a fallen Skier, you must slow down, yield right of way to oncoming Boats and turn in either direction, whichever is the safest. You must turn and come down the Ski Rope to your fallen Skier, Ski Ropes must be kept as parallel to the course as possible.

11. Any Blocking, Turning Wide or Running Wide will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

12. Any Boat causing a Race to be stopped for any reason shall cause the entire Team to be given a "Did Not Finish". If a race is stopped by a RED FLAG only teams competing at that time will be allowed a restart.

13. In case of Injury you must DISPLAY YOUR MEDICAL FLAG

14. Drivers, Observers and Skiers MUST SIGN ON.

15. Drivers & Observers MUST ATTEND BRIEFING.

16. Skiers are allowed on the bow of the competing Boats leaving the beach and proceeding to the start ONLY if the boats proceed at an IDLE speed.

17. No Boats will start their motors on the bank.