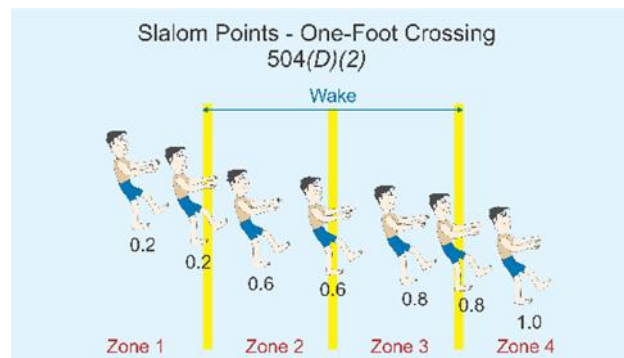




This document will list any rule changes/update between the Annual publication and the next as well as clarifications, exceptions for certain tournaments or other Rule- related information and will be updated as is necessary. If you have any questions or you aware of information that should be here as is not, please email Mark Shank, Rules Committee Chair at markshank34@gmail.com.

1. The following question was asked: What is the last date time a score could qualify for the 2024 World Tournament under Rule 2003(A)? The answer is: The deadline is 11:59 p.m. September 7, 2024.
2. The following question was asked: Can a failed one-foot wave be downgraded to either a one-foot or to a wave? Answer: No. See Rule 711.
3. There is a mistake in the chart found at 504(D)(2), which has been called to the attention of the printer. The chart should look like this:



4. On April 27, the Council accepted the recommendation of the Rules committee to discontinue the slalom trial and revert to the prior rule.
5. On April 27, the Council approved a change to Rule 409 as follows:

409 (B) Speed Adjudicator. ~~Where a speed control system is not used, a~~ A Speed Adjudicator ~~shall~~ may ride in the towboat to verify the boat speed via GPS. In the event of a disagreement between the Driver and Boat Judge, the speed recorded on the Speed Adjudicator's GPS shall be used. **Any Boat Judge may also act as speed adjudicator.**

6. On April 2 the Council approved a new Rule 216 as follows.

216: OPTIONAL 4TH JUDGE

(A) For any event the Chief Judge may appoint a 4th Judge from the appointed or reserve judges.

(B) The 4th Judge shall:

1. *View a live video feed of Tricks or Slalom event in a private location and record each pass.*
2. *Record and judge each pass without consulting or receiving input from others.*
3. *Be alone while judging. Only the Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, Chief Scorer and Video Operator may be present.*
4. *Record and judge the event in real time without the benefit of replay or slow motion.*
5. *Make the score sheets immediately available to the Chief Scorer, Chief Judge or Assistant Chief Judge.*
6. *Clearly mark each scoresheet as being from the 4th Judge.*

(C) The Score Sheets of the 4th Judge shall be:

1. *Used only to provide consensus if the scorer cannot determine consensus from the score sheets of the three boat judges. If used to provide consensus, the scorer shall indicate on the boat judges' sheets where the 4th Judge's sheets were used to achieve consensus.*
2. *Whenever used, attached to the boat judges' sheets for review.*

(D) If the scorer(s) are unable to achieve a consensus using the 4th Judge's sheet, then such score sheet shall not be used and the Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, or another judge appointed by the Chief Judge may review video to determine the final score.

The Rule changes referenced above will be incorporated into a new version of the Rules and posted on the WBC Website.

Thank you,

Mark Shank, Rules Committee Chair