



Confirming Requirements for IWWF Records.

World Records are the pinnacle of achievement in barefoot waterskiing. For athletes across all divisions, these records validate excellence and inspire future generations. Adherence to technical rules ensures:

- *Fairness*: Equal standards for skiers of all ages, divisions, and skill levels.
- *Legacy*: Records become timeless benchmarks.
- *Trust*: Sponsors, media, and federations invest in a sport grounded in Integrity.

Unambiguous standards ensure credibility in the IWWF World Barefoot World Records. standards apply regardless of location or age division. Fostering such credibility is paramount.

The Council believes the sport will benefit from educating tournament organisers and participants on the procedures necessary to host an IWWF World Record Capable Tournament and to establish World Records. Tournament Organisers and Athletes need to be confident that any potential records set at a World Record Capable Tournament are not invalidated by non-adherence to these standards. No tournament should be designated as Record Capable without the willingness and ability to strictly comply with the Record Capable requirements.

Accordingly, the purpose of this communication is to:

- Confirm the Council's commitment to the enforcement of these standards for the benefit of the sport.
- Educate on how to comply with these standards.
- Make compliance easier by summarising, in one place, what the standards require and providing compliance education.

The Technical Rules: A Roadmap to Credibility.

Ensuring we have global standardised procedures for World Records is a core mission of the Council and critical to international confidence in every record's legitimacy. Compliance with these procedures requires review of several sections of the Technical Rules. Below is a summary of how the Technical Rules address World Records.

1. Homologation Requirements

- Records can only be set at WBC-approved tournaments (Rule 1702) with Certified Officials: Judges, drivers, and trained record-capable video operators
- Records can only be set at WBC-approved events, with lead officials having the following minimum requirements in accordance with Rule 213(2).
 - a. Chief Judge Level 2
 - b. Chief Scorer Level 2
 - c. Chief Driver Level 2
 - d. Homologator Level 2
- Standardised Equipment: Towboats meeting specifications (Rule 1501), homologated ropes/handles (Rule 1402–1403), and GPS speed verification (Rule 405).
- Approved Courses: Jump, slalom, and trick courses adhering to layout and measurement protocols (Chapter 16).

2. Documentation

Every record claim must include:

- Video Evidence: High-resolution footage (Rule 1303) to validate performance.
- Timing Data: GPS-confirmed speeds within tolerances (Rule 303, 405).
- Affidavits: Signed statements from judges, drivers, and homologators (Rule 1706).

3. Verification

The Records Review Committee (RRC) (Rule 1707) conducts evaluations to:

- Confirm compliance with technical rules.
- Resolve discrepancies using video replay and scoring consensus.
- Publish ratified records publicly (Rule 1709).

Conclusion

Credibility is not optional—it is the foundation of Barefoot waterskiing's growth. By enforcing the frameworks in Chapter 17, we honour every athlete's effort and ensure records stand as unassailable milestones. Let's champion a future where every WBC World Record Tournament is beyond reproach.

INTERPRETATION AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING IWWF WORLD BAREFOOT WATER SKI TECHNICAL RULES RELATING TO WORLD RECORDS.

This Interpretation and Guidance of the World Barefoot Water Ski Technical Rules is issued after review by the WBC Rules Committee Chairman and approval by the IWWF World Barefoot Council (WBC) pursuant to Rule 204 (A) and specifically relates to the conditions necessary for holding IWWF World Barefoot Waterski Record Capable Tournaments.

1. Confederation and World Championships

All Confederation and World Championships are automatically recognised as World Record Capable, provided they meet the requirements set out in Chapter 17 of the IWWF World Barefoot Water-Ski Technical Rules ("Rules), with emphasis on the following:

- Compliance with all site standards
- Completion of proper homologation
- Obtaining all necessary official approvals

2. All Other Tournaments.

All other tournaments should likewise fully comply with Chapter 17 of the Rules. The WBC would like to provide the following guidance regarding World Record Capable Tournaments.

They must:

- Be registered on the IWWF EMS and have gained EMS approval from the WBC-approved Confederation representative (The Confederation representatives are approved by the WBC). The Registered EMS approval must be obtained and posted at least 30 days before the tournament begins.

- Be homologated by a level 1 or 2 Homologator; World Record applications must include a report by such Homologator consistent with Rule 1700 requirements.
- Be listed on the IWWF EMS as the official federation / confederation calendar and be available for other federations and confederations to view at least 30 days before the commencement of the competition.
- Because it is registered as record-capable, it is considered a significant listed event, not an ad hoc competition.
- Follow the Rules regarding the use and calibration of approved speed control systems.

The number of record-capable rounds (Rule 1702), compliance with safety equipment specifications (Chapter 11 of the Rules), and course specifications for each event (Chapter 16 of the Rules)

- e. Comply with the record review and ratification process found in Rule 1706.
- f. All participating skiers are required to hold a valid IWWF license.

This interpretation and guidance is being provided to ensure that World Barefoot Waterski Record Capable Tournaments maintain the highest standards of competition integrity and fairness.

