



## AWWF Tournament Driver's Program Requirements for Advancement

Rating / Level	Theoretical Clinics Req'd	Written Test Req'd	Practical Clinics Req'd	Practical Assessment Req'd	Required Competency	Driver Rating Requirements
<b>Level 5</b> <i>(formerly Level 1)</i>	1	Yes	1	Yes	Beginner	<i>Non-tournament driver; event driver at practices, club events, and ski schools</i>
<b>Level 4</b> <i>(formerly Level 2 interim)</i>	1	Yes	1	Yes	Average	<i>Event Driver at non-record tournaments (entry level tournament driver)</i>
<b>Level 3</b> <i>(formerly Level 2)</i>	Above	Yes	1	Yes	Good	<i>Chief Driver at non-record tournaments; or event driver at Class L IWWF Ranking List Tournaments</i>
<b>Level 2</b> <i>(formerly Level 3)</i>	Above	Yes	No <i>(L3 Experience Required)</i>	Yes	Excellent	<i>Chief Driver at IWWF Class L or R Record Tournaments, State Titles, Nationals</i>
<b>Level 1</b> <i>(new IWWF level)</i>	Above	TBA	TBA	TBA	Superior	<i>IWWF International (World level) driver</i>

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## **Steps to obtain a Level 5 Driver's rating** (*non-Tournament Driver, formerly level 1*):

1. Attend a Level 5 theoretical clinic
2. Successfully pass the Level 5 written test
3. Attend a Level 5 practical clinic
4. Successfully pass the Level 5 practical assessment

## **Steps to obtain a Level 4 Tournament Driver's rating** (*formerly level 2 interim*):

1. Attend a Level 4 theoretical clinic
2. Successfully pass the Level 4 written test
3. Attend a Level 4 practical clinic
4. Successfully pass a Level 4 practical assessment

## **Steps to obtain a Level 3 Tournament Driver's rating** (*formerly full level 2*):

1. Complete the steps above for a Level 4 Driver
2. Complete a practical clinic (can be in conjunction with or separate from a theoretical clinic)
3. Successfully pass the Level 3 written test
4. Successfully complete a practical Level 3 on water review by an "endorsed" accreditor under tournament conditions

## **Steps to obtain a Level 2 Tournament Driver's rating** (*formerly level 3*):

1. Gain acceptable experience as a Level 3 Tournament Driver to develop the required competency level
2. Successfully pass the Level 2 written test
3. Successfully complete a practical Level 2 on water review by an "endorsed" accreditor under tournament conditions

## **Steps to obtain a Level 1 Tournament Driver's rating** (*new level under implementation by IWWF*):

1. The level 1, IWWF International (World's) level driver's program is currently under development

### **Program Notes:**

1. *Advancement Program is intended to develop knowledge and practical experience, and includes written and practical assessments to ensure qualified drivers are available for all level of events. Drivers are to be tested in each discipline and can be rated as 1, 2 or 3 event driver for Level 4 and above.*
2. *Requirements for Level 3 and above are incremental to the previous level (i.e. - cumulative).*
3. *To gain Level 3 accreditation or advance to Level 2 the driver will be required to complete an on water review by an “endorsed” accreditor (Gary Weidman, Leigh Southwell, Kevin Wiseman, Shane Coulter, Paul Ryan, Glen Martin, Nigel Sparrow, John Weeks)*
4. *Required Competency Criteria Includes:*
  - *Knowledge of Rules, Speed Control & Driver Duties*
  - *Practical experience (practice & tournament)*
  - *Proven performance*
    - *Safety*
    - *Boat Path (including end course video analysis)*
    - *Synchronisation with skiers*
    - *Speed control use*
    - *Attitude & response to feedback*
5. *Chief Driver terminology has been eliminated by IWWF for World Championships, but is retained for use in Australia, primarily as an administrative term for organizing and overseeing drivers and boats for tournaments*
6. *Until Level 1 is fully implemented, IWWF World’s driving nominations will be open to both Level 1 & Level 2 drivers, however selection of any level 2 drivers requires endorsement by the TWSA Driver’s Committee Chairman*
7. *Recognizing the transitional nature of the program during implementation, any exceptions to the above are subject to approval by the Chairperson of the TWSA Boat Drivers Committee*