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WAWA REGULATIONS

1 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAMS AND SQUADS

1.1 Squad Notification

The WAWA National Office shall be notified annually in writing by the Divisional Director or Divisional High Performance Committee Representative of the national squads and as soon as practicable thereafter whenever athletes are added to, or are taken off, the national squad.

1.2 Team Notification

The WAWA National Office shall be notified in writing by the Divisional Director at least 4 weeks before any event of all Team Members chosen to represent the country.

1.3 Team Selection

Divisions are to take particular care in the selection of participants in teams, competitions and training camps and be responsible for the behaviour of these persons. Of relevance is the Member Protection Policy and which details expected Codes of Conduct & Ethics.

1.4 Team agreement

Each Team member will be required to sign a Division based Team agreement endorsed by the WAWA.

1.5 Medical Expenses

All Australian Team members when training or competing at an International event will be covered for medical expenses either Personal accident insurance whilst in Australia or WAWA Travel Insurance if overseas. This coverage will be for the event itself and team organised training prior to the event. It does not cover individual training eg for 3 months overseas while preparing for the event or competing in pre events before world event.

1.6 Team Uniforms

- All Australian skiers/riders (team members or individuals) competing at an WAWA or IWWF sanctioned event are to wear the same uniform as the National Team.
- Team Managers to determine uniforms; however all uniforms to have at least the WAWA & ASC logo's.
- Mandatory to have at least one (1) collared shirt with minimal WAWA & ASC logo for official occasions.
- Green blazers are recommended however it will be at the discretion of the Division Board as to the colours of the Team Blazer.

1.7 Notification of Results

At each World championship event, the team manager is responsible for supplying results for the WAWA web page/face book on a daily basis or as soon as practicably possible.

1.8 Use of Coat of Arms

The Commonwealth Coat of Arms was granted to the Commonwealth of Australia by Royal Warrant in 1912 and is used to identify Commonwealth authority and property. It is generally limited to these purposes. Exceptions can be made to allow the Coat of Arms to be worn on apparel of approved sporting teams representing Australia in international events.

Approval needs to be sought in writing (by e mail to nationalsymbols@pmc.gov.au) by the National Office from the Awards and National Symbols Branch, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to use the Coat of Arms on uniforms of team members and should be sought for each separate event. All requests will be considered within four months of the commencement date of the competition.

2 WAWA GENERAL MEETINGS

Reports at General Meetings of WAWA are recommended to be submitted against key headings as detailed below or additional headings as determined by the President of the WAWA:

2.1 Divisions

- 1. Athlete Support & Development**
- 2. Coaching**
- 3. Judging and Officiating**
- 4. International Performances**
- 5. General Comments**

2.2 WAWA National Office

- 1. Membership**
Current and previous year
- 2. Insurance**
Status report
- 3. Financial (through Finance Director)**
 - a. A copy of the latest audited financial statements.
 - b. Financial summary

2.3 Member States

- 1. Copy of the most recent strategic plan (as submitted to the State Govt).**
- 2. Committee Structure**
List of names, contact telephone numbers and email addresses
- 3. State Activities**
Summary of significant activities over the past twelve months

2.4 Compliance

A report on compliance with state constitutions and laws regarding AGM's, Committee Elections and submission of Audited Financial Statements.

2.5 Funding of Delegates to AGM

Board Members will be funded to attend the AGM and any other General Meeting. Only Member States and Divisions approved by the Board as complying with the WAWA Constitution will be able to attend General meetings and such approved delegates will be funded by themselves.

3 DRUGS IN SPORT

3.1 WAWA Drugs in Sport Policy

WAWA current Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy is located at <https://www.awwf.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/NIF-Improper-Use-of-Drugs-and-Medicine-Policy-MAR-2022.pdf>

3.2 Drug Testing

To be conducted by Sport Integrity Australia in accordance with the WAWA Anti-Doping Policy.

4 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

WAWA may award such an honour to individuals who have served at the highest level possible, i.e. Australian, Regional and in some cases at World level, and has proven to be a good ambassador for Australia. Many members give meritorious service at State/Divisional level and their recognition should be recognised at that level. Life Membership will be used in conjunction with the WAWA Hall of Fame for recognition of our people. Life Membership will generally sit at a lower level to that of the Hall of Fame.

Skiers/Riders should primarily be considered for life membership for their efforts at Australian and Regional Championships, with the minimum requirements being the winning of multiple gold medals in the open Division. Setting of Australian records will also be considered in the process. Skiers representing Australia at World events should also be considered where individual skiers may have represented Australia however did not finish with a top three placing.

For Officials / Administrators There should be sustained and substantive involvement over many years at National and Regional levels. Obviously, a mixture of the above could see a person worthy of consideration for life membership.

Life membership nominations should be made by Member States, WAWA Divisions or the WAWA Board in accordance with the WAWA Constitution.

Any nomination not approved may not be resubmitted for a further two years.

4.1 WAWA Life Members

Twenty Two as of 1st September 2023

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5 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership Release and Indemnity Declaration

All members must sign the Membership Declaration Form forming part of the Membership Application and is mandatory as a condition of membership. The Release and Indemnity Declaration will cover all sanctioned competitions and event for the relevant membership year.

5.2 Family Membership

No person can join as a child member of the family unit if they are twenty five (25) years of age or older as at 1 July in the current membership period.

5.3 Junior Members

Junior members are those who are 17 years or younger (U18) at 1 Jul in the current membership period.

5.4 International Skiers / Riders visiting Australia

An International skier/rider who is visiting Australia to compete in a series of professional events eg Aussie Masters and Moomba and the duration is for approximately 4 weeks or less. If the skier/rider is a member of an IWWF affiliated Federation then no membership fee will be charged, however there is no Personal Accident insurance available to the skier/rider. Instead they must take out appropriate Travel Insurance to cover the trip which includes Professional Waterskiing or Wakeboarding. All event organisers in Australia must make this a mandatory requirement of entry. The skier/rider does have the option of joining the WAWA if they wish to receive Personal Accident insurance but must pay full WAWA membership.

An International skier/rider who comes to Australia and wishes to compete in several events and in many cases will stay for the season (over 4 weeks). In this case they must join the WAWA as a member and receive the same benefits as an Australian skier/rider which will include Personal Accident insurance. Competing in Nationals will be at the discretion of the Division involved.

5.5 Australian non WAWA Members competing in Professional events

Australians who are not members of WAWA must join the WAWA as a full member when wishing to compete in an WAWA sanctioned professional event where prize money is paid. All other options are as per normal WAWA membership criteria.

5.6 Refund Policy

WAWA has adopted a 'no refunds' policy in regards to membership payments. Downgrades in membership status will require CEO/ Divisional Director approval and be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

5.7 Centralised Membership System

WAWA have adopted a Centralised Membership System.

6 NATIONAL and STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.1 Naming

- All Divisions are to use the term “championship” rather than “title” when referring to WAWA National events.

6.2 Verification

- All entries in all WAWA sanctioned International and National Championships are to be full financial members of the WAWA. To compete at State Titles a member must be at least a Transition member.
- Championship organisers and/or Team Managers are responsible to verify that all entrants in International, National and State Championships are financial members of WAWA in accordance with the above policy. (

6.3 State Colours:

Australian Capital Territory	Blue & Gold
New South Wales	Light Blue
Northern Territory	Black, White & Ochre
South Australia	Red, Navy & Gold
Queensland	Maroon
Tasmania	Gold on Green
Victoria	Navy Blue & White
Western Australia	Gold on Black

6.4 Australian Records

A standard WAWA certificate template will be used for all water ski records. Certificates are to be signed by the respective Divisional Director and the WAWA President or CEO.

7 DIVISIONS AND STATES

7.1 Financial Statements

Divisions and States are to supply financial statements to WAWA immediately after holding their AGM.

7.2 Olympic Committee

Member States are encouraged to affiliate with their State Olympic Committee.

7.3 Juniors

Junior ages for competition purposes to be in accordance with Divisional Rules.

7.4 Level 1 Accreditation

The Divisional National Coaching Directors are to have the power to approve Applications for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for the water ski component of Level 1 accreditation where he/she sees fit. All requests for RPL must go through the State Divisional Director and CEO.

7.5 Definition of Active Divisions

- (i) Refer to the WAWA Constitution to define an active Division.
- (ii) Active Divisions as at 1 September 2023 are: Barefoot, Disabled, Tournament, Wakeboard and Show Ski. The Disabled Division has an exemption from the requirement for the number of members. Note that under the above the Cable Wakeboard Division is not yet a defined Division. Cable Wakeboard is currently an affiliated committee operating as Cable Wakeboard Australia pending meeting the requirements for a full Division status.

7.6 State Division Obligations

Any State Division not carrying out obligations to WAWA are not able to vote on Divisional matters. State Divisions must;

1. Conduct events to the Australian Rule Book for the relevant Division.
2. Hold State Divisional meetings
3. Be represented at least one Australian Divisional meeting annually.
4. Elect a State Divisional Chairman.

7.7 Board Compliance

Failure to comply with WAWA Board Policy may result in WAWA affiliation being withdrawn from offending Divisions or States, and/or funding withheld.

7.8 Board Governance

The Board of the WAWA has adopted the Mandatory Sports Governance Principles which are located at <https://www.sportaus.gov.au/governance/principles>

7.9 State Division

A Member State may apply to the WAWA for recognition of a particular Division within a State.

8 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Patron

The WAWA has appointed Mark Beretta as our Patron.

8.2 Sanctioned Events

WAWA National Office is to establish and maintain an overall register of sanctioned events from all Divisions. This will contain each Division's National calendar and adhoc requests received from event organisers that are not listed on the Division Calendar.

- 1. Event organisers are to submit to their State Division, events that they wish to be placed on the National calendar and therefore will be sanctioned on the condition that they must comply with the Risk Management & Match Day Process. Each State Director has the responsibility to ensure all events are listed on the National calendar. Adhoc requests for events will be submitted via the WAWA website to the WAWA office which will process as per item 3 below. The sanction request form is located on the main WAWA site under the Insurance TAB.*
- 2. It is the duty of the Event organiser to ensure that all Risk Management criteria are adhered to prior to the event commencing. To ensure our risk management obligations have been met we will require the event organiser or delegated official to carry out a pre event or "match day" check list identifying any risk and taking appropriate action and documentation to reduce or eliminate. This pre event check list can be retained by the club or sent to the WAWA office for file. This form can also be found on the WAWA web site under the Insurance TAB.*
- 3. On receipt of an adhoc sanction request the WAWA office will approve the sanction, keep a copy on file and send a copy of the request to the Divisional Directors. A Director may at his/her discretion revoke a sanction request in consultation with the WAWA office if they suspect or have knowledge of a breach of the Risk Management policy or if they have any other valid reason that would warrant revoking the Sanction Request.*
- 4. Events are to be run to approved Divisional Rules.*

Note.

Personal accident Insurance is only available whilst participating in WAWA sanctioned events eg Tournaments, sanctioned training camps etc. This does not cover unsanctioned training. (eg Thursday night or Sunday morning for example Club, State or Division training). For a Ski School to be sanctioned, it must be organised at National or State Level, held over two or more consecutive days unless under special circumstances when a National Division Director may approve on a case by case basis.

8.3 Competitors

All competitors in WAWA sanctioned events must be financial members of WAWA in the relevant category.

8.4 Congress

CEO may attend the IWSF Congress and World Championships as a second delegate subject to sufficient funding and prior approval of the Board.

8.5 Use of WAWA Letterhead

WAWA letterhead only to be used by the Chief Executive Officer, National Office and Board Members. Divisional letterhead is only to be used by designated members within the Divisions.

9 WAWA FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS

The following delegations are approved by the Board

- Office Manager - Office Expenses to the value of \$150.
- Chief Executive Officer - Office Expenses to the value of \$500 and routine budgeted expenses relating to board approved budget.
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- Finance Director - GST - to the level of payment due.
- WAWA Board - Unlimited, subject to funds available
- Divisional Directors - To the level of the approved HP Budget for their respective Division.

All delegations are subject to budget and funds availability.

10 MEMBER PROTECTION

10.1 Member Protection Policy (MPP)

WAWA Member Protection Policy will be updated by the CEO on an annual basis to ensure we are in step with the ASC requirements.

10.2 Under Age Drinking

Federal & State Laws relating to underage drinking is to be fully applied at all WAWA sanctioned events in accordance with the WAWA Constitution and policies.

11 AUSTRALIAN RESIDENCY RULES

11.1 Eligibility to win a Medal at National Championships

This will be the policy of each Division and must be clearly outlined in each Division policy book.

11.2 Australian Representation

This will be the policy of each Division and must be clearly outlined in each Division policy book.

12 CROSSING STATE BOUNDARIES

Members can elect what state they want to be a member of at the time of applying / renewing membership, providing the receiving state does not raise any objections. In the case of a midyear change a member can apply in writing to change states. This request is via the WAWA office, which in turn passes the request onto the relevant Divisional Director for approval or rejection. If the request is rejected the skier has the right of appeal. It should be noted that the rebate from this membership will stay with the state the member selected in the first instance.