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RULE V1: -- GENERAL

V1.0: General

The contents of this document are written with and should be read in the context of the values of the sport. Any considered interpretation should be taken up with the WSV Committee prior to each and any event.

All correspondence regarding these rules should be addressed to

The WSV Secretary at secretary@twsv.com.au

Water-ski tournaments in Victoria are to be run under the guide lines of:-

- the IWWF Technical rules,
- the WSA Policy Administration and Rule Book and
- These WSV Rule Amendments.

WSV Rules (egV1.01) replace the corresponding IWWF Rules (eg1.01) or the WSA Rules (egA1.01).

In IWWF and WSA rules wherever particular words appear they are to be replaced as follows:-

IWWF OR WSA RULE WORDS	WSV RULE WORDS
Tournament Council or Group	Tournament Council
WSV	WSV
Affiliated Association/Federation	Associated Club
Country/State	Skier
World	Victorian
IWWF or WSA	WSV
Team Representative	Skier's representative
Team Captain or Team	Skier

The general rules are in the body of the document with the details for some tournaments being set out elsewhere as follows:-

No	Tournament	Details
1	Junior Moomba Masters	Refer to Moomba Masters committee
2	Moomba Masters	Refer to Moomba Masters committee

V1.01: Applicability of the Rules

V1.01.1 General these rules govern tournaments sanctioned by the WSV for:-

- a) Record capability tournaments Class R
- b) World Listing tournament Class L
- c) Rating capability tournaments Class N.

V1.04: Amendments to rules;

Amendments to the World Rules become effective immediately unless a contrary decision is taken by the WSA board. Amendments to the Victorian Rules are only made by simple majority at the WSV AGM or at a WSV Special General Meeting.

RULE V2 – COMPETITION EVENTS

V2.03.1: Rating Tournaments Divisions

Organising clubs may nominate the divisions for their Rating Tournaments.

The suggested divisions are as per rule A2.03 or the following **Ability Divisions**.

Clubs may divide the skiers entered into the tournament by their ability.

The suggested divisions are as follows.

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Division	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
6	Mini Course. The Skier may stay in Division 6 until he has completed 6 Main Course buoys in a pass in 2 different rounds.	0 to 500	0m to 10m
5	Any skier without a rating may enter Division 5 or 6	510 to 1000	10.1m to 15m
4	0 @ 46k to 6 @ max for division	1010 to 2000	15.1m to 25m
3	0 @ 16m to 4 @ 14.25	2010 to 3000	25.1m to 35m
2	4.25 @ 14.25m to 6 @ 13m	3010 to 5000	35.1m to 45m
1	0 @ 12m plus	5010 plus	45.1m plus

Skiers' ability divisions are based on the skiers' Personal Best performances.

V2.03.2: WSV State Championships Divisions

As per rule A2.03 except that boys and girls are combined into the Under 10 division.

V2.05: Tournament Responsibility

The organising club will be responsible for the tournament.

RULE V8 – SLALOM

V8.01: Event Qualifications

As per A14.15 and the WSV extra divisions

Ability Divisions	Minimum Starting speed km and maximum rope length metres	Maximum speed km
1	Max for WSA age division at 16m	Max for WSA age division
2	Max for WSA age division 18.25m	Max for WSA age division
3	6kph below Max for WSA age division	Max for WSA age division
4	40kph	Max for WSA age division
5	28kph	Max for WSA age division
6	Skier's choice	Max for WSA age division

The boat will stop at the end of each pass regardless of whether the rope is being shortened in N class tournaments.

V8.09.1: Scoring Slalom in Ability divisions with the Emmanuel Lion System.

The Emmanuel Lion Scoring File will be set up with:-

- Victorian Ability Overall Table
- Classify by "Overall"
- Divisions 4 and 5 skiers to be Category "Open"
- Division 6 skiers to be Category "U10"
- The minimum slalom speed for each skier as table V14.15 to be noted.

V8.09.2: Slalom Scoring in Rating Tournaments

As per Rule 14.16 except the event will be decided on the best one round score.

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V8.12.1: Slalom Ties in Rating Tournaments

As per Rule 8.12 except:-

If a tie results in the score for purposes of determining placement, placement shall be decided for all tied places on the basis of the highest other round score. If a tie still exists it shall stand.

V8.12.2: Slalom Ties in the Victorian State Championships

As per rule 8.12 except that for 2nd and 3rd position placements shall be decided on the basis of the higher second round score, if a tie still exists, it shall stand.

V8.21: Mini Course

V8.21.1.1 Four (4) passes on Mini and Main Combined Course for Division 6

Mini Courses have the buoys at 6.4m from the boat path.

If a proper Mini Course is available inside the Full course and the skier wishes to use it he may do so. Skiing outside the boat guide buoys will count 0.2. Points scored on the Mini Course will count 0.5 points.

Mini Course Rules

1. The skier chooses a speed to suit his weight, ski size etc. for the first passes. If the skier achieves a complete Main Course pass the speed will be increased for the next pass.
2. For the first passes the skier enters through the gates and skis around the boat guide buoys and out the gates. The skier can elect to ski as close as possible to or around the Mini Course buoy or Main Course buoys for extra points.
3. The run ends after 4 passes.
4. The scoring stops when a Boat Guide buoy is missed or the opening gates are missed. Skiing outside the Boat Guide buoys will score 0.2. Score 0.5 points for each Mini Course buoy. Judges allocate an additional pro rata score according to the width outside each Boat Guide buoy up to 0.4 and Mini Course buoy up to 1.0 points for the main course buoys he skis around. I.e. if a skier runs half way between the two buoys he gets 0.7 points. Thus it is possible to mix the main course buoys the Mini Course buoys and the Boat Guide buoys in the same pass and get credit for all.
5. The skier's score is for his best pass, unless he scores 6, in which case the next pass at the higher speed is added on.
6. Scores which are not whole numbers are rounded down to 0.25 or 0.5.
7. Maximum score for one pass (i.e. 6.0 points) in two rounds qualifies the skier for the main course in Division 5 or 4 in the next tournament.

V8.21.1.2 Option of an alternate boat path.

If a proper Mini Course is not available and the skier wishes to have an alternate boat path on the full course he may have it. The skier will have two passes, one in each direction. These will be for demonstration only and as there is no slalom entry gate the skier will not score any points.

The alternate boat path will be mid-way between the left side gate buoys and the right hand skier buoys. (i.e. buoys number 1, 3 and 5).

The skier will go outside the buoys number 1, 3 and 5 and the boat gate buoys for buoys 2, 4 and 6.

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V8.21.2 Number of skis

A skier may elect to compete on one or two skis. If a skier starts on two skis he may elect to use one ski for subsequent passes.

RULE V9 -- TRICKS

V9.21.1: Ties in Tricks in Rating Tournaments.

If a tie results in the score for purposes of determining placement, placement shall be decided for all tied places on the basis of the next highest score. If a tie still exists for first place it shall stand.

V9.21.2: Ties in Tricks in the Victorian State Championships

As per rule A9.20 except that for 2nd and 3rd position placements shall be decided on the basis of the higher second round score, if a tie still exists, it shall stand.

RULE V10 -- JUMP

V10.08: Scoring Jump in Rating Tournaments

As per 10.08 except the event will be decided on the best one round score.

V10.13.1: Jump Ties in Rating Tournaments

As per Rule 10.13 except:-

If a tie results in the score for purposes of determining placement, placement shall be decided for all tied places on the basis of the highest other round score. If a tie still exists it shall stand.

V10.13.2: Jump Ties in the Victorian State Championships

As per rule 10.13 except that for 2nd and 3rd position placements shall be decided on the basis of the higher second round score, if a tie still exists, it shall stand.

RULE V11 -- OVERALL

V11: Round Selection for Overall Score for Rating Tournaments

Overall points shall be calculated on the best performance from all the rounds of a tournament. Performances in tie breakers shall not be counted towards the overall. Overalls will not be calculated for Ability Level Tournaments.

RULE V12 -- RE-RIDES

V12.01: Team Representatives

Deleted 12.01

RULE V14 – CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

V14.01.1: Victorian State Championships

These rules govern the Victorian State Championships.

The rules are the same as the WSA national tournament rules except as noted.

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V14.01.2: Frequency of Competition

The WSV State Championships shall be held every year.

Other tournaments will be held as per the WSA calendar published by the WSA

V14.03: Schedule of events

As per rule 14.03 except that:-

Not later than seven days before the start of a tournament the WSV will give notice of the date and venue of R, L and N tournaments.

V14.04: JUDGES AND ASSISTANTS. Chief Judge and Appointed Officials.

V14.04.1: Chief Judges and Appointed Officials Victorian State Championships.

At least one month prior to a Victorian State Championships the WSV Committee will appoint the chief judge (from its list of nationally rated judges), the homologator, the chief boat driver and the chief calculator. The chief judge shall supervise all judging and scoring operations and shall select judges and the assistants for each event. (For choice of the jury for each event refer to 8.13, 9.11, and 10.11).

Assignment of the drivers to individual events shall be made by the chief boat driver from the list of approved drivers.

V14.04.2: Chief Judges and Appointed Officials for Rating Tournaments

At least one week prior to a rating tournament the organising club will arrange the services of a chief judge and event judges (from the WSA list of judges) and ensure at least one member of the WSV Committee or a Club representative to the WSV will be in attendance.

V14.08: ROUNDS

In the Victorian State Championships all entrants must ski in the first round.

For other Victorian and Rating tournaments the skier may select which rounds to ski in. A skier who fails to score in an event will not be placed in the event or receive a trophy or reward for the event.

V14.08: Rounds

V14.08.1: Rounds *Pick and Choose* Tournaments

At the discretion of the WSV or organising club, the skiers may enter any or all the rounds and events available.

V14.08.2: Scoring in Rating Tournaments.

As per A14.08 except the following:-

Each contestant's best score from the tournament shall be used for determining placement in the event.

V14.10: Round Schedule Changes

As per rule 14.10 except:-

In a Rating Tournament when the two scheduled rounds have been completed, the majority of appointed judges may approve additional rounds if time permits.

These rounds would be scored in addition to the first two rounds. I.e. A skier would use his best score from the three or more rounds as his score for the tournament.

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V14.12: Entry and Administration

V14.12.1 Victorian Championships

The number of tows that will be accepted for the Victorian State Championships will be set by the WSV Committee and nominated on the entry details when they are released. Entries will initially only be open to skiers who are WSV members and have current ratings as per the WSA rules. Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis until the date that entries close or the maximum number of tows has been reached (whichever comes first).

If the maximum number of tows is not reached, entries may then be opened up to Unrated WSV skiers or Skiers from outside Victoria until the maximum number of tows has been reached.

Skiers' scores from outside Victoria will not be listed in Victorian Championship results, but will be listed in a separate score sheet.

The WSV committee may at its sole discretion choose to alter the number of tows, entry closing dates or the event format to allow the maximum number of WSV skiers to take part.

V14.12.2: Tournaments in Victoria other than the Victorian Championships.

Ratings are not required.

V14.12.4: Entry Requirements for Rating Tournaments

Entry is controlled by the organising club.

V14.12.5: Entry Requirements for the Victorian State Championships.

An entrant must be a member of the WAWA.

Skiers, who are members of the WAWA but who have not nominated Victoria as their home state, may ski in the Victorian State Championships by invitation of the WSV for demonstration purposes only. Such skiers will not receive placements or trophies and their scores will not influence the scores, including overall scores, of the contestants.

V14.13: Skier Eligibility

V14.13.1: Eligibility for tournaments other than the Victorian State Championships

An entrant must be a member of the WAWA or an affiliated association or federation. There are no residency, citizenship or nationality restrictions.

V14.13.2: Skier Eligibility for the Victorian State Championships

Entrants must be residents of Victoria, or have made prior arrangements to have this requirement waived by the WSV Committee because of extenuating circumstances.

V14.15: Rating Performances and Reporting Results.

Ratings may be certified by the WSV Committee based on performances:-

1. In tournaments sanctioned by the WSV or the WSA for record or Ranking List capability.
2. In rating Tournaments in Victoria. Organising clubs must email a full set of results to:-
WSV Secretary
WSV Ratings officer
WSV Records officer

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Within seven days of the conclusion of the tournament.

The results are to be presented in the Emmanuel Lion scoring system.

3. in tournaments in an affiliated state or country. The tournaments to have been run under similar to the current WSV rules. Documents signed by the chief judge are to be submitted to the WSV Committee by the skier.

If a skier hasn't competed for up to five (5) years and would otherwise be relegated, he will maintain his previous rating for two (2) Victorian tournaments before being relegated. However normal promotion possibilities still exist. (N.B. The maintenance of the rating in this way does extend to being rated for Australian Tournaments)

V14.16: Team Scoring

There is no team scoring except in the

- Victorian Inter Club Championships
- SA verses Vic Challenge
- Victorian Trophy Series

V14.13: Team Selection

There will be no team events except for the Victorian Inter Club Challenge, the Victorian Trophy Series and the SA verses Vic Challenge.

V14.20: Victorian State Championship Trophy Allocation

Number of skiers in the division	Number of trophies for slalom, tricks, jump and overall for U10, U12, U14 & U17	Number of trophies for slalom, tricks, jump and overall for all divisions except U10, U12, U14 & U17
1	1	1
2	2	1
3	3	2
4	3	2
5 or more	3	3

V14.21: Victorian Team

Before going to the National Championships a Victorian skier must have competed in the Victorian State Championships for the same year.

Requests for special dispensation from this rule will be handled by the WSV committee.

V15.04c Individual Overall Scoring.

V15.04c.1 Individual Overall Scoring for all Victorian Tournaments except the Victorian Championships.

As per A15.04c.

V15.04c.2 Individual Overall Scoring for the Victorian Championships.

As per World Rule 15.04c except that use the Australian 1000 point Overall System.

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RULE V23: – RECORDS

V23.01.1: Victorian Records

The WSV shall recognise Victorian Records for trick points, slalom performances, jump distances and overall performances for the following divisions:-

Open Men	21 and over Men	Open Women	21 and over Women
Under 12 Boys	35 and over Men	Under 12 Girls	35 and over Women
Under 14 Boys	45 and over Men	Under 14 Girls	45 and over Women
Under 17 Boys	55 and over Men	Under 17 Girls	55 and over Women
Under 21 Men	65 and over Men	Under 21 Women	65 and over Women

The WSV shall recognise Victorian Records for trick points, slalom and overall performances for the following divisions:-

Under 10 division	70 and over Men	70 and over Women
	75 and over Men	75 and over Women
	80 and over Men	80 and over Women
	85 and over Men	85 and over Women

V23.02: Tournaments where Victorian Records may be set.

Victorian records may only be set at “R” or “L” tournaments in Australia whose homologation has been approved by the WSA, or at “R” or “L” tournaments in other parts of the world. (N.B. Records cannot be set at Rating (N) Tournaments).

V23.06: Victorian Overall Records

Potential new Victorian Overall Records are to be compared to the current overall record by calculating both current and potential records against the current event records.

V23.13: Record Criteria

If a result is

- recorded at an event (either inside or outside Australia) that is standard listing (L) or record capability (R) and
- the event is confirmed as L or R by the Australian Technical Chairman or posted and confirmed on the IWWF homologation website and
- When a performance is reviewed by Australia (WSA) for it being an Australian record and the score is changed, the changed score will be used for Victorian records.
- the result is equal to or better than the current Victorian record

Then that result will be recognised as a Victorian record.

Level of WAWA membership needed in order to break a Victorian record.

One of: - Introductory or Transition or Full

Skiers can't break Victorian records if they have the following WAWA membership levels

- None, Social, Come and Try or Official

A skier does not need to be nationally rated in order to break a Victorian record.

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RULE V24: -- VICTORIAN SKIER RANKINGS

Victorian Skiers' Rankings shall be calculated using the scores from Tournaments selected by the WSV Committee.

When Australia publishes rankings, Victoria will not publish separate rankings.

RULE V25: -- HOMOLOGATION GUIDELINES

Homologation guidelines for Rating Tournaments.

As per IWWF guidelines except the Homologation Dossier should be emailed and a copy sent to the WSV Homologation officer within 14 days of the completion of the tournament.

RULE V26: -- AWARDS DECIDED BY SELECTORS

V26.1: Appointing Selectors

Members of the WSV will be invited to nominate to be selectors. The WSV Committee will choose the selectors from those who have nominated

Selectors will be appointed for a 1 year term.

Victorian selectors must be members of the WSV.

V26.2: The Selectors' Tasks:-

- Vote for the Skier of the Year at the Tournaments they attend. Votes are to be delivered within 10 days of the Tournament.

The Selectors must participate in the Selectors' email Discussion and Voting for:

- Selecting the Most Improved Skier.
- Selecting the Most Outstanding Performance.
- All selection information is to be held within the selectors, exception being the final verdict.

V26.3: Skier of the Year

The Skier of the Year will be determined by the total of votes from selectors

The WSV committee will decide before the season starts which tournaments will be included in the Skier of the Year.

The WSV Selectors will vote on the Skier of the Year. When a selector does not attend a particular tournament a guest selector will take the selector's place and vote.

There must be a minimum of 5 WSV member skiers in a tournament before votes will be awarded.

Votes are to be given to WSV members only, not interstate, international or skiers from other divisions.

Criteria-

The votes will be given on the most outstanding performances of the tournament, in the selectors' opinions.

How many votes- For all tournaments:-

The Selectors will each award three votes to a skier, two votes to a second skier and one vote to a third skier.

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Selector vote delivery-

The selectors will email them to:

The Chairman of Selectors and

One other person, who will count the Votes. (The Vote Counter). The Vote Counter is to be chosen by the Committee before each season. The Vote counter may not be a Selector or Guest Selector.

Counting of the Votes-

The Chairman of Selectors and the Vote Counter will open the selectors' emails and count the votes.

The Votes will be sent to an Auditor at the end of the season to confirm the tallied Votes. The Auditor will be chosen by the Committee.

A report (e.g. Power Point Presentation) is then to be created for the WSV Presentation Night.

Splitting a tie-

If there is a tie for first place, the winner will be the skier with the most "3" votes.

If a tie still exists the winner will be the skier with the most "2" votes.

If a tie still exists each skier will be first equal.

V26.4: Most Improved

The Most Improved Skier will be chosen by the WSV selectors. The selectors will base their choice on the skiers' improvement in the current season compared to the skiers' performances in the previous seasons.

V26.5: Most Outstanding Performance

This award aims to recognise the most outstanding performance of a Victorian skier across the span of a year. Nominations may include a performance from any tournament, including international tournaments. Any skier can be nominated; however, the nomination must be explained as to why this particular performance is considered to be outstanding.

Examples of an outstanding performance include, but are not limited to:

- Breaking a State, National or World Record
- Performing an exceptional score at a tournament
- Performing exceptionally well at a pro level tournament

The selection of this award will run through a nomination system. Therefore, to be considered for the award the performance must be entered with the nomination form. A skier may be nominated by anyone, including themselves.

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Nominations must include a short description of the outstanding performance, the location of the performance and the date it was performed.

Skiers may be nominated more than once a year.

Nominations will close on the 30th of April every year. An email will be sent out 1 month prior to the cut-off date, reminding everyone to submit nominations.

Once the Nominations have closed, the Victorian selectors will sort through nominations and vote for the most outstanding performance.

- Skiers must be nominated to be considered for this award.
- The performance can be completed at any time of the year, at any location, including interstate and overseas.
- The performance must be completed at an 'L class' or above tournament.
- The Most Outstanding Performance will be chosen by the selectors based on their opinions.

RULE V27: -- VICTORIAN INTER CLUB CHALLENGE

The Victorian Inter Club Challenge shall be run under the WSV rule Amendments for a rating tournament with the addition of the following rules:-

V27.14.12: Skier Eligibility.

This is a competition for Victorian clubs.

Club representation shall be determined by reference to the club membership lists. Every skier must be a WAWA member unless they are skiing at their home club.

V27.15.02: Team Selection.

Each Victorian club may enter skiers to represent them at the Inter Club Challenge. All ability divisions will be run.

Ability is determined by the latest best score on the WSV PB List.

Where a skier isn't on the PB list the skier should advise Richard Crisp and a "best score" and the skier's division will be negotiated.

Division	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
1	0 @ 12m plus	5010 plus	45.1m plus
2	4.25 @ 14.25m to 6 @ 13m	3010 to 5000	35.1m to 45m
3	1 @ 16m to 4 @ 14.25	2010 to 3000	25.1m to 35m
4	0 @ 46k to 6 @ max speed for age division	1010 to 2000	15.1m to 25m
5	0 @ 28k to 6 @ 43K	510 to 1000	10.1m to 15m
6	Mini Course	0 to 500	0m to 10m

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V27.15.04.e): Team Scoring.

Place points.

The winner of each ability division will receive 10 place points, in each round.
The second skier in each ability division will receive 9 points and so on down to 10th and lower positions which will receive 1 place point each.

Slalom

The score for each team will be the total of their best three Slalom place points in each round.

Tricks

The score for each team will be the total of their best three Trick place points in each round.

Jump

The score for each team will be the total of their best three Jump place points in each round.

Club Team Score

The score for each team will be the total of their Slalom, Trick and Jump place points in each round.

All team skiers' points will be the place points they achieve in the WSV ability divisions.

The maximum possible Team points for the Slalom, Trick or Jump events will be
 $3 \times 2 \times 10 = 60$ points.

The maximum Overall Team points will be $3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 10 = 180$ points.

Ties

If there is a tie in an event the teams' 4th best points will count.

If there is still a tie in an event the teams' 5th best points will count.

If there is still a tie in an event the teams' 6th best points will count.

If there is still a tie in an event the teams' 7th best points will count and so on.

RULE V28: – VICTORIAN TOURNAMENT SERIES

The Victorian Trophy Series was established to encourage Club skiers to compete in their home Club tournaments and to travel to compete at other than just their home Club. A club with many skiers competing at all the tournaments in the Series will give that club a good opportunity to win the Series.

The Victorian Trophy Series shall be run under the Victorian rule Amendments for rating tournaments with the addition of the following rules:-

Before the season starts the WSV Committee will determine and nominate which tournaments (of those offered by the clubs) are to be part of the Series. Each Club is entitled to have one tournament in the Series.

All ability divisions will be run.

Ability is determined by the latest best score on the WSV PB List.

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Where a skier isn't on the PB list the skier should advise Richard Crisp and a "best score" and the skier's division will be negotiated. Typically a skier new to tournaments will enter division 6.

Division	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
1	0 @ 12m plus	5010 plus	45.1m plus
2	4.25 @ 14.25m to 6 @ 13m	3010 to 5000	35.1m to 45m
3	0 @ 16m to 4 @ 14.25m	2010 to 3000	25.1m to 35m
4	0 @ 46k to 6 @ max speed for age division	1010 to 2000	15.1m to 25m
5	Any skier without an Ability Rating may enter Division 5 or 6	510 to 1000	10.1m to 15m
6	Mini Course. The skier may stay in Division 6 until he has completed 6 Main Course buoys in a pass in 2 different rounds	0 to 500	0m to 10m

V28.14.12: Skier Eligibility

This is a competition for Victorian clubs.

Club representation shall be determined by reference to the clubs' membership lists.

Each entrant to the series may nominate only one club of which he is a member.

V18.15.04.e): Scoring.

Place points.

The winner of each ability division will receive 10 place points, in each tournament.

The second skier in each ability division will receive 9 points and so on down to 10th and lower positions which will receive 1 place point each.

Slalom

The score for each Club will be the total of all their skiers' Slalom place points in each tournament.

Tricks

The score for each Club will be the total of all their skiers' Trick place points in each tournament.

Jump

The score for each Club will be the total of all their skiers' Jump place points in each tournament.

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Club Total Score

The score for each Club will be the total of their Slalom, Trick and Jump place points in each tournament. All Club skiers' points will be the place points they achieve in the WSV ability divisions in Slalom, Tricks and Jump.