



## **2016 Singapore Nationals Slalom Rules**

### **1. General Rules**

With the exception of the following rules, International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) World Rules will be complied with:

<http://www.iwsf.com/rules/2016/World%20rules%202016%20-%20May%202016%20revision%202.pdf>

All skiers are expected to familiar with the relevant IWWF / SWWF rules for the divisions that they are competing in. The decision of the judges is final.

### **2. Cancellation of Events**

Divisions with less than three (3) skiers may be canceled or merged with other events at the discretion of the organizers. The organizers may also allow the event to continue but awards/prizes may not be presented.

### **3. Scoring**

Scoring, with the exception of the starting speeds / rope length, will be based on IWWF rules.

Two Round Event: The winner for each division will be the skier with the highest aggregate score after two rounds of competition.

Three Round Event: The winner for each division will be the skier with the highest aggregate two round scores, ie. drop the lowest round score

Ties: In the event of a tie for first place, there shall be a run off. If a tie does exist for 2nd or 3rd place, placement shall be decided on the basis of the higher final / last round score.

## 4. Divisions

### Ability-Based Divisions

Skiers are requested to enter themselves into the respective division as per previous tournament performances. The SWWF Rankings will be used to determine the appropriate division for skiers. Skiers may only participate in the Novice division if they are first time tournament participants or have not made a successful pass at the minimum starting speed for the novice or intermediate division in a previous tournament. Skiers will be promoted to a higher division if they have successfully completed the minimum speed of that division or if they decide to start at the minimum starting speed of a higher division. Skiers from other countries will have their respective divisions determined by their previous scores in events organized by IWWF-affiliated Federations.

Category	Starting Speed	
	Women	Men
Half Course	31 kph	34 kph
**Novice	31 kph	34 kph
Intermediate	37 kph	40 kph
Advance	43 kph	46 kph
***Masters (40 years & above)	43 kph	46 kph
Open	49 kph	52 kph

\* minimum starting rope length for all categories is 18.25 metres  
\*\* entry gates not required  
\*\*\* rope shortening at 55 kph

*Note: Skiers that are unable to start at the Minimum Starting Speeds for Half Course or Novice may approach the Chief Judge to request a reduction in the starting speed.*

### **a) Half-Course Slalom**

Skiers in this division can elect to start at any speed but will only be permitted a maximum of three (3) passes. The speed will be increased by 3 kph at the end of a successful pass.

If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place at the end of the event, skiers shall perform all subsequent passes in the full slalom course at any starting speed to break the tie. The speed will be increased by 3 kph at the end of every successful pass. Skiers do not have to ski through the entry gates when negotiating the full slalom course, but have to ski out through the exit gates. If a tie does exist for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, placement shall be decided on the basis of the higher final / last round score.

The skier scoring the most number of buoys at the highest speed wins.

Skiers who have won medals at previous competitions in this category are expected to ski in the Novice category.

Skiers participating in the novice slalom event are not permitted to compete in the half-course event.

**b) Men's & Women's Novice Division**

Skiers in this division do not have to ski through the entry gates, but have to ski out through the exit gates. The skier scoring the most number of buoys at the highest speed wins.

**c) Men's Masters**

Skiers 40 years and above qualify to ski in the Men's Masters division. Skiers in this division are allowed to shorten the rope when they complete a pass at 55 kph.

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- Masters Women Slalom (40 years & older) – any starting speed; rope shortening at 55 kph
- Masters Men Slalom (40 years & older) – any starting speed; rope shortening at 55 kph
- Open Women Slalom – any starting speed
- Open Men Slalom – any starting speed

**6 One Fall Rule**

The chief judge may decide to grant skiers a maximum of one fall on his first pass only. This rule will be communicated to the skiers before the commencement of the event.

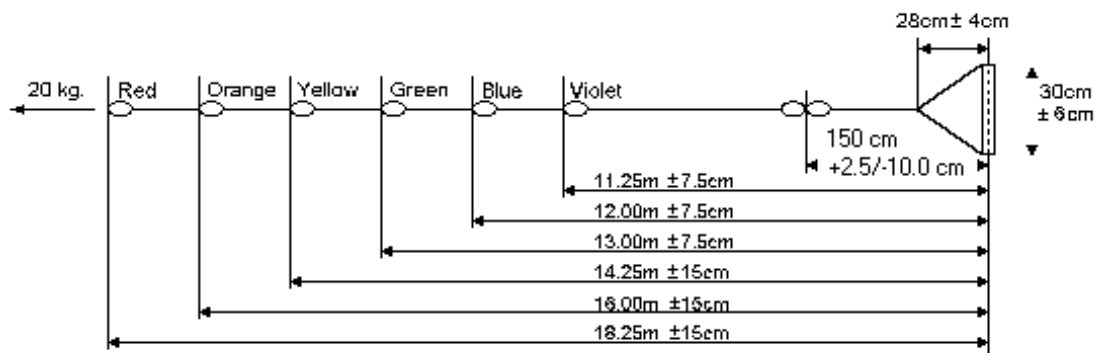
A fall is defined as:-

- Falling while skiing through the slalom course
- Missing a Buoy
- Missing an Entrance Gate
- Missing an Exit Gate

Should a fall occur, the boat will pick up the skier to repeat the pass. The skier will not be picked up after a second fall. The skier's score for that pass will be protected and the skier may improve upon his score. The skier must ski at the same boat speed, same rope length and in the same direction.

Ties: In the event of a tie for first place, if one fall is permitted, the skier without a fall will be the winner.

## 7. Tow Lines



The skier shall have the option of selecting the starting speed and rope length. If the rope length selected is less than 18.25m and the speed is less than the maximum for the division then the skier will proceed at that rope length until the maximum speed is reached. The skier will be credited with all buoys from each pass waived or skied up to and including his last perfect pass plus the number of buoys scored on his last incomplete pass, if any.

When a skier starts with a rope length shorter than 18.25m, for all passes below maximum speed, scoring will be as if the skier had used an 18.25m rope.

## 8. Gates

Entry gates are deemed to have been taken if the judges agree that the skier attempted to pass through the gates.

## 9. Scoring Buoys

A buoy not missed is scored as follows, up to the point of the first miss:

- 1/4 point when the skier crosses the line C-D AND the X-Y line in a skiing position (See sketch).
- 1/2 point when the skier has re-crossed line C-D in skiing position before the level of the next buoy or end gate.
- 1 point when the skier has crossed the line of the gate buoys (on a tight line under power of the boat) before passing the level of the next buoy (or the end gate in the case of the final buoy) without falling.

The intent of the tight line is to ensure the safety of the skier. This means that if the skier can only cross the line of the buoys with a slack line then he will not get the full point so there is no reason to try that. The end gate case is different because of the spacing and thus if the skier can cross the gate line before the end gate buoy and ski away he will be awarded the full buoy. A gate is not scored in any manner.

