

## NEW ZEALAND TOURNAMENT WATER SKI ASSOCIATION

### Nationals Format

1. All skiers eligible to compete at the NZ Nationals are permitted to enter 3 Events in their Age Division and compete in the Open Division for those events where they qualify by ranking.
2. All Open Events will be 1 Round.
3. Each year, the NZ Technical Rules committee will present to the NZ Tournament Council the suggested number of skiers for each Open Event at the forthcoming Nationals. The no. of skiers will be announced 3 months prior to the Nationals.
4. For the 2010 NZ Nationals the proposed nos are

SLALOM	6 Women	8 Men
TRICKS	6 Women	8 Men
JUMP	6 Women	8 Men
OVERALL	4 Women	6 Men
5. Rankings will be based on the skier's average of his/her best 2 scores at different Tournaments in the last 12 months.
6. Skiers with overseas performances will be required to submit their scores up to 1 month prior to the Nationals. Overseas performances up to this date will not be accepted after this time. Note results for NZ teams competing at Championship events (eg Junior Worlds, AAs, etc) do not need to be submitted.
7. The Open skiers for each event will be published 1 month prior to the Nationals. These skiers will be eligible to compete in the events for which they are ranked unless the information for their ranking is found to be incorrect.
8. The qualified skiers must enter the Open event(s) by sending a Nationals entry form that abides by National entry requirements.
9. A skier who has a performance in the month leading up to the Nationals or at the Nationals, that gives him/her an average score that betters the last skier on the ranking list, will be invited to compete in the Open event as an additional skier.
10. "Wild card" entries will be given to competitors at the Nationals to make up the fields to the required no. for each event. (This will be based on performances at the Nationals.)
11. The Open skiers will be seeded for each event on the average of their best 2 performances in the last 12 months on the day of the event.
12. The Open events will be held preferably on the last day of the Nationals but could be held 1 day earlier due to weather conditions).

13. Open skiers are not required to enter their Age Division and may choose to enter only the Open Division. Their entry in the Open Division is not affected by their performance in the Age Division.
14. The Champion of Champions will be calculated on the skier's score from Slalom, Tricks and Jump over 1 Round.
15. Team points will only be taken from the Open Division for Skiers who do not enter their Age Division.
16. The Nationals format will be reviewed and changes made if required after the first Nationals has been run in this format.

## SPORTS DIVISION

As a solution for the Men & Women skiers who now feel disadvantaged by Open Skiers competing in their Age Division, 2 new Divisions have been created for the NZ National Championships with the following rules.

1. The new Divisions will be known as the Men's Sports Division and the Women's Sports Division.
2. The Sports Divisions will exist only at the National Championships.
3. The Age group will be for skiers 17 years and over.
4. The Qualifications and rules will be the same as the Men and Women's Divisions.
5. Medals will be awarded and team points will be given for these Divisions but there will be no cups.
6. Skiers in the Nationals Open Division will not be eligible to compete in the same event in the Sports Division.
7. No Wild Card Entries will be taken from the Sport Division for the Open events.
8. Skiers may compete in some events in their Age Division and other events in the Sport Division under the same rules as skiers now compete in 2 Divisions.

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## AGE DIVISION CHANGES

The following changes have been made to the ages for Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Mens and Womens.

JUNIOR GIRLS – 13 YEARS & YOUNGER as at 1<sup>st</sup> July

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WOMEN – 21 YEARS & OLDER as at 1<sup>st</sup> July

MEN - 21 YEARS & OLDER as at 1<sup>st</sup> July

The changes to the Junior Divisions have been made to co-incide with the Australian Junior Divisions and thereby improve the competition between the 2 countries' skiers where we compete in Under 14 years, Under 17 years and Under 21 year Age Groups.

Womens and Mens Divisions has been amended to 21 years and over to provide a more definitive Age Group for those skiers over 21 years of age.