

By-Laws of the Kentucky Water Ski Federation

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE AND NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Kentucky Water Ski Federation.

Section 2: The purpose of the Kentucky Water Ski Federation is to promote the sport of the water skiing in the State of Kentucky, to direct the activities of the State Representatives to the American Water Ski Association, to sponsor a Kentucky State Championship Tournament each year, and to maintain the Kentucky Water Ski Federation records.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the Kentucky Water Ski Federation shall be open to all residents of Kentucky who are also members of the AWSA.

Section 2: Application for membership shall be presented to the Federation secretary in the appropriate manner as designated by the Board of Directors. Applicants will become members upon payment of the appropriate fee as designated by the Board of Directors. Nonpayment of prescribed dues will automatically terminate membership.

Section 3: Family membership shall be limited to 2 votes.

ARTICLE III - MANAGEMENT

Section 1: The management of the Kentucky Water Ski Federation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, (all from the KY W.S.F.), the three Southern Region Councilmen (from the state of KY), and one representative of each AWSA affiliated club in the state not already represented above. The three Southern Region Councilmen shall not be KY Federation officers.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected by the voting members at the annual meeting.

Section 3: All members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for one year or until the successors are duly elected and qualified. Councilmen shall be elected for three-year terms with one seat being elected each year. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 4: The Board of Directors may employ whatever personnel they deem necessary and for which funds are available, to aid in the management of the Federation.

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Section 5: Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors, notice of which shall be given to the members of the Board in sufficient time for them to be present.

Section 6: Should any officer become unable to serve, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall elect a successor to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the term, with the exception the remaining councilmen will elect a successor for the vacated council seat until the next meeting of the general membership. If any member of our state council should miss two (2) Southern Regional meetings, his/her term as state councilman will be terminated. At that time the members of the Board of Directors will elect a new councilman to finish the term of the vacated seat, in accordance with the Southern Region By-Laws.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors and may perform other such duties of the President in his absence. The Vice-President shall be in charge of general membership, recruiting new members, and keeping records of present member's addresses and telephone numbers.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep all minutes of membership and Board meetings. The secretary shall also keep a record of all members in good standing with the Federation, and all records of the Kentucky Water Ski Federation.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall keep all records of funds and accounts of the Federation. An annual audit shall be submitted to the membership at the Annual meeting.

Section 5: The three councilmen shall coordinate tournaments and other organized skiing activities in the State of Kentucky in accordance with the Southern Region By-Laws; serve on the Kentucky Federation Board of Directors. They shall be responsible for attending the Southern Regional Water Ski meetings as voting representatives for the state of Kentucky. The three state councilmen and the state President shall be paid (amount to be approved by the Board of Directors) to attend the Southern Regional Board meetings (two meetings per year).

ARTICLE VI - FISCAL YEAR

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Federation shall run from January 1 to December 31 of the same year (as according to the AWSA fiscal year).

ARTICLE VII – DUES

Section 1: Dues for membership shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Dues shall be collected at each club hosting sanction tournaments in Kentucky. KY State Federation cards shall be issued at the State Federation winter meeting or any sanctioned tournament site in Kentucky. Each sponsoring club shall be responsible for issuing cards and completing forms. The names and addresses of KY Federation members shall be sent to the KY Federation president. Dues shall be sent to the KY Federation state treasurer. *If any skier skis in a KY sanctioned tournament and the skier does NOT possess a State Federation card in any state, then he/she must join the KY Federation (residing in or out of the state of Kentucky).*

Section 3: All persons otherwise qualified for membership in the Federation who do not ski in the KY State Championships or other sanction tournaments, may apply for membership and pay the dues as set forth by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII - STATE TOURNAMENT

Section 1: The Kentucky State Championship Tournament shall be held on a weekend and at a site selected by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: All officials of the State Tournament shall be selected by the sponsoring club.

Section 3: All AWSA KY members skiing in the State Tournament shall show proof of residency by the following:

1. AWSA card showing a Kentucky address.
2. If the card shows another state, then he must show proof of residency by some other form of identification.
3. If he cannot show proof of residency by one of the above, then he will not be permitted to ski in the State Tournament.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Section 1: These By-Laws may be amended only at the annual meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance. *The winter meeting shall be known as the annual meeting.*

Section 2: The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Kentucky Water Ski Federation in all cases for which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any rules of the order from the Southern Region and AWSA.

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AMENDMENTS
All amendments post-1998

Amendment 1 (Nov/1999):

Water Ski Awards – The following awards have been established, and will be presented annually to Kentucky skiers (except as noted):

- **Junior Skier of the Year**
- **Skier of the Year (cannot be a Junior Skier)**
- **Member of the Year**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award (not to be presented every year)**

Amendment 2 (Feb/2000):

If a skier cannot show proof of residency in Kentucky, then he will not be permitted to ski *for placement* in the Kentucky State Championships’

Amendment 3 (Nov/2002):

Kentucky State officers and councilmen will decide by vote who will receive state awards, from those nominated for each award. (Note that nominations are to be solicited from the state general membership by the president, and any active member of KWSA may nominate for any of the state awards.)

Amendment 4 (Nov/2002):

The following shall be added to the duties of the state vice president, The Vice President shall upkeep all water skiing records for the state of Kentucky (federation members), both state records and state championship records. State records may be broken only on Kentucky waters. It is the responsibility of the skier breaking a record to notify the Vice President of said achievement, and the responsibility of the Vice President to verify the record.

Amendment 5 (Nov/2002):

The person nominating another individual for an award **MUST state the reasons/criteria/contributions for nominating that person, otherwise the nomination will not be considered.**

Amendment 6 (Nov/2005):

Henceforth, the fall/winter Kentucky Water Ski Federation meeting will be known as the Annual Federation Meeting.

Amendment 7 (Nov/2005):

NO family member under 18 years of age shall be allowed to vote or hold office in the Kentucky Water Ski Federation. (If a family membership has a single member who is 18 years or older, then he/she may vote.)

Amendment 8 (Nov/2006):

During the State Championships tournament, no two officials of a boat crew for any given event shall be from the same club, if practical and achievable.

Amendment 9 (Nov/2010):

For qualification for placement in the State Championships, proof of residency is based on AWSA “Record of Residency” per a skier’s AWSA membership card and/or AWSA membership records. No other basis for qualification for placement will be considered, concerning proof of residency.

Amendment 10 (Nov/2014) (NOTE: This amendment supersedes Amendment 9.):

State of Residency, for purposes of placement in the State Championships, shall henceforth be in synchrony with AWSA requirements for Region of Residence. That is, specifically: If a skier spends the majority of his/her time practicing and skiing (tournaments are to be included in this determination) in the state of Kentucky, then that skier will be eligible for state tournament placement and the setting of state records.

Amendment 11 (July/2016) (NOTE: This amendment supersedes Amendment 8):

The requirement specified in Amendment 8 shall be no longer enforced. Therefore, it shall henceforth be considered acceptable for two officials from the same club to be in the boat for an event.

Amendment 12 (Nov/2017):

All membership related activities will be consolidated under the office of Vice President. This will include keeping track of total memberships; taking and processing new membership applications; and collecting membership dues and forwarding to the Treasurer.

Amendment 13 (Nov/2017):

The age for being considered part of a family membership shall henceforth be defined as a skiing age of 21, as defined in the USAWSWS Rules Book (age for the entire ski year, Nationals to Nationals, as of midnight on December 31st of that ski year). Therefore, if a skier is age 21 and part of a water ski family at midnight on 12/31 of any given year, that skier will be considered age 21 through Nationals of the following calendar year. This applies to both dues collection and voting privileges (two votes per family unit)

Amendment 14 (Nov/2017):

- Any KWSF member may nominate for Hall of Fame consideration. Requirements for nominating must follow all previous By-Laws and Amendments governing Hall of Fame nominations.**
- Any KWSF member may nominate for consideration of any or all Annual Skier Superlatives awards. Requirements for nominating must follow all previous By-Laws and Amendments governing Superlatives nominations.**
- To qualify for Junior Skier of the Year, a skier must be Under 21 for the ski year in question (Examples: If a skier is 21 on December 31st of the ski year in question, that skier will be considered only for Adult Skier of the Year. If a skier is 20 on December 31st of the ski year in question, that skier will be considered only for Junior Skier of the Year.)**

Amendment 14 (Nov/2017): (continued)

- **All KWSF members will be granted the privilege of voting on Superlatives awards (restriction of two votes per family membership). Each award will be presented to the (eligible) skier receiving the most votes; a majority is not necessarily required.**
- **Voting on election to the Hall of Fame shall be done only by the KWSF Board of Directors (as defined under Article 4, Section 1). To be elected, a nominee must receive a minimum of 2/3rd's majority of the current Board members; a non-vote will be considered a "NO" vote. Any number of persons may be elected to the Hall of Fame in any given year, including zero.**
- **All nominations must be in the hands of the President by November 1st ahead of the fall meeting of the KWSF. Nominations for Superlatives will be for the preceding ski year ended with the current calendar year's Nationals.**