

**BYLAWS**  
**Of The**  
**NORTH CAROLINA WATER SKI ASSOCIATION, INC**  
December 3, 2022

**Article I.        Name**

Section 1.01        The name of this nonprofit corporation is the North Carolina Water Ski Association, Inc. a member of the Southern Region of the American Water Ski Association (AWSA), a Sports Discipline of USA Water Ski (USA-WS), Inc.

**Article II.        Purpose**

Section 2.01        The purpose of the North Carolina Water Ski Association is to promote water skiing throughout the state of North Carolina by helping to organize ski clubs, sponsor or co-sponsor AWSA tournaments and also to work with all organizations connected with water sports to promote water safety throughout the state. The corporation will keep its members informed of AWSA water skiing activities in North Carolina through newsletters published on a regular basis. It is established as a nonprofit organization.

**Article III.       Membership**

Section 3.01        Definition

- (a) Membership in the corporation is open to any individual regardless of sex, age, race, creed, or color. The individual does not have to be a resident of North Carolina; however, out of state members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.
- (b) The Family membership includes those immediate family members, which are dependents under the age of 21 on January 1 of the calendar year.
- (c) Membership in the corporation runs from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year
- (d) Any person may join the corporation at any time during the calendar year with full fees due upon application for membership.
- (e) Any NC resident must be a member of NCWSA in order to ski in a North Carolina tournament. Proof of membership is the skier's responsibility.
- (f) All clubs hosting tournaments must pay dues to NCWSA no later than the Winter Meeting. If dues are not received, they will be allowed no protected tournament dates for the following ski calendar year.
- (g) The fiscal year for the corporation November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>
- (h) Memberships shall be online

**Article IV.        Classes of membership**

- (a) Single - A single membership shall be for one person only and does not include their spouse or any member of their family.
- (b) Family - Family memberships must be made up of a married person, his or her spouse and immediate family.
- (c) Club - Entitles member clubs to one protected date per calendar year as set forth in tournament selection criteria. Entitles member clubs to use of NCWSA owned radios and trick timer.

Section 4.02        Membership Fees

- (a) Annual fees for the corporation shall be as follows:
  - (i) *Single* – \$20.00
  - (ii) *Family* – \$25.00
  - (iii) *Club* – \$100.00

## **Article V. Voting Privilege**

Section 5.01 Any member shall be eligible to vote who is at least eighteen (18) years of age prior to the NC State AWSA Championships and is a state resident.

## **Article VI. Officers and Duties**

Section 6.01 There shall be three elected officers of the corporation. All officers must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. They shall take office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected and shall be elected by a majority of the members present at the election meeting. These officers and duties shall be as follows:

- (a) *President*: He/she shall preside over all meeting and represent the association at all times. He/she shall sign or cause to be signed any contracts or agreements in the name of the corporation. He/she shall in the name of the corporation see that all by-laws, rules, and regulations are enforced. He/she shall serve as one of the three (3) AWSA Regional Councilpersons representing the corporation. He/she may sign any checks for disbursement of corporation funds. He/she shall have the same voting privilege as any other member.
- (b) *Vice President*: He/she shall serve in the absence of the president in all duties of that office. He/she shall handle any duty assigned to him by the president. He/she may sign any checks for disbursement of corporation funds.
- (c) *Secretary/Treasurer*: He/she shall keep all minutes and correspondence of the corporation, and read or cause to be read said material at meetings. He/she shall have custody of and be responsible for all funds received by the corporation and deposit such funds in such bank designated by the corporation. He/she may sign any checks for disbursement of corporation funds.

Section 6.02 The term for the corporation officers shall be for a period of two years. Corporation officers may serve no more than two consecutive terms in any position.

Section 6.03 The goal is for the Vice President to become the new elected President and only elect a new Vice President.

## **Article VII. AWSA Regional Councilpersons**

Section 7.01 Two (2) AWSA Regional Councilpersons in addition to the President shall represent the corporation at the AWSA Southern Region Council meetings.

Section 7.02 AWSA Regional Councilpersons shall be elected by a majority of the membership present at the annual meeting. The term for the AWSA Regional Councilpersons shall be two (2) years and will alternate with the election of state officers. The AWSA Regional Councilpersons may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Section 7.03 The president may appoint a replacement to any vacated AWSA Regional Council position.

## **Article VIII. Committees**

Section 8.01 The president shall appoint any standing committees or additional officers he deems necessary to carry on the functions of the corporation. These appointments shall last only as long as that president is in office.

## **Article IX. Meetings**

Section 9.01 The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held in July. The business conducted at this meeting shall be limited to the date and Site selection for the upcoming NCWSA State Championships, election of officers, AWSA Regional Councilpersons, and the AWSA Regional site vote.

Section 9.02 Regular meetings of the corporation shall be held in July (in conjunction with the NC AWSA State Championships) and December. Winter Meeting to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of December unless the Saturday falls the weekend after Thanksgiving in which case the meeting will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December.

## **Article X. Amendments**

Section 10.01 These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the corporation by a majority of the members present at the meeting and without written notification to the members.

## **Article XI. Net Earnings**

Section 11.01 No part of the corporation's net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any of the officers, directors, or members of this corporation in the form of profit, salaries, dividends, etc. All of the corporation's net earnings shall be spent for the benefit of its members as a whole for the purpose of the corporation as stated in Article II, Section 1 of these by-laws.

## **Article XII. Dissolution**

Section 12.01 In the event that the corporation is dissolved, the assets of the corporation shall be returned to its paying members, after the liabilities and all outstanding debts of the corporation are paid. The assets returned to paying members shall not exceed the amount of dues paid for one year by that member as stated in Article IV, Section 4 of these by-laws. Any assets remaining after dues are returned shall be given to another corporation to be determined by the members at time of dissolution.

## **Addendum A: North Carolina Water Ski Association Tournament Lottery (November 14, 1998)**

1. To be eligible to participate in the lottery, a club must be a NCWSA Member Club in good standing. A current club member must be physically present at the mid-winter meeting to use their primary date or participate in the lottery selection. **(Amended November 12, 2011)** *In the event that a club cancels or reformats a scheduled event less than 30 days prior to the event, the club will lose their primary date for the following summer unless extraordinary circumstances warrant the cancellation or reformatting, which will be determined by the current NCWSA officers. (Amended November 10, 2012)*
- ~~2. Sanctioned tournament events shall be protected whereas no other North Carolina Club can host a sanctioned event on the same date. In the event more than one club wishes to hold an event on the same date, it is the responsibility of the two clubs to discuss possible options but the club with the primary/secondary date can allow or disallow the event of the other club making the request. Changes and/or agreements must be submitted to the North Carolina Board in writing. (November 10, 2018)~~ Two tournaments may occur on the same weekend as long as only one of the tournaments is 3-event. The club with the primary date has the choice of the type of tournament as well as access to the radios. **(2022 Pilot program becomes Bylaw; (Amended December 3, 2022))**
3. **Selection of Primary Dates Round 1:** The original Primary Dates were selected from the previous year's tournament schedule. Each NCWSA club that had a tournament was allowed to put their name into a hat and be pulled out one by one until all clubs in the hat had a Primary Date. From that point other NCWSA clubs that did not have a Primary Date were allowed to put their names into a hat and select a Primary Date from the remaining dates, until all eligible NCWSA clubs had a primary date. In the future clubs wanting a Primary Date will be allowed to select one from the open dates in the Primary Date calendar. Clubs that do not express interest in keeping their Primary Date for two winter meetings will be removed from the Primary Date list. **(Amended November 13, 2004)**

4. **Round 2:** Clubs wishing to have a second tournament put their names into a hat and selected the date of their second tournament from the remaining dates, including any primary dates which were not being used by their respective clubs, from the first round.
5. **Round 3:** Completed in same manner as round 2 until all tournament dates are filled or all clubs have satisfied their tournament needs.

**Addendum B: North Carolina Water Ski Association Rules for North Carolina State Championships Revision 2016**

**1. The Tournament**

- a. The North Carolina State Championships shall be an AWSA sanctioned Class C tournament with the option of a class F for skiers that would like to participate in their division, but not for placement or medals.
- b. The North Carolina State Championships shall include all age divisions currently recognized by the AWSA.
- c. Any club bidding to host The North Carolina State Championships must be affiliated with the NCWSA.
- d. Dates of The North Carolina State Championships shall be set by the host club and the NCWSA at the regularly scheduled meeting annually.
- e. Appointed officials and drivers shall be members of the NCWSA and residents of North Carolina. Official assignments will preferably be NCWSA officials and drivers.
  - i. \*Exceptions or exemptions to the rule will be presented to the President and decided by the NCWSA Officers and Council members.
- f. Host Club will provide a minimum of 5 medals per division, per event.
- g. Host Club will provide a minimum of 3 Overall awards for male and female Junior skiers and male and female adult skiers (total of 12 awards).
- h. The State be in charge of organizing/ordering State medals. (amended December 2020)

**2. Entry Qualifications**

- a. Each contestant must be a member of the North Carolina Water Ski Association (NCWSA). Contestants must join NCWSA at least two weeks prior to the tournament start date or be subject to a late fee of \$10 for each membership type. (amended December 2020)
- b. For placement, each contestant must be a resident of North Carolina with an active AWSA membership. Proof of residency is required or having skied over 50% of your tournaments in NCWSA events.
- c. For placement, a contestant shall qualify with at least one of the following:
  - i. having skied in at least one NCWSA event since the previous year NC State Championships
  - ii. worked a NCWSA event as an official or driver
  - iii. Exclusions will be the following:
    - 1. if this is your first AWSA tournament
    - 2. Excluding Elite Divisions
      - a. Any skier that has skied over 50% of their tournaments in the Elite Divisions must ski in the Elite Divisions at NC State Championships.

**3. Rating Requirements**

- a. There are no ratings required to compete in the North Carolina State Championships.

**4. Event Order**

- a. The North Carolina State Championships will use a designated event order to be determined by the host club and posted in the Regional Guide.

**5. Seeding**

- a. The North Carolina State Championships shall be seeded by the host club using the most current ranking list provided by AWSA.

**6. Records**

- a. Any changes in a division (age or speed) will freeze the previous record for that group. New records can be set at the next State Tournament following the change. Will continue to list the old records along with the new one with \* to denote a change in the division. (amended December 2019)

**Addendum C: North Carolina Water Ski Association Officials (December 4, 2021)**

1. NCWSA will purchase a radio for any official who achieves a regular rating or above.
2. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, NCWSA will pay for all membership obligations for non-skiing officials.