

2012 Grand Prix Series Rules

- I. Tournaments
 - a. Grand Prix will consist of 8 monthly tournaments, running from April to November, including the Class C tournament. Each tournament will include two rounds of slalom skiing.
- II. Entry Fee
 - a. There is no specified entry fee. The Ski Team will establish a requested/suggested donation, with possibility of change.
 - b. Per bylaw rules, team president and series organizer are guaranteed free entry.
 - c. Team members who volunteer their boat are guaranteed free entry.
- III. Membership
 - a. All skiers must be active members of USA Water Ski. A one-day guest membership is available from USAWS for an additional 10 dollars.
 - b. Non-ski team members are requested to pay an additional \$5 guest entry fee. All participants are expected to volunteer as workers, judges, and drivers.
- IV. Tournaments will follow the following format:
 - a. Skiers will have a minimum of four passes or 3 falls each round.
 - b. Any skier who completes four full-course passes at increasing speed and/or decreasing line length will continue to ski until a buoy is missed.
- V. Grand Prix Championship Scoring

Each skier's first two tournaments they ski for the year will be awarded 100 points. Following tournaments will be scored +/- the buoy total from the previous PB. Each skier's PB will be the highest score from their first two events or any subsequent buoy-count improvement.

 - a. For each event, skiers will be ranked according to the +/- scoring, receiving 100 points for first place, 95 points for second place, etc, to a minimum of 50 points, for all skiers.
 - b. All skiers who participate in the SDWST Class C tournament will receive 100 Grand Prix points.
 - c. Each skier's two lowest scores at the end of the year will be dropped from the Grand Prix point total.
 - d. If a tournament is canceled due to inclement weather, only one score will be dropped. If more than one event is cancelled, the lowest single score for each skier will still be dropped and the grand prix series will be based on less than 6 scores.
 - e. Skiers who receive their highest score of the year during either the March or April event will receive 15 bonus points.
- VI. Narrow course
 - a. There is no special division for the narrow course. Skiers must state if they are attempting the narrow course to the boat judge prior to their first pass.
 - b. The maximum scoring pass on the narrow course is 30.4mph / 49kph.

- c. After successfully completing a pass at 30.4mph / 49kph on the narrow course, PB scoring will resume at the full course starting speed chosen by the skier. Per AWSA rules, skiers in all divisions may choose any starting speed at or above 15.5mph / 25kph. At the skier's discretion, a skier may move from the narrow course to the full course before completing a narrow course pass at 30.4mph / 49kph. Once a skier elects to move from the narrow course to the full course, they are no longer eligible to earn future PB's on the narrow course.
- d. Skiers who do not complete a full pass will receive the single highest buoy count earned as their score.

VII. Tiebreakers

- a. In monthly tournaments ties will receive the average of the two point values for the tied position. (Example: If two skiers tie for first with a PB score of +4, each skier will receive the average of the 100 point first place score and the 95 point second place score, giving each skier 97.5 points.)
- b. For the final yearly standing, ties will be broken based on the following breakdown:
- c. First tiebreaker – greatest number of tournaments skied.
- d. Second tiebreaker - greatest PB improvement over course of year. Any skier who completes a full pass on the wide course will break a tie with skiers on the narrow course.
- e. Third tiebreaker – highest tournament score using AWSA zero based scoring.
- f. Fourth tiebreaker – coin toss.

VIII. Tournament Running Orders

- a. Skiers will be seeded in order of their arrival time to the tournament site.
- b. Skiers who do not pre register for the event will ski after all pre registered skiers have competed.

IX. Unfair Competition Clause (per Ski Team bylaws)

- a. This clause can be invoked by the tournament chairperson when they suspect unfair competition, such as sand bagging, in order to artificially boost a skier's score. Should this occur, the tournament chair would call for a vote of the executive board to determine whether the skier should be penalized for their actions with a majority ruling being required. The penalty would be their disqualification from that particular tournament.