

# All-Africa Water Ski Tournament Additional Rules

## Preamble

The main objective of the All-African Championships is to grow the sport of Tournament Water Skiing on the continent. The intention is to hold an event that will attract the best skiers, but also provide an opportunity to new skiers to ski alongside the best of the best. With that in mind, a Ranking List event would be ideal, but not a necessity.

## Rule 18 – ALL-AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

These rules are to be used in conjunction with:

- IWSF Rule Book
- E&A Additional Rules

The All-Africa Championships falls under the control of AFCON. AFCON, together with the host (Federation or site), will decide on the options available within the rules below, and make them available no later than 2 months prior to the event.

### 18.01: Competition

The All-African Championships will be held bi-annually.

The event is restricted to skiers who are citizens or residents of an African country, have proof of membership to their country's sports federation, and have permission from that federation to participate.

Skiers who are not citizens of an African country and reside outside Africa, may enter the tournament and ski in their respective age division, but will not be eligible to place on the podium.

### 18.02: Age Categories

The following age categories for the tournament are:

- Dolphin (boys & girls): Under 14 years of age
- Junior (boys & girls): Under 17 years of age
- Open (men & women): Open to any age
- Senior (men & women): 35 years of age and over

The above age categories are used for team scoring and medal contenders only. Each skier will enter in their actual age group and ski to that age groups' rules. A skier may at their own request, ski in a different age group, provided it is within the rules.

**The contestant's age is determined as at midnight of 31 DECEMBER prior to the tournament**

### 18.03: Events

It is the intention will always be to have all three events, being:

- Slalom
- Ramp
- Tricks

If the number of entries for any particular event are too small, it may be decided to withdraw that event from the Championships.

The host country may include a League Division (referred to **League**) if they feel there is enough time. The event will be slalom, where skiers will use the boat path, intermediate buoys, which are set approximately 7m out from center of the boat path, and the full course turn buoys depending on the rules set out in Appendix A.

### 18.04: Qualifications

There are no formal qualifications for the All-African Championships, but the recommendations are as follows:

- Slalom: Clear slalom course at minimum speed of your age category
- Ramp: Land three consecutive jumps
- Tricks: None
- League: None

It is the responsibility of each Federation to check that skiers meet the above.

**18.05: Entries**

Teams

Each country will be entitled to send a team of sixteen (16) Tournament Division skier, with the further limitation that no team may have more than fifteen (15) of one sex.

Each country must submit their team skiers to the calculator prior to the first skier taking to the water.

Individuals

Any skier, who is not included in a team, may enter as an Individual.

League

As the League is an individual event, and scores do not contribute towards Team scores, there is no limit to the number. However, the host country may limit the number.

**18.06: Competition Format**

A maximum of 4 rounds of each of the events will be run (Slalom, Tricks, Ramp)

Team scores will be extracted from all completed rounds of each event.

Age category scores will be extracted from all completed rounds of each event for age category

The host country may limit the number rounds in the League event in order to save time.

**18.07: Individual Classification** (*skier vs skier*)

Tournament Division

There will be an All-Africa Champion classification for the male & female in each age category used

- o Slalom
- o Tricks
- o Ramp
- o Overall (sum of three events)

A skier who is not a team skier is entitled to win the Individual Classification, as long as they are African skiers as stated in Rule 18.01.

The event classification will be done on the highest performance of any round (best score to count).

Overall classification is the sum of the best scores from each event in any round.

**Slalom: Score = (Skiers best performance X 1000)/All African Standard of their age category**

The base speed will be adjusted for the different shortening speeds.

Note: Skiers' best performance is the number of buoys achieved from their age category start/base speed. Start/base speeds have been adjusted so that the buoy count will be the same, regardless of their shortening speed.  
 Example: A score of  $4 \times 49 \times 16m = 4 \times 52 \times 16m, 4 \times 55 \times 16m = 4 \times 58 \times 16m$

**Tricks: Score = (Skiers best performance X 1000)/All African Standard of their age category**

**Ramp: Score = (Skiers best performance X 1000)/All African Standard of their age category**

League Division

Please refer to the Appendix A

**18.08: Team Classification** (*country vs country*)

There will be Team classification for the:

- Slalom
- Tricks
- Ramp
- Overall (sum of all of the above).

The team classification will be based on the highest performances achieved in any round (best score to count). Eight (8) scores will count for each team in each Tournament Division event (Slalom, Tricks & Ramp), with the limitation that at least one (1) score from each age group (U14, U17, Open & +35), regardless of sex, is to be used within the eight scores.

**Slalom, Tricks & Ramp**

The best score of all skiers (performance based against All African Standard of their age category) are grouped together regardless of age category, but separated into male and female.

The best score by any team member, in an event of any round shall be awarded 1000 points, and referred to as the "Best Team Score", for both male and female. All other performances shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Team Score} = (\text{skiers best score} \times 1000) / \text{Best Team Score}$$

Team captains must submit their team skiers to the calculator prior to the first skier taking to the water.

**18.09: Medals & Certificates & Trophy**

Tournament Division medals (gold, silver and bronze) will be awarded to both female and male skiers in each in each age category, as per Rule 18:02, for each event.

- Slalom
- Tricks
- Ramp
- Overall

AFCON to supply special AFCON medals for the best male & female skier in each event & overall.

- Best slalom skier
- Best trick skier
- Best Ramp skier
- Best Overall skier

A floating trophy will be awarded to the Overall team and an announcement made for best Slalom, Tricks and Ramp team.

For League Division awards refer to Appendix A.

**18.10: Entry Fees**

AFCON, in consultation with the host, may charge an entry fee. All proceeds should be given to the host/venue to cover costs.

**18.11: Records**

All-African Championship Records will be recognised for all events in all divisions. Only performances obtained under Standing List or Normal Homologation will be considered for ratification.

For All-African Championship Records to be ratified under Normal List homologated tournaments, it is required that a video is available of the trick event and that the slalom and jump course is in Standing List Homologation.

African skiers can only establish All-African Championship Records at the All-African Championships.

**AII AFRICA CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS**

(As at end 2025)

**DOLPHIN GIRLS (U14)**

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	G Viljoen	RSA	2.0x55x13.00	9th All Arica champs April 2006
Tricks	S Martin	RSA	2240	3rd All Africa champs Feb 1997
Ramp	S Martin	RSA	23 m	3rd All Africa champs Feb 1997

**DOLPHIN BOYS (U14)**

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	E van der Merwe	RSA	3.0x55x12.00	11th All Africa champs April 2010
Tricks	S Bezuidenhout	RSA	2400	3rd All Africa champs Feb 1997
Ramp	S Bezuidenhout	RSA	34.6 m	3rd All Africa champs Feb 1997

**JUNIOR GIRLS (U17)**

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	M Hermann	RSA	4.50x55x13.00	5th All Africa champs Apl 1999
Tricks	S Martin	RSA	3070	5th All Africa champs Apl 1999
Ramp	S Martin	RSA	31.2 m	4th All Africa champs May 1998

**JUNIOR BOYS (U17)**

Event	Name	Nationality	Record set	Tournament record was set at
Slalom	E van der Merwe	RSA	4.0x58x11.00	12th All Africa champs April 2012
Tricks	J du Preez	RSA	4740	5th All Africa champs Apl 1999
Ramp	J du Preez	RSA	42.1 m	5th All Africa champs Apl 1999

**OPEN WOMEN**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Record set</b>	<b>Tournament record was set at</b>
Slalom	N Roettcher	NAM	2.25x55x12.00	15th All Africa champs April 2018
Tricks	C Zandberg	RSA	4610	2nd All Africa champs Feb 1996
Ramp	C Zandberg	RSA	34.4 m	2nd All Africa champs Feb 1996

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Record set</b>	<b>Tournament record was set at</b>
Slalom	E van der Merwe	RSA	4.0x58x11.25	13th All Africa champs April 2014
Tricks	M Blumberg	RSA	6210	2nd All Africa champs Feb 1996
Ramp	G Knight	NAM	51.6m	9th All Africa champs April 2006

**SENIOR WOMEN 1 (35+)**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Record set</b>	<b>Tournament record was set at</b>
Slalom	L le Forestier	RSA	2.00x55x13.00	11th All Africa champs April 2010
Tricks	C Botes	RSA	4980	4th All Africa champs May 1998
Ramp	C Botes	RSA	33.3 m	4th All Africa champs May 1998

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Record set</b>	<b>Tournament record was set at</b>
Slalom	R Alexander	RSA	3.0x55x11.25	All Africa Champs 2024
Tricks	B Nieuwstad	RSA	4680	9th All Africa champs April 2006
Ramp	B Nieuwstad	RSA	42,5m	10th All Africa Champs 2008