

Nordic Championship 2026



Tournament Waterski

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1.0 GENERAL

These rules supersede all previous editions and addenda and shall remain in effect until an amended edition of the rules is published. The 2026 IWWF Rulebook, 2026 E&A Additional Rules are the basis of this rulebook. **All changes for 2026 will be in red.** These rules have been drafted in English. In the case of conflicting interpretation, only the English text shall be considered authentic. All correspondence regarding these rules should be addressed to the Chairman of the Scandinavian Committee: Ms. Heidi Brenna at heidi.brenna@gmail.com.

1.01: Applicability of the Rules

The rules set forth here govern Waterski Competitions sanctioned by the Scandinavian Committee of the IWWF Europe Confederation. Except for entry requirements and other administrative matters, these rules try to follow IWWF rules and E&A Additional Rules for their Scandinavian Championship. Whenever the masculine is used, the same shall be construed as meaning the feminine where the context so requires.

1.02: Exceptions to the Rules

Where compliance with the rules is not feasible, the Chief Judge shall, with the approval of a majority of the Appointed Judges, make the necessary changes, inform each competitor by posting, and send a report to the Scandinavian Committee, Europe Waterski Council and World Waterski Council. Where the rules are definite and feasible, a vote of the Judges to decide whether to enforce any provision is prohibited.

1.03: Interpretation of the Rules

Questions of interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Scandinavian Committee, Europe Waterski Council and World Waterski Council. Any interpretation made by these bodies as a whole shall be considered final. Otherwise, the interpretation shall be made by a majority vote of the Appointed Judges, and the Chief Judge shall make a report to the Scandinavian Committee, Europe Waterski Council and World Waterski Council concerning the question.

1.04: Amendments to the Rules

Amendments made prior to the annual revision of the rules must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of the Scandinavian Committee. The rules may be amended at any time by the Scandinavian Committee. The amended rules shall become effective sixty (60) days after all affiliated Federations are notified.

Until such time as a new edition of the rules is published, the current rules, as amended by the Scandinavian Committee, remain in effect. A unanimous decision of the members of the Scandinavian Committee is immediately applicable.

1.05: Drug Testing

All competitors must agree to be subject to doping control. Specific policies and procedures regarding doping control shall be under the control of the Medical Commission of the IWWF.

1.06: IWWF License

Following agreement by the IWWF World Congress held in 2019, the IWWF Executive Board approved the establishment of an IWWF Licence fee from 2021 where competitors in Ranking List

and Record Capability competitions in each Sports Division of the IWWF would be required to hold the IWWF Licence.

Based on the above decision, to compete in any Scandinavian Championship event a skier must hold a valid IWWF license. A skier without a valid IWWF license cannot take part in those Championship. It is requested that Federations ensure that all their athletes hold a valid IWWF License before participating.

2. Competition Events

2.01: Events

The events in a Competition may be Slalom, Tricks, Jump and Overall.

2.02: Rounds

The competition in **U14 and U17 age categories shall have two rounds in each event.** The placement will be decided by the better score either Round 1 or Round 2. **The competition in U21 and Open age categories shall consist of preliminary and finals in each event. The placement will be decided by the final result.**

2.03: Age Division

The Competition in each event shall be separated into a Men/Boys and a Women/Girls division. The **Scandinavian Championship** is consisting of the following categories: Under 14, Under 17, Under 21 and **Open (age categories per IWWF Rules).**

- a. Under 14:** The maximum age of any boys/girls entering in this division is 13 years as of December 31, preceding the competition. This means that the last year of eligibility of a skier is the year in which he has his 14th birthday.
- b. Under 17:** The maximum age of any skier participating is 16 years as of December 31, preceding the competition. This means that the last year of eligibility of a skier is the year in which he has his 17th birthday.
- c. Under 21:** The maximum age of any skier participating is 20 years as of December 31, preceding the competition. This means that the last year of eligibility of a skier is the year in which he has his 21st birthday.
- d. Open:** No age restrictions.

For clarity: An eligible skier can compete in any one of the Age Divisions in which he/she falls.

An example: a 16-year-old skier may choose to compete in any one of the divisions: U-17, U-21 or Open. A skier eligible or qualified in more than one of the age Divisions can compete only in one which, in all events, must be the same throughout the competition.

2.04: Skier Eligibility

The Scandinavian Championship will be open for the skiers of the following countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

2.05: Organizing Championship

The organizing country will be rotating in turn as follows:

2024 Denmark

2025 Sweden

2026 Norway

2027 Finland

2028 Denmark

2.06: Frequency of Competition

- * The Scandinavian Open Championship shall be held annually.
- * The Scandinavian U21 Championship shall be held annually.
- * The Scandinavian U17 Championship shall be held annually.
- * The Scandinavian U14 Championship shall be held annually.

2.07: Effectivity of the Scandinavian Championship

The inability for one reason or another of a country to attend any Scandinavian Championships (including political reasons) does not require that the entire competition be cancelled or postponed or that the titles are any less world titles.

2.09: Schedule of Events

Not later than two months before the start of the Championship, **the Chairperson of the Organizer** shall send a schedule to each affiliated Federation showing the days on which the Championship events will be held. The schedule of events for both the rounds shall be drawn up by the Chief Judge and the Championship Chairperson and posted prior to the start of the first event. This list shall include starting time for each day. A schedule of starting times for individual events, if shown, shall be for the guidance of the competitors only, and any deviation shall not constitute a change. It is recommended that jump be scheduled as the last event in both rounds.

2.10 ENTRY FEES & ENTRIES

Entry fees are to be paid by all participants. Maximum entry fees are as follows:

1 event: Euro 70,

2 event: Euro 100, or

3 events: Euro 125.

Late fees will apply for entries received (IWWF EMS Registration) later than 10 days before the competition. Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays a fine of € 10 per skier per day after the 10 days deadline to the organizers.

2.11 INTENTION TO ENTER

Each Federation must inform the organizing country the number of skiers it wishes to enter to the

Scandinavian Championship not later than 45 days before the scheduled start of the first competition day of the **Scandinavian Championship**; declare the number of skiers per age category and event.

2.12 ENTRY FORM

Each Federation must register the list of skiers it wishes to enter through the IWWF Event Management System (EMS), the names of the members of its team, the events each will enter, as well as the names of the official reserves is 10 days before the scheduled start of the first event of the SYC.

3. SITE FAMILIARIZATION

The last two or three days immediately before the Championship will be reserved and used for Official Familiarization. This will be organized so that each skier who has paid shall be allocated either a set number of passes and/or a certain amount of time at the discretion of the Chief Judge based on the principle that every skier shall receive an equal opportunity for familiarization.

Slalom skiers will receive 4 passes or 6 minutes whichever is less. Trick skiers will receive 2 passes or 5 minutes whichever is less. Jump skiers will receive 3 passes or 6 minutes whichever is less.

30 days before the scheduled start of the event, the organizer (in consultation with the Chief Judge, whose decision shall be final) shall announce the official familiarization schedule (including the allowed time).

If a Federation does not want to take part in the official familiarization, it must notify the organizers and the Chief Judge as soon as possible.

The order for familiarization will be that the hosting country will go first. The other countries will be scheduled on a random basis, and shall be grouped by event and country, i.e., slalom familiarization, trick familiarization and jump familiarization (by jump height) will be grouped together.

Any athlete whose time has not been paid for at least 5 days before the scheduled start of the event, or who is not ready to ski in accordance with the schedule, will lose their official familiarization time.

SUMMARY TABLE:

45 days before	deadline intention to enter participants via email to the organizers.
30 days before	deadline for publishing familiarization schedule by Organizer.
10 days before	deadline register athletes via EMS to participate.
5 days before	deadline for familiarization payment.

The Chief Judge shall have the discretion to change the start time of team's familiarization based on extraordinary circumstances.

During the Official Familiarization period, the Chief Judge may allocate any available site familiarization times, but only to skiers who have not already used it or do not have time allocated.

The cost per hour for Official Familiarization will be set by the Organizer following the guidelines of IWWF and E&A.

4. EXCEPTIONS TO THE IWWF AND E&A ADDITIONAL RULES

4.1 Number of participants from each country in the Youth (U-14, U-17 and U-21) categories

- Maximum of 10 entries in each discipline
- Maximum of 7 entries of the same gender
- Maximum of 5 entries in each age category

In addition, a maximum of 5 Open category skiers with a maximum of 4 from a single gender per event

4.2 Age requirement

The years the competition is ***arranged in Norway***, we must comply with the Norwegian rules regarding child competition, where the minimum age for competing in a ranked event is the year, they turn 13.

4.3 Overall Calculation

In all categories, the Overall Scores in each event will be calculated by the best result from either of the two rounds. These results are calculated by using the E&A for lower scores overall method.

4.4 Qualification scores.

No minima entry scores apply for entry in the U-14, U-17, U-21 and Open divisions.

4.5 Starting Lists

In all categories and all events, running order will be random **in the first round/preliminaries**, and will be same **in the second round for the U14 and U17. For U21 and Open the starting order in the finals will be the opposite of the results in the preliminaries.** Only in Jumping, skiers are divided to groups per ramp height.

4.6 Slalom Starting Speeds

Minimum starting speeds are as follows:

<u>Age category</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Min. Speed Rope length Shortening</u>		
U-14	Girls	37 kph	18.25m	52 kph
U-14	Boys	40 kph	18.25m	55 kph
U-17	Girls	37 kph	18.25m	55 kph

U-17	Boys	40 kph	18.25m	58 kph
U-21	Women	37 kph	18.25m	55 kph
U-21	Men	40 kph	18.25m	58 kph
Open	Women	46 kph	18.25m	55 kph
Open	Men	49 kph	18.25m	58 kph

4.7 Event Placement

There will be two complete rounds for each event and age category, and the classification will be based on the best score of the two rounds.

4.8 Ties

U14 and U17 age categories:

Both rounds will count.

- a) If a tie exists for first place, it shall be run-off.
- b) If a tie exists for 2nd or 3rd place, placement shall be decided based on the higher round score. If a tie still exists, it shall be run-off. The run-off shall have a new drawing for order.

U21 and Open age categories:

IWWF rule 8.12

The tie breaking run-off in slalom shall begin with the scheduled speed and rope length of the last complete pass and conclude with the first miss. If another tie results, the tie shall be run-off in the same manner with another new drawing for order. This process shall be repeated until a winner is determined. The skier may optionally skip any pass in the run-off.

When a run-off for first place is between more than two skiers, all the places equal to the number of skiers in the run-off are decided by the run-off with no reversion to the round score except that the preliminary round score would be used if two or more skiers are still tied for 2nd and 3rd places after the run-off.

Skiers tied on score not in a medal position, will be listed as tied in the results.

4.9 Team Competition

Team competition will be calculated from the best male and female from each age category and event. The winning team will be awarded with a plaque.

5. HOMOLOGATION

Homologation must follow the IWWF General Homologation Guidelines – IWWF Rule 25.

The competition must be minimum Normal Homologation but it is highly recommended to be Ranking List Homologation. **See IWWF 25.19 Minimum Competition Standards.**

6. OFFICIALS AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

According to IWWF Rule 25.19 Minimum Competition Standards and Technical Requirements with these exceptions:

Each Scandinavian country must be represented by minimum 3 Officials, The organizing country by 5 Officials. Deadline for applications via EMS is April 15th. Appointed Officials must be notified no later than May 15th.

The Scandinavian Committee will appoint the following Officials after receiving applications via EMS; the Chief Judge, an Assistant Chief Judge, 6 Judges, a Homologator, an Assistant Homologator, a Scorer, an Assistant Scorer, Chief Driver and Driver. The Organizers shall appoint a Technical Officer and notify the Scandinavian Committee of the nominated person.

Chief Judge	- min. J2 (Level 1 or 2)	not from organising country
Assistant Chief Judge	- min. J2 (Level 1 or 2)	organising country (if needed)
Homologator	- min. H2 (Level 1 or 2)	not from organizing country
Assistant Homologator	- min. H3 (Level 1, 2 or 3)	organising country (if needed)
Technical Officer	- qualified person	organising country
Driver 1	- min. D2 (Level 1 or 2)	1 Driver outside of the organizing country
Driver 2	- min. D3 (Level 1, 2 or 3)	
Scorer	- min. S2 (Level 1 or 2)	
Assistant Scorer	- min. S3 (Level 1, 2 or 3)	
6 Judges	- min. J3 (Level 1, 2 or 3)	

See EA Rules - 25.19 Min. Competition Standards

The Organizer shall be responsible for board (dinner included), lodging and local transport for the officials appointed in accordance with the E&A Additional Rules. This shall include the night before the familiarization for the Chief Judge, Homologator and boat drivers, for all other Officials the night before the competition, and include the night after the end of the championship.

Any person entitled to be provided with accommodation, but not requiring it, must advise the organizer in writing within two weeks of their appointment.

7. Medals and Titles

The Medals are those approved by the Scandinavian Committee. These may not be used in any other competition. They are to have a ribbon in the national colours of the organizing country and have the following marked:

- year
- event
- division

The medal form is the joint property of the Scandinavian Federations and medals will be given to the first 3 skiers regardless of the number of entries in all divisions.