

**BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGION,  
AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION**  
A Sport Discipline of USA Water Ski, Inc.

**Article I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the South Central Region of the American Water Ski Association, the abbreviation of which is AWSA SCR, as defined in the Bylaws of the American Water Ski Association. AWSA is a Sport Discipline of U.S.A. Water Ski (USA-WS) which is the National Governing Body (NGB) of water skiing in the United States.

**Article II -Purpose**

The purpose of AWSA SCR shall be to:

1. Carry out within the AWSA SCR the purposes, policies, and directives of AWSA and USA-WS.
2. Promote better coordination and understanding between skiers, clubs, and associations.
3. Promote membership in the AWSA SCR, AWSA, and USA-WS of individuals, clubs, and associations.
4. Effectively promote and coordinate AWSA tournaments and other organized SCR skiing activities within the region.
5. Act as the official voice for the region in matters pertaining to AWSA and USA-WS.
6. Maintain standards of safety for the protection of skiers, spectators, and water skiing in the region.
7. Deal with all matters affecting the AWSA SCR, not provided for or governed by AWSA and/or USA-WS, through the development of policies and procedures for the region and to do whatever may be necessary to promote the best interest of AWSA in this region.

**Article III - Membership**

**Section 1. Eligibility.**

Membership in the AWSA SCR shall be open to any individual member of USA-WS without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age or sex and whose legal domicile is within the boundaries of the region as defined in the AWSA Bylaws.

**Section 2. Dues.**

Members of AWSA SCR may also be subject to payment of dues as the USA-WS, AWSA and AWSA SCR may prescribe from time to time.

**Section 3. Classes of Members.**

- A. Full members. Full members are USA-WS members that have designated AWSA their Primary Sport Discipline as per AWSA Bylaws, Article III.
- B. Junior/Senior members. Members less than eighteen (18) years of age shall be classified as junior members. Senior members have voting privileges.
- C. Associate members. The EVP may grant AWSA Associate Memberships as defined in the AWSA Policy and Procedures Manual.

**Section 4. Disciplinary Actions.**

- A. Members may be disciplined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the AWSA SCR Regional Council (Council) on charges made in writing over the signatures of at least three (3) senior members of AWSA SCR and submitted to the Council.
- B. Any member may be disciplined, including suspension or expulsion, for: unsportsmanlike conduct; any willful violation of AWSA SCR, and/or AWSA and/or USA-WS rules or procedures; criminal or fraudulent acts; failure to pay indebtedness; or any other act which is contrary to the objectives and purposes of the AWSA SCR, AWSA, USA-WS, IWSF and/or the USOC. Suspension and expulsion shall be referred directly to the AWSA President and shall be resolved in accordance with AWSA Bylaws Article XII.
- C. Any member of AWSA SCR may file a written grievance with the Executive Vice President (EVP) of the AWSA SCR alleging a violation of the AWSA SCR Bylaws and/or its rules, or policies and procedures. If a member is not in agreement with the decision of the Council, the member shall have the right to appeal the decision to the AWSA Board per Article XIII of the AWSA Bylaws.
- D. Members shall have the right to due process including the appeal of actions or decisions by the AWSA SCR or its representatives where the AWSA SCR has ultimate jurisdiction and responsibility for the action or decision. If a member is not in agreement with the decision of the Council, the member shall have the right to appeal the decision to the AWSA Board per Article XIII of the AWSA Bylaws.

**Section 5. Voting.**

Each full, senior member of the region is allowed one (1) vote in person or by absentee ballot if voting for EVP and AWSA National Director.

## **Article IV – Regional Council**

### **Section 1. Composition.**

AWSA SCR Regional Council (Council) shall consist of the following:

- A. The EVP who shall act as chairman.
- B. Each duly certified council representative of an affiliated club per Article VIII of these bylaws.
- C. Three National AWSA Directors as elected by the membership.
- D. Vice EVP.

### **Section 2. Term of Office:**

All council representatives shall take office immediately after certification by the membership at the Annual Regional Membership Meeting as noted in Article VIII of these bylaws.

### **Section 3. Management of Region.**

- A. Management of the AWSA SCR shall be vested in the Council.
- B. The Council shall approve by majority vote all the contracts entered into by AWSA SCR plus any expenditure in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1000), other than expenditures occurring in the normal course of business, and other matters as may be referred to them by the EVP.

### **Section 4. Other Officers, Committees.**

The Council may elect such officers, and the EVP and/or Council may appoint such committees, as they deem necessary to conduct the business of this organization. Such officers shall hold office for a term of one year or until their successors have been duly elected.

## **Article V – Executive Vice President**

### **Section 1. Election, Term of Office.**

- A. The Executive Vice President (EVP) shall be elected annually by the membership of the AWSA SCR and shall serve for one (1) year or until his/her successor has been properly installed.
- B. The term of the EVP shall begin on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of AWSA, as provided for in the AWSA Bylaws, and shall end on the date nearest the expiration of the period of time provided for such term.

**Section 2. Duties.**

- A. The duties of the EVP shall be to act as Chairman of the Council, to preside at all of its meetings, and to present a report of activities and plans for the region at each annual AWSA SCR Membership Meeting.
- B. Subject to these bylaws, the EVP shall be the Executive Head of AWSA SCR in the making of contracts, arrangements, plans and appointments, the giving of notices, reports and statements and the certifying of records or executive action herein provided.
- C. It shall be the duty of the EVP to carry out the purposes of the AWSA SCR as set forth in Article II of these bylaws and to generally assist each member of the Council.
- D. It shall be the duty of the EVP to carry out directives, mandates and duties as set forth by AWSA and USA-WS.

**Section 3. Vice EVP.**

A Vice EVP shall be elected by the Council who will carry out the duties and responsibilities of the EVP if the EVP should become incapable of meeting such responsibilities due to death, sickness, tragedy, job transfer, resignation, etc. The Vice EVP's term shall be the same as the EVP's.

**Article VI – AWSA National Directors****Section 1. Election, Term of Office.**

- A. In compliance with the Bylaws of AWSA, in addition to the EVP, three (3) AWSA National Directors shall be elected from the membership of the ASWA SCR by the senior members thereof, and under such rules and regulations and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors of AWSA may prescribe from time to time. Directors must be qualified per AWSA Bylaws Article V, Item B and AWSA Policies and Procedures Manual Section 4.
- B. These Directors shall serve terms of three (3) years, respectively, so arranged that the term of one (1) said Director shall expire each year.
- C. The term of each elected Director shall begin on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of AWSA, as provided for in Article V, Item B, of its bylaws, and shall end on the date nearest the expiration of the period of time provided for such term.

**Section 2. Alternate Directors, Vacancies.**

- A. The AWSA SCR Council may elect up to three (3) Alternate National Directors who shall represent the region at AWSA Board Meetings in the absence of an elected

national director. Alternates are allowed to attend all AWSA Board Meetings with no voice and no vote. In the event that an elected director is unable to attend or should become incapable of carrying out his/her responsibilities due to death, sickness, tragedy, job transfer, resignation, etc., the designated alternate for the absent director shall have both voice and vote per AWSA Bylaws.

- B. If a vacancy occurs in any AWSA National Directorship for which an alternate has not been elected, it shall be filled through temporary appointment by the AWSA SCR Council within thirty (30) days of the occurrence, and the temporary appointee shall hold office until the next Annual Regional Membership Meeting at which time the vacancy shall be filled by election for the unexpired portion of the term.

### **Article VII – USA-WS Director**

#### **Section 1. Qualifications**

- A. The AWSA SCR may be allocated a USA-WS Director and Alternate as per AWSA and USA-WS Bylaws.
- B. This director and alternate shall meet USA-WS qualifications per USA-WS Bylaws Article VI which requires Sport Discipline Directors to have served no less than two full years on the Sport Discipline’s Board of Directors as a voting member of the Sport Discipline’s Board.
- C. The AWSA SCR Council shall elect the USA-WS Director and Alternate from among qualified and willing, current or former AWSA SCR National Directors including EVP’s.

#### **Section 2. Election, Term of Office.**

- A. Election of the USA-WS Director and Alternate shall be held at the Council Meeting scheduled nearest the date of the AWSA SCR Regional Tournament on “even numbered years” and will be seated on the USA-WS Board at its first Board of Directors Meeting in the “odd numbered year” per USA-WS Bylaws and USA-WS Policies & Procedures. The term of office will be two years for both the Director and Alternate.
- B. The alternate is allowed to attend all USA-WS Board Meetings with no voice and no vote. In the event that the elected director is unable to attend or should become incapable of carrying out his/her responsibilities due to death, sickness, tragedy, job transfer, resignation, etc., the duly elected alternate shall attend and have both voice and vote per USA-WS Bylaws.

## **Article VIII – Council Representatives**

### **Section 1. Selection.**

- A. Each AWSA SCR affiliated club shall be notified by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June each year to select a council representative and provide a roster of at least eight (8) AWSA full, senior members.
- B. This roster, and council representative, must be submitted to the EVP, or his/her representative, by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July each year.

### **Section 2. Election, Term of Office.**

- A. The council representatives must be confirmed by the membership at the annual AWSA SCR Regional Membership Meeting and the term of office will begin immediately thereafter and continue until the next annual AWSA SCR Regional Membership Meeting.
- B. Nothing contained herein shall preclude reelection of the same person for successive terms of office on the Council.

## **Article IX – Election Procedures**

### **Section 1. Nominating Committee.**

- A. One of the two AWSA National Directors, not being considered for re-election in the next year, shall be chosen by the Council as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for a period of 12 months. Other members of the committee may be selected by the Council as per Article IV Section 4. These selections shall be done at the Council meeting nearest the AWSA SCR Regional Tournament.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall attempt to secure two (2) qualified and willing candidates for each office of EVP, Vice EVP, and AWSA National Director. In even years they shall also seek candidates for a USA-WS National Director and Alternate to be elected by the Council in an even year and be seated in the odd year per USA-WS Bylaws.
- C. The Nominating Committee must submit all names to the EVP and Council for Council approval at a time to be determined by the Council and as stated in the SCR Policies and Procedures Manual.
- D. An absentee ballot will be published in the AWSA SCR Guide and/or the SCR website, indicating the names of the nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Council. Only those names will be eligible to receive absentee votes.

**Section 2. Tellers Committee.**

- A. The Vice EVP shall be Chairman of a Tellers Committee. Other members of the committee may be selected by the Council as per Article IV Section 4. This selection shall be done at the AWSA SCR Midwinter Meeting. The Chairman and members of the committee will be expected to attend the AWSA SCR Regional Tournament Membership Meeting. Their names shall be published in the AWSA-SCR Guide.
- B. A senior member of the AWSA SCR desiring to vote by absentee ballot must return the ballot printed in the AWSA SCR Guide, or copy thereof, along with proof of USA-WS and AWSA SCR membership (copy of current membership card) to be received by the Chairman of the AWSA SCR Teller's Committee at least five (5) days prior to the start of the AWSA SCR Regional Tournament.
- C. The Tellers Committee shall ascertain that the absentee ballots are valid and make a count of the ballots. The Chairman has the responsibility for safekeeping of the absentee ballots until the votes have been certified by the SCR Council and then shall personally destroy the Absentee Ballots.

**Section 3. Election at Meeting.**

- A. Other qualified candidates for the offices of AWSA SCR EVP and AWSA National Director may be nominated from the floor during the Annual AWSA SCR Membership Meeting.
- B. The Tellers Committee will validate the voting privileges of all senior AWSA SCR members attending the Annual AWSA SCR Membership Meeting.
- C. The Tellers Committee will make a report on the vote by members present and by absentee ballots, and the winners of the elections will be announced.
- D. The Council shall certify the election of said officers within 24 hours after the adjournment of the membership meeting, insofar as practical or possible, and the EVP shall notify the AWSA President of the results.

**Article X - Meetings****Section 1. Membership.**

- A. The Annual Membership Meeting of the AWSA SCR shall be held within the bounds of the region during the AWSA SCR Regional Tournament and shall be near the tournament site. In the event that there is no AWSA SCR Regional Tournament in a given year, the Annual Regional Membership Meeting shall be held at a time and place designated by the Council.

- B. Members of the region shall be notified of the time and place of the Annual Membership Meeting at least ten (10) days in advance of such meeting.
- C. Quorum: At all meetings of the membership, twenty (20) senior AWSA SCR members present in person shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.
- D. The order of business for the Annual Membership meeting shall be at the discretion of the EVP as directed by the Council and shall include a treasurer's report, a review of minutes from the previous meeting, presentation of annual committee reports, the election of a National Director and an EVP, and certification of the Council to be seated for the upcoming year.

## **Section 2. Council.**

- A. The Council shall meet within 10 days of the AWSA SCR Annual Membership Meeting.
- B. Quorum: At all meetings of the Council, seven (7) representatives present in person shall constitute a quorum.
- C. The Council shall certify the election of officers conducted at the annual AWSA SCR Membership Meeting.
- D. The Council may authorize additional meetings of the AWSA SCR membership at any time, provided that for any general membership meetings, the notifications are at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting, and that reasonable diligence is exercised in notifying all members.
- E. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the EVP at any time at his/her discretion. Special meetings may also be requested in writing by three (3) council representatives. A meeting must then be called within thirty (30) days. Unless waived by all council representatives in writing, ten (10) days notice of the time, place and purpose of the special Council meeting must be given to each council representative at his/her last known mail or electronic address.
- F. In lieu of holding special meetings, the AWSA SCR Council may take any action by mail, teleconferences, email or any other subsequent technological communications innovation that the Council deems appropriate. Any resolution approved by a majority of the voting council representatives from this action, unless greater majorities are required by these bylaws, shall have the same force and effect as if adopted at a called meeting of the Council. The Council shall be notified of the results of the ballot or ballots.

## **Article XI - Dues, Assessments and Limitations of Authority**

### **Section 1. Dues, Assessments.**

- A. No dues or assessments of any kind or character may be levied, assessed or charged for membership in this organization by act of the Council. Any such dues or assessments shall be imposed only by majority vote of the members at the Annual AWSA SCR Membership Meeting, at which time any member may terminate his/her membership prior to application of such dues or assessments.
- B. The Council may, however, authorize and approve the collection of reasonable and appropriate regional entry fees, head taxes or sanction fees, etc., for any sanctioned competitions and/or exhibitions within the region, under such terms and conditions as it may deem necessary or appropriate from time to time.

### **Section 2. Limits of Authority.**

- A. The AWSA SCR EVP and council representatives shall have no authority, expressed or implied, to impose upon, or subject the membership of this organization to any personal liability for, or in connection with, the activities of said officers or other members.
- B. Wherever guarantees or financial commitments are required to be made in the execution of the duties and functions of Officers, they shall be confined to the personal liability of the officers and such members as may desire to bind themselves thereto individually.

## **Article XII – Bylaws Amendments**

### **Section 1. Regional Approval.**

These bylaws may be amended at the Annual or Midwinter AWSA SCR Membership Meeting by a two thirds (2/3) vote; i.e. two thirds of the votes cast by persons legally entitled to vote that are in attendance at the meeting. Any proposed changes shall be made available in writing for examination by interested parties at least 30 days prior to the vote.

### **Section 2. Final Approval.**

- A. The final approval of amendments to these bylaws is per AWSA Bylaws. The bylaws will be effective immediately upon approval of the AWSA Board of Directors.
- B. Any provision of these bylaws which is, or shall become contrary to, or in conflict with the bylaws of AWSA and/or USA-WS, shall automatically be suspended in application and supplanted by the bylaws of AWSA and/or USA-WS where such conflict exists.

### **Article XIII - Indemnification**

The members of the Council, as a Council and individually, and the members of each committee, as a committee and individually, and all Officers, as Officers and individually, are specifically held harmless by AWSA SCR, AWSA and USA-WS and its membership in all actions taken in good faith or on behalf of AWSA SCR, AWSA, and USA-WS including omissions, unless found culpable in a court of law of willful malfeasance, illegal activity, or gross negligence, in which case the AWSA SCR, AWSA and USA-WS shall be entitled to recover any payments, costs or expenses incurred in the defense, compromise or settlement of any claims or suits against such member prior to such finding.

### **Article XIV – Code of Conduct**

The AWSA SCR shall subscribe to the USA-WS written Code of Conduct and Ethical Practices which includes the requirement that each Officer and Council member annually agree in writing to abide by such Code.

### **Article XV– Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of AWSA SCR shall coincide with that of AWSA.

### **Article XVI - Procedures**

#### **Section 1. Robert’s Rules of Order.**

The rules contained in the current edition of the Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the AWSA SCR in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that the AWSA SCR, AWSA or USA-WS may adopt.

#### **Section 2. Other Procedures.**

Policies and Procedures of AWSA SCR may be established and amended by the Council and, when applicable, shall direct the Region’s and the Council’s actions. They shall require a 2/3 vote of the Council for approval. These Policies and Procedures shall not be in conflict with these bylaws or those of AWSA or USA-WS.

### **Article XVII - Application**

These bylaws supersede all previous bylaws of AWSA SCR as amended and approved by the SCR Membership on July 22, 2005.