WSTIMS FOR WINDOWS USERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is for you, the user, to inform you of problems that have been sent in from scorers across the nation and the solutions for those problems. We will be sending this out from time to time to keep you informed and assist you in usage of the program. If you have a problem or issue that needs to be addressed send an email to the editor and we will get your problem addressed immediately and keep all of the users informed of the problems/solutions involved.

69th Goode Water Ski Championships

The Nationals were scored using the program very successfully and all of the scorers really enjoyed using the program. There were a few small glitches that we found and Dave was able to make the changes that evening and we used the updated program the following day for the tournament. This occurred 3 times, but the integrity of the scores was maintained at all times during the tournament. Dave had to make a few minor adjustments after the tournament to tweak the presentation of the scorebooks, team results and the regional coding in the seeding WSP file. The wheels did not fall off the wagon, only wobbled a few times and we quickly got them straightened out. All in all it was a great endeavor and a tribute to all of the hard work that Dave has put into the program. Just think, in less than 5 years Dave developed a program that was used in the largest tournament in the world.

Update Version 1.0.1.38 Is Available Now

Yes, you probably received an update Tuesday of this week, but it had a glitch that prevented the Boat Time reports to be produced. Dave had made changes to the program in anticipation of the change in the jump times from a 1, 2, 4 segment reporting sequence to q 1, 3, 4 segment reporting and made this the active reporting sequence to quick. Apologies to all for the SQL error that occurred.

While I am on the subject of updates, you must keep in mind that unlike the DOS version of the program that had a spring update version and (unless there was a serious error) that version was used all year long until the following spring. The Windows version of the program is a "living program" if you will and is constantly being updated with solutions to problems that you, the users bring to our attention and at the same time new bells and whistles are being added for your benefit. It is **imperative** that you keep your program updated to the most current version and **remember to read the panel that comes up concerning your database**. Make sure that you answer the question correctly to keep your current database and let the download update the data tables as needed. This will prevent bad words and great heartache on your part. As with any program **"warning screens"** are put in the program for a reason and you need to take the time to read the information in that panel every time that you see it. **DO NOT ASSUME THAT YOU KNOW WHAT IS WRITTEN....READ!** The split definition of the word "assume" applies here!

When you are on the internet to download your tournament template, take the time to open the program and get the latest update. This will enhance your experience with the program, keep you current and make sure that the reports are being produced properly for your tournament. If you are downloading all of your information to your computer from the internet and will be going to a site that does not have internet access and you will be scoring the tournament on the LOC provided computers, you can use this link to download a stand alone install file in a ZIP format:
http://awsaeast.com/scoring/WstimsForWindows.zip
(This can be downloaded to a USB thumb drive and installed without an internet connection on a computer that is an internet challenged computer.

File Problem Solutions
1. The program can be downloaded initially (first time) from this standard install link:
http://awsaeast.com/scoring/publish.htm
2. If you are deploying the program a computer using Windows XP, you might need the Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 and patches if this is first time. Contact us for these patches.
3. If you have downloaded the program to a computer using the Windows 7 OS platform and you cannot find the waterski.sdf database file, you are not alone! This information is useful when you get a database connection issue after first install of the program. First go to your Documents folder and create a new folder named "WSTIMS for Windows" then open that folder and create sub-folder named "Database". You can then use this link to download an initial database:
http://awsaeast.com/scoring/waterski.sdf . Save the waterski.sdf file in your Database sub-folder that you just created. Then open the program, go to "Tools" and "set database" at the bottom of the list. A new window will open and you should navigate to the new folder where you saved the waterski.sdf and click on it once (will highlight name) and then click open at the bottom of the window and you will see a screen confirming that you have set your database and its location. Now you are ready to get started. Don't forget to create a new folder in your Documents folder named "2012 WW-Tournaments to store all of your individual tournament files for each tournament.
4. No other requirements should be needed for Windows 7. This OS is being used by many users in the 64 bit standards used in the OS.
5. The Users Guide will be updated later this year and we will notify you when the update is available. In the meantime use this link to get the current version:
http://awsaeast.com/scoring/WstimsForWindowsRefGuide.pdf

What has been updated since version 1.0.1.32
1. Corrected Jump results for AWSA & NCWSA to compare feet only for jumping and use meters only for IWWF.
2. There has been a lot of confusion in the Chief Officials Information screen where we add the addresses etc for each of the chief officials in the tournament. The confusion was on the first panel – Primary Contact Information and just who this person is supposed to be. Dave added after the persons name the clarification "individual responsible for submitting the tournament package. Almost always

this will be the Chief Scorer, but sometimes it is not. This is the person that is in the top line of the WSP file and is the person that is notified when the ZIP file has been uploaded and it is reported to them and the LOC of record that all of the reports are accounted for or if there are some that are missing.

3. Added a warning panel to the Slalom, Trick and Jump events to warn the scorer to change back to the correct round when changing events after using the "RO" (run off to break ties) this must be done manually otherwise you will be scoring the next event in the RO section, rather than the normal scoring mode. This normally would only apply in State, Regional and National tournaments and a few special head to head or competition type events.

4. Corrected an error in the tie breaking procedures in Slalom with the various speed/line length combinations used to break ties.

5. Corrected the ramp ratio in the WSP file to show the standard .215 for less than 5' jump heights.

6. placed a new filter option in the Overall summary that will produce a report of only those that are qualified for Overall in their age division. This is located in the Filter box on the right and will show ALL or Qualified based on your selection. This will produce a HTML report that you can publish on the web and print for your results bulletin board.

7. The Team Codes are now included in the Championship/indexed version of the HTML scorebook.

8. The Board of Directors approved at the August meeting the new Jump speeds for Men 3 to 35.4mph/57kph, Men 6 and Women 4 to 31.7mph/51kph effective 8/14/11 (day after Nationals) and these speeds are now included in these jump events.

9. The Board also approved a new timing segment reporting and application of the segment times for Jumping. We have been reporting segments 1, 2, 4 from the ZO speed control system for several years. The Board approved a change to reporting segments 1, 3, 4 and applying the time tolerances per the IWSF and AWSA Rulebooks which will be easier to understand by all of the officials in the jump events. This change is currently being held up until the Technical Committee provides the correct timing tables to be used by the program. This will also affect the RTB (return to baseline) tables. We will let you know when the change is made and you can start using the new timing procedures.

10. Corrected the presentation of the reported speed/line length when the skier scored less than six buoys at the maximum division speed.

11. Corrected score calculations for IWSF divisions when the maximum speed is not completed.

Well that is about it for now. Dave is going to be adding some more enhancements to the program, working on cleaning up a few more NCWSA scoring issues amongst other issues before he starts getting ready for next years tournaments. Thanks to all of you for your input and we hope you have enjoyed using the program this summer.

Remember, if you need anything, contact the editor and the help desk will instantly be available to you and by the way it is located in the US and the name is not Peggy!