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Hard to believe the weather that has been hitting all of us this year and hopefully you are not experiencing too many hardships.

We attended the Senior Officials clinic in Austin, TX over the weekend. It was 34' with icy rain when we arrived on Friday and 70' and sunny when we left on Sunday! The clinic for was a great success and kudos go to Gordon Hall and Floyd McCreight for planning and conducting a great conference for the judges, scorers and drivers. The breakout sessions for the scorers was conducted by Dave Allen and Tina Lindsey and they presented the new updates to the program and interesting subjects on how to apply various situations to our use of the WSTIMS for Windows scoring program. Every region had scorers in attendance and we all interacted very successfully and came home better prepared to score tournaments in our regions.

Update 2.0.1.01 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.0.1.01 is now available for download and has many new features and fixes that we will review for you in this edition of our newsletter.

NOPS Calculators

There is a NOPS calculator built into the WfW program under the Tools tab for you to use. There is also a NOPS calculator on the AWSA website that you can download for a stand alone application when you don't want to start the program to use that one. It has been updated recently and you need to download the application again if you downloaded it before today.

Live Web Tab In Event Scoring Panels Has Changed

The Live Web reporting and structure has received many navigation enhancements that have improved the presentation tremendously. The Live Web scoring "URL" options have been changed to allow you to send the scoring information to the Water Ski Results page as the default posting and the ability to also send the information to an alternate "URL" (website, Twitter, etc.). This is a great improvement, so that we can have the greatest exposure of the scores to the water skiing community. Another change involves the uploading of the scores when you change events. The information will be sent from the event being scored without the need to "turn on Web Live" for each event when you change. In other words a constant feed of the information from the time that you initialize the option in the morning, until the end of the day, UNLESS you lose your internet connection for some reason. This falls under the heading of "weird geek stuff that is unexplainable". If this happens to you, just hit refresh and the current event will be updated. You will need to do this on the other computers as well if you are using a "master router" on the site, and you are using multiple computers.

If you are using multiple computers and one of the other events is being scored on a lake without an internet connection, when you do the export of the event scores and transfer them to the Master computer which has an internet connection, open the event (each age division or all skiers in the event) and upload them into the Web Live stream for all to see.

Slalom Summary Error Fixed

If a skier's last pass has a fast time and the skier decides not to take a reride the score should be protected and be included in the final total. However in the summary results the final pass was being ignored because of the out of tolerance time. This has been corrected and the final pass is included in the Summary score results.

Overall Summary and Results

There has been a need in the program to automatically select the first score for an event and that score be used as the first round score regardless of the round it was scored in, when the Overall Scores to be used selected is "Round". When the "Scores to be Used" option on any of the event summary windows is selected then a skier's scores will be assigned to the round in the order of the first one skied is round 1 and the second one skied is round 2.

There is one exception to this that you will need to use for multiple round State and Regional tournaments. When the scores to be used is selected as "First", then in order for your State or Regional Overall champion to be correctly reported, each of the three events (two for B1-G1 and Men & Women eight and up) then all of the scores must be in the first round so that the proper skier is recognized as the Overall champion in the Awards Summary. The Overall scores that go into the seeding (WSP) file will be as stipulated in the rulebook.

Skier Performance File Change

In a typical Head to Head tournament we have two qualifying rounds and then four elimination rounds (16, 8, 4, 2). The Rules committee has changed the way that these scores will be transmitted to the Skier Performance file, to allow six rounds (as noted above) of scores to be included in the seeding (WSP) file in the tournament data upload. The Skiers Qualification committee will determine the algorithm to select the score that will be posted to the Ranking List from the tournament scores for the skier. This will also apply to a normal Elimination type tournament format.

Dave received several suggestions at the Senior Clinic that will enhance the operation and reporting functions of the program and he has added them to the wish list. If you have a suggestion, please send them to me with the enhancement and the rationale behind the change and we will get take them under consideration.

Stay warm and it will be time to hit the water before you know it.

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The weather is warming up and we are all getting back on the water in the sport we love and it is time to open our minds to the tournament competitions and the scoring program changes and improvements that have been made this spring.

Update 2.0.1.3 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.0.1.3 is now available for download. Dave has fixed several small glitches, removed the processing of the Chief Judge, Safety and Towboat reports in the PDF format and added support to upload and attach Trick videos to the skiers score sheets on the Live Score postings to the waterskiresults.com website.

To begin this newsletter, I will address the mundane issues that affect most of us in some way.

Team Summary

Corrected a problem when using the 1000 point scale for team overall that the 1000 points were assigned to the top team skier and excluded all non-team skiers.

Running Order Exceptions In NCWSA Tournaments

There was an exception encountered on a collegiate tournament when selecting a non-team group and at least one other group and with the filtering of zero rows when using filters to set the running orders. These issues have been fixed.

Officials Work Assignment Copying

In some tournament types the copying of the officials used in one event to another event was not working correctly. This issue has been fixed and is working correctly now.

PDF Requirements For All Reports Removed

The Chief Judge, Safety and Towboat reports are not using the PDF format as we have done in the past. We are now producing two different types of formats for these reports.

The first is a PRN file that presents the information in a presentation for people to read and digest.

The second report is in a CSV format and has a TXT file extension. In this type of format all of the information is presented in a long string of data and is for the importing into an

Excel spreadsheet or a database program for processing. Headquarters is now importing all there of these reports into Access and it will give them a ability to analyze the information and produce more comprehensive reports.

Slalom Class C Mulligan Rule

For many years in novice slalom events, the LOC has opted to use a mulligan based scoring to allow our newcomers a second chance to score buoys and has brought in many new skiers to our tournaments. Now the Rules Committee, in their infinite wisdom, will allow us to use this option in Class C and below sanctioned tournaments.

Enhanced reride functionality to identify the new 10.03 rule for Class C and lower tournaments. The enhancement will mark a first pass with a score of 6 but missed entry gates as a reride per rule 10.03. If the next pass is successful, then the score is recorded and the skier is allowed to continue. If the skier does not make a full pass on the 2nd pass then the score is recorded as zero.

Jump Timing

An error was found that was incorrectly allowing a fast 41m segment time. This has been corrected.

Linking Trick Videos To Skier Score Sheets In Live Web Scoring

Dave has developed a process that will allow you to link the video of a skiers trick passes to their score sheets when you are using the Live Web scoring option in a tournament. Dave linked all of the trick videos from the 2013 Eastern Regional Championships and I linked 6 skiers to the Sunset Classic/ US Team Trials to learn the procedures involved in this process and develop a To Do list of the steps involved. Both of these tournaments are listed on the Live Web Scoring link on the waterskiresults.com website.

We will call the following steps Plan A and they have been tested and worked, the only caveat, is that you need to read and follow each step as noted. This will save you heart ache and exasperation during the process.

Keep in mind that the area where the videos are being reviewed by the event Judges and the scoring processing areas are separate and it is not realistic to try and post these videos in a live timeframe. There is the 2 hour period of review by the skiers and or their representatives to correct scoring errors and the Rules are very specific in how this process is handled. The scoring of the Trick runs is the most intense time for the scorers during the tournament and we are NOT recommending that you try to add this to your workload during this timeframe and post the videos live. This will be your call based on your situation.

The first steps in the process will be to have a discussion with the Technical Controller and the Chief Judge on the format for the name of the skiers and associating them correctly with the skiers' name that has been provided in the tournament template download; this will give you a consistent platform to work from.

This is the suggested steps to accomplish this:

1. The scorer will export the SplashEye skier running order list from the Trick Running Order screen in WSTIMS to your tournament folder and then can be exported to a Flash drive for the Technical Controller to import into the Trick video computer to be used by the Judges for the event. The SplashEye and Corson Timing programs will both import this list.
2. The official timer for the event will select the skier name for each video from the dropdown list of names.
3. The official timer will save the video files to the video folder of each video processed. This will also identify the round and the pass along with the skiers name.
4. At some point the Technical Controller will export these video files to a Flash drive for the scorer to upload to the Live Scoring of the tournament on the WSTIMS website.
5. Dave has worked out a process within WSTIMS to handle this automatically after selecting the Video Upload feature in the Trick scoring portion of WSTIMS.
6. This will take place when the scorer and Technical Controller have time to accomplish the upload.

Variations allowable in the naming format of the video files:

For the trick videos you will need to save the video files with the skier's name as it appears on the tournament registration. If the tournament has only 1 round then the file name should include a designation for the pass such as P1, P2, Pass1, or Pass2. If the tournament has more than 1 round then the file name should include the round designation such as R1, R2, Round 1, or Round2.

Here are some examples of the various ways that Dave believes (empathize believe) you can format the video file names that should work. The first is the one Dave recommends, but all should work. He used "mp4" as the file extension but any valid video file format should work.

e.g. DavidAllenR1P1.mp4, DavidAllenR1P2.mp4, DavidAllenR2P1.mp4,
DavidAllenR2P2.mp4

e.g. DavidAllenP1.mp4, DavidAllenP2.mp4, DavidAllenP1.mp4, DavidAllenP2.mp4

e.g. David Allen r1 p1.mp4, David Allen r1p2.mp4, David Allen r2p1.mp4, David Allen r2r2.mp4

e.g. Allen, David r1 p1.mp4, Allen, David r1p2.mp4, Allen, David r2p1.mp4, Allen, David r2r2.mp4

Keep in mind that this is Plan A!

Now to your procedures to use in this process:

When scoring tricks you can send the scores to the Web Scoreboard the same as always.

To load the videos to the video hosting service use the "Load Video Files" option under the trick menu. On this window do the following:

- Use the "Select Files" button to locate and select 1 or more video files (use the standard "control click" to select multiple files).
- You can assign tags to the videos by either selecting the check boxes.
- Use the Add Tag button to add new tags to assign to the videos. Tags are used to search for videos on the <http://sproutvideo.com/> website, not really relevant at this point.
- Before the upload process begins, you will see the video file name in the top of the panel and a drop down list of skier names below. You will need to select the skier name to associate with the displayed video file name. You will do this for each video/ pass of the skier.
- Use the "Load" button and it will read thru the selected files, match it with a skier, and then upload the video. Each pass video will take about 2 ½ minutes to upload with a DSL internet connection. I have not tried this with my MiFi at this time. If a file name doesn't match a skier exactly you will be given a list of selections for you to select the matching skier for a video file.
- Once the files have been uploaded you should open the Trick Entry window. Show either all the trick skiers or filter it to match the trick videos uploaded.
- Use the "Live Web" button to "Resend Visible Skiers" to resend the skiers scores which will now include a reference to the videos.
- Go to the Web Scoreboard.
- Select tricks and view the skiers scored.
- Select a skier and you should see the trick form and the videos should be available.

I did encounter a problem with one of my skier uploads during my testing. When I checked the Live Scoring of the skier on the website, his first pass was blank and his second pass video was there. I surmised that I must have done something wrong (not unusual), so I went back to WSTIMS and resent the pass 1 video file. I then went back to the website and there in pass 1 was a panel that was black with the run dart in the middle. I clicked on the refresh icon on the top right and the skier did not appear. I conferred with Dave and he said that at the file goes into the cache (that mysterious area in the computers operating ram) where things go for processing sometimes will refresh with a click of the refresh icon. He said I needed a "hard refresh" and he had me hold down the shift key and press the F5 key simultaneously and the refresh worked and the video was there for all to see.

Keep in mind that all of this is Plan A and if you read carefully and follow the instructions, everything will work.

If you have problems, we are here to assist you, Jeff

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Update 2.0.1.4 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.0.1.4 is now available for download. This update has a housekeeping issue for IWWF tie breaking and a new procedure to use for scoring slalom skiers in Class C tournaments that are attempting to qualify for Level 9 Open division.

Tie Breaking Criteria For IWWF Rules

Dave has enhanced the tie breaking criteria for tournaments using the IWWF rules set. This involves single and multiple tie breaking options that may occur in a tournament. This will affect slalom, trick and jump events as well as reporting the correct placements in the Master Scorebook.

Procedures For Scoring Men 3-6/MM And Women 5 Slalom When Higher Speed Is Used

The following is posted on the Rules Committee link in the Three Event tab on the USA-WS website. It is a work in progress and Dave Allen has written the required coding into the program, so that the scoring results will be properly applied to the ranking List via the WSP file and allows the skier to attempt to meet the requirements for skiing in the Open divisions. Dave Clark has made the necessary changes to the Ranking List criteria.

This will not affect the Boys1-2 and Girls 1-2 slalom skiers because they have the option of moving to the Boys 3 and Girls 3 divisions to ski at the higher speed standards. Keep in mind that Boys and Girls 3 are up to 17 years of age and the sub-categories of Boys and Girls 1-2 are for competitive purposes.

This new option is being put into effect for the older age divisions.

MEN 3-6 SLALOM SKIERS Seeking OPEN MEN Qualification Background:

Men 3-6/Master Men slalom skiers who seek an Open qualification at 34 mph are required to ski a little further down the rope than they would if they could ski at 36 mph. For example, on any given day the Open Men Level 9 cutoff score could be 109, which is 1 @ 39 for Open Men/Men 1/Men 2 skiers at 36 mph. For Men 3-6 or Master Men skiers it is also 109 buoys, which at 34 mph is 1 @ 41. Where the rub comes is that while a Men 3-6 or Master Men skier *could* elect to ski at 36 mph instead of 34 mph, rule 10.06 D dictates that their total buoy score would be computed as though they were skiing at 34 instead of 36. So a 1@ 39 at 36 mph for a Men3 skier becomes 103, rather than 109.

Hence the rule is blocking a path that the Men 3-6/Master Men should be able to use if they want to ski at the higher speed.

Pending Rules Committee Action: The Rules Committee is in the process of modifying AWSA Rule 10.06 D, second sentence, to accommodate these skiers and will probably read:

Any passes skied at that higher speed shall receive credit for buoys as though they were being run at his division maximum speed for the official scoring in his age division. *For elite qualification purposes, however, those higher speed passes shall receive credit for buoys at the speed actually skied.*

Until this rule is finally approved there is an existing alternate method (work-around) to accommodate these skiers.

The Work-Around: For scoring, the skier can be placed in division IM (International Men) for sanctioned tournaments Class C and above where his 36 mph performance will be recognized by the ranking system and treated as being equivalent to AWSA Open Men (OM). The skier will also continue to be ranked as a Men3-6 skier using the scoring offset but will also be placed on the OM ranking list. That list will show "not qualified" UNTIL such time as the skier's average buoy count equals or surpasses the Level 9 threshold for OM and moves him onto the list of qualified open skiers.

The division of IM/IW is not part of the AWSA published schema but was created in WSTIMS to handle international skiers skiing in AWSA events and will now handle this unique situation.

This procedure could also be used for Women 5 skiers **to ski as IW, where they want to** qualify for Open **Women**, since the Women 5 slalom speed is lower than the Open Women speed of 34mph.

This option may not be used at Regionals or Nationals per rule 3.02D

All of the regions are getting in the groove this weekend and joining those of us in the warmer climates in enjoying our great sport.

See you soon and if you have any questions or problems, please contact us to make your work easier.

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Update 2.0.1.5 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.0.1.5 is now available for download and has fixed several glitches and procedures and updated the AWSA, IWWF and NCWSA records table.

Registration Revised For Changing Skiers Age Division

It is currently allowed to edit a skier registration and you can change a skiers division but there is no warning if the skier has scores nor are the scores recalculated if required.

Added warning message when the division is changed if a skier has scores. In the future will consider automatically recalculating, but at this time it is too complicated.

Unable To Update Slalom Pass Information Under Some Circumstances

The issue was that if the active round is different from the skier round and then pass data was being blocked from being updated, because there are issues with allowing updates in this condition. Enhanced protection to change background color and disable all fields from being updated. This should make it more obvious that the data is view only.

The Jump Re-Ride Conditions Were Re-Evaluated To Ensure Proper Rules Are Being Utilized For IWWF And AWSA

There were some issues with jumpers being unable to improve a score when by rule they should have been allowed to do so.

IWWF File Uploads Processed Automatically

Dave Clark, the manager of the AWSA Ranking List and the processes involved in importing the tournament information files and the export of the IWWF required files from class L and R tournaments has provided the following information on the automated process that meets the requirements of the IWWF ranking system and Homologation files for the tournaments.

Was just visiting this latest newsletter, and it occurred to me that your communications platform would be a good place to include a reminder to all scorers that for AWSA Class L and R events, that the USA Water Ski post-tournament report management system,

automatically posts the results of all USA Water Ski sanctioned events that include class L or R performances, to the IWWF homologation and ranking list systems.

Simply put, there isn't anything that IWWF requires, that USA Water Ski does not also require anyhow – and so our system is designed to pass along all of the IWWF-required documents – which currently include a Homologation Dossier, a Scorebook, a Jump Timing data file, and a Ranking List data file – automatically, as those documents hit the USA-WS system. For the past couple of years this interface was only “semi-automatic” – i.e. the documents were being sent, but were then gathered and only posted to the IWWF system in batches, about once each week. This spring we just went through a conversion of that interface, and now the postings will be done much more in real time, and will show up on the IWWF Homologation Listing within minutes after the upload to USA-WS is complete.

Consequently, any attempts by AWSA officials to upload such files and documents to the IWWF website is more likely to interfere with that automated processing, and could result in lost scores.

So please help spread the word that they should NOT attempt to do so.

In similar fashion, the latest IWWF rules also speaks to their new requirement for class L and R tournaments to be “Registered” with IWWF and incorporated into their published schedule. Again, that is only required elsewhere in the world – the listings they publish includes a referral link to the USA Water Ski tournament schedules, and so AWSA organizers do NOT need to also go through that laborious process of manually entering all of that information again with IWWF.

And as long as we're talking about IWWF, just a reminder about the “Foreign Skier” identity issue, which I sent a separate note to you and Dave about the other day – what is being said on the IWWF website, and possibly also in their rulebook, about scorers collecting foreign identifiers at the local tournament level and then passing that information along upstream with their submitted results – only applies outside the USA Water Ski system – here in the USA, that functionality is being handled by our membership and rankings system, without the local level officials needing to concern themselves. The system framework is already in place – so it's only necessary for such foreign skiers to get their Foreign Federation Identifier into the USA-WS membership system once, and then the rest is completely transparent – their scores will be forwarded to IWWF using that ID, as required by the IWWF rules.

Just a reminder on the age divisions to use when preparing your tournament for scoring when you are using the AWSA rules (normal setup). There are big differences in the age

ranges between the AWSA and the IWWF that can be confusing and cause some errors. It is highly recommended that you use the AWSA age divisions for your tournament setup and then during the processing of the files to be exported to the IWWF, these age divisions (by birth date) will be converted to the proper IWWF age divisions from your submitted ZIP file.

State and Regional Tournament Setup and Scorebook Options Review

We are about to enter the time of the season for the State Championships and Regional tournaments. We need to review the standard procedures that we have used for many years and cover the setup issues so that the Scorebook and the seeding files are produced properly using the WSTIMS for Windows program.

First let's review the standard operating procedures for the State championships. Each state has a set of qualifying procedures to enter the tournament and the primary requirement is to be a resident of the state in order to enter the tournament. In addition to these participants, the states have been allowing out of state skiers to enter the tournament and ski for scores on the Ranking List only. This allows the program to award the qualified in state skiers placements for awards and to be recognized as State Champions in their events.

The way that we separate these two groups of skiers is very simple and has been in place for many years.

1. In the tournament you have both individual skiers and those skiing for Overall awards.
2. For all of the qualified state residents, use the standard age division codes for all of the events that the skier enters. This will make all of the Overall scores and age division events calculate the scores properly.
3. For the "out of state" skiers you should isolate them into a separate group so the program will isolate their scores from the rest of the qualified participants and will not put their placements in the seeding list, only their performances for the Ranking List. We have designated in the program the appropriate protocols for the Ranking List and have this tied to the standard code of "RL" for these skiers and you must use this code for each event entered by the out of state or out of region skier so that your scorebook will work properly.
4. To make your Scorebook and the related Seeding file handle this properly during and at the end of the tournament you will need to go to the Administrative tab > Tournament List > Set Report Properties.

There are three sections in the list of reporting properties that you need to edit.

Master Scorebook Reporting Properties > The first option is Scores to Use > select First, in the second option box Points Calculation Method > select

NOPS, in the third option Placement Option > select score, and in the fourth option Placement Grouping > select Div/Group as the settings for your Scorebook.

In the Master Overall Reporting Properties section the settings will be Scores to Use > select Best, Points Calculation Method > select NOPS, Placement Option > select Points, and in the fourth option Placement Grouping > select Div/Group as the settings for your Scorebook.

If you are having a Team competition within your state or region, the default settings will handle this situation.

5. A byproduct of this of course, is that the Running Order option in the program will isolate these skiers in this special group and be easy for you to use when creating your running orders for the tournament. Most of the state tournaments are seeded and these skiers in the RL group always ski first, with several asterisks in front of their name to identify them on the running order.
6. You would then score your tournament as you usually do and the program will take care of storing the data.
7. Some of the tournaments are hosting two rounds of competition. The standard in this situation is for the Round 1 scores to reflect the State/Regional Championships and the Round 2 scores are to be used for the Ranking List only.
8. When you run your reports in the Tournament Package Build tab, and the “Scorebook (Web)” report is about to be produced, a dropdown panel will appear with the three types of scorebooks available to be produced and you should choose the “Championship/Index” format for this Scorebook.

When you are the Chief Scorer for your Regional tournament the same procedures listed above must be used for the tournament.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you on the road.

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The updated version 2.0.1.6 is now available for download and has fixed several glitches and added an update to the AWSA and IWWF records tables along with the new 2014 Homologation dossier.

Live Web Settings Caused Crashes

There was an error in setting up the Live Web that has caused crashes. The issue was happening when the location field was blank and the default location was being set incorrectly. Default location is now being properly set if no value is supplied.

Added Trained Driver to the Officials Ratings List

Trained Drivers are being used in Grassroots tournaments and the program now support this new rating.

Slalom Score Entry Correction

If a time was unavailable for a pass, there wasn't a way to indicate this condition and move on to a reride. This issue has been fixed to allow you to click on the reride check box, give a reason, and then move on to repeat the pass.

Issue Reported For Scores In IWWF Divisions In Class C And E Tournaments

Total buoy scores are showing as 6 buoys higher than they should be when an IWWF age division is used with a class of E or C event.

The issue has been fixed to calculate the correct IWWF buoy count regardless of skier event class.

Updated the records tables for AWSA and IWWF to the current approved records.

The new 2014 Homologators dossier has been included in the program.

Have fun at your Regional tournaments and we will see you at the Nationals in San Marcos, TX.

Jeff & Dave

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Update 2.0.1.9 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.0.1.9 is now available for download.

We made it through the Regionals and Nationals with a few bumps in the road and I need to bring you up to date on the revisions and fixes that have been made on the fly to fix the issues. This will cover versions 2.0.1.7-8-9 and the revisions that were made.

Jump Summary Placements Incorrect When Using Runoff To Break Ties

The Jump summary placements were incorrect when using runoff to break ties. The program was not properly identifying the tie breaker score to use for this purpose and this has been corrected.

Drivers Ratings In Official Work Record

All members without a Driver's rating were showing as trained drivers when it should have been unrated. The Driver rating table had an incorrect value associated with the trained driver entry. This has been corrected for any new tournaments.

Registration Error When Deleting Participant

Getting an error when attempting to remove a skier from a tournament on the Registration sheet. The code processing the deletion was building the deleted participants incorrectly. This has now been fixed.

Official Work Record Error

Instances were being reported of officials being added to the tournament registration list after the template has been imported, but an Official Work record was not being created. The Official Work record should always be created when a member is added to the tournament. Dave could not determine the exact cause of this issue, but he fixed the issue by checking for this condition when the Official Work Record window is opened and adding any missing records.

Live Web Scoring Error

There have been fatal errors encountered when making a connection to the internet with the Live Web scoring. This usually occurs when you have a weak signal from your connecting device and carrier. We have seen this occur on iPad, iPhone and Mifi and is not the problem with the connecting hardware, but the carrier signal that you are

receiving. If the carrier signal is variable from strong too weak, like a roller coaster ride, you could encounter this problem and need to re-connect the Live Web Scoring link. Dave has added more exception handling and logging to catch these situations and hopefully solve the issue.

Championship Scorebook Contains Scores For Skiers That Did Not Participate

Skiers who didn't actually ski are showing up in the Championship scorebook. Dave corrected the Scorebook and the Overall Summary to properly exclude skiers that were registered for an event, but did not actually ski.

Dave and I enjoyed our time at the Nationals and got to spend time with some excellent scorers and get their feedback and suggestions on how to make the program better for everyone.

We have been asked to prepare a WSTIMS 101 folder that will contain the latest Power Point presentation on the basic setup for new scorers to use for practice.

We also spent time with Dave Clark and developed a plan for updating the Installation instructions steps for preparing the AWSA tournament template for importing into WSTIMS.

These projects are on the table and will be developed this fall and tested for accuracy and the users before we put them in place. We will let you know in our newsletter as each project is ready for prime time use.

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Update 2.1.1.0 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.1.1.0 is now available for download and has fixed several glitches in Jumping and in the Trick score imports with video files.

Jump Speed Noted Incorrectly In Scorebook

Scorers and skiers have reported that in some cases the wrong speed is showing in the scorebook for their Jump passes. Dave found that if the times were entered for a pass, but then if a new speed was inadvertently selected before entering both the feet and meters, then the wrong speed was being recorded for the jump. This has now been corrected.

Error When Importing Trick Score

Sometimes we have been getting an error when importing trick scores after the Video URL has been removed from the Trick Score table. Dave enhanced the import process to bypass these fields when importing files created before these fields were eliminated from this table. These fields have been moved to a separate table.

Slalom, Trick And Jump Summaries Improved

The Skier Name and City do not always fit in the cell size on the Summary reports. Dave updated the report grid to allow the user to resize the Skier Name and City cells.

Improved Trick Video Processing

Allow just a number to be interpreted as the pass number for a single round trick event. This will benefit both AWSA and NCWSA tournament formats.

The change for the trick video load will significantly simplify the process. New process will be as follows:

- The instruction for naming the files has only changed slightly. The one change is that if the trick event is only 1 round then if the file name has a 1 or a 2 then I will assume that indicates the pass. Previously I only looked for P1 or P2.
- The most significant change is that the web site will be automatically updated when each video file is successfully uploaded. This eliminates the need to resend the trick scores after the video files have been uploaded.
- I have also eliminated the issue of the URL being lost when exporting and importing trick scores from one computer to another.

We are anticipating receiving the new 2015 NOPS values in the next few days and will send out a new update when they have been placed in our NOPS tables. The AWSA Ranking list will also be updated at the same time and will automatically recalculate the Overall scores for the skiers. It will be your responsibility to rerun your scorebooks and publish them to the multitudes. This will require you to rerun your scorebooks and then run the Tournament Package build to get a new ZIP file and send this on to your Regional Seeding representative for uploading to the system.

The Records table has been updated to reflect all of the records as of September 30 approved by the technical committee.

Enjoy your fall and thank you for all you do for our sport.

Jeff

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Update 2.1.1.1 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.1.1.1 is now available for download. This version fixed a glitch in the download and the 2015 NOPS tables are now in place.

Microsoft Excel Download Error

Version 2.1.1.0 had an error in the download of the update. There was an issue with some of the functionality that writes to Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. A new technique has been implemented to eliminate the error some people were experiencing with the upgrade. This was an unexpected error and please accept our apologies.

2015 NOPS Values Have Arrived

The 2015 NOPS Values have been placed in the tables and the program will produce the correct NOPS scores by event and Overall from this version through the last day of next year's Nationals.

If you have scored a 3 event tournament since the Nationals, you have noted the popup stated that the 2014 NOPS values were being used for the tournament. The AWSA Ranking List will automatically recalculate the correct NOPS scores for all skiers in all tournaments since that time.

If you want to have your posted scorebooks reflect the correct values, you will need to rerun the Tournament Package Build to accomplish this task. As he did last year, Dave has inserted a "NOPS Update" button at the top/center of the section.

Steps to take to recalculate your scorebooks:

1. Go to the Tournament List and activate the 3 event tournament that you want to recalculate.
2. Go to the Tournament Package Build and click on > NOPS Update in the middle – top of the panel.
3. This will produce the Word SBK file, Website.cs scorebook.
4. When these files have been produced, click on > Tournament Package at the end of the list to produce the new TS files and ZIP the package up.
5. Send the revised ZIP file to your Regional Seeding representative.

We are about to go into the time of the year when we evaluate new updates to the program for the new season beginning in March of next year. If you have any issues that need to be addressed or ideas that will benefit you and the other users of the program, now is the time to get your wants and needs on our list for evaluation for next year. Do not wait until early next year to do this, so that we have time to make the changes and test them before the season starts.

Happy holidays and enjoy your cool weather activities.

Jeff and Dave

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Update 2.1.1.3 is Available for Downloading

The updated version 2.1.1.3 is now available for download and the biggest plus is in the download itself and the elimination of the error that those with versions of Excel before 2010 are now able to complete the update without receiving an error message. This fix gave Dave many new grey hairs while overcoming the glitch that Microsoft created for him. He also has found and fixed several glitches that we have been chasing for many moons and ski seasons.

Database Upgrades Processing Improved

Some of you were losing valuable information during the update process which also would update you database, causing valuable data to be over written and deleted. Now when saving a new database, the program will check for an existing file and backup if available, by adding a verification check to ensure that an existing database is not inadvertently overlaid. If destination database exists it is copied to a backup file before being overlaid.

Slalom Error When Updating Class In Scoring Panel Is Solved

After selecting a new class for a skier in the scoring panel and then navigating to another skier an error is being shown and in some cases the program is showing an exception message. The program was attempting to update the score but since there were no passes available and an unhandled exception was being encountered. A check was added to eliminate this issue.

Slalom Cell Jump Placement Has Finally Been Fixed

The glitch that has caused the cursor to go to a second cell in the next scoring line has finally been found and fixed. Occasionally the cursor for the next pass would end up being in the second judge cell, rather than the first and it drove all of us crazy. It seemed to happen most often on the 3rd pass and Dave has identified an inconsistent timing issue that has now been fixed.

2015 NOPS Factors Now Available

A feature has been added to the Tournament Package Build window to recalculate the NOPS values for 2015 tournaments scored before version 2.1.1.0 was available.

This feature will also rebuild the scorebook, the skier performance file, and rebuild the package ZIP file. You can then resubmit the revised ZIP file to your Regional Seeding Representative for uploading to the system.

All of the records for AWSA, IWWF and NCWSA have been updated.

Dave and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and safe travels to be with your families.