



# **2008 ADDENDUM**

## **Rule changes to the 2007 Aquabike rules**



**501 / Technical rules pages 55 to 58  
Replacement by the following version**

## **501 TECHNICAL RULES**

### **501.1 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT**

**501.1.1** Personal Watercraft (PWC) shall mean a vessel which uses an inboard engine powering a water-jet pump as its primary source of motive power. It is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than inside it. They are steered from the front directing a rear jet or fully enclosed prop drive system. They are defined as Class A inboard boats by the United States Coast Guard.

**501.1.2** The two divisions of race used are Ski division and Runabout.

### **501.2 SKI DIVISION 2 STROKE**

**501.2.1** The Ski Division includes PWC which are designed for one person to stand on and are controlled from a pivoting handlepole.

**501.2.2** Watercraft competing in the Ski Division must conform to the following criteria:

- 1) **The allowed cubic capacity if the one of origin given by the manufacturer.**
- 2) Dry weight must be greater than 114 kg.
- 2) Hull length cannot exceed 304.8 cm.
- 3) Hull width must be between 50,8 cm and 76,2 cm.

**501.2.3** For the Ski division homologated before September 1, 1998, the weight minimum must be 168 kg.

### **501.3 SKI DIVISION 4 STROKE**

**501.3.1** The Ski Division includes PWC which are designed for one person to stand on and are controlled from a pivoting mobile arm.

**501.3.2** Watercraft competing in the Ski Division must conform to the following criteria:

- 1) **The allowed cubic capacity is the one of origin given by the manufacturer.**
- 2) Dry weight must be greater than 114 kg.
- 3) Hull length cannot exceed 304.8 cm.
- 4) Hull width must be between 50,8cm and 76,2 cm.

## 501.4 HYDROSPACE SUPER STOCK

In category Ski division Super Stock, Hydrospace S4 Ski division 4 Stroke turbo charge 749 cc is only authorised to participate in the category Ski division Super Stock.

## 501.5 RUNABOUT DIVISION 2 STROKE

**501.5.1** The Runabout Division includes PWC which are designed for one or more people and have a seat.

**501.5.2** Watercraft competing in the Runabout Division must conform to the following criteria:

- 1) **The allowed cubic capacity is the one of origin given by the manufacturer.**
- 2) Dry weight must be greater than 216 kg.
- 3) Hull length cannot exceed 342.9 cm.
- 4) Hull width must be between 96.5 cm and 127 cm.

**501.5.3** For Endurance only:

- 1) Hull length cannot exceed 394 cm.
- 2) I width must be greater than 96.5 cm.

**501.5.4** For the Ski division homologated before September 1, 1998, the weight minimum must be 191 kg.



**403.04 rule – pages 40-41**  
**Additional text printed in bold**

## 403.04 TIME OF LODGING A PROTEST / PROTEST PERIOD

A protest regarding the qualification of a boat, a motor, or a driver must be made before the drivers briefing. Starting in a race is considered as acceptance of the conditions and the eligibility of the other competitors. The only exception to the above is when the protester can prove the facts were not given to him before the drivers briefing, then a protest can be lodged up to one hour after the posting of the results.

Any other protest must be lodged within one hour of the first results being posted with the following exceptions:

A protest of a driver (driver “A”) against another driver (driver “B”) can be lodged within **30 minutes after the posting of the protest form according to rule 404.03** if driver “B” has been penalized and **himself** protested against this penalty. **Without lodging such a protest driver “A” shall not be entitled to appeal against the jury decision.**

A protest against new results **which are not caused by a jury decision** can be lodged within one hour of these new results being posted, but only concerning the decision, which lead to the changing of the results.

A protest against any other decision, posted after the posting of the first results can be lodged within one hour after the posting of this decision.



**404.03 rule – pages 42-43**  
**Additional text printed in bold**

### **404.03 – THE HEARING PROCEDURE**

The following procedure must be followed in all hearings unless otherwise stated elsewhere in these rules :

- Written minutes must be taken.
- All parties to the case are entitled to be present and to hear and question all evidence at the hearing up to the time the Jury makes its decision. The protest, shall be read out to the parties.
- The parties shall be invited to state their cases. The parties may call witnesses. Each witness, after having given his account of the case, may be questioned by all parties and by the members of the Jury.
- Any member of the Jury who is familiar with the case may give his evidence
- The parties shall be entitled to question each other and any member of the Jury who may have given evidence.
- -The witnesses shall withdraw and the parties shall be invited to make a final statement of their cases.
- The Jury may recall any party, previous witness or new witness and call on other evidence to verify the facts.
- The parties must be present during the whole of the recall and must be given the opportunity to question any new evidence after which they may re-make their final statements.
- **A copy of the protest must be posted in the same way as the results. The time of posting must be noted on this copy.**



**405 rule – page 43**  
**Additional text printed in bold**

## **405 – THE APPEALS PROCEDURE**

With reference to the 405 appeals procedure, any time limits which end on a Saturday or Sunday shall end on the following Monday. **If the Appellant misses any time limit the appeal will be rejected as void.**



**405.10 rule – pages 45-46**  
**Additional text printed in bold**

## **405.10 - COSTS**

The appeal fee is 1525 €. In addition the driver has to pay 2290 € to the U.I.M. for possible costs of the appeal committee (meetings, telephone, fax, **laboratory, experts or other costs of the appeal procedure**). The appeal fee for a single championship/invitation race (not a Formula race, or a WOC race or similar) is 760 €, in addition the driver has to pay 760 €, to the U.I.M. for possible costs of the appeal committee.

**If during the procedure further costs arise, the Appellant has to deposit the missing amount accordingly within 14 days from notification.**

The driver who appeals has to pay for the meeting costs anyway if the appeal is upheld or not. If the costs of the appeal committee is less than 2290 € then the difference will be paid back to the driver.

The appeal fee of 1525 € will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. If the original decision is changed by the appeal board 405.09), it can decide to refund a percentage of the appeal fee if appropriate. If there is an infringement to rule 405.05, the Chairman of the Appeal Board can decide that the appeal is not considered valid since the expiry dates were not respected. In this case 50 % of the received appeal fee will be reimbursed to the appellant.

The driver may agree to forego an Appeal Committee meeting and for the appeal to be handled through telephone, e-mail and fax, if possible, in order to minimise the cost for the appeal.



**406.02 rule – page 47**  
**Additional text printed in bold**

#### **406.02 – DEADLINES FOR PENALIZING**

**The first posted results are provisional for one hour.**

The OOD and the U.I.M. Commissioner can only impose penalties until **the expiry of this hour.**

The National Authority and/ or the U.I.M. Executive Committee can only impose penalties within 3 months from the day, the infringement occurred.

These deadlines are not valid for penalties imposed by the OOD for the reason of post race scrutineering **and under the condition that this is stated on the results sheet.**

**In this case the results will remain provisional until one hour after the finalization of the post race scrutineering.**

**The date and time of finalization of the post race scrutineering must be recorded by the U.I.M. Technical Commissioner or other technical scrutinizer in charge.**

**If the post race scrutineering can not be finalized until the end of the event and the OOD has already left the race site** the penalty has to be imposed as soon as possible after the receipt of the scrutineering results by the OOD.