



Discipline Recognition Policy

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The inclusion and integration of emerging and developing towed watersports disciplines, is integral to WSWC's mission statement. Therefore, it is incumbent upon WSWC to recognize these disciplines and support their development towards achieving pre-defined goals, and towards complete integration into WSWC committee/program structure. Accordingly;

1. **Emerging** Discipline: A discipline that is active in not less than 1 province, and less than 4 provinces.

Active means:

- there is a discipline specific representative recognized within the provincial association structure, and
- a grassroots skills program is evident (i.e. annual clinics, demonstrations, etc.)

2. **Developing** Discipline: A discipline that is active in at least 4 provinces, and less than 7 provinces.

Active means:

- there is a discipline specific representative within the provincial association structure,
- a grassroots skills program is evident,
- there are at least 40 discipline specific WSWC licensed competitors,
- a provincial championships held annually in each active province, and
- a national championships is held annually.

3. An Emerging or Developing Discipline must apply in writing and be approved by Congress to become WSWC recognized.

4. WSWC may provide an annual contribution for an emerging discipline, for a period of 3 consecutive years. WSWC funds will be directed towards projects that help achieve developing discipline status. If after 3 consecutive years of funding Developing Discipline status is not achieved WSWC recognition and funding support will be discontinued until such time as the discipline re-applies through Congress.

5. Exemptions from this policy maybe considered by Congress for disciplines that are based along social, gender, or special populations (i.e. disabled, aboriginal, etc.)

6. If a discipline is recognized by IWSF, WSWC automatically recognizes it.