

**ELITE EVENT TOURNAMENT APPROVAL**  
**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS**

Tournaments may apply to become an IWWF “Elite Tournament” based on the following requirements and criteria:

1. All Elite Tournaments must be sanctioned by their IWWF affiliated National Governing Body, and approved by their Regional Federation (if applicable, such as E&A).

2. The IWWF Open World Championships shall automatically be deemed approved as an Elite Tournament.

3. All other tournaments seeking to be designated as an IWWF Elite Tournament must apply to the IWWF Tournament Council Chairman. The application must address the following criteria:

A. Some or all of the events of the tournament may be applied for, or approved, for Elite Tournament status.

B. The purse must be not less than US\$12,000 for each men’s event, and US\$9,000 for each women’s event. Consideration may be given to “introductory” Elite Tournament tournaments with a reduced purse.

C. The entry criteria must be performance based (without other non-performance based entry criteria), such that the highest world ranked skiers are invited to attend. Entry to an Elite Tournaments must be open to athletes based solely on athletic performances, such as the IWWF Ranking List, dynamic ranking list, the Elite ranking list, winning or placement at other, qualifying tournaments, etc. While the tournament sponsor may determine the number of athletes who will be able to participate in the event (but not less than 8 men and 6 women per elite event), the criteria should be solely based on these athletic performances and should not be based on other non-performance based criteria. Any openings shall be filled by inviting the next highest ranked skier (under the applicable qualifying criteria) who is not yet invited. The preferred criteria is the Elite qualifying List as published by the IWWF. In addition to inviting ranked skiers per this procedure, the tournament organizer may invite not more than 2 “wild card” skiers per event to participate in the elite events. An organizer may propose an alternate selection method based on historical precedent that must be approved. However, it must be based on athletic performance and/or tournament placement.

E. The officials (judges, scorers, drivers, and homologator) for all Elite Tournaments must be submitted for review and approval. Elite Tournament officials must have qualifications and experience which are appropriate for the event.

4. The IWWF Tournament Council Chairman may consider other applicable criteria, such as scheduling conflicts, prior Elite Tournament experience, and any other relevant factors in considering an application.

5. All applications should be submitted to the IWWF Tournament Council Chairman for approval. The IWWF Tournament Council Chairman may consult the full Tournament Council when deemed appropriate for approval/denial status.

6. Approval as an Elite Tournament (except for the Open World Championships) is not automatic, and the decision to approve any Elite Tournament application is within the discretion and judgment of the IWWF Tournament Council.