
Rules of the Wakeboard Criterion of the South African Water Ski Federation

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Rules of the Wakeboard Criterion

1. **Introduction**

The rules set out below are the rules of the Wakeboard Criterion (“Wakeboard”) of the South African Water Ski Federation (“the Federation”) and have been adopted in terms of the Constitution of the Federation. In these rules, words importing the singular shall include the plural, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine.

The definitions used in the Constitution of the Federation shall apply in these rules.

“A” Rules

2. **Reserved fund**

(none at the moment)

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the “A” Rules may only be amended with the approval of 75% of the Administrative and Competitive members of the Criterion present in person or represented by proxy in a class meeting.

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“B” Rules

3. Language

The official language of the Criterion is English.

4. Auditors

- 4.1. The auditors of the Federation will be the auditors of the Criterion.
- 4.2. The auditors shall be given full access to the financial statements of the Criterion to enable an audit to be carried out.

5. Corporate governance

- 5.1. The Criterion may open more than one bank account.
- 5.2. Any two of the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary of the Criterion or Secretary of the Federation shall be signatories to the Criterion's bank accounts. A signatory that is a beneficiary, directly or indirectly, of any amount paid by the Criterion shall not be entitled to act as a signatory in the matter in which he has an interest.
- 5.3. The Criterion Committee members shall act with utmost good faith in their dealings with the Criterion.
- 5.4. Executive Council members, Criterion Committee members and riders selected to ski in national or regional teams shall sign the code of conduct of the Federation, as amended from time to time.
- 5.5. A summary of up-to-date financial information shall be circulated to Criterion Committee members every quarter.

6. Remuneration of Criterion Committee members

- 6.1. No members of the Criterion Committee shall be paid a salary.
- 6.2. Criterion Committee members may be paid out-of-pocket expenses. The Criterion Committee shall have the power to determine a policy with regard to out-of-pocket expenses. Alternatively, such expenses will be reimbursed if agreed with the Chairman and Treasurer prior to them being incurred. The Treasurer (or Chairman) and one independent Criterion Committee member may approve expenses incurred by the Chairman (or Treasurer).

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7. Criterion colours

- 7.1. The colours of the Criterion shall be those of the Federation.
- 7.2. The Badge of the Criterion shall be the badge of the Federation, with the addition of the word "Wakeboard".
- 7.3. The following persons may be awarded the Criterion Badge
 - 7.3.1. Criterion Committee Members;
 - 7.3.2. Representatives of the Criterion on any trip outside the borders of South Africa;
 - 7.3.3. Riders selected to ski for a national team who do not meet the required qualifying standards of their Criterion for national colours; or
 - 7.3.4. Any other person recommended by the Criterion Committee.
- 7.4. The Criterion Committee shall, by a simple majority, approve the award of Criterion colours.
- 7.5. The right to wear the Criterion colours shall not be limited to any time period.

8. Standards for membership

8.1. Competitive members

A skier may be admitted as a competitive member if he has, in the last or current season:

- 8.1.1. entered at last one competition

8.2. Administrative members

A person may be admitted as an administrative member if he has, in the least or current season, in a Wakeboard:

- 8.2.1. judged; or
- 8.2.2. homologated; or
- 8.2.3. driven; or
- 8.2.4. scored;

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and is available to perform such duties in the current season.

In addition, any person who has provided meritorious service to the Criterion, or whose expertise is required, or who has served on a zonal, regional or provincial committee in the past or current year, may be admitted as an Administrative member in the sole discretion of the Criterion Committee.

8.3. Ordinary members

Any person who does not qualify as a competitive or administrative member may be admitted as an ordinary member.

9. **Rights of ordinary members**

Ordinary members shall have the right to participate in the leg(s) of the National series that are held in that riders' home region. This right is valid for one year only and, if exercised, may not be exercised again.

10. **Annual Class Meeting**

The criteria shall hold at least one call meeting per year as defined in the Federation Constitution. The following business shall be conducted:

- Reading of Notice and Minutes of previous reports
- Change to Criteria Rules
- Other business on the Agenda
- Election of Committee Members (consisting of the following minimum):
 - A chairman
 - A secretary
 - A technical director
 - A national Judge

11. **Technical rules**

11.1. The Criterion shall be governed by the Rules as read with of the IWSF Rules and the EAME Additional Rules.

11.2. The Wakeboard Criterion committee shall sanction national Wakeboards competitions.

12. **Wakeboards**

12.1. Format of Wakeboards

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The Criterion shall endeavour to hold competitions in all regions where clubs are active or can be developed. The season shall culminate in the South African Championships.

12.2. Principle of rotation

The South African Championships shall be rotated amongst the [clubs/regions] on an equitable basis, with a planned 4-year rotation being published. Any region not hosting the Championships in turn shall get first preference at the end of the published 4-year rotation.

13. Officials

13.1. The requirements for International Officials are set out in the Water Ski Federation Region EAME Additional Rules, as amended from time to time.

13.2. All Officials must be current members of the Federation in order to officiate at competitions.

13.3. All Official's qualifications are valid for one year and are subject to renewal and, in order to be considered for renewal, all officials are required to attend a seminar at least once every three years.

14. Discipline

14.1. Code of conduct

All members of the Wakeboard criterion shall be bound by the code of conduct of the Federation.

14.2. Breaches of the code of conduct

Breaches of the code of conduct will be handled as follows:

14.2.1. During training, by the chairman or manager of the club;

14.2.2. During competitions in South Africa, by the organiser of the Wakeboard; and

14.2.3. During competitions outside South Africa, by the manager of the team.

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14.3. Disciplinary committee

A disciplinary committee consisting of three Criterion Committee members shall be appointed to consider disciplinary measures.

14.4. Terms of reference of the disciplinary committee

The disciplinary committee may investigate any breach of the code of conduct by any skier. The disciplinary committee shall, at the request of a team manager review penalties; suspensions or any other disciplinary measures proposed under paragraph 7.2

15. **Selection**

15.1. Selection committee

A selection committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Wakeboard Criteria of the South African Waterski Federation, the Chief Judge of the Association, the riders representative of the SA Wakeboard Committee. Any teams selected shall be forwarded to the Criterion Committee and the Federation for approval.

15.2. Decisions of the selection committee

Decisions of the selection committee shall be by majority vote unless otherwise specified in the rules.

For competitions where selection committee selects the entry, the category in which the skier is entered will be at the discretion of that committee.

15.3. Selection philosophy

Wakeboard recognises that there may be a conflict between the selection of the team that will finish in the highest possible position in the Worlds and the need to bring credit to South African skiing through sending riders that win medals or reach the finals.

15.4. Basis for selection

Selection of riders shall be based on the average of the riders' best performances of the best three provincial, national or international competitions from the most recent summer season of both the southern hemisphere and northern hemisphere (if applicable). Riders participating in competitions overseas shall be responsible for providing their scores to the selection committee.

15.5. Non-performance related selection criteria

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The selection committee may in selecting a team, by unanimous agreement, take account of the fact that a skier was unable to ski in sufficient Wakeboards to establish a ranking because of injury.

The selection committee shall be entitled to take any riders' disciplinary record and commitment to the South African team into account for selection purposes.

15.6. Minimum standards

No skier shall be selected to ski in a Wakeboard if his performances do not meet the required minimum entry standards for that competition.

15.7. Timetable and cash deposits

The selection committee may specify times by which selected riders must commit to the team, any deposit to be paid and the terms of the deposit.

15.8. Team selection

First preference will be given to selecting a team of riders who could potentially end up as medallists as a team.

If it is unlikely that a team could achieve the medallist standard, the selection committee must consider the selection of riders who are potential medallists.

The selection committee may consider the selection of riders who are potential finalists in one or more events, based on the impact this selection will have on the team result.

15.9. Previously Disadvantaged Individuals ("PDIs")

PDIs who meet the prospective finalist standard shall be included in the team, subject to:

- no more than 25% of the team being selected from PDIs who are rated below riders who are not selected; and
- the objective of maximizing the team's medal opportunities.

The selection committee must make every effort to include PDIs in the team. In the event that no PDIs meet the prospective finalist standard, a PDI who meets the competition entry standard shall be included in the team. If no PDI meets the competition entry standard, the selection committee must consider appointing a non-skiing member to the team.

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16. **National colours**

16.1. Standards for colours

Presented in Appendix 1

16.2. Recommendations for colours

The Criterion Committee shall put forward to the Federation the names of riders to be awarded National colours.

The tables below set out the minimum requirement for award of national colours:

The minimum qualifications riders of each division had to achieve in the preceding season are as follows:

Juniors (Under 15) –	5 inverts or spin moves
Juniors (Under 15) –	1 inverts or spin move
Junior Men (Under 19) –	8 inverts or spin moves – 1 Hi
End	
Junior Ladies (Under 19) –	1 inverts or spin move
Open Ladies (All ages) –	1 inverts or spin move
Open Men (All ages) –	8 inverts or spin moves – 4 Hi
End	
Masters Men (30 and over) –	3 inverts or spin move
Masters Ladies (30 and over) –	1 inverts or spin move
Veteran Men (40 and over) –	2 inverts or spin move

The above is according to the Free Ride System currently in use by the Association and Wakeboarding world wide and the divisions are as per the EAME Wakeboard Rules.