



2026 OFFICIAL WAKESURF RULES



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Rule 1 GENERAL

- a) Applicability of the Rules: The rules set forth here govern wakesurf competitions organized or sanctioned by the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF). Whenever the masculine is used, the same shall be construed as meaning the feminine where the context so requires.
- b) Exceptions to the Rules: Where compliance with the rules is not feasible, the Chief Judge shall, with the approval of the majority of the Judges, make the necessary changes. Such changes will be announced at a riders' or team captains' meeting, and by posting to official information board.
- c) No alcohol is to be consumed by riders prior to or during the day's event. The day's event is deemed as starting at 00:01 on the day of first rider starting his run and finished when the final scores have been posted and the official protest time has elapsed. Once a rider's results are posted, it is deemed that the rider's day is finished.

Rule 2 SAFETY

Unsafe Rider Disqualification: No rider shall be allowed to compete or to continue to compete if, in the opinion of the Chief Judge and a majority of the Boat Judges, his competing would be a danger to himself or other riders in the competition. During the competition, the Chief Judge may halt the event for a poll of the Boat Judges in regard to a rider's actions or conditions. Whenever practical, the advice of a trained medical personnel should be obtained.

A rider under normal conditions will be disqualified for intentional contact with the boat once underway. An exception to this is if the boat abruptly slows down or the wake abruptly changes and the rider is thrust towards the boat, the judges may determine to not disqualify the rider.

Swim platform starts and exits shall not be permitted. Riders are strongly required to throw the rope to the far side of the wake and have the boat crew recover the rope. Throwing the rope into the boat may harm the safety of the judges/personnel in the boat, will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in disqualification.

Rule 3 CONCUSSION

Any athlete that sustains a head injury after a suspicious fall shall be subject to a concussion assessment using the IWWF [On-Water Concussion Assessment Tool \(OWCRT\)](#). If the assessment is negative, the athlete will be allowed to complete the remainder of the event. If the assessment is positive, the athlete will be returned to the starting dock where a second assessment using the OWCRT will be administered by an Event Official. If the assessment is again positive for a second time, the athlete will be removed from competition and entered into a six-phase

brain recovery program which is part of the IWWF Concussion Protocol. The competition should be put on hold while both assessments are being carried out.

In all cases, the Safety Director shall submit an [Incident Report](#) if the athlete is deemed to have sustained a concussion using the OWCRT.

All IWWF National Federations shall implement a Concussion Protocol of their own for use at events that are outside the remit of the IWWF. No National Federation shall allow an athlete who has been diagnosed with concussion to take part in further competitions until the six-phase brain recovery program has been completed and the athlete declared safe to compete.

Rule 4 DISCIPLINES & AGE-GROUP CATEGORIES

a) Disciplines

There are two disciplines in wakesurf competitions using two different board types. In general, the dimensions should be as follows:

- i. Skim: board dimensions should be no greater than 2.54 cm (1") thick, either with a fin no more than 5.08 cm (2") deep or without a fin.
- ii. Surf: board dimensions should be greater than 2.54 cm (1") thick, with a minimum of two fins at least 7.62 cm (3") deep. Additional fins can be shallower in depth.

A rider can choose to compete in both disciplines, surf and skim. Riders must use the appropriate board when competing in either discipline, i.e., must use a skim board if entering the skim discipline. If a rider changes a board that was approved by the Chief Judge he will be disqualified from the competition. OR if the dimensions of the board are wrong for particular categories, rider will be disqualified from the competition.

b) Hybrid boards, e.g., surf board with one fin, skim board with three fins etc., will only be allowed in the Age group format competitions (Rule 4 d ii).

c) Age-Group Categories

The following age-group categories will apply:

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| • Grom Girls (Under 14) | • Master Women (30+) |
| • Grom Boys (Under 14) | • Master Men (30+) |
| • Junior Women (Under 18) | • Veteran 1 Women (40+) |
| • Junior Men (Under 18) | • Veteran 1 Men (40+) |
| • Open Women | • Veteran 2 Women (50+) |
| • Open Men | • Veteran 2 Men (50+) |

Rider's age is determined as of the 31st of December of the current year. For example, the rider is born on September 29th 2012. 2025 – 2012 = 13 years. Rider is Grom by age. However he can enter either his age group or a “higher” groups Junior or Open. Riders are only permitted to compete in one age-group category inside the discipline.

- d) Organizers can decide to run competition using two formats and should announce the format in advance:
 - i. Discipline and Age group format: A rider can enter either one or two disciplines in his age group or Open group i.e., Junior Women Skim and Open Women Surf or Junior Women Skim and Junior Women Surf.
 - ii. Age group format: A rider is free to use two different boards - surf and skim, or a hybrid board, for his routine as well as change his board between passes or during a pick up from a fall. There is no limitation in the number of times to change the board. N.B.: This format is advised to be used in high level divisions so a rider can demonstrate his ability to master both types of boards, and not to merge groups of less than 3 riders!
- e) There will be a minimum of 3 riders required to open a category. The Chief Judge will inform all participants as soon as feasibly possible if there are insufficient riders within a category. Categories with less than 3 riders may be cancelled or merged with another at the discretion of the Chief Judge and Organizer. The merge scheme to be used is as follows U14>U18>OPEN<Masters<Veterans 1<Veterans 2. Amateurs will be merged to their regular age group unless they choose to compete in Open.
- f) At none titled events such as International and National Cups, club events etc. other formats can be used. For example, Amateur category can be opened. This should be discussed and approved by Chief Judge in cooperation with Organizer.

Rule 5 REGISTRATION & HEAT SYSTEM

Registration will close 36 hours prior to the start of competition. If a rider is not able to be at the site before the registration closes, he (or the Team Captain) must ensure that a digital copy of his passport is sent to the Chief Judge and Chief Calculator and that his entry fee is paid, as well as a clear indication of the discipline/age group category the rider will compete in.

Once registration is closed heat distribution process will begin. Wakesurf competitions will use a heat system. The running order for the first round of competition will be determined by [the IWWF Wakesurf Ranking list](#). If new and not yet ranked riders join the competition, they must be registered in the EMS by their respective National Federations and will be seeded randomly after the riders seeded by the Ranking list.

The number of riders in each heat is dependent on the total number of riders entered. There will be a maximum of 6 riders in each heat.

A certain number of the riders from each heat will then advance to next round. The starting order for the Last Chance Qualifiers (LCQ), Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals will be selected from placement in the heat and NOT scores.

The Last Chance Qualification round may or may not be used within the competition, dependent on time and numbers.

Rule 6 DISQUALIFICATION

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Any rider (or his representative) or official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike or whose conduct may cause discredit to the IWWF and sponsors, either on or off the competition site, before during, or after the competition, may be disqualified from all or part of the competition including completed events, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Judges. Any and all infractions can also be punishable by disqualification of the whole team, if any. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to: use of vulgar language in public, public tantrums, not riding to fullest potential, failure to attend designated functions or events, consuming alcoholic beverages during or before the competition, use of prohibited substances, competing under false pretenses, concealing significant injuries.

A rider must be ready on the dock/start area with his life vest on and board in hand when it's his turn to ride. In case he is not ready, he will be disqualified.

A rider may only swim to get his board after a fall and then return to position in course where he fell. Any rider who swims down the course to gain advantage over a fellow competitor will not be picked up. This will be the end of his routine.

Should a rider be disqualified for these or any other reason, he will not be permitted to participate in the remainder of the competition, i.e., if he misses his turn in the qualifying rounds, he will not be permitted to compete in the last chance qualifiers.

Rule 7 EQUIPMENT

a) General: It's responsibility of the rider to choose the board he is going to use. All personal equipment is subject to the approval of the Chief Judge and Safety Director.

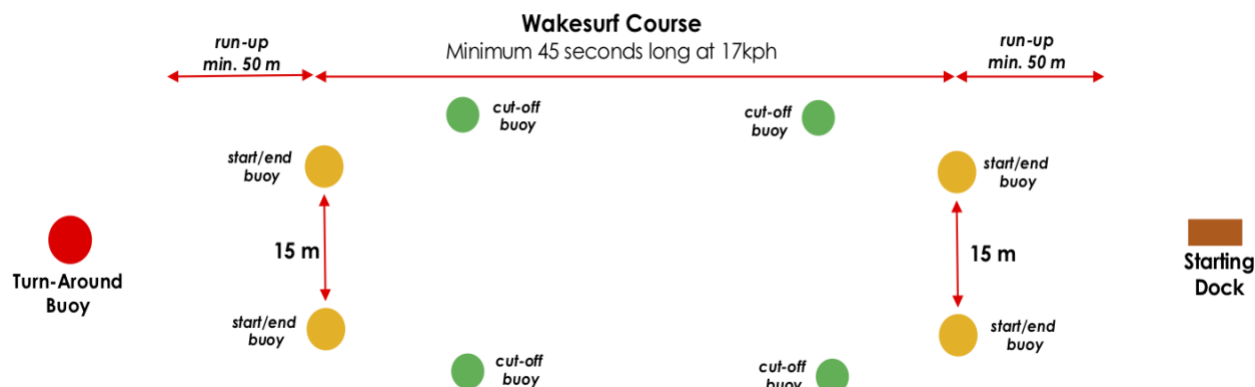
b) Life Vest: All riders must wear a life vest. It is the responsibility of each rider to ensure their life vest meets the following specifications:

- i. It must float the rider.
- ii. It must be constructed so as to provide adequate protection from impact damage to the ribs and internal organs.

- c) Rope: A wakesurf specific rope, with handle, will be provided by the Organizer.
- d) Boats: The total additional weight in the boat will be determined by the Chief Judge. Additional weight can differ for different categories but must be exact same for each particular category. Means Boys/Girls U14 may have less additional weight while Open Men/Women will have more additional weight. This will be decided before the start of the competition and will be communicated to riders at the briefing or in written. Rider can choose settings of the boat before he starts his run and clearly indicate it to Boat Driver directly or Jetty Marshal who should then communicate it to Boat Driver.
- e) Damaged Equipment: A rider is fully responsible for his personal equipment and should have **a spare board, fully assembled**, at his disposal should any damage occur. In the event that a rider realizes his equipment has been damaged, he should touch his head to indicate that he wishes to repair his equipment. This will, however, constitute one fall if it occurs in the wakesurf course. If a rider falls in the wakesurf course due to his equipment being damaged, it will also constitute one fall. If a rider needs to stop his ride in the wakesurf course or before the start of his second pass to repair his equipment, it will also constitute one in-course fall. The Chief Judge will have the final say as to whether the equipment has failed. If a rider has damaged his equipment, he will have **four minutes** to repair the equipment. The damaged equipment must be repaired at the starting dock. The time begins when the rider gets onto the starting dock. The rider must be ready to ride before the four minutes elapses or his routine is over. The boat will then bring the rider from the starting dock to the location of the termination of the ride, come to a complete stop and then resume the routine.

Rule 8 WAKESURF COURSE

- a) A pair of start buoys 15 meters apart shall establish the area of the beginning of the wakesurf course from each direction. The end of the pass shall be signified by another pair of buoys, also 15 meters apart. The distance from the start and end buoys will be 45 seconds long at boat speed of 17 kph. Deviation of up to 20% towards longer course is acceptable. The distance from where the boat starts to form the wake to the start buoys will be the minimum of 50 meters long. This shall either start from the starting dock or be marked by "run up" buoy. The "turn-around" buoy at the end of the first pass, at the same distance as the "run up" buoy or the starting dock, shall indicate the point where the rider should edge away from the wake. These course dimensions and set up will be used where practical. The exact course length of particular competition, by time, will be announced at the riders briefing



- b) Cut-Off buoys: A pair of cut off buoys, more than 15 meters apart, will indicate the point after which the tow boat will not be able to get up to speed, for the wake to form, for a rider to continue his run in the first or second pass. The position of the cut off buoys will be determined by the Chief Judge and Chief Boat Driver.
- c) Proceeding through the two wakesurf passes: The boat shall follow as closely as possible the path specified by the Chief Judge for the event, such path to include the preparation time before each pass. The second pass shall be in the opposite direction from the first pass.
- d) A rider's routine will end: when he falls for a third time or when he passes the entering gates on the second pass.
- e) The rider should edge away from the boat's wake right after the "turn around" buoy at the end of first pass or wait for the signal from the Judges or Driver from the boat if "turn around" buoy is not installed. The tow boat shall come to a stop, instead of turning around. The tow boat will then bring the tow rope to the rider to restart and proceed through the second pass.
This will not count as a fall, unless the rider makes an attempt at a trick.

Rule 9 THE IWWF TITLED EVENTS

a) TEAM COMPOSITION

The team for the IWWF titled events (Regional and World Championships) may consist of **14** riders (meaning 14 qualification rides per team) maximum. The best **10** scores from all categories with a maximum of 1 rider from the same category per country will be used to calculate the overall team score. Example.

We have a team entering 11 riders into World Championships:

- 2 in Open men skim,
- 3 in Open women surf,
- 4 in Grom boys skim,
- 1 in Over 30 women surf,

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The total team scoring will then consist of:

- 1 highest placed Open men skim rider's score,
- 1 highest placed Open women surf rider's score,
- 1 highest placed Grom boys rider's score,
- 1 Over 30 women surf rider's score and
- 1 Over 30 women skim rider's score

In the event of a tie, the 11th team rider score will determine final team placement. If a tie still exists, then a 12th team rider score will be used to decide final placement and so forth. A good mix of male and female members in different age categories and disciplines is advised.

b) PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

Intention to enter

"Intention to enter" form must be fulfilled by the National Federation and sent to the IWWF Wakesurf Council Chair and the Organizer not later than **60 days before** the first scheduled competition day.

Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays a fine of US\$/€250.00 to the IWWF. For each participant entered on the Intention to Enter form, the Federation must pay a deposit of US\$/€50.00 to the IWWF - this payment is non-refundable.

Registration of riders

Each Federation shall register the riders no later than **14 days before** the first scheduled competition day through the IWWF Event Management System (EMS). Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays to the IWWF a fine of US\$10/€10 per rider per day after the 14-day deadline for each late entered rider. Late entries will only be accepted with the mutual consent of the Organizer, Council Chair and Chief Judge.

Registration will close 36 hours prior to the start of the competition. After that no late entries will be accepted. If a rider is not able to be at the site before the registration closes, he/she (or the Team Captain) must ensure that a digital copy of his/her passport is sent to the Chief Judge and Chief Scorer and that his/her entry fee is paid, as well as a clear indication of the group and discipline in which the rider will compete.

The registration of the rider participations in EMS can be done as follows:

1. The EMS Federation Administrator has to login to EMS
2. Go to the "Competitions" menu and find the event by using the filters (eg "discipline", "country" etc)
3. Select the competition to which riders should be entered
4. Scroll down to the "Participations" section and click the "New participation" button to register rider(s)

5. Enter the name of the rider in the search box and click on the loop sign to the right
6. Register the rider with the correct category and discipline. Mark "team entry"
7. Click on the blue "+Add" button and the participant will be registered
8. Repeat the steps 5 to 7 for any additional participants
9. Any registration after the deadline of 14 days before the start of competition will be put on the Waiting List to be approved by mutual consent of the Organizer, Council Chair and Chief Judge

c) OFFICIAL FAMILIARIZATION

One slot of maximum of 8 minutes or 3 falls whatever happens first will be allocated for each rider according to number of people entered by the National Federation on "Intention to enter" form. The schedule will be available not later than 15 days after the Intention to enter deadline. Please, specify the desired day of the familiarization for your team while submitting the "Intention to enter".

The slots will be allocated on the "first come – first served" basis means a team will not necessarily get the training on the day requested if by the time the form is submitted that particular day is already fully booked.

In case of less riders than on "Intention to enter" form slots will NOT be given to other members of the team. In case of more riders than Intention to enter time will be proposed according to availability.

Rule 10 BOAT SPEED & WAKE

- a) Each rider shall receive his choice of a constant speed through the course for each pass. The boat speed, assuming it is held constant before entering the course, is the rider's responsibility. A rider may change speed of the boat at any time during the competition run. There will be no re-rides granted once a rider decides to change his boat speed.
- b) Rider has the option to select whether he wishes to start on the port or starboard side of the boat to begin his run and must clearly indicate his preference to the boat driver before the beginning of his run. The ability to transfer sides is at the Chief Judge's discretion and will be communicated to riders before the event begins. Rider may request for a steeper or flatter wake at any time during the competition run, at the Chief Judge's discretion. There will be no re-rides granted should a rider decide to transfer sides or request for a change in wake profile.

RULE 11 FALLS

- a) Three Falls: A rider may have a maximum of three falls during his routine. Should a first or a second fall occur, the boat will pick up the rider to proceed with the routine. The rider will not be picked up after a third fall, or after a fall that occurs beyond the cut-off buoy in the second pass.
- b) Out-Of-Course Falls: Any fall outside the wakesurf course, before the riders first or before the second pass, will count as a fall.
- c) If a rider falls and his board flies down the course the Chief Boat Judge will take a notice of the place where fall happened and let the rider start from this exact point after he picks up the board.
- d) The rider must be ready to ride immediately upon the boat's return after a fall or handle throw.

Rule 12 RE-RIDES

When unfair conditions occur, which, in the opinion of a majority of the Judges, adversely affects a rider, he shall be granted the option of a re-ride only on the passes affected. Re-rides will not be granted if a rider's personal equipment fails and he fails to indicate it himself.

Re-rides must be taken immediately. If a rider is given a second re-ride, he may elect to take a five-minute rest, during which the next rider in order will perform his routine. The re-ride shall be taken at the conclusion of the rider's routine during which the five- minute rest period expires.

Requests for re-rides should be initiated by a rider. The Boat Driver or a Boat Judge of the event may also initiate the re-ride in case they see the unfair conditions or circumstances occur. This should be done as soon as possible, before the next rider starts. If, in the opinion of the Boat Judges of the event, the request was not initiated as soon as possible after the rider has ridden, the request shall be denied. Re-ride requests will not be permitted if they are based on variations in weather or water conditions.

Procedure

If a rider decides to request a re-ride he must:

- Cease executing tricks immediately.
- Hold his/her joint hands in the air above the head and only then cut away (If the re-ride is denied it will be counted as a fall).
- Once the boat gets back the rider may request a re-ride to the boat judges.

Judges must agree by majority to grant riders request for re-ride.

Chief Judge may overrule pending time constraints etc.

Approved Re-Ride:

A rider shall start from same place where he cut away. Exact location should be agreed by boat judges.

Scores will be based on tricks completed before re-run was requested and the ones performed during re-run.

The following are some reasons that do constitute reason for a re-ride:

- Adverse Weather
- Boat driver error (in case there is a clear error, and the rider falls because of this error, the rider has the chance of asking the re-ride when the boat comes to pick him/her up, not respecting the normal procedure)
- Mechanical failure of the boat
- Unformed wake due to failure of Wake Shaping Mechanism
- Rollers caused by boats under the control of event organizers

Reasons that do not constitute reason for a re-ride:

- Weather – wind or rain. Environment wind, causing choppy water, light rain. All of which does not lead to a halt midway of an event, will not be given a re ride
- Currents, change of tides, etc.
- Equipment failure
- Backwash caused by vertical shoreline or constant unremovable obstacle
- Poor Performance – can be considered unsportsmanlike conduct
- Not following re-ride request procedure above

If a re-ride is denied, the cut away will be considered as a fall.

Rule 13 SCORING

- a) Each rider shall be allowed two passes through the wakesurf course during which time he may perform any routine he chooses. He will be judged on subjective style categories, to arrive at a single combined score.
- b) **Judging of the routine begins when the rider enters the course or drops the rope, whichever occurs later.** Any trick started outside of the course or while holding the rope will not be scored.
- c) The start/end buoy is the end of routine of each pass. A trick started inside the wakesurf course and finished in control immediately outside the wakesurf course will be scored.
- d) For a combo trick to score, the last trick of the combo will be the trick that is started inside the wakesurf course and finished either before, at, or right after the end buoy. If a rider continues to perform his combo trick after the end buoy he will be penalized and the entire combo trick will not be scored.
- e) Riders are encouraged to perform a smooth flowing routine with a wide variety of tricks. Each trick should be executed as cleanly as possible and taken to its limit. Judges will provide subjective scoring of each rider based on their overall opinion of how well the rider performed his routine in relation to each of the

established subjective scoring criteria, in comparison to other riders within the same heat.

Boat (Scoring) Judges: The Chief Judge will designate three Boat Judges to be seated in the tow boat, to score each rider's routine.

- c) Scoring: Each judge will award a maximum of 40 points to each rider based on their overall impressions of the routine performed. Each individual heat per division will be judged independently from the other heats on the day. The judges will score the first rider of the heat subjectively and each subsequent riders' performance after that rider is judged higher or lower dependent on their ride. Judges are required to determine both score and placement of riders within each heat.

The judges will score each rider in each of the following categories:

*Execution – 1 to 10 Points (scoring can be in increments of .10)

This reflects how well the tricks are performed and the level of control/fluidity maintained throughout each trick and the entire run.

Intensity – 1 to 10 Points (scoring can be in increments of .10)

This reflects how populated with tricks run is i.e., if rider goes trick after trick or takes breaks between tricks to prepare himself for next one.

Difficulty – 1 to 10 Points (scoring can be in increments of .10)

This reflects how difficult each trick is based on any number of variables.

Variety – 1 to 10 Points (scoring can be in increments of .10)

This reflects the variety of tricks performed.

** riders will not be penalized for falls*

- d) Calculated scores will be cross-referenced to the judge's placement of the rider. The judges' placement of the rider will always override the total score of the rider.

Rule 14 RANKING

The Ranking List will be produced by the IWWF Event Management System. To be ranked a rider must be registered in EMS. Only points of homologated and registered competitions will count towards the Ranking List. The Ranking will be updated on a daily basis.

The Ranking List will use the star system. A rider will get his points according to IWWF placement scoring system which is implemented into IWWF scoring program:

1st place 100 points
2nd place 80 points
3rd place 65 points
4th place 55 points

11th place 14 points
12th place 11 points
13th place 8 points
14th place 6 points

5th place 45 points
6th place 35 points
7th place 30 points
8th place 25 points
9th place 20 points
10th place 17 points

15th place 5 points
16th place 4 points
17th place 3 points
18th place 2 points
19th place and all subsequent riders 1 point

Events by stars with coefficients that will be applied to the points received:

- 1) 1 Star * - Club Events **x1**
- 2) 2 Stars ** - National Events / International Events with up to 2 countries participating **x2**
- 3) 3 Stars *** - National Championships / International Events with 3-4 countries participating **x4**
- 4) 4 Stars ****- International Events with 5 and more countries participating / IWWF Regional Tour **x5**
- 5) 5 Stars ***** - IWWF Regional Championships / IWWF Pro Tour / League / World Cup **x8**
- 6) 6 Stars ***** - IWWF World Championships / World Games **x10**

Riders will be able to keep their ranking points from the 2 previous years:

- A rider's points from previous year will count 60%
- A rider's points from 2 years before will count 30%

When a rider changes division, points from previous years and division will still be counted:

- When going from U14 to U18 and from U18 to Open riders will only keep approximately 75% of the points achieved (meaning 45% for the previous year and 25% for 2 years before)
- From Open to O30, O30 to O40 riders will keep the totality of their points.

Rider competing in Amateur will be ranked after all Open riders. E.g., he comes 1st in Amateur but there were 5 riders in Open. So he gets points for the 6th placement.

A rider will only appear once in the ranking list – meaning in only one division – even if he/she participated in different divisions in different events. E.g.: A Boy that participated in Open Men, Junior Men, and Boys, will see all his points going towards the Boys division – the division closest to his correct age division that he/she participated in. E.g.: A Boy that only entered events in Junior Men division will see himself in that division at the ranking as it was the closest division to his age group that he participated in.

It is up to the Federations to decide if they will permit international riders to participate in their National Championships. If they allow international riders, results towards the Ranking will count with all riders included. In a country where there is a Tour defining the National champions instead of a single event, one of the events of the Tour will be considered a 3 star event, (preferably the last event of the Tour – if not, this must be advised at the beginning of the Tour) while the other events of the Tour will be considered 2 stars.

Ties will be solved by using the following criteria:

- 1 - Rider with less events counting towards the ranking achieving the same points is above
- 2 - Rider with more points on higher coefficient events is above
- 3 - Rider with better placement at the top event is above
- 4 - Rider participating at a bigger category in participant number is above
- 5 - Rider participating at a bigger event in participant number is above

Riders are encouraged to participate in as many events as possible to achieve the best Ranking points. To allow some choice for the riders throughout the season, only the riders top 5 results (highest points) in different events will count towards the ranking.

When seeding the riders for an event, the ranking to be used is the one updated immediately before the event takes place. For any event, if a rider participates in a higher division and different than the one his ranking points are in, the seeding will be based using 75% of the rider's points on the ranking at that determined moment.

Rule 15 PROTESTS

Protests shall be made to the Chief Judge (or the Chief Calculator in case the Chief Judge is in the boat at the moment of protest submission) by the rider or team captain. Protest must be made **in writing** (Appendix A), must state the reason(s) for the protest, and must be filed as soon as possible, but no later than **20** minutes after the occurrence or after the results of the event are announced.

The rider or team captain will come to the Chief Judge's station and get an Official Protest Form to make the protest. The rider or team representative will then bring the Official Protest form back to the Chief Judge for review. After the Chief Judge has reviewed the protest and score sheets if necessary, he will meet with the Boat Judges to discuss the protest. The Boat Judges will meet with rider to discuss the protest if the Chief Judge deems necessary. Actions may then be taken by the Chief Judge to address the protest.

Protests must be accompanied by a protest fee of USD250.00. This amount will be refunded if the protest is considered reasonable or upheld by the Judges.

If a rider wishes to make a protest while on the water, the protest needs to come by radio to Chief Judge's station. The Chief Judge will be on hand to hear the protest. The Chief Judge will record the protest on the Official Protest form until the rider is able to sign and complete the form. Chief Judge will take the proper steps to solve the protest.

Protests will be handled by the Chief Judge and the 3 judges involved in the respective event.

A correction of an error in the computation of scores shall not be considered a protest and the correction shall be made on the approval of the Chief Judge and Calculator within 20 minutes after the results are announced.

A request for judges to review judging sheets will be deemed to be a protest. Due to subjective scoring, this may only be done by Boat Judges and Chief Judge, with the following explanation to rider and team captain.

Rule 16 USE OF VIDEO

Due to the subjective scoring nature & spirit of wakesurfing, video footage of any kind will not be used by Judges, riders or representatives to resolve any disputes. Judges will not view or comment on any video footage during the event.

Rule 17 OFFICIALS

There are 3 levels of wakesurf officials:

National Level

All National Level officials must attend the National Level Seminar organized either by National Federation for local officials or International regional Seminar and pass National level exam (theoretical only). After successful passing of exam they will keep the level for 3 years considering they judge at least 1 National Level event (up to 3 stars) during each year. After that they should attend another Seminar of same level and re pass the exam to maintain the level. Candidates must be 16 years or older.

International level 2

All International Level officials must attend the International Level Seminar in their respective region (or overseas if they wish) and pass International level 2 exam (theoretical and video). After successful passing of exam they will keep the level for 3 years considering they judge at least 1 National or International Level event (up to 4 stars) during each year. After that they should attend another Seminar of same level and re pass the exam to maintain the level. Candidates must be 18 years or older.

International level 1

All International Level officials must attend the International Level Seminar in their respective region (or overseas if they wish) and pass International level 1 exam (theoretical and video). After successful passing of exam they will keep the level for 3 years considering they judge at least 1 event each year, one of them must be an International event (4-6 stars). After that they should attend another Seminar of same level and re pass the exam to maintain the level. Candidates must be 18 years or older.

RULE 18 SCHEDULE CHANGES & CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

Changes in the schedule during the competition shall be made only for abrupt weather or water conditions, safety, or a similar reason. The joint decision shall be made by the Chief Judge and the Organizer. Such changes should be clearly communicated to all parties involved eg. technical officials, athletes etc. as soon as possible by the most accessible way(s).

In extraordinary case when the Final round cannot be completed for all or some categories the winners will be determined from qualification round results or the last completed round results.

Appendix A**IWWF WAKESURF PROTEST FORM**

Name of competition and venue: _____

Date: _____

Name of rider:

Name of team captain (if not submitted by rider):

Reason and details of protest and relevant rule:

This form must be submitted not later than 20 minutes after the occurrence or after the results of the event are published. A protest must be accompanied by a payment of \$250 and handled to the Chief Judge or the Chief Scorer.

If the Protest is considered reasonable or upheld by the Judges the payment will be refunded.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Appendix B OFFICIAL WAKESURF HEAT SYSTEM

OFFICIAL IWWF HEAT SYSTEM			Qualifying	Final
3 riders	1 Heat 3			1 Heat 3
	Total 3 riders			Total 3 riders
4 riders	1 Heat 4			1 Heat 4
	Total 4 riders			Total 4 riders
5 riders	1 Heat 5			1 Heat 5
	Total 5 riders			Total 5 riders
6 riders	1 Heat 6			1 Heat 6
	Total 6 riders			Total 6 riders
7 riders	Qualifying	LCQ	Final	
	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 3		
	1 Heat of 3			
	(Top 2 to Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to Final)	1 Heat 6	
	Total 7 riders	Total 3 riders	Total 6 riders	
8 Riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat 6	
	1 Heat of 4			
	(Top 2 to Final)	LCQ Top 2 to Final		
	Total 8 riders	Total 4 riders	Total 6 riders	
9 riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat 6	
	1 Heat of 5			
	(Top 2 to Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to Final)		
	Total 9 riders	Total 4 riders	Total 6 riders	
10 Riders	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat 6	
	1 Heat of 5			
	(Top 2 to Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to Final)		
	Total 10 riders	Total 6 riders	Total 6 riders	
11 Riders	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 3	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 4		
	(Top 2 to Final)	(LCQ Top 1 to Final)		
	Total 11 riders	Total 7 riders	Total 6 riders	
12 Riders	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 4		
	(Top 2 to Final)	(LCQ Top 1 to Final)		
	Total 12 riders	Total 8 riders	Total 6 riders	
13 Riders	Qualifying	LCQ	Semi-Final	Final
	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat 5	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 4		1 Heat 5	
	1 Heat of 5			
	(Top 3 to Semi)	(LCQ Winner to Semi)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 13 riders	Total 4 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 6 riders
14 Riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat 5	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat 5	
	1 Heat of 5			
	(Top 3 to Semi)	(LCQ Winner to Semi)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 14 riders	Total 5 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 6 riders
15 Riders	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat 5	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat 5	
	1 Heat of 5			
	(Top 3 to Semi)	LCQ Winner to Semi	(Top 3 to Final)	
		Total 15 riders	Total 6 riders	Total 10 riders

	Qualifying	LCQ	Semi Final	Final
16 Riders	1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 (Top 2 to Semi)	1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 (LCQ Winner to Semi)	1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 3 to Final)	1 Heat of 6
	Total 16 riders	Total 8 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 6 riders
17 Riders	1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 5 (Top 2 to Semi)	1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 5 (LCQ Winner to Semi)	1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 3 to Final)	1 Heat of 6
	Total 17 riders	Total 9 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 6 riders
18 Riders	1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 2 to Semi)	1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (LCQ Winner to Semi)	1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 3 to Final)	1 Heat of 6
	Total 18 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 6 riders
19 Riders	1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 2 to Semi)	1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 6 (LCQ Winner to Semi)	1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 3 to Final)	1 Heat of 6
	Total 19 riders	Total 11 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 6 riders
20 Riders	1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 2 to Semi)	1 Heat of 6 1 Heat of 6 (LCQ Winner to Semi)	1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 3 to Final)	1 Heat of 6
	Total 20 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 6 riders
21 Riders	1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 5 (Top 2 to Semi)	1 Heat of 6 1 Heat of 5 (LCQ Winner to Semi)	1 Heat of 6 1 Heat of 6 (Top 3 to Final)	1 Heat of 6
	Total 21 riders	Total 11 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders
22 Riders	1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 4 1 Heat of 5 1 Heat of 5 (Top 2 to Semi)	1 Heat of 6 1 Heat of 6 (LCQ Winner to Semi)	1 Heat of 6 1 Heat of 6 (Top 3 to Final)	1 Heat of 6
	Total 22 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders

	Qualifying	LCQ	1/4 Final	Semi Final	Final
23 Riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5				
	(Top 3 to 1/4 Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to 1/4 Final)	(Top 3 to Semi Final)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 23 riders	Total 8 riders	Total 19 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders
24 Riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5				
	(Top 3 to 1/4 Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to 1/4 Final)	(Top 3 to Semi Final)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 24 riders	Total 9 riders	Total 19 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders
25 Riders	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5				
	(Top 3 to 1/4 Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to 1/4 Final)	(Top 3 to Semi Final)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 25 riders	Total 10 riders	Total 19 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders
26 Riders	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 5	1 heat of 5	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5				
	(Top 3 to 1/4 Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to 1/4 Final)	(Top 3 to Semi Final)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 26 riders	Total 11 riders	Total 19 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders
27 Riders	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 6	1 heat of 6	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5				
	(Top 3 to 1/4 Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to 1/4 Final)	(Top 3 to Semi Final)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 27 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 19 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders
28 Riders	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 6	1 heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5				
	(Top 3 to 1/4 Final)	(LCQ Winner to 1/4 Final)	(Top 3 to Semi Final)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 28 riders	Total 13 riders	Total 18 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders

	Qualifying	LCQ	1/4 Final	Semi Final	Final
29 Riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	1 Heat of 6
	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6	
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 5		
	1 Heat of 5				
	1 Heat of 5				
	(Top 3 to 1/4 Final)	(LCQ Winner to 1/4 Final)	(Top 3 to Semi Final)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 29 riders	Total 11 riders	Total 20 riders	Total 12 riders	Total 6 riders

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