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1 GENERAL RULES

1.1 Applicability

These rules govern wakeboard competitions sanctioned by Wakeboard Australia, operating under the national governance of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Waterski and Wakeboard Australia (WAWA).

1.2 Exceptions

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' briefing, and by posting on the official notice board, which may be online.

For all WAWA-sanctioned events, the Chief Judge may, at their discretion, consult with the National President regarding any proposed changes.

Where Wakeboard Australia riders compete internationally, revert to the IWWF Wakeboard Boat Rules.

1.3 Amendments

Riders are encouraged to make suggestions and raise questions regarding these rules to any judge or to their relevant State Division who will forward feedback to the WBAUS Board for consideration. Any Suggestions for rule amendments are to be itemised at the Wakeboard Australia Annual General Meeting to be considered for inclusion in the following year's rulebook.

1.4 Participation Contract

Prior to competing in any WAWA-sanctioned event, all riders must be current financial members of WAWA. For riders under 18 years of age, membership must be confirmed by a parent or legal guardian. By holding WAWA membership, riders acknowledge and accept:

- The inherent risks of wakeboarding and their responsibility to compete within their physical capabilities.
- Their obligation to register at the designated registration office and if requested, provide proof of WAWA membership before riding.
- Their duty to disclose to the event organiser and Chief Judge any special medical conditions, including but not limited to, injuries or other pre-existing medical conditions.
- Their agreement to the liability waiver, releasing the Event Organiser and WAWA from claims related to accidents, material damage, or physical or psychological harm occurring within the scope of the competition.
- In the event that an organiser, official, or affiliated party encounter an illicit deed committed by a rider or official, the matter must be referred to local authorities for investigation. A copy of the filed report must be submitted to both WAWA and WBAUS Boards. Until the matter is resolved, WBAUS shall suspend the rider's access to all sanctioned events.

1.5 Anti-Doping

WAWA adopts a zero-tolerance approach to doping, in alignment with the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy, administered by Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code. WBAUS supports and enforces this policy across all affiliated events and riders.

All riders must:

- Agree to be subject to doping control.
- Comply with the provisions of the IWWF Anti-Doping Rules, including all amendments and associated International Standards.
- Understand that prohibited substances and methods are listed annually by the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) and apply to all wakeboarding disciplines.

By holding current membership with WAWA, riders acknowledge and accept their obligation to:

- Submit to sample collection (urine and/or blood) without advance notice.
- Declare any medications or supplements and apply for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) where applicable.
- Cooperate with investigations and provide accurate whereabouts information if requested.

WAWA encourages all riders to complete the Sport Integrity Australia SIA's anti-doping education modules and use the Sport Integrity App to check substances, supplements, and TUE requirements.

Refer [WAWA-Anti-Doping.pdf \(Annexure 1 WAWA ANTI-DOPING\)](#).

1.6 Personal Data

Australian riders must acknowledge and accept WAWA policies on personal data protection and privacy, which comply with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs).

By holding current membership with WAWA, riders consent to the collection, use, and storage of personal information for the purposes of:

- Event registration and competition management.
- Insurance coverage and incident reporting.
- Anti-doping compliance and medical disclosures.
- Ranking, scoring, and statistical analysis.
- Communication regarding sanctioned events and athlete obligations.

WAWA will take reasonable steps to ensure that personal data is:

- Accurate, up-to-date, and securely stored.
- Only disclosed to third parties (e.g. Sport Integrity Australia, insurers, medical personnel) where required by law or for legitimate operational purposes
- Not transferred outside Australia unless adequate data protection standards are in place.

Riders may request access to their personal information or seek correction by contacting the WAWA Privacy Officer via the [AWWF](#) website.

1.7 Alcohol

No alcohol is to be consumed by riders prior to or during the day's event. The day's event is deemed as starting **ONE** hour prior to the first rider's schedule run and ending when final scores have been posted and the official protest period has elapsed. Once the riders' heat and results are posted, it is deemed that the rider's competition obligations for the day have concluded. WBAUS reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any rider found to be under the influence of alcohol during competition hours, including disqualification or referral to the WBAUS Board for further review.

1.8 Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Disciplinary Action

Any rider, representative, or official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike, or whose actions may bring discredit to the IWWF, WBAUS, WAWA, State or event sponsors, may be subject to disciplinary action. This applies to behaviour occurring on or off the competition site, before, during, or after the event.

Sanctions may include:

- Disqualification from all or part of the competition, including completed events.
- A fine, as determined by the IWWF Executive Board, WAWA Board, or WBAUS Board, whichever is relevant.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Use of vulgar or offensive language in public.
- Public tantrums or disruptive behaviour.
- Not riding to fullest potential.
- Failure to attend designated functions, media conferences, opening/closing ceremonies, or podium presentations.
- Consumption of alcohol or prohibited substances before or during competition.
- Competing under false pretences or concealing significant injuries or health conditions
- Publicly discrediting event organisers, fellow athletes, host countries and/or host Federations verbally, or sponsors, and/or on social media.
- Vandalism or misrepresentation of wakeboarding at official venues, hotels, or functions during the event.

For riders under 18, a parent or legal guardian must co-sign the declaration. Co-signing may be completed digitally via the WAWA registration portal or event-specific waiver (if available).

2 TECHNICAL RULES

2.1 Safety

2.1.1 Safety Officer

A Safety Officer with relevant qualifications in wakeboarding, must be appointed for all events sanctioned by WAWA and governed by WBAUS. When appointed, the Safety Officer is responsible for the safe conditions of all equipment, the facilities and operation of the event. The Safety Officer may delegate specific responsibilities to Assistant Safety Officers, in consultation with the Chief Judge. An Assistant Safety Officer must be present whenever the Safety Officer is unavailable during the event.

The Safety Officer will have the authority to take whatever action is necessary. For National Championships, the Chief Judge may assume the responsibilities of the Safety Officer, provided this is clearly documented in the event's Safety Plan and approved by the WBAUS Board.

During competition, the Safety Officer may request the Chief Judge to halt the event to discuss a rider's actions or unsafe conditions with the Boat Judges. All such discussions and decisions must be recorded, and the Chief Judge retains final decision-making authority.

2.1.2 Unsafe Rider - Refusal of Participation

No rider shall be allowed to compete or continue riding if, in the joint opinion of the Safety Officer, Chief Judge and the majority of Boat Judges, the rider's participation would pose a risk to themselves or others. Whenever practical, the advice of a medical professional should be obtained before making a final decision.

2.1.3 Safety Boats / Pick Up Jet Skis

A minimum of one safety boat or pick-up jet ski must be present at all times during the competition. The Chief Judge is responsible for determining the positioning of all rescue vessels and for briefing their operators prior to the event. Where a jet ski is used for rider recovery, it should have a rescue board to enable safe and efficient pick-up. Final vessel positions on course must be confirmed by the Chief Judge in accordance with the event's Safety Plan.

All rescue vessel operators must hold a valid boat licence in the state which they reside, and comply with relevant marine safety regulations, including lifejacket and towing requirements.

The Chief Boat Driver is responsible for conducting a pre-event briefing with all rescue vessel operators on rider pick-up procedures.

If a fallen rider does not raise a visible signal, it is the immediate responsibility of the Chief Boat Driver, and any event Officials present in the boat to assist the Safety Boat by returning to the rider without delay.

2.1.4 Safety Boat Personnel

Each safety boat must be crewed by persons aged 16 years or older, including:

- An experienced driver holding a full boat licence and familiar with the conduct of both practice and competitive wakeboard events.
- A competent swimmer capable of providing immediate in-water assistance following a rider fall.

If there is any doubt regarding the safety or wellbeing of a fallen rider, emergency services must be contacted immediately by calling 000.

The Chief Judge or designated Safety Officer is responsible for initiating the call and ensuring that all event operations pause until the situation is assessed and stabilised. Rider welfare takes absolute precedence over competition continuity.

If the injured rider is unable to climb into the safety boat with little or no assistance:

- The swimmer must ensure the rider is floated to shore and lifted from the water.
- Under no circumstances will an injured rider be lifted passively over the side of the safety boat.

Where language difficulties may interfere with communication, the swimmer **MUST NOT DELAY ENTRY INTO THE WATER** and physically assist the injured rider regardless of verbal clarity.

2.1.5 Basic Medical Coverage

For all sanctioned wakeboard competitions, basic medical support must be available on-site to respond quickly to rider injuries or emergencies. While a formal medical station is ideal, smaller events may use alternative arrangements that still meet safety expectations.

Minimum requirements:

- A designated first aid area with basic supplies (e.g. bandages, ice packs, antiseptic).
- At least one adult trained in first aid must be present at all times during the event.
- A clear plan must be in place to contact emergency services if needed.
- If an ambulance is present and leaves the site, the event must pause until medical coverage is restored.

If using an ambulance as the main medical support:

- It must stay on-site for the full duration of the event.
- Organisers should know the nearest hospital and how to get there quickly.
- If the ambulance is unable to transport an injured rider, suitable transportation vehicles may be used to transport an injured rider safely and promptly to the best local medical unit for further care where necessary.

2.1.6 Concussion

Any rider who sustains a head injury after a suspicious fall shall be subject to a concussion assessment, using the IWWF On-Water Concussion Assessment Tool [Annexure 3 On-Water Concussion Recognition Tool \(OWCRT\)](#)

- If the first assessment is negative, the rider will be allowed to complete the remainder of the event.
- If the first assessment is positive, the rider will be returned to the starting dock where a second assessment using the OWCRT will be administered by an Event Official.

If the second assessment is again positive, the rider will be withdrawn from competition and must commence the 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 conducted.

Refer [IWWF-Concussion-Policy-Protocol_rev01_20221001.pdf](#)

In divisions, where there are no event officials on the water:

- The Safety Officer should administer the first OWCRT.
- A second official (of any role) should conduct the follow up.
- Once a decision has been made by these two officials using the OWCRT, the decision is final and cannot be overruled.

In all cases, the Safety Officer shall submit an Incident Report if a rider is deemed to have sustained a concussion using the On-Water Concussion Recognition Tool (OWCRT).

Incident Report Forms can be accessed online via WAWA's [Incident Report Portal](#) or downloaded directly from the WAWA website - refer [Annexure 2 WAWA Incident Form](#).

WAWA has adopted a Concussion Protocol for use at events outside the remit of the IWWF. In alignment with IWWF guidelines, no athlete diagnosed with concussion shall be permitted to compete until they have successfully completed the six-phase brain recovery program and have been medically cleared to return to sport.

2.2 Competition Site

2.2.1 Site Delivery

The Event Organiser will hand the site over to the Chief Judge one full day prior to the first day of the event for inspection. Use of the site is under the authority of the Chief Judge until the completion of the competition. At the discretion of the event organiser and only with the approval of the Chief Judge, riders may be selected to ride or participate in course testing, and/or media, promotional or sponsorship obligations.

2.2.2 Event Days

According to the number of entries received, the number of days of the event will vary. Official familiarisation, where offered, is considered part of the event; therefore, the site needs to be delivered to the Chief Judge one day prior to the start of the Official Familiarisation.

Familiarisation is typically provided at National-level events, such as the Australian Nationals and Australian Open Series and is subject to venue availability, scheduling feasibility and approval by the Chief Judge and WBAUS Board.

Grassroots events are not required to include official familiarisation. These events may follow simplified site preparation procedures, provided safety and operational standards are met. See [Annexure 4 Event Days](#) for the number of days of the event considering the number of riders.

2.3 Schedule Changes

Changes in the schedule during the competition shall be made only for weather, water conditions, safety, or a similar reason. Such changes will be announced at a rider briefing or team meeting and by posting on the official notice board, which may be online.

Schedule changes may occur daily. It is the rider's responsibility to stay informed and monitor all updates.

All riders must be on-site one hour before their scheduled event time.

The official notice board will be the only source of updated information about schedules and results.

2.3.1 Event Cancellation

If, for any exceptional reason, it is not possible to finish all the finals of the event, the joint winners will be determined by the round immediately prior to the finals run (i.e., results from semi-finals may be used to determine 2 joint winners and 2 joint 3rd places).

For placement purposes for the ranking, riders will be awarded the points of the completed rounds. i.e., if the finals are not possible to finish, semi-finals winners will be all awarded 7th place and so on (no points for finals).

2.4 Categories

A rider will only be allowed to enter one category, either their appropriate age-group or ability category or a higher level of difficulty category than his/her own age-group category.

- All non-titled grassroots events must use Ability-Based categories. (see [2.4.4](#))
- All titled State and National events must use Age-Based categories. (see [2.4.3](#))
- Open categories may be offered at any level of competition. The Junior Pro category is exclusive to National Titles and the Australian Open Series and is not available at grassroots or State Title events.

Event Type	Category Type	Eligibility Notes
Titled Events	Age-Based	Required format; includes State Titles, Nationals, Australian Open
	Open Category	Permitted within age-based structure
	Junior Pro	Exclusive to National level and Australian Open Series. NOT offered at State Titles or grassroots events
Non-Titled Events	Ability-Based	Required format; X-Homologation applies , no ranking points awarded
	Open Category	Permitted within ability-based structure

2.4.1 Date of Birth

For any competition - **a rider's age as of 31st December of the current year** the event takes place will be used to determine age category.

The WBAUS season commences on 1 July and concludes on 30 June of the following year.

2.4.2 Cancellation/Merging

Aged Based Categories with less than three (3) riders may be cancelled or merged with other categories to a >division, if deemed appropriate by the Chief Judge. The cancelled category will not have recognised placement or champions. Ability Based Categories will not be merged under any circumstances.

U9 ⇒ U14 ⇒ U18 ⇒ U29 ⇒ OPEN ⇐ O30 ⇐ O40

2.4.3 Aged Based Categories

Category	Description
U9 Junior Boys	If you are 9 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
U9 Junior Girls	If you are 9 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
U14 Boys	If you are 14 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
U14 Girls	If you are 14 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
U18 Junior Men	If you are 18 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
U18 Junior Women	If you are 18 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held.
19–29 Men	If you are 29 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
19–29 Women	If you are 29 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
O30 Master Men	If you are 30 years or over on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
O30 Master Women	If you are 30 years or over on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
O40 Veteran Men	If you are 40 years or over on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
O40 Veteran Women	If you are 40 years or over on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
O50 Veteran Men	If you are 50 years or over on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
O50 Veteran Women	If you are 50 years or over on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
U18 Junior Pro Men	If you are 18 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
U18 Junior Pro Women	If you are 18 years or under on 31 st December in the current year the event is held
Open Men	No age restriction.
Open Women	No age restriction.
Adaptive	

2.4.4 Ability Based Categories

Category	Description
ROOKIE	Single wake jumps, slides, 180's (no wake to wakes)
STRAIGHT AIR	Wake to wake jumps including 180's and grabs.
INVERT	Up to 4 intermediate inverts including 360 spins, raleys & inverts.
ADVANCED INVERT	Unlimited inverts and spins up to 540. No mobes.
MOBE	Up to 4 mobes and spins to 720.
OPEN	Unlimited
CLASSIC	All tricks from straight air, Inverter and Advanced divisions. Designed for riders who are keen to have fun on the water with friends and enjoy the competition day.

2.4.5 Progression – Ability Based Categories

Once a rider selects an ability-based category, they must remain in that category unless their skill level exceeds the permitted trick threshold.

- If a rider exceeds the trick threshold in any WAWA-sanctioned event, they are required to progress to the next appropriate ability-based category for all future competitions.
- Riders may not move down to a lower ability-based category unless they have had a minimum two-year lapse in WAWA membership, and their current skill level aligns with the requirements of the lower category.
- The Chief Judge and National Directors reserve the right to recommend or require a rider to change categories if their demonstrated skill level is significantly above or below the category entered.

In exceptional circumstances, a rider may apply in writing to the WBAUS Board for permission to revert to a lower category, prior to the two-year threshold. Applications must outline the reason for the request, including relevant medical, personal, or performance-based factors and may be supported by documentation. The WBAUS Board will assess each application on a case-by-case basis, and their decision will be final and binding.

2.5 Rider Preparedness

2.5.1 Preparedness

A rider must be in his/her bindings, with his/her life vest and assigned bib and with a rope that will not interfere with him/her being ready to ride when the boat returns to the dock/start area. Any rider who fails to be at the dock and ready to ride when it is his/her turn in the running order as stated above will be deemed to be wasting time to gain an unfair advantage and will be disqualified. (In a DNS – Did Not Start situation, the rider will not be allowed to continue in the competition, but his/her points already achieved are guaranteed for ranking and team scoring).

If the rider is not available or has been disqualified, a maximum one-minute delay may be granted to the next rider in the starting order. If more than one rider has been disqualified, the time allotted to the next rider shall be one minute for each rider disqualified.

2.5.2 Disqualification

Note: Any negative gestures during a ride will constitute unsportsmanlike conduct.

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

When a rider has a DNS, and injury or a medical refusal of participation, although he/she will not be allowed to keep on participating in the remainder of the competition, the points regarding his/her placement will still be awarded, for team scoring and ranking purposes. In all other cases (unsportsmanlike conduct), the rider receives no points towards team scoring or ranking.

2.6 Boat

2.6.1 Boat Set Up

The Chief Judge and the Chief Driver will determine the total additional weight in the boat. The amount of weight decided for each division should remain the same throughout the event.

2.6.2 Speed

Each rider shall receive his/her choice of a constant speed through the course. The boat speed, assuming it is held constant before entering the course, is the rider's responsibility. The rider is allowed to adjust the speed of the boat during the routine. The driver shall adjust the speed as quickly as possible after getting notice of the rider's sign. Any additional settings possible on the boat like wedge or tabs position will be decided by the Chief Judge and communicated at the Riders Briefing.

2.6.3 Signals

The rider shall use the standardised signals and not cause the boat to stop, if possible. Deliberate use of delaying tactics will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will subject the rider to penalty or disqualification. The following signals apply in addition to well-known riding signals. Use in combination as applicable.

- Thumb(s) up means go faster.
- Thumb(s) down means go slower.
- Pointing at an item of equipment means a problem with it.
- Pointing back toward object means debris in water.
- Raising hand overhead means request for re-ride.
- Fallen rider must signal to tow boat and safety boat that he/she is OK and/or injured.

2.7 Equipment

2.7.1 General

All personal equipment is subject to the approval of the Chief Judge and the Safety Officer. Riders must provide their own equipment, including handles and ropes which must be of a non-stretch material.

2.7.2 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:

- Floats the rider.
- Is constructed as to provide adequate protection from impact damage to the ribs and internal organs.
- Is properly fitted, securely fastened, and in good condition (no tears, broken zips, or compromised buoyancy).
- Complies with Australian Standards AS4758 for buoyancy aids.
- Must not be modified from its approved design, any alteration will result in disqualification.

The Safety Director or Chief Judge has authority to inspect and approve rider equipment. Riders may be refused participation if their vest does not meet safety standards.

2.7.3 Damaged Equipment

A rider is fully responsible for his/her personal equipment and should have a spare board, fully assembled with bindings and fins at disposal, should any damage occur.

If a rider realises his/her equipment has been damaged, he/she may throw the handle to indicate the wish to repair the equipment. This will, however, constitute one fall if it occurs in the wakeboard course. If a rider falls in the wakeboard course due to his/her equipment being damaged, it will also constitute one fall. If a rider needs to stop his/her ride in the wakeboard course or before the start of his/her second pass to repair his/her 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/her equipment, he/she 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 have both feet back in his/her bindings before the four minutes elapses or his/her routine is over. The boat will then tow the rider from the starting dock to the location of the fall or handle-throw, come to a complete stop, and then resume the routine.

2.7.4 Ropes

It is the responsibility of the Rider to provide a rope that is fixed at the correct length, with excess loops and links or extensions removed, except for one clearly marked extension if a change of length may be required after a fall. The rope must be handed to the rope marshal in a fixed knot or a loop that can be placed directly on to the boat tower. The rope marshal will not make a knot in the rope and no 'magic' knots are acceptable.

The rider needs to clearly communicate to the officials in the boat or jetty marshal what rope length he/she desires. If the rider desires, he/she can change the rope length after a fall. No re-rides will be granted for miscommunication about the rope length.

2.7.5 Bibs

Rider Bibs are not mandatory unless specified by the event organiser.

Riders are required to wear an official bib during media riding, actual competition, and interviews. If a rider is not wearing a bib that is assigned to him/her while competing, he/she will be disqualified from the tournament. No modifications of bibs or addition or deletion of lettering or logos on bibs are permitted.

If a rider loses/forgets a bib, a replacement bib can be purchased for AUD \$200. Spare bibs will be in the scorer's office and at the dock.

2.8 Official Familiarisation

2.8.1 Entitlement

Official Familiarisation is not mandatory.

If the organiser decides to have Official Familiarisation, an equal opportunity will be provided for all riders to familiarise themselves with the course and the boat that will tow the event. In that situation, the familiarisation is official and an integral part of the event. Only one familiarisation slot will be available per rider.

2.8.2 Procedure

All familiarisation rides must be booked and paid via the EMS. Slots are allocated on a first-paid, first-served basis. Unpaid or unconfirmed bookings will not be held.

2.8.3 Official Familiarisation days

Familiarisation times are site-specific and will be determined by the WBAUS Board in consultation with the Chief Judge. The Chief Scorer will issue the official familiarisation schedule no later than 24 hours before the event. It is the sole responsibility of each rider to ensure they are available on the scheduled day for familiarisation.

No adjustments will be made for missed bookings, late arrivals, or personal scheduling conflicts. Riders who fail to attend their allocated familiarisation time may forfeit their opportunity without recourse.

2.9 Administration

2.9.1 Registration

Registration will close at the date and time specified in the event notice or bulletin. If a rider is unable to be at site before registration closes, he/she must ensure that the entry fee is paid, as well as a clear indication of the category the rider will compete in. As soon as he/she arrives, the rider must go to the Chief Scorer, but not later than 1 hour before the first rider of his/her category starts his/her run.

All membership fees, registrations and outstanding payments must be settled before the registration cut-off date.

2.9.2 Age Verification

The Chief Judge and/or Chief Scorer will ensure that all riders are checked for verification of age to ensure that riders are entered in the correct category.

2.9.3 Ability Verification

All riders entering ability-based categories must demonstrate appropriate skill level through prior competition results, coach endorsement, or verification by the appointed judging panel. For new or unclassified riders, provisional placement may be determined by the Chief Judge based on observed performance, coach input, or pre-event assessment.

The Chief Judge reserves the right to recommend or require a rider to move to a more appropriate ability-based category if their demonstrated skill level is significantly above or below the category entered.

This decision may be made during the entry process or prior to the rider's first scheduled run, in consultation with the appointed judging panel.

2.9.4 Membership Requirements

All participants and officials at WAWA-sanctioned events must hold a current financial WAWA membership appropriate to their role and level of involvement.

- **Competition Entry:** Minimum accepted categories for competition entry are Transition Membership, Full Membership, or an equivalent overseas membership formally recognised by WAWA.
- **Social Participation:** Social Memberships are valid for one-time “Come & Try” participation only. These members may be invited to club-level events, but results will not be recorded, and no personal accident insurance is provided.
- **Non-Competing Roles:** Individuals in non-competing roles, including judges, administrators, committee members, and officials, must hold a Non-Skiing Official Membership at minimum. This category ensures coverage under WAWA’s insurance.
- **Membership Upgrades:** All membership categories may be upgraded at any time via the official WAWA Memberships portal: [AWWF – AWWF](#)
- **Child Safety Compliance:** Any individual holding a position on a state committee must hold a valid and current Working with Children Check (WWCC) card, appropriate to their state or territory legislation.

2.9.5 Membership Eligibility for Competition

Introductory Members (including Introductory Family) are ineligible to compete at state, national, or international events unless membership is upgraded.

Transition Members (including Transition Family) may compete at State Titles but are not eligible for higher-level events unless membership is upgraded.

2.9.6 Event Entry Requirements

The Chief Judge/Chief Scorer will verify all entries for compliance.

2.9.6.1 Grassroot Events

Entry is restricted to Ability-Based categories only (refer to Section [2.4.4](#)). All participants must hold a current WAWA Membership. Results must be recorded strictly by Ability-Based category.

2.9.6.2 State Titles

Riders must have competed in a minimum of two WAWA-sanctioned state events within the current season to be eligible unless an exemption is requested by the State President and approved by the WBAUS Board. **Open category entrants are exempt from the two-event requirement.**

2.9.6.3 National Championships

Riders must have competed at their State Titles to be eligible unless an exemption is requested by the State President and approved by the WBAUS Board. Riders must enter Nationals in the same age category they competed in at State Titles, representing the State where they held membership for that season. **Junior Pro and Open category entrants are exempt from this requirement.**

2.9.6.4 Australian Open Series

Riders must compete in the same age category as their State Season. Riders may elect to advance to Junior Pro or Open Categories. Once a rider advances to a higher category, they must remain in that category for the duration of their WAWA membership. Reversion to a lower category is only permitted following a minimum two-year lapse in WAWA membership. Elite international riders may be invited at the discretion of the WBAUS Board.

2.9.7 Australian Team Selection – Open Riders

Eligibility for selection to represent Australia at any IWWF World Championship event requires riders to have participated, either as a competitor or in an official capacity, in a minimum of:

- Two State Sanctioned events nationally.
- One Australian Open.

In addition to meeting participation requirements, riders must demonstrate ongoing commitment to the sport through positive conduct, respect for officials and peers, and active contribution to the wakeboard community. This may include volunteering, mentoring, or assisting at sanctioned events.

Unsportsmanlike behaviour, breaches of code of conduct, or failure to uphold WBAUS values may impact eligibility for selection.

Requests for exemption due to injury, or other exceptional circumstances must be submitted in writing to the WBAUS Board. Supporting documentation may be required.

2.10 Homologation

2.10.1 Competition Homologation

The Competition will be registered on EMS by the Chief Judge/Chief Scorer and opened for entry using the EMS.

2.10.2 Full Results

Full results of the competition must be uploaded to EMS within 5 days of the end of the competition. After 30 days it will not be possible to upload the results on EMS to contribute to the rider's ranking.

Individual classification will be published on the IWWF website results page at iwwfed-ea.org/ and on the EMS.

2.10.3 Officials

For the homologation of events, Officials need to have their certification according to the following:

- State Events – Chief Judge must be a minimum of **1 Star**.
- National Events - Chief Judge must be a minimum of **2 Stars**. All other Officials may be of **1 Star**.
- National Titled Events - Chief Judge, Chief Driver and Chief Scorer must be **3 Stars** minimum and all the other Officials must be of **2 Stars** minimum.
- International Events - Chief Judge, Chief Driver and Chief Scorer must be **4 Stars** minimum and all the other Officials must be of **3 Stars** minimum.
- World and Regional Championships - All Officials must be of **5 Stars** qualification.

2.11 Competition Formats

Freeride is the only accepted format for homologated events contributing to athlete rankings.

Each rider shall be allowed two passes through the wakeboard course during which time he/she may perform any routine he/she chooses. He/she will be judged on subjective style categories, to arrive at a single combined score.

Riders are encouraged to perform a smooth flowing routine with a wide variety of tricks. Each manoeuvre should be different, adding its unique style, should display a high technical level and should be executed as cleanly as possible and taken to its limit.

2.11.1 Officials

There must be 3 judges in the boat for all rounds of the event. There will be one designated Judge 1 in the boat, who will oversee communication with the driver, rider, and scorer.

2.12 Wakeboard Courses

2.12.1 Gated Course

All wakeboard events will use the Freeride format with this type of course.

A rider's routine will start when he/she performs his/her first trick after the line of the start buoys. A rider's first trick will be scored if he/she leaves the crest of the wake after passing the line of the start buoys (Defined by the front foot leaving the wake).

A rider's routine will end when he/she falls for a second time or when he/she passes the end buoys. A rider's last trick will be scored if he/she leaves the crest of the wake before passing the line of the end buoys (Defined by the front foot leaving the wake).

The distance from the start to the end buoys should range from 370 to 400 metres (36-39 seconds at 37 km/hour or 23 miles/hour).

Where 2 buoys on each side are not possible, only one start buoy shall establish the approximate area of the beginning of the wakeboard course from each direction. An end buoy shall signify the end of the pass. In this case, it will be up to the judges in the boat to deem any trick as in or out of course, and therefore, counted or not towards the final score.

A rider's first and second pass will begin after he or she rides around or between the start buoys. The first trick must be initiated after the buoys.

The three-quarter buoy will be positioned to allow riders sufficient space to execute one final trick before exiting the course.

2.12.2 Course Buoys

When needed, buoys to be used for the wakeboard course must be of the following specifications:

- Only inflatable buoys may be used, and they should be made of a lightweight, pliable material with smooth exposed surface.
- Colour of buoys shall be selected for maximum visibility. A fluorescent orange, pink or red is recommended for the start and end buoys.
- Start and end buoys shall not stand more than 50 cm high above the waterline.
- Each buoy shall have a strong loop for attaching anchor lines. The buoys must be attached to the anchor line using a system that will tighten the buoy in such a way as to ensure that it does not move around from its position.

2.12.3 Proceeding through the wakeboard 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.

When a rider falls, the boat will pick up that rider, the driver in the boat will make the best effort possible to start again following exactly the same path as before the fall.

2.12.4 Swimming on the Course

Any rider who swims down the course or does underwater movements to gain advantage will not be picked up. Although the rider is not disqualified, this will be the end of his/her routine, and he/she will be judged according to the tricks performed until this moment.

2.13 Scoring

2.13.1 Scoring

Each rider will be awarded a maximum of 100 points based on the judges' 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 rider's performance after that rider is judged higher or lower dependent upon their ride. Judges are required to both score and place a rider in within each heat.

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

- **Execution - 33.3 Points**
This reflects the level of perfection to which each manoeuvre was performed.
- **Intensity - 33.4 Points**
This reflects how big the moves were performed and the technical difficulty of the tricks executed.
- **Composition - 33.3 Points**
This reflects the overall composition of the routine in terms of the rider's ability to perform a variety of manoeuvres in a flowing, creative sequence.

2.13.2 Calculation of Scores

For each criterion (Execution, Intensity and Composition) each judge will give a score out of 10.

For each criterion (Execution, Intensity and Composition) the scores of all 3 judges are added, divided by 3 and displayed as part of the overall score.

- Execution – multiplied by 3.33.
- Intensity – multiplied by 3.34.
- Composition – multiplied by 3.33.

To calculate the rider's result, the three averaged criteria scores are added and displayed as a total score.

Two criteria will always outweigh one. This means that if a rider has scored above another rider in two of the three criteria, that rider should place above.

2.13.3 Heat System

Wakeboard competitions will use a heat system – Refer [Annexure 6 IWWF Heat System](#).

Whenever possible, for the qualification round heats, riders will be pre-seeded from the ranking points they have at the official ranking list updated at the time of the registration. If a rider does not have a ranking they will be randomly placed after the ranked riders. Riders participating in a different category (higher difficulty) will have 75% of their ranking points counting towards the pre-seeding.

The number of riders in each heat is dependent on the total number of riders entered. No heat shall exceed 6 riders, and where possible, heats of 4 or 5 are preferred.

However, an exception may be made in cases where fewer than 9 riders are entered in a category; in such instances, heats or finals may comprise up to 8 riders, at the discretion of the event organiser and provided the scoring software can accommodate this adjustment.

When the Qualification round has been completed all pre-seeding no longer applies and it is the results of each heat that will determine the running order for the subsequent rounds. Advancing riders will be seeded from the placement results of the qualifying heats. Riders who do not qualify from the qualification round will have a Last Chance Qualification round.

Qualification rounds will be created by using the Snake system. The aim of the Heat System principal is to achieve the best mix of riders in advancing heats moving through the event.

All Finals will comprise of 6 riders (except in case of categories open with less riders) **however, an exception may be made**, and finals may comprise up to 8 riders, with no LCQ required.

In the event of a withdrawal, injury, or disqualification the rider will not be replaced or substituted. The final heat will proceed with fewer riders.

Ideally, there will always be a last chance qualifier to retain a second chance for any rider who does not qualify in the first round of heats. If there are time constraints or for a more dynamic event, the LCQ round may be dropped.

These changes are subject to availability of the scoring software to accommodate for those changes.

2.13.4 Placement

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

If two judges place a rider above another rider, while the 3rd judge does not, majority wins and the scores will have to be adjusted accordingly in a way that even with different placements between judges, the total score reflects the correct placement.

2.13.5 Placement Scoring

After the completion of the event, the riders attending the event (except the ones disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct) will be awarded points on their final placement in the respective categories:

1 st place	100
2 nd place	80
3 rd place	65
4 th place	55
5 th place	45
6 th place	35
7 th place	30
8 th place	25
9 th place	20
10 th place	17
11 th place	14
12 th place	11
13 th place	8
14 th place	6
15 th place	5
16 th place	4
17 th place	3
18 th place	2
19 th place	1
20th place and all subsequent riders receive 1 point each.	

With the use of the heat system, there will be instances where riders have finished in a joint position with a rider in a different heat. Relevant placing points will therefore be given to each rider based on their placement in the heat.

The points will be added to the riders' ranking, according to the ranking rules.

2.13.6 Signing Off

The Chief Scorer and Chief Judge will sign off the results sheets but only following review and approval of the three boat judges.

2.13.7 Use of Video

Due to the subjective scoring nature and spirit of wakeboarding, judges, riders, or team representatives cannot use video footage of any kind to resolve any disputes. Judges will not view or comment on any video footage during the event.

2.14 Falls

2.14.1 Out of Course Falls / Handle Throw

A rider may have one out-of-course fall only before the start of his/her first pass. An out-of-course fall or handle throw before the start of the second pass will count as one in-course fall.

In case of an out-of-course fall or handle throw before the start of a rider's first pass due to an incorrect speed or an incorrect rope length, the boat will start again from the jetty/dock.

The rider may also have one handle-throw before the start of his/her first pass, which will also count as one out-of-course fall.

If a rider throws the handle prior to the start of his/her first pass to indicate that the rope was incorrectly put on the wrong loop by the officials or Judges in the boat, this will not count as an out-of-course fall and the boat will re-start from the Jetty.

2.14.2 Rider Readiness

The rider must be ready to ride immediately upon the boat's return after a fall, an out-of-course fall, or handle-throw. Any delaying tactics will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.

2.15 Re-Rides

2.15.1 Responsibility

It is the responsibility of a rider to request a re-ride. **A request for a re-ride comes at a risk of being denied.**

The Driver may initiate a re-ride if he/she becomes aware of an issue relating to the boat, the path, or the conditions relevant to the driving of the course.

2.15.2 Procedure

If a rider chooses to request a re-ride, they must:

- Cease executing tricks immediately.
- Move to the middle of the wake, holding his/her hand in the air and only then dropping the handle. (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.

If the driver initiates a re-ride, they will:

- Report the issue to the No. 1 Judge in the boat.
- The boat judges must agree.
- No 1 judge in the boat will signal to the rider holding his/her hand in the air.
- If this is following a fall the no. 1 Judge will inform the rider when the boat gets back.

Judges must agree by majority to grant a rider's request for a re-ride.

Chief Judge may overrule this decision due to time constraints.

Approved Re-Ride:

- Re-ride will include simulation pass if required.
- The judges in the boat will write down on their scoring sheets the land location where the situation occurred, to be protected in case of a dispute. They will verbally indicate clearly to the rider the location they have written down before the boat starts pulling the rider again.
- Rider will commence re-ride by staying in middle of wake until rider reaches course location, where original run/pass was ceased. Judges may signal rider when to commence remainder of run/pass from that location.
- Scores will be judged with the combination of original tricks and the remainder of tricks from re-ride (e.g. Combination first 3 tricks of original run/ pass and remainder of 7 tricks in re-ride).

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

- Weather – Lightning and instructed to stop competing.
- Boat and 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 for a re-ride when the boat comes to pick him/her up, not respecting the normal procedure).
- Uneven wakes – only if different to rider's heat
- Rollers – only if caused from other sources and not the same as the rest of the heat.

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

- Weather – wind or rain
- Environment – change of tides etc.
- Speed – use your thumb signals only.
- Rope Length – Rider's responsibility for instructing and visibly ensuring rope placement.
- Equipment failure – As per Rule [2.7.3](#)
- Wakes – If the same as remainder of riders in same heat.

- Rollers – If the same as remainder of riders in same heat.
- Poor Performance – can be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Not following re-ride request procedure above

If a re-ride is denied, the handle throw will be considered as a fall.

2.16 Protests

2.16.1 Representation

Only a rider or team representative shall make protests to the Chief Judge.

2.16.2 Procedure

Live results will remain unofficial until they are posted in PDF format online, or on the official notice board.

All team captains and individual riders will be informed of the time of the posting of the official results. The time will be recorded on the PDF posted.

Prior to lodging a formal protest, a rider or team representative may request a respectful discussion with the Chief Judge and Judge 1 present in the boat at the time. This discussion is limited to 15 minutes and must occur before any protest form is submitted.

To initiate a formal protest:

- The rider or team representative must obtain an Official Protest Form from the Chief Judge.
- The completed form must be submitted directly to the Chief Judge for review.

Once a protest has been formally lodged, no rider, team representative, or affiliate is permitted to approach, contact, or engage in discussion with any event official, including judges, scorers, or technical staff, unless an official initiates the communication. **Breach of this protocol may result in disciplinary action.**

Protests must be made in writing, must state the reason(s) for the protest, and quote the relevant rule number(s). The Protest must be lodged as soon as possible, but no later than 20 minutes after the occurrence or after the results of the event are official. After reviewing the Protest and score sheets, the Chief Judge will meet with the boat Judges for discussion if deemed necessary. The boat Judges will meet with rider to discuss the outcome of the Protest. Actions may then be taken by the Chief Judge to address the Protest.

Please refer [Annexure 5 Wakeboard Australia Official Protest Form](#) for the Official Protest Form.

Protests must be accompanied by the approximate equivalent in local currency of AUD \$100. This amount will be refunded if the protest is considered reasonable or upheld by the Judges.

There will be strict time management procedures for Protests. A Protest will take no longer than **30 minutes**. As soon as an official Protest is received any other athletes who may be impacted will be informed.

If the scores and therefore the results are changed because of the protest, the new results page will be posted online in PDF and the Team Captains/affected riders will be informed of the new results posted. At this time, the clock re-starts for a further 20 minutes for any Protest to be made. All judges must be at the Chief Judge's office immediately following the last event each day and will remain 20 minutes after the release of the official results to answer questions.

The Chief Judge and the 3 judges involved in the respective event will manage any protests. In the case of other protests, i.e., protest about heats, timing, etc., such protests shall be managed by the majority of judges.

It is strongly advised that riders DO NOT leave the event site until the results have been posted and to allow for the potential for protests to be managed.

2.16.3 Calculation Mistake

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 Chief Scorer within 20 minutes after the results are announced and Boat Judges' scoring sheets have been made available for inspection.

The inspection of scoring sheets will be done only in the presence of the Judges scoring that event.

3 AUSTRALIAN NON-TITLED EVENTS

3.1 Applicability

The provisions outlined below apply specifically to non-titled grassroots competitions.

They are intended to give more flexibility, allowing adaptation to national circumstances and to provide guidance for organising smaller-scale events. To maintain consistency in event standards, any modifications to these rules should be kept to a minimum.

3.2 Format

The format to be used for all non-titled events is Freeride, with a Gated Course and the only variation allowed is a potential limitation on the # Tricks for determined categories.

3.3 Schedule Changes

3.3.1 Finals

If, for any exceptional reason, it is not possible to complete all final rounds of an event, joint winners will be determined based on the results of the round immediately preceding the finals (e.g. semi-final results may be used to award two joint winners and two joint third places).

3.4 Categories

3.4.1 Minimum Number of Riders

Ability based categories are exempt from requiring a minimum number of riders. All Ability-based Categories must be opened in the EMS.

Final category determinations will be made following the close of rider registrations. Once the event is drawn up in the Scoring System, any ability-based category with zero registered riders does not need to be included in the final event setup. Once a category is open, the scores and placements will contribute to event standings, but no titles will be awarded.

3.4.2 Categories Allowed

ROOKIE / CLASSIC / STRAIGHT AIR / INVERT / ADVANCED INVERT / MOBE / OPEN (See [2.4.4](#)).

3.5 Safety

3.5.1 Safety Officer

Prior to event, the Safety Officer shall be appointed. The Safety Officer will take responsibility for the safe conditions of all equipment, facilities, and operation of the event.

The Safety Officer may delegate specific responsibilities to one or more assistants, in consultation with the Chief Judge. An Assistant Safety Officer must be present whenever the Safety Officer is unavailable.

3.6 Boat

3.6.1 Set Up

The Chief Judge and the Chief Driver will determine the total additional weight in the boat. The amount of weight decided for each division should remain the same throughout the event.

3.7 Competition Site

3.7.1 Site Delivery

The organisers of the event will hand the site over to the Chief Judge one full day prior to the first day of the event for inspection. The site is under the authority of the Chief Judge until the completion of the competition.

At the discretion of the event organiser, and only with the approval of the Chief Judge, riders may be selected to ride or participate in course testing, and/or media, promotional or sponsorship obligations.

3.7.2 Event Days

According to the number of intentions to enter received, the number of days of the event will vary. The exact number of days of the event will be communicated to all riders via the event notice.

See [Annexure 4 Event Days](#) for the number of days of the event considering the number of riders.

3.8 Official Familiarisation

3.8.1 Entitlement

Official Familiarisation is not advised for non-titled grassroots events. However, if deemed necessary, it should follow the same rules as Titled Events. See [4.8 Official Familiarisation](#).

3.9 Administration

3.9.1 Individual Entry

Each rider shall register on the EMS no later than the official cut-off date.

Late entries will only be accepted with the mutual consent of the Event Organiser and Chief Judge.

3.9.2 Registration

Registration will close at the date and time specified in the event notice or bulletin.

If a rider is unable to be at the site before the registration closes, he/she must ensure that the entry fee is paid, as well as a clear indication of the category the rider will compete in. As soon as he/she arrives, the rider must go to the Chief Scorer's office, but not later than 1 hour before the first rider of his/her category starts his/her run.

If official entry is not received prior to the start of the first event, the Chief Judge shall determine the rider's place in the draw without reference to their rankings.

All membership fees, registrations and outstanding payments must be settled before the registration cut-off date.

3.9.3 Ability Verification

The Chief Judge and/or Chief Scorer will ensure that all riders are checked for verification of ability at registration to ensure that riders are entered in the correct category.

4 AUSTRALIAN TITLED EVENTS

4.1 Applicability

The provisions outlined below apply specifically to Titled competitions, such as State Championships, Australian Championships, and the Australian Open Series.

To achieve consistency in the standard of events, these rules should be enforced wherever possible, as they represent the highest possible standard. Their consistent application will contribute to event quality and fairness across all titled competitions.

- Where the term "State Championships" is used, it refers to any State Titled Event.
- Where the term "National Championships" is used, it refers to any National Titled Event.
- Where the term "Australian Open Series" is used, it refers to any National Titled Event.

4.2 Format

The format to be used for all titled events is Freeride, with a Gated Course and the only variation allowed is a potential limitation on the # Tricks for determined categories.

4.3 Schedule Changes

4.3.1 Finals

At any Titled event, the finals of each category must be completed to determine a winner, even if the Judges are obliged to continue it at a different site. In the case that the event cannot be completed, winners will be determined from Semi Final results, with the tie count back using rankings.

4.4 Categories

4.4.1 Minimum Number of Riders

A minimum of three registered riders is required to open any age-based category. The categories to be opened will be determined after the end of the registration.

Where fewer than three riders are registered, the Chief Judge may approve the category to proceed, subject to their discretion and the specific context of the event. Once a category is open, the scores and placements of riders within that category will contribute to scores (for ranking purposes) and to a title.

4.4.2 Cancellation / Merging Classes

If there are insufficient riders to open a category and the Chief Judge deems merging appropriate, that category may be merged with the adjacent category above or below, as follows:

U9 ⇒ U14 ⇒ U18 ⇒ U29 ⇒ OPEN ⇐ O30 ⇐ O40

The Chief Judge will notify all affected riders as soon as practicable if a category is at risk of not opening due to low entries. Any category that is cancelled will not have recognised placements or champions.

4.4.3 Categories Allowed

Only U9, U14, U18, U29, O30, O40, O50 and Open categories are allowed for State Titled events. (see [2.4.3](#))

Only U9, U14, U18, U29, O30, O40, O50, Junior Pro and Open categories are allowed for National Titled events (see [2.4.3](#)).

4.5 Safety

4.5.1 Safety Officer

Prior to event, the Safety Officer shall be appointed. The Safety Officer will take responsibility for the safe conditions of all equipment, facilities, and operation of the event.

The Safety Officer may delegate specific responsibilities to one or more assistants, in consultation with the Chief Judge. An Assistant Safety Officer must be present whenever the Safety Officer is unavailable.

4.6 Boat

4.6.1 Set Up

The Chief Judge and the Chief Driver will determine the total additional weight in the boat. The amount of weight decided for each division should remain the same throughout the event.

4.7 Competition Site

4.7.1 Site Delivery

The organisers of the event will hand the site over to the Chief Judge 1 full day prior to the first day of the event for inspection. The site is under the authority of the Chief Judge until the completion of the competition.

At the discretion of the event organiser, and only with the approval of the Chief Judge, riders may be selected to ride or participate in course testing, and/or media, promotional or sponsorship obligations.

4.7.2 Event Days

According to the number of intentions to enter received, the number of days of the event will vary. The exact number of days of the event will be communicated to all riders via the event bulletin.

Official familiarisation, if it exists, is considered a part of the event, therefore the site needs to be delivered to the Chief Judge one day prior to the start of the Official Familiarisation.

See [Annexure 4 Event Days](#) for the number of days of the event considering the number of riders.

4.8 Official Familiarisation

4.8.1 Entitlement

Only one slot per rider will be allowed.

Riders must book familiarisation slots according to the event bulletin. Familiarisation slots will be allocated on a first come, first paid basis. Therefore, when a rider reserves a slot, payment must be made, or it will be released. Only paid slots are considered booked and reserved.

4.8.2 Procedure

Official Familiarisation will be available for booking in the EMS.

Riders must be ready on the dock in the same way as for the competition. Failure to be ready on the dock at the allocated time will mean losing the chance of familiarising with the course and boat. There will be a Jetty Marshall overseeing the training, to ensure that the schedule is respected.

No restitutions of payments or reallocation of schedule will be permitted due to lack of readiness on the part of any rider.

4.8.3 Familiarisation days

According to the intentions to enter received, the number of days will be allocated for Familiarisation. The Familiarisation schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

If the organiser chooses to offer unofficial training before the event this will be the responsibility of the organiser, and the competition boat will not be used.

4.8.4 Official Familiarisation Schedule

The schedule of the familiarisation will depend on the number of riders attending the event. Riders will have access to book familiarisation at time of entry into the event.

Re-fuelling and boat maintenance periods will be scheduled throughout the day.

The Familiarisation Schedule will be issued to riders and posted on the official notice board.

4.9 Administration

4.9.1 Entry

Each rider shall enter into the event on the EMS no later than the official cut-off date.

4.9.2 Registration

Registration will close at the date and time specified in the event notice or bulletin.

Late entries will only be accepted with the mutual consent of the Organiser and Chief Judge.

If a rider is unable to be at the site before the registration closes, he/she must ensure that the entry fee is paid, as well as a clear indication of the category the rider will compete in. As soon as he/she arrives, the rider must go to the Chief Scorer's office, but not later than 1 hour before the first rider of his/her category starts his/her run.

If official entry is not received prior to the start of the first event, the Chief Judge shall determine the rider's place in the draw without reference to their rankings.

All membership fees, registrations and outstanding payments must be settled before the registration cut-off date.

4.9.3 Age Verification

The Chief Judge and/or Chief Scorer will ensure that all riders are checked for verification of age at registration to ensure that riders are entered in the correct category.

4.10 Team Scoring

4.10.1 Counting Scores

The best **8** scores will be used to calculate the overall team score.

4.10.2 Tied Scores

In the event of a tie, the 9th team rider score will determine final team placement. If a tie still exists, then a 10th team rider score will be used to decide final placement and so forth.

4.10.3 Disqualification

If a team rider is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct, no team overall points shall be awarded for this rider. No substitutions allowed.

4.10.4 Category weight for Team Scoring

In order to balance the level of riding at the Titled Events, categories will have different weights for the calculation of Team Scoring.

- U14 and U18 categories – 90% of points towards Team Scoring.
- O30 and O40 categories - 80% of points towards Team Scoring.
- Open categories - 100% of points towards Team Scoring.

5 RANKING RULES

5.1 Applicability

The ranking will be comprised of all the homologated and sanctioned events on the EMS within a determined year.

5.2 Events

The events will be ranked according to a star system:

- **6 Stars** - IWWF World Championships.
Minimum Requirements - By contract with IWWF.
- **5 Stars** - IWWF Regional Championships / IWWF Pro Tour / League / World Cup.
Minimum Requirements - 30k USD cash prize (Except titled events – Regional Championships). Open event (or with an open qualifier).
- **4 Stars** - International Events >4 countries / IWWF Regional Tour.
Minimum requirements - 5k USD cash prize.
- **3 Stars** - National Championships / International Events <4 countries.
Minimum Requirements - 3k USD cash prize (Except titled events – National Championships).
- **2 Stars** - National Events / International Events >1 country.
- **1 Star** - Club Events / Aged Based Events - State Titles.

5.3 Requirements

For the homologation of an event to count towards the ranking, the following must be respected:

- The current Wakeboard Australia Boat Rules, aligned with IWWF Wakeboard Boat Rules must be used.
- The IWWF Wakeboard Boat Heat System and Seeding must be used.
- Only accredited Officials, holding the appropriate Star Rating may be used.
- The event must be registered on the Event Management System.
- The results of the event must be uploaded to the EMS within 5 days of the end of the event.

5.4 Procedure for EMS Homologation

1. The State or Federation Representative must enter the event on EMS.
2. Enter the location and parameters for the event and the Jury panel as required.
3. When approved, the event will be available on the official IWWF Wakeboard Boat calendar.
4. The Chief Judge/Chief Scorer can then open the event for registration.

5. Riders must hold a current WAWA membership appropriate to their age category, as well as a valid IWWF Licence, if they wish to compete in 3 Star to 6 Star competitions.
6. Upload the full results to EMS within 5 days of the end of the event. The results cannot be uploaded more than 30 days after the event.

5.5 Previous Rankings

Each week the ranking will be updated on Thursday, where each rider will have the current year's points through the events, he/she participated at, plus the corresponding total points of the 2 previous years of competitions.

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

- A rider's points from previous year will count 60% (Ranking points as per 31st of December of the previous year).
- A rider's points from 2 years before will count 30% (Ranking points as per 31st of December of the respective year).
- When a rider changes division, their points from previous years and division will still be counted, according to the previous point.
- When going from U14 to U18 and from U18 to Open riders will only keep 75% of the points. From Open to O30, O30 to O40 riders will keep the totality of their points.

When seeding the riders for an event, the ranking to be used is the one updated immediately before the event takes place. It will be updated every week.

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.

At the beginning of the year, each rider will have his/her ranking points from the previous seasons as a base, and then throughout the season keeps on adding his/her best scores to his/her ranking points.

5.6 Federation & IWWF License

To feature in the IWWF World Ranking, a rider must:

- Provide documented evidence of current affiliation with WAWA and have the support of WBAUS.
- Be registered on the EMS.
- Purchase a valid IWWF License for participation in international events.

5.7 Coefficients

Points attributed to a rider are based on his/her placement at that event, according to the rules, multiplied by the coefficient from the type of event he/she participated in:

- X-homologated – X0
- 1 Star Events – X1
- 2 Star Events – X2
- 3 Star Events – X4
- 4 Star Events – X5
- 5 Star Events – X8
- 6 Star Events – X10

5.8 Ranking List

The Ranking list will be published on the EMS. All events homologated through EMS will be included in the ranking and the ranking will be updated following each event.

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.

5.9 Maximum events

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.

5.10 National Championships / National Tour

It is up to the Federations to decide if they will permit international riders to participate in their State and/or 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 Champions/National Champions, instead of a single event:

- One event within the Tour/Series will be designated as a 3-Star event, preferably the final event of the Tour/Series.
- If the final event is not selected as the 3-Star event, this must be declared at the beginning of the Tour/Series.
- All other events within the Tour/Series, unless offering the minimum cash prize threshold, will be considered 2-Star events.

5.11 Ties

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.

6 OFFICIALS RULES

6.1 Applicability

The following rules apply to all WBAUS Boat Officials (drivers, calculators, and boat judges) and define their status, responsibilities, and obligations.

6.2 General Responsibilities

All Officials must be members of their National Federations and remain so to retain their position as an official.

All officials at a competition shall act as representatives of the panel and the IWWF in all situations during the competition and shall not act as representatives of a State/National team or Federation.

No official is allowed to participate as a rider at a Titled Event. An exception for National Titled events may be considered if the availability of Officials is not sufficient, but never judging in the divisions they participate in.

Any official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike or whose conduct may cause discredit to the IWWF World and Regional Wakeboard Councils, WAWA, WBAUS, State Division and sponsors, either on or off the competition site, before, during or after the event, may be sanctioned and immediately replaced from the competition, including completed events and/or be subject to a fine to be determined by the WBAUS Board, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Judges.

Only 5 Star International Judges and Scorers selected by the World Wakeboard Council or the Regional Councils are permitted to act as Tutors at Officials Seminars.

All Officials Seminars, and the Tutors at the seminar, must be sanctioned by the IWWF World Wakeboard Council.

All Officials should contribute to the development of the rules and should forward suggestions and questions of a rider's concern to the National Federation, Regional Councils, or to the WWC.

6.3 Code of Conduct

All Officials must be impartial, consistent, and transparent in their conduct and decision-making.

All Officials must accept responsibility for their actions and decisions and uphold the authority and dignity of IWWF.

All Officials must fully comprehend and uphold all relevant Competition Rules, duties and procedures for the event or competition in which they will officiate.

All Officials must demonstrate objectivity and maintain respectful and impartial relationships with every participant.

All Officials must avoid any situation that may lead to a potential conflict of interest or improper impartiality.

All Officials must avoid engaging in discussion with riders or participants - except as provided for in the relevant Competition Rules.

No communication with the media, parents, and spectators before, during or after events or competitions in any way that may lead to or call into question any potential conflict of interest or improper impartiality or may cause harm to the integrity of the event or competition.

6.4 WAWA Safe Sport Policy

All officials must read and understand their responsibilities under the WAWA Safe Sport Policy, which reflects the principles of the National Integrity Framework and the Member Protection Policy endorsed by Sport Integrity Australia.

This includes adherence to:

- Child safeguarding protocols
- Anti-discrimination and harassment standards
- Codes of conduct for officials, coaches, and volunteers
- Reporting obligations for misconduct or abuse

For international alignment, officials should also be familiar with the IWWF Safe Sport framework, including:

- Article 5 of the IWWF EA Region Byelaws
- Section 19 of the IWWF World Byelaws

6.5 IWWF Safe Sport Policy

All officials must read and understand their responsibility within the framework of the IWWF Safe Sport Policy.

Refer [Corporate Documents – IWWF](#).

6.6 Officials Accreditation System

A standard is set out for all Regions and Countries for an Officials System laying out how each official needs to be qualified by attending certified IWWF Judging Seminars and passing the examinations required at each level.

Failure to use qualified IWWF officials will deem the event non homologated.

6.7 Officials List

The IWWF, the WWC and the IWWF Regional Wakeboard Boat Councils have responsibility to maintain an updated Officials list on the EMS. WBAUS are responsible for maintaining and monitoring their list of National Officials.

The EC Council will update the list at the beginning of the year and following the results of an International Officials Seminar.

The EMS list will be used as the only invitation list for the selection of Officials for all homologated events.

6.8 Seminars

All Regional Wakeboard Boat Councils are responsible for organising at least one International Judging Seminar each year, to give the opportunity to all officials in that region to attend it and therefore have the possibility of maintaining or upgrading their levels. All International Officials are encouraged to participate in such seminars, as their experience and expertise is helpful for the debate. Seminars should offer certification for judging, scoring and, where possible driving.

6.9 Maintaining Certification as an Official

All Officials must maintain and constantly update their skills and expertise. All 3-star Officials need to participate as an Official in 1 National event in every year to maintain their certification level.

All 4-star and 5-star Officials need to attend an International Officials seminar every 3 years but are not required to re-take the examination. They must participate in at least one 4-Star event every 2 years to maintain their certification level.

After a period of 4 years has lapsed without attendance at a seminar, the Official will need to retake and pass the examination or else they will be downgraded one level. Failure to pass the examination will result in downgrading 1 level. Failure to participate in events as above will result in downgrading 1 level for the Official.

6.10 Downgrading of Judges

An official may have their accreditation downgraded or suspended by a majority decision of the WBAUS Board if they are found to have:

- Acted in conflict with decisions made by the WBAUS Board.
- Acted contrary to the spirit and values of the sport.
- Demonstrated unprofessional conduct in the execution of their duties.

Prior to any decision taking effect, the official will be given the opportunity to submit a written statement outlining any extenuating circumstances or context relevant to the matter. This statement must be provided within the timeframe specified by the Board.

6.11 Number of Officials

6.11.1 30 Riders or less

1 Chief Judge	3 Judges	1 Scorer	1 Driver	1 Jetty Marshall	1 Rope Marshall	8 in total
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6.11.2 31 Riders to 60 Riders

1 Chief Judge	4 Judges	1 Scorer	1 Driver	1 Jetty Marshall	1 Rope Marshall	9 in total
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6.11.3 61 Riders to 120 Riders

1 Chief Judge	6 Judges	2 Scorers	2 Drivers	2 Jetty Marshalls	2 Rope Marshalls	15 in total
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6.11.4 121 Riders to 150 Riders

1 Chief Judge	8 Judges	2 Scorers	2 Drivers	2 Jetty Marshalls	2 Rope Marshalls	17 in total
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6.11.5 151 Riders or more

1 Chief Judge	9 Judges	3 Scorers	3 Drivers	2 Jetty Marshalls	2 Rope Marshalls	20 in total
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6.12 Official Requirements Tables

JUDGES	Appointment	Functions	Limitations	Exam	To maintain certification
1 Star Judge	National Federation	National events	16 years + CANNOT judge at titled event There must be at least one 2 star judge in the boat	Multi choice theory 80% to pass	MUST Judge at a minimum of 2 events in 4 years
2 Star Judge	National Federation	National events National Champs	16 years + MUST have Judged at 2 National events Can be Judge 1 in the boat CANNOT be Chief Judge	Multi choice Theory Practical – videos 80% to pass	MUST Judge at a minimum of 1 event every 3 years
3 Star Judge	IWWF - EC	National Titled as Chief Judge or Judge 1 in boat. International events – non-titled eg. Euro Tour	18 years + MUST have Judged at 2 National events CANNOT be Chief Judge or Judge 1 in the boat CANNOT Judge at European or World titled events	Multi choice Theory Practical – videos 80% to pass	MUST Judge at a minimum of 1 National event every 3 years as J1/ CJ MUST Judge at 1 International non-titled event within 4 years
4 Star Judge	IWWF - EC	National Titled International Non-Titled events	18 years + CANNOT be Chief Judge or Judge 1 in the boat at an international event CANNOT Judge World titled events	Multi choice Theory Practical – videos 80% to pass	MUST Judge at 3 National Championships CJ / J1 in the boat MUST Judge at an international event every 3 years MUST attend an international seminar every 3 years If not attended seminar after 4 years re-take exam or downgraded
5 Star Judge	IWWF - EC	All National Titled All International Titled Events	18 years +	Multi choice Theory Practical – videos 80% to pass	MUST Judge at an International event every 3 years MUST attend an international seminar every 3 years If not attended seminar after 4 years re-take exam or downgraded

SCORERS	Appointment	Functions	Limitations	Exam	To maintain certification
3 Star Scorer	National Federation	National Titled event International Non-Titled events eg. Euro Tour	18 years + CANNOT be Scorer at European or World titled events	Theory 80% to pass Practical scoring software	MUST be Scorer at a minimum of 1 National event every 3 years
4 Star Scorer	IWWF - EC	National Titled events International Non-Titled events Eg. Euro Tour	18 years + CANNOT be Chief Scorer at an International event CANNOT be a Scorer at World titled events	Theory 80% to pass Practical scoring software	MUST be Scorer at 3 National Championships MUST be scorer at an international event every 3 years MUST attend an international seminar every 3 years If not attended seminar after 4 years re-take exam or downgraded
5 Star Scorer	IWWF - EC	All National Titled All International Titled Events	18 years +	Theory 80% to pass Practical scoring software	MUST be Scorer at an International event every 3 years MUST attend an international seminar every 3 years If not attended seminar after 4 years re-take exam or downgraded

DRIVERS	Appointment	Functions	Limitations	Exam	To Maintain certification
3 Star Driver	National Federation	National Titled event International Non-Titled events eg. Euro Tour	18 years + CANNOT be a Driver at European or World titled events	Theory 80% to pass Practical Driving	MUST be Driver at a minimum of 1 National event every 3 years
4 Star Driver	IWWF - EC	National Titled events International Non-Titled events Eg. Euro Tour	18 years + CANNOT be Chief Driver at an International event CANNOT be a Driver at World titled events	Theory 80% to pass Practical Driving	MUST be Driver at 3 National Championships MUST be Driver at an International event every 3 years MUST attend an international seminar every 3 years If not attended seminar after 4 years re-take exam or downgraded
5 Star Driver	IWWF - EC	All National Titled All International Titled Events	18 years +	Theory 80% to pass Practical Driving	MUST be Driver at an International event every 3 years MUST attend an international seminar every 3 years If not attended seminar after 4 years re-take exam or downgraded

6.13 Other Officials

For the successful running of a wakeboard event, there are 2 positions that are very important and therefore considered as a part of the Officials Team.

They are key for the management of the event within the intended schedule. Although these roles do not require certification like the other Officials, both positions of Jetty Marshall and Rope Marshall should be given to individuals with experience and knowledge of what needs to be done. These are normally local volunteers presented by the organiser of the event but should nonetheless be briefed about what is expected of them by the Chief Judge.

These Officials will not have a vote towards any decision needed by the collective of Officials.

6.13.1 Jetty Marshall

The Jetty Marshall is responsible for maintaining order at the jetty/dock, as well as managing the correct order of riders and communication between riders and the boat.

6.13.2 Rope Marshall

The Rope Marshall is responsible for making sure the rope is attached at the correct position and length asked by the rider, as well as making sure that the moment the boat returns to the jetty/dock all is ready to receive the rope from the next rider.

6.13.3 Titled Events

On International Titled Events, if the organiser is not able to provide 2 Jetty Marshalls and 2 Rope Marshalls with large experience, the relevant Wakeboard Council may decide to bring volunteers with the necessary experience, at full expenses of the organiser (flights, local transportation, hotel, food, and beverages).

7 ANNEXURES

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7.1 Annexure 1 WAWA ANTI-DOPING



ANTI-DOPING

Australian Waterski and Wakeboard Federation (AWWF) trading as Waterski and Wakeboard Australia (WAWA) takes a position of zero tolerance toward doping in sport and works closely with Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) in Australia and the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) internationally to ensure a drug-free environment in Waterski and Wakeboard.

The AWWF Anti-doping policy is the **Australian National Anti-Doping Policy**, effective 1 January 2021. All members, participants and non-participants in Waterski and Wakeboard are bound by these rules.

World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA)

WADA was established in 1999 as an international independent agency to lead a collaborative worldwide movement for doping-free sport.

WADA's primary role is to develop, harmonize and coordinate anti-doping rules and policies across all sports and countries.

WADA maintains the **World Anti-Doping Code (Code)** and **Prohibited List**.

Visit the **WADA website** for further information.

Sport Integrity Australia (SIA)

As Australia's national anti-doping organisation, SIA is responsible for implementing an effective program consistent with international requirements and Australian legislation.

SIA can assist with enquiries in relation to anti-doping issues, medications or supplements, and the Prohibited List.

Visit the **SIA website** for further information.



Anti-Doping Education

All members of Australia's sporting community can now access a range of anti-doping education programs and contribute to protecting our national sporting integrity.

SIA eLearning is an online portal offering quality anti-doping education for all members of the Australian sporting community. It is free and easy to use and can be accessed anywhere at any time.

[Visit the SIA website for further information.](#)

Sport Integrity App

The Sport Integrity App is a one-stop shop for all sport integrity needs, designed with athletes in mind.

The app allows users to check whether their medications are banned in sports, find low-risk supplements to reduce their chance of testing positive accidentally and check whether they need a Therapeutic Use Exemption. The app is also a tool to raise concerns about things like doping, match-fixing, harassment or illicit drug use. It also features further information on eLearning modules, whereabouts and testing information and gives users the opportunity to provide feedback to Sport Integrity Australia.

The app is free and can be downloaded from the [Apple](#) and [Android](#) app stores.

Prohibited Substances and Methods

Some drugs, medications, substances and methods are banned in sports. Athletes competing in sports governed by a World Anti-Doping Code-compliant anti-doping policy need to be aware that they can't just take any drug or medication, or even use certain methods.

The Prohibited List is updated and published by WADA each year and is the International Standard that outlines:

- The substances and methods that are prohibited in and out of competition.
- The sports in which the substances and methods are prohibited.

[Visit the SIA website for further information.](#)



Testing

Sample collection (also known as doping control or drug testing) is an essential part of promoting and protecting doping-free sports.

Sample collection detects the use of a prohibited substance, or prohibited method, by an athlete and consists of testing by an anti-doping organisation (such as SIA) and sample analysis by a laboratory accredited by WADA.

Sample collection can be either in-competition or out-of-competition (such as at an athlete's training venue or home). The majority of testing is carried out with no advance notice. The test can involve the collection of urine, blood or both.

[Visit the SIA website for further information.](#)

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE)

Athletes may at times need to use a prohibited medication and/or method to treat a legitimate medical condition. A Therapeutic Use Exemption is an exemption that allows an athlete to use, for therapeutic purposes only, an otherwise prohibited substance or method (of administering a substance).

[Visit the SIA website for further information.](#)

Supplements in Sport

Supplements can pose a risk to the health and career of athletes. Nutritional supplements cover a broad range of products including vitamins, minerals, herbs, meal supplements, sport nutrition products, natural food supplements and other related products used to boost the nutritional content of the diet.

[Visit the SIA website for further information.](#)



Check Your Substance via Global DRO

Check Your Substances is an online tool that enables athletes to find out whether the most commonly prescribed, over-the-counter and complementary medicines in Australia are permitted or prohibited in their sport.

Make sure you keep your search receipt for any future queries regarding this search.

Visit the [Global DRO](#) website and [SIA website](#) for further information.

Reporting

Visit the [SIA website](#) for further information.

Report Doping Confidentially

SIA has an anonymous reporting tool on their website where you can report doping in your sport. Legislation ensures that all information you provide and your personal details are treated with the strictest confidence.

Visit the [SIA website](#) for further information.

Alternatively, you can ring or email Sport Integrity Australia via the following:

Phone: 1300 027 232

Email: reporting@sportintegrity.gov.au

Enquiries

If you have any questions regarding anti-doping please contact SIA via the following:

Phone: 1300 027 232. If calling from outside Australia call: +61 2 6222 4200.

General Email: contactus@sportintegrity.gov.au

Athlete Whereabouts: athlete@sportintegrity.gov.au

7.2 Annexure 2 WAWA Incident Form

WAWA Incident Report.



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General			
Incident Location			
Injured Persons Name			
Home Address			
Date of Birth		Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Occupation		WAWA Number	
Event name			
Specific Location			
Details of Injury			
Date of Injury		Time of Injury	am <input type="checkbox"/> pm <input type="checkbox"/>
Activity in which the person was engaged at the time of injury			
Nature of injury e.g. fracture, burn, sprain, foreign body in eye including body location.			
Details of Treatment			
Treatment provided by First Aid Officer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Off site treatment required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Ambulance called.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Doctor/ Medical Centre attended			
Witness information			
Name of Chief Judge		Name Boat Driver	
Name Safety Officer:		Name of Event Judge	
Signature of Chief Judge/Organiser		Date	

Note. An injury requiring medical attention will require a medical clearance to ski again.

7.3 Annexure 3 On-Water Concussion Recognition Tool (OWCRT)

ON-WATER CONCUSSION RECOGNITION TOOL

To help identify concussion in children, adolescents and adults

RECOGNISE & REMOVE

Head impacts can be associated with serious and potentially fatal brain injuries. This On-Water Concussion Recognition Tool (OWCRT) is to be used for the identification of suspected concussion. It is not designed to diagnose concussion.

STEP 1: RED FLAGS – CALL AN AMBULANCE

If there is concern after an injury including whether ANY of the following signs are observed or complaints are reported then the player should be safely and immediately removed from the activity. If no licensed healthcare professional is available, call an ambulance for urgent medical assessment:

- Neck pain or tenderness
- Severe or increasing headache
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Double vision
- Seizure or convulsion
- Vomiting
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs
- Loss of consciousness
- Increasingly restless, agitated or combative

REMEMBER

- In all cases, the basic principles of first aid (danger, response, airways, breathing, circulation) should be followed.
- Do not attempt to move the player (other than required for airway support) unless trained to do so.
- Assessment for a spinal cord injury is critical
- Do not remove a helmet or any other equipment unless trained to do so safely.

If there are no Red Flags, identification of possible concussion should proceed to the following steps:

STEP 2: OBSERVABLE SIGNS

Visual clues that suggest possible concussion include:

- Lying motionless on the field of play
- Disorientation or confusion, or an inability to respond appropriately to questions
- Balance, gait difficulties, motor incoordination, stumbling, slow laboured movements
- Slow to get up after a direct or indirect hit to the head
- Blank or vacant look
- Facial injury after head trauma
- Extension Posture of Arms & Legs

STEP 3: SYMPTOMS

- Headache
- Neck pain
- Difficulty remembering
- "Pressure in head"
- Blurred vision
- Not Thinking Clearly
- Balance problems
- "Don't Feel Right"
- Dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Difficulty concentrating

STEP 4: MEMORY ASSESSMENT

(IN ATHLETES OLDER THAN 12 YEARS)

- Failure to answer any of these questions (modified appropriately for each sport) correctly may suggest a concussion.
- Which competition are you at now?
 - What is the day of the week?
 - Who Was On The Water Before You?
 - What Month Is This?

Score: Any positive check marks ✓ = Yes

The athlete is taken immediately to shore for a second assessment, using the OWCRT

Athletes with suspected concussion should:

- Not be left alone initially
- Not drink alcohol
- Not use recreational / prescription drugs
- Not be sent home by themselves. They need to be with a responsible adult.
- Not drive a motor vehicle until cleared to do so by a **QUALIFIED** healthcare professional.

This OWCRT has been prepared by the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation to guide and assist Federations, Clubs, Event Organisers, Coaches, Officials and all concerned with towed water sports.



It may be downloaded, printed and laminated to carry in the boat or at the site.

Any revision and any reproduction in a digital form requires approval by the IWWF World Medical Committee. It should not be altered in any way, rebranded or sold for commercial gain.

7.4 Annexure 4 Event Days

Number of Riders	Comp Days	Fam Days	Total Event Days	CJ	J	C	D	JM	RM	Total Officials
30 Riders or less	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	8
31 Riders to 60 Riders	2	1	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	9
61 Riders to 90 Riders	3	2	5	1	6	2	2	2	2	15
91 Riders to 120 Riders	4	2	6	1	6	2	2	2	2	15



7.5 Annexure 5 Wakeboard Australia Official Protest Form

I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to the provisions outlined in 2.16 Protests of the *Wakeboard Australia Boat Rules 2025* regarding protests. I acknowledge that:

- I will abide by the decision of the Chief Judge, and
- I will adhere to the conduct requirements specified in Clause 2.12 of the rulebook.

To assist the judging panel in their review, I have provided details of my protest, including specific tricks I believe were performed during my run.

Venue		
Date		
Name of Rider		
Division		
Name of Team / State Representative		
Fee paid:	Yes / No	Collected by:
Refunded:	Yes / No	Collected by:
Reason and Details of Protest and relevant rule		
Pass 1		
Pass 2		
Signature: (Parent/Guardian if U18)		
Name of Guardian/parent (if U18)		

Submission Requirements:

- This form must be submitted **no later than 20 minutes** after the occurrence or the publication of event results.
- A protest must be accompanied by a payment of **AUD \$100**, made directly to the Chief Judge.
- If the protest is deemed **reasonable or upheld**, the payment will be **refunded in full**.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

7.6 Annexure 6 IWWF Heat System

For the heat distribution in the Qualification round, pre-seeding will be used.

Pre-seeding will be determined by the current IWWF Wakeboard Boat ranking and will apply to the qualifying heats (i.e.: the first round of qualification only).

Ranking points from each rider will be used to determine the pre-seeding of the rider in the category. For any athlete who is not ranked, their heat and running order for the Qualification round will be determined randomly. Riders participating in a different category (higher difficulty) will have 75% of their ranking points counting towards the pre-seeding.

In preparation for allocating heats, all riders will be seeded with the top ranked rider first. All unranked riders will be assigned seeding randomly.

For Qualification rounds snake will always be used to create the start list.

To assign riders to Qualifying round heats:

1. Place the top seeded rider in Heat 4 in the last position.
2. Place the 2nd seeded rider into Heat 3 in last position then Heat 2 and then Heat 1.
3. Take the next rider and place in the second last position of Heat 1, then Heat 2, Heat 3 and Heat 4

Use this snake system to assign all riders to the Heats.

Example shown with 20 riders, 4 heats (the number is the seed of the rider):

	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4
1	20 ←	19	18	17 → ↑
2	13 ↑	14	15	16 → ↓
3	12 ↓	11	10	9 → ↑
4	5 ↑	6	7	8 → ↓
5	4 ↓	3	2	1 →

Once the Qualification rounds have taken place all pre-seeding no longer applies, and it is the results of each heat that will determine the running order for the subsequent rounds.

Riders who do not qualify from the Qualification round will have a Last Chance Qualification (LCQ) round.

The aim will always be to achieve the best possible mix of riders proceeding through each of the rounds of the competition.

IWWF HEAT SYSTEM

	Qualifying	LCQ	Semi	Final
3 riders			1 Heat 3	1 Final of 3
			Total 3 Riders	Total 3 Riders
4 Riders			1 Heat 4	1 Final of 4
			Total 4 Riders	Total 4 Riders
5 Riders			1 Heat 5	1 Final of 5
			Total 5 Riders	Total 5 Riders
6 Riders			1 Heat 6	1 Final of 6
			Total 6 Riders	Total 6 Riders
7 Riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 3		1 Final of 6
	1 Heat of 3			
	(Top 2 to Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to Final)		
	Total 7 Riders	Total 3 Riders		Total 6 Riders
8 Riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4		1 Final of 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 Final of 6
	1 Heat of 5			
	(Top 2 to Final)	(LCQ Top 2 to Final)		
	Total 9 Riders	Total 5 Riders		Total 6 Riders
10 Riders	1 Heat of 5	1 Heat of 6		1 Final of 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 Final 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 Final 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	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 5	1 Final of 6
	1 Heat of 4		1 Heat of 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 of 5	1 Final of 6
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 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 of 5	1 Final of 6
	1 Heat of 5		1 Heat of 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	Total 6 Riders
16 Riders	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 5	1 Final of 6
	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 4	1 Heat of 5	
	1 Heat of 4			
	1 Heat of 4			
	(Top 2 to Semi)	(LCQ Winner to Semi)	(Top 3 to Final)	
	Total 16 Riders	Total 8 Riders	Total 10 Riders	Total 6 Riders

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