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We're excited to have you as part of our wakeboarding community!

At ACT Wake we are all about bringing riders, families and supporters together to enjoy wakeboarding, build confidence and develop skills, but most importantly, have fun!

Whether it is your first ever competition or you have been riding for years, our events are designed to be fun, supportive and welcoming to everyone.

Inside this booklet, you will find everything you need to know about an ACT Wake competition day, from registering and preparing for your ride to understanding your pass, scoring, presentations and everything else inbetween!

We can't wait to see you on the best competition waterway in the country!



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RIDER DIVISIONS:

ABILITY-BASED:

ROOKIES
Single wake jumps, surface slides, and 180° turns (no wake-to-wake jumps).

STRAIGHT-AIR
Wake-to-wake jumps, including 180° spins and grabs.

INVERTER
Up to 4 intermediate tricks, including 360° spins, raleys, and inverts.

ADVANCED
Unlimited inverts and spins up to 540° (no mobes allowed).

MOBE
Up to 4 mobes (inverted tricks with a 360° rotation or more) and spins up to 720°.

OPEN
Unlimited tricks with no limits or restrictions.

CLASSIC (18+)
Fun division allowing all tricks from the Straight Air, Inverter, and Advanced categories.

AGE-BASED:

- **UNDER 9'S**

If you are 9 years or under on 31st December in the current year the event is held.

- **UNDER 14'S**

If you are 14 years or under on 31st December in the current year the event is held.

- **UNDER 18'S/JUNIORS**

If you are 18 years or under on 31st December in the current year the event is held.

- **19-29**

If you are 29 years or under on 31st December in the current year the event is held.

- **OVER 30/MASTERS**

If you are 30 years or over on 31st December in the current year the event is held.

- **OVER 40/VETERANS**

If you are 40 years or over on 31st December in the current year the event is held.

- **OPEN/PRO/PRO JUNIORS**

Elite Level - no age restriction

BEFORE COMPETITION DAY:

HOW TO REGISTER?

Using the EMS website, log into your account and choose 'My Competitions' and select the '+ New Participation' button. Then you must select the competition and division you wish to enter. Payment can be made on the morning of the event at the Treasurer's table.



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING?

On the day of the competition, you will need to ensure you have your Wakeboard, Rope, Life Jacket and a smile ready for your ride.



RUN ORDER RELEASE:

The day before a competition, we will release the 'run order' for the day. This will show the order of divisions in which the day will run. You can find this shared on our social media pages so that anyone travelling or coming to support can see when they should be at the river.



IT'S COMPETITION DAY!

SETTING UP:

On the morning of comp, as a team we need to set up the BBQ area and equipment, ensure the competition tow boat and pick up boat are ready for the day, as well as check the dock is clean and safe for the riders.

During this time, families and competitors will also set up their spot for the day. We recommend bringing chairs and shade (e.g. gazebo) as the days are quite long and being a summer sport, very hot!

RIDER'S BRIEFING:

Once the set up has been complete, a 'Rider's Briefing' will be held that all competing rider's must attend. This is where the course is pointed out and any other rules or details of the day are announced.

Once this is complete, the day will begin!

BBQ & COFFEE:

At each event there is a BBQ held by ACT Wake. The BBQ is run by a roster of all club members to assist in ensuring everyone can have a chance to watch, cheer or ride throughout the day.

Occasionally there is also a coffee van attending the event as the BBQ does not sell any hot beverages.



IT'S TIME TO RIDE!

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A COMP RUN?

When it is time for your division you must head down to the dock, this is where your ride begins. When it is your turn, you must have your board and jacket on as well as your rope ready. Between each rider, the rope will be swapped and tied to your preferred length. You will then need to inform the crew of your preferred ride speed.

YOUR FIRST PASS IN COMP:

Once you pass the first buoy, this is officially the beginning of your comp run. This is where you perform as many tricks as possible before the third buoy. The boat will then turn around ready for your second 'pass' in a comp run.



YOUR SECOND PASS IN COMP:

Once you pass the first buoy of your second pass, this is officially the continuation of your run. This is where you perform as many tricks as possible before the third buoy. The boat will then drop you back off at the dock.

WHAT IF I FALL?

During your comp run, you are allowed one 'in course' (between the buoys) fall, where the tow boat will pick you up. This is the same for an 'out of course' (outside of the buoys) fall. Should you fall again after one of these collections, the club pick up boat will then come and collect you.

On your second pass, if you fall after the ¾ buoy the pick up boat will come and collect you, even if it is your first fall.

HOW SCORING WORKS:

ROUND COMPETITION SCORING:

At our regular competition rounds, riders compete within a division based on their riding ability. Judges score your overall run based on the skills and tricks appropriate to your division.

SUMMER SERIES SCORING:

Throughout the ACT Wake Summer Series, your best three results from across the series are combined to determine the result.

This means you don't necessarily need to compete at every round to be in competition for the series, but we would love to have you at every round possible!

STATE TITLES & OPEN SERIES SCORING:

These events are age-based rather than ability-based, meaning riders compete within their relevant age category.

You are not restricted to tricks of a particular ability division, so you can put together a run that showcases your riding and even try new tricks.

Your competition run is still judged and scored to determine the result but within your age category not ability division.





THE REST OF COMP DAY:

WHAT CAN I DO WHEN I'M NOT RIDING?

When you are not competing, we love to see you cheering on the other riders! At the Molonglo River, we are lucky enough to have little banks where we can swim whilst the competition is in action, provided you are staying close to the shore line. Occasionally, we have games and other activities to do also!

WHO CAN WATCH ME RIDE?

Anyone! Here at ACT Wake, the more people coming to watch and support, the more fun it becomes. So tell your family and friends, because anyone is welcome to come and watch from the shoreline and cheer you on!

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS:

At the end of each competition day, once all riders have finished and the event equipment has been packed away, we come together for our awards presentation.

Results for each division are announced, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd recognised and invited to stand up on the podium.

After our final competition of the season, we also hold our Summer Series awards. These are seperate from the results of the individual competition round and recognise the overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place riders in each division across the Summer Series.



NEW RIDER TIPS:

1. PLAN YOUR RIDE

Have a think about what you want to do in your competition run before you do it.

2. HAVE YOUR GEAR READY

Keep an eye on the running order and start getting ready a few riders before your turn. We will remind you when you need to head down to the dock for your ride.

3. FALLS HAPPEN

Even the most experienced riders fall down sometimes. Don't let it ruin your run - if you can, get back up and keep going!

4. ASK QUESTIONS

Nobody expects you to know everything - especially at your first comp! Our committee, officials and other riders are always happy to help.

5. HAVE FUN!!!

This is the most important! It isn't all about winning at ACT Wake. We want to make sure you have fun, enjoy your time on the water, meet new people, build your confidence and expand your skills!





STAY CONNECTED

WAWA REGISTRATION & RENEWAL:

https://members.awwf.com.au/login

EMS LINK:

https://ems.iwwf.sport/Account/Login

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact us on:
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FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS:

@actwake

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If you or your family wish to not be posted on our social media, please inform us by emailing us and notifying the committee on competition day after the rider's briefing.



