



ADDITIONAL RULES

WAKEBOARD BOAT

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IMPORTANT

Please note that from 2013 IWWF Region E&A will be following the IWWF Wakeboard World Rules. Therefore, when reviewing this document it is essential that it is review in conjunction with the IWWF Wakeboard World Rules.

1. APPENDICES

A number of appendices are an integral part of these Rules but are published and updated as separate documents.

These are:

- Rules for Officials
- Heat System
- Ranking Rules
- Pre-Event Homologation Form
- Post-Event Homologation Form

2. GENERAL

2.1 Applicability of the Rules

The IWWF Wakeboard World Rules and these Additional Rules apply to the Europe & Africa Championships and to all other homologated competitions in Europe & Africa, unless varied elsewhere in the Additional Rules.

Where the words "World" or "IWWF" appear in the IWWF Wakeboard World Rules these are to be read as "Europe & Africa". Where the words "Region" or "Regions" or "Confederation" or "Confederations" appear these are to be read as "Federation" or "Federations".

The IWWF E&A Additional Rules Wakeboard Boat are supplementary to the general IWWF E&A regulations including the Bye-Laws, Rules of Eligibility, Anti-Doping Policy, Letter of Agreement and Obligations for Titled Events, and Guidelines. In case of conflict between a regulation in these Additional Rules and a general IWWF E&A regulation, the latter shall apply. Organizers, judges and riders must apply the general IWWF E&A regulations at all wakeboard events.

2.2 Discharge of Liability

At each national or international event, all competitors, or if the rider is under 18 years of age his/her parent or team captain, must sign a discharge of liability for the organizer and the host federation in case of accident, material damages, or moral or physical tort, in the domain of the competition. All organizations, federations, persons or institutions involved in the organization of an event who encounter an illicit deed of a competitor, are obligated to use the local Constabulary or judicial authorities in order to judge all litigation and charges against the competitor. A copy of the filed report shall be forwarded to his own federation who will prohibit the competitor's access to all events until such time as the litigation is settled.

2.3 Suggestions

Riders are encouraged to make suggestions and raise questions about any concern to any judge or to the IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Council. Contact information for officials and members of the Council is available on the Council's website at www.wakeboardcouncil.com. Suggestions regarding these rules must be brought up before November 1st for changes of the rules for the following year.

2.4 Extreme Weather Conditions

In cases of extreme weather conditions the Chief Judge with the approval of the majority of the judges can decide to cancel part or all of the competition. In this case he/she will decide the best option to define the final placement of the riders, either by completing the competition on an alternative date or location, or based on the completed rounds.

3. DIVISIONS / AGE CATEGORIES

All officially recognised age categories are defined by the IWWF Wakeboard World Rules.

3.1 Additional categories at National Championships

At National level competitions organisers may choose to add up to 3 additional divisions. These will be available in the software programme, they are:

- Intermediate division (Open)
- Beginner division (Open)

These categories will be incorporated into the ranking list after the Open division as outlined within the Ranking Rules (see Appendix)

- U12 division
- Youngsters division

These categories may be run at National level as promotional categories. It should be noted that the officially recognised category for ranking will be U14 Boys and U14 Girls, therefore any rider choosing to enter an U12 division will not be ranked.

The above categories will not be held as part of the E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships

4. RUNNING ORDER AND HEAT SYSTEM

Wakeboard competitions will use a heat system. The heat system will be the World rules heat system (Appendix 2).

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

When applicable, for the qualification round heat composition, riders will be seeded from previous official ranking list (recognised by the Federation, which sanctions/homologates the competition) if some of the riders are not ranked, they will be randomly placed after the ranked riders. This will create a temporary ranking/seeding that will be applied for all of the current competition.

Where there is no ranking available, the running order for the first round of competition will be randomly selected by either computer or drawn from a ballot in order to compete in individual heats.

An equal amount of riders from each heat will then advance to the semi-finals and finals. The LCQ, Semi-finals and Finals will be selected from placement not scores.

Advancing riders will be seeded from placement in that round and then heats will be selected using the following method. 2 Heats 2-1-1-2 or for 3 heats 3-2-1-1-2-3 and so forth. This allows for the heats to be mixed throughout the event.

5. PROTESTS

Protests shall be made to the Chief Judge only by a team Captain/ Manager. A protest must be made in writing, must state the reason(s) for the protest, and must be filed as soon as possible, but no later than 10 minutes after the occurrence or after the results of the event are announced in the event that the protest is regarding the results.

Protests shall be allowed only for failure of the Judges and/or Calculators to comply with the rules and only if this non-compliance would have an adverse effect on a rider. No protests are permitted regarding the scoring by the Boat Judges.

A correction of an error in the computation of scores shall not be considered a protest and the correction shall be made on the approval of the Chief Judge and Calculator within 10 minutes after the results are announced. It is up to the Chief Judge only to agree the inspection of scoring sheets

Protests must be accompanied by the approximate equivalent in local currency of 50 Euros. This amount will be refunded where the decision of the Chief Judge is to uphold the protest.

6. WAKEBOARD COURSE

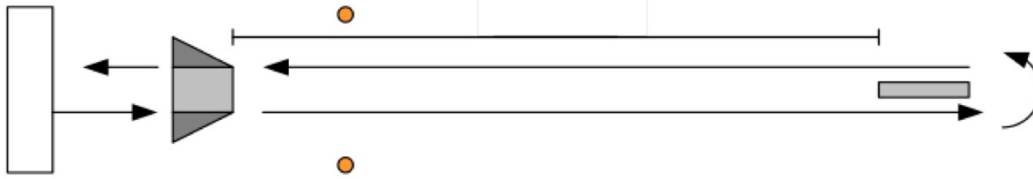
6.1 Course Dimensions – Without Features

The distance from the start to the end buoys may range from 300 to 400 metres (31-41 seconds at 35 km/hour or 22 miles/hour).

The Chief Judge with the assistance of the Chief Driver may make the decision to shorten the course, typically by one trick each pass, may be as a result of the event site, lack of event time, poor weather conditions or other reasons. Riders will be informed on the official notice board.

The EA Championships will use the same course length as the World Rules.

6.2 Course Dimensions - With Features (Replaces IWWF Wakeboard World Rule 18.2)



The end of a feature shall establish the approximate area of the beginning of the wakeboard course from each direction. The end of the pass shall be signified by the beginning of another feature.

7. HOMOLOGATION

7.1 General

A competition is homologated through the following steps:

1. A pre-homologation dossier is sent to the IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Council in the appropriate format available at www.wakeboardcouncil.com
2. The competition is announced to and sanctioned by the IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Council.
3. The competition is put on the official calendar at www.wakeboardcouncil.com.
4. The competition is run in accordance with these rules, using the official calculation software.
5. A homologation dossier, complete results for all heats, including qualification rounds, and a list of all participating riders including date of birth and nationality, is sent to the Wakeboard Boat Council as soon as possible after the completion of the competition, in the appropriate format available at www.wakeboardcouncil.com. This dossier should be sent no later than 30 days after the end of the competition. There is a guideline available at www.wakeboardcouncil.com on how to homologate events that should be followed.

Results from all homologated competitions will be included in the official IWWF E&A ranking for the same year.

Any sanctioned or homologated event, excluding the National Championships, open to international riders must be homologated as an international event to the IWWF E&A. In the case of riders from outside E&A region competing at any E&A countries' National Championships, those riders must be excluded from the results.

Where a national federation allows foreign riders to ride at their National Championships, all E&A region riders will get their results counted towards the E&A ranking.

7.2 Fees

Homologation fees for national and international events, as well as the additional fees for cash prize competition shall be applicable in accordance with the IWWF E&A Bye-Laws.

7.3 National Competitions and National Championships

For homologated National competitions there must be 3 Judges, all must be suitably qualified and recognised by the IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Council.

7.4 National Championships

For National Championships, at least the Chief Judge must be of International Level 2 standard, and all the other Judges recognised by the IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Council.

7.5 International Events

If five or more countries are represented at the event at least two of the Judges must be of International Level 1 standard, and the rest of at least International Level 2 / National Level 1 standard.

If less than five countries are represented at the event at least one of the judges must be of International Level 1 standard, and one of at least International Level 2 / National Level 1 standard.

7.6 E&A Championships

All Judges must be of International Judge (Level 1) standard.

8. E&A WAKEBOARD RANKING LIST

An IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat ranking list will be created and results collected from homologated national events and tours, National Championships, International homologated events, the E&A Championships, and the IWWF World Championships.

The IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Council must receive a homologation dossier together with complete results from each homologated competition.

The riders' top 6 scores in these events will contribute to his/her ranking.

The Rules for Ranking are set out in the Appendix to these Rules.

9. E&A WAKEBOARD BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.1 Entry Requirements for E&A Championships Rider Eligibility (In addition to IWWF Wakeboard World Rule 9.1)

Only riders from Region E&A are eligible to enter the E&A Championships.

9.2 Competition Site During the E&A Championships

Once the Course has been set down in accordance with the Chief Judge, use of the site is not permitted until after the completion of the competition.

There will be no official familiarisation. The organiser, however, has the option to provide and charge for unofficial familiarisation before the start of the competition. If the organizer chooses to use the official boat and/or course and/or feature it is the responsibility of the organizer to ensure that everything is in order for the start of the competition.

9.3 Officials

The minimum Officials panel at the E&A Championships:

Chief Judge

Assistant Chief Judge

Chief Calculator

Assistant Calculator

Chief Boat Driver

Assistant Boat Driver

5 Judges

9.4 Cancellation of part of the E&A Championships

The Final of a category must be completed in order to determine a winner, even if the Judges are obliged to continue at a different site. If a final cannot be completed, all riders from the unfinished heats of the event will compete again where and when possible, until a winner is determined.

9.5 Unofficial Familiarisation

Unofficial familiarisation will be the sole responsibility of the organiser. A guideline on how the unofficial familiarisation should be managed can be found as an appendix to these rules. It will be for the organiser to manage familiarisation in accordance with the guidelines and in a manner that best suits the situation.

9.6 General Recommendations

9.6.1 Late Entry

A late entry fee of 10 € per day per competitor shall be levied on each entry not received 10 days before the end of registration.

9.6.2 Judges/Officials Clothing

The organizer shall provide official clothes for the officials for the prize giving ceremony, opening ceremony, and competition

9.6.3 Transportation

The Organiser must manage transfer from the airport to the official hotel. Riders or teams may be charged for the cost of the service, but it must be free of charge for the officials.

Transfer between the official hotel and the competition site must be managed by the Organizer and has to be free of charge for riders or teams. The Organizer may make a shuttle schedule such as, for example, two transfers in the morning and two transfers in the afternoon. Renting a car for officials is recommended to the Organiser.

9.6.4 Water

Organisers must provide fresh drinking water for competitors and officials free of charge.

9.6.5 Bulletin

The organising Federation will present a bulletin to introduce the competition and provide the necessary details for riders. The Chairman of the IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Council must approve the Bulletin before it is distributed.