

## **2017 Wakeboard Boat Squad and Team Selection Policy covering both E&A and IWWF events.**

### **1. Squad**

Riders are eligible for consideration provided they:

- Are a member of BWSW
- Hold a British passport or proof of residency in the UK
- Not currently disqualified under BWSW or IWWF rules
- Must meet the BWSW / IWWF regulations in place at the time of selection
- Adhere to any anti-doping education programme in place

2. No rider, unless a valid reason has been submitted, can be considered for a place on the 2017 squad unless they competed at the 2016 Boat Nationals. A valid reason must have been submitted via email to the Chairman of the Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee prior to the 2016 event taking place. The Chairman will then select the best course of action in consultation with the main Wakeboard Boat committee.

3. The Squad is the pool of riders that the 8 rider Team will be chosen from, the Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee will consider the following when making their Squad selection:

- Previous years National results will be considered
- Previous years International results will be considered
- Skill will be considered (Trick Criteria)
- Form will be considered
- Commitment will be considered and checked.
- Attitude will be considered
- Commitment to and participation in the BWSW development camps will be considered (under 21s)

4. Riders who have been selected for a position on the 2017 Squad will be allowed to enter and ride at International events provided they have signed the Squad Contract and have all the correct documentation including an International Competition Licence and adequate International Competition Insurance.

5. Riders who have not been selected for a position on the 2017 Squad will not be allowed to enter and compete at International events unless The Wakeboard Boat Committee approve regardless of their participation at the 2017 Nationals or any previous Boat Nationals.

6. Based on the above Squad criteria, riders can be added to and or removed from the Squad at any time during the season.

## 7. **Squad Ethos**

The Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee must be satisfied that any selected Squad member will be able to contribute to the whole Squad ethos and all selected Squad riders must understand the conduct that is required of them both on and off the water, during training camps and events both National and International.

Any rider found displaying unsportsmanlike conduct could be removed from the Squad/Team until further notice.

The Wakeboard Boat Committee considers the following to be unsportsmanlike conduct:

- Failing to respect or are abusive to, fellow riders, Squad or Non Squad whilst training or competing in the UK or abroad, face to face or via social media.
- Failing to respect or are abusive to, the Team Captain and or Team Manager
- Failing to respect event organizers, officials and event sponsors including site property, event Hotels both in the UK and abroad.

## 8. **Team**

The Team consists of 10 riders who will be chosen from the Squad to represent GB as point scorers prior to international events, no more than 2 riders per division. The Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee will choose the riders they consider to have the best chance of success at an up and coming event and will consider the following when making their Team selection:

- Form will be considered (Nationals)
- Skill will be considered
- Track records will be considered
- Ability to perform under pressure will be considered
- Competition experience will be considered
- Tactical Awareness will be considered

9. Team riders will be informed prior to the event that they have been chosen for and must then obtain an International Competition Licence via BWSW and purchase adequate International Competition Insurance.

10. Any Team rider who does not sign and return their squad contract to BWSW prior to an International event will be dropped from the Team.

11. There may be times when tactics will come into play and the Team could be changed upon arrival at an event to try and maximize Team points so the Wakeboard Boat Committee cannot guarantee a rider's place on the 8 rider Team even if they have been chosen prior to the event.
12. Any rider who does not compete in the 2017 Nationals regardless of reasons including valid reasons cannot be chosen for a 2017 Team position and receive any Team related funding, however, riders with (Wakeboard Boat Committee accepted) valid reasons can be entered into an international event as an individual.
13. If the Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee are made aware of a rider who is currently unknown to them but they consider to have exceptional ability, he/she can be fast tracked onto the Squad and become available for Team selection at any point during the season regardless of having attended the 2016 Nationals.

#### 14. **Appeals**

The Wakeboard Boat Committee operates a Squad and Team selection appeal system. Appeals need to be made via email in the first instance to the Chairman of the Selection Committee, any appeal will be dealt with according to the BWSW Code of Conduct appeals process which is available on the BWSW website resources section (under policies).

#### 15. **Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee**

The Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee will comprise of 4 members of the Wakeboard Boat Committee.

- Peter Gill - Chairman
- Graham Creedy - International Judge
- Stewart Mackie - GB Team Coach
- Lee Debus - GB Team Coach

#### 16. **Talent Scouts**

The Wakeboard Boat Committee will also utilize some of the UK's most experienced and successful riders (currently working in the industry) as talent scouts whose job it will be to report back anything they think will help the main selection committee.

- Sam Carne - 2011 European Champion - Open Men
- Jorge Gill - 2013 - 2014 European Champion - Junior Men
- Matt Crowhurst - 1999 European Champion – Junior Men
- Megan Barker - 2012 - 2013 European Champion – Junior and Open Women

- Charlotte Bryant - 2010 European Champion – Junior Women

### 17. **Team Captain**

- Sam Carne