

2018 Wakeboard UK - Boat Squad and Team Selection Policy

Description

2018 Wakeboard Boat Squad and Team Selection Policy covering both E&A and IWWF events. This covers subject such as squad eligibility, squad selection, team selection, code of conduct etc.

Squad

Eligibility

Riders are eligible for consideration to be selected for the squad 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

Wakeboard UK Nationals Attendance

No rider, unless a valid reason has been submitted, can be considered for a place on the 2018 squad unless they competed at the 2017 Boat Nationals.

1. A valid reason must have been submitted to the Chairman of the Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee prior to the 2017 event taking place.
2. The Chairman will then select the best course of action in consultation with the main Wakeboard Boat committee.

Squad Selection Criteria

The Squad is the pool of riders that the 10 rider Team will be chosen from, the Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee will consider the following when making their Squad selection:

Main Criteria

- 2017 Ranking
 - Including Nationals, sanctioned UK Events (e.g. Wake Open), European Championships, World Championships.
 - Points for UK events are as IWWF rules, European events are x 1.5, World events are x 2.0.

Additional Criteria

- Skill will be considered
- 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)

International Event Attendance

- Riders who have been selected for a position on the 2018 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.
- Riders who have not been selected for a position on the 2018 Squad will not be allowed to enter and compete at International events unless The Wakeboard Boat Committee approve, regardless of their participation at the 2018 Nationals or any previous Boat Nationals.
- Based on the above Squad criteria, riders can be added to and or removed from the Squad at any time during the season.

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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.

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.
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Team

The Team consists of 10 riders who will be chosen from the Squad to represent GB as point scorers prior to international events, with 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:

- Ranking
- Skill will be considered
- Form will be considered
- Track record will be considered
- Ability to perform under pressure will be considered
- Competition experience will be considered
- Tactical Awareness will be considered

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.

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.

There maybe 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 riders place on the 10 rider Team even if they have been chosen prior to the event.

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 2017 Nationals.

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).

Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee

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

- Jeremy Nevill - Chairman

- Graham Creedy - International Judge
 - Stewart Mackie - GB Team Coach
 - Lee Debuse - GB Team Coach
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Talent Scouts

The Wakeboard Boat Committee will also utilize some of the UKs most experienced and successful riders (currently working in the industry) as talent scouts who's 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