

2023 UK Wakeboard Squad and Team Selection Policy



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Document Description

This document is the **2023 UK Wakeboard Boat Squad and Team Selection Policy**.

It covers subjects such as squad eligibility, squad selection, team selection, code of conduct.

In 2022 the UK Nationals, Nautique Open, IWWF European Championships and IWWF World Championships were all held, marking a full return to competitive wakeboarding post-covid lockdowns.

The 2022 Ranking, which forms the basis of selection for 2023 is available at:

<https://www.wakeboard.co.uk/Rankings>

The Squad

The Squad is defined as the pool of riders that are eligible and invited to attend international events as part of the British Boat Wakeboard Squad.

The core international events consist of the IWWF Europe and Africa Championships and the IWWF World Championships.

There are also IWWF and IOC events such as the World Games and Beach Games for which riders may be selected from the squad to attend.

Squad Selection Eligibility

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
- Meet the BWSW / IWWF regulations in place at the time of selection
- Adhere to any anti-doping education programme in place
- Have attended the previous year's Nationals (note 1)

If required contact BWSW or Wakeboard UK for details on your current BWSW membership status, etc.

Squad Selection Criteria

The Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee will consider the following when making their Squad selection:

Main Criteria

Additional Criteria

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranking competitions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Nationals • Sanctioned UK Events • IWWF Europe and Africa Championships • IWWF World Championships • Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK events are 1.0 x IWWF rules points • European events are x 1.5 IWWF rules points • World events are x 2.0 IWWF rules points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Ranking • European Ranking • Previous IWWF competition results, scoring and ranking • Current and Future Form • Commitment • Attitude • Squad development event participation
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Notes

- Riders will primarily be selected for the squad using the ranking based **Main Criteria** detailed above
- In addition, riders may be added to or removed from the squad during the year due to the **Additional Criteria** listed above.
 - Examples of this could be:
 - A rider moving up a division who has had medal success at an IWWF international championship - e.g. A medal winning Junior moving into the Open division
 - A rider who was injured and was unable to attend the Nationals but is considered a potential medal winner at a forthcoming international event
 - A new rider who has caught the attention of the squad management for their riding potential and who may be invited to a squad practice session

International Event Attendance

- Riders who have been selected for a position on the squad will be invited to enter and ride at forthcoming International events provided they have:
 - Signed the Squad Contract
 - Completed all the correct documentation including
 - International Competition Licence
 - Adequate International Competition Insurance
 - No outstanding documentation or competition fees from a previous international event
- Riders who have not been selected for a position on the squad will not be allowed to enter and compete at International events unless the Wakeboard Boat Committee has been contacted by the rider and approved by the committee to attend as an independent British rider

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 and 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.

Point Scoring Team

The Point Scoring 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
- Form
- Track record
- Ability to perform under pressure
- Competition experience
- Tactical awareness

There maybe times when tactics will come into play and the Team could be changed upon arrival at an event to try and maximise Team points so the Wakeboard Boat Committee cannot guarantee a rider's 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 not on the squad 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 Nationals. The rider will be required to attend a squad practice day or other practice session and demonstrate to a GB coach their potential value to the squad.

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 the following members of the Wakeboard Boat Committee:

- Jeremy Nevill - Chairman and Team Manager
- Ross Phillips - Team Captain and Squad Development Manager
- Lee Debuse - GB Team Coach

Advisors to the Selection Committee:

- Scott O'Keefe
- Melissa Lock

Additional Notes

(1) There may be some circumstances where non-attendance of the previous year's Nationals will not restrict the ability of the rider to be selected:

- A valid reason (e.g. injury) must be submitted to the Chairman of the Wakeboard Boat Selection Committee prior to the previous year's Nationals taking place
- The Chairman will then select the best course of action in consultation with the main Wakeboard Boat committee