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1 GENERAL

- 1.1 **Applicability of the Rules:** The rules set forth herein govern wakeboard competitions sanctioned by the World Cable Wakeboard Commission (WCWC). It is requested that Federations establish rules as close to these rules as possible. Whenever the masculine is used, the same shall be construed as meaning the feminine where the context so requires.
- 1.2 **Exceptions to the Rules:** Where compliance with the rules is not feasible, the Chief Judge shall with the approval of the majority of the Judges, make the necessary changes. Such changes will be announced at a riders' or team captains' meeting, and by posting. The Chief Judge shall send a report to the WCWC to explain these changes to the rules. Where the rules are definite and feasible, a vote of the Judges to decide whether to enforce any provision is prohibited.
- 1.3 **Drug Testing:** All competitors must agree to be subject to doping control. Specific policies and procedures regarding doping control shall be detailed in the Medical Regulations of the International Water Ski Federation.
- 1.4 **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any rider (or his representative) or official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike or whose conduct may cause discredit to the WWC or the IWSF, either on or off the competition site, before, during, or after the competition, may be disqualified from all or part of the competition including completed events and/or be subject to a fine to be determined by the WWC, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Judges. Any and all infractions can also be punishable by disqualification of the whole team.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to: use of vulgar language in public, public tantrums, not riding to fullest potential, failure to attend designated functions or events, consuming alcoholic beverages during the competition, competing under false pretences, concealing significant injuries or health problems.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 All tournaments must have a WCWC Official Safety Director present for the entire event.
- 2.2 All riders must wear an approved life vest that will float a rider who is unconscious. The wetsuit vest must have a locking device in addition to the zipper closure
- 2.3 A first aid team must be on site for all WCWC-sanctioned competitions
- 2.4 Rescue craft must be in suitable positions to assist injured riders
- 2.5 All participants ride at their own risk

- 2.6 Helmets must be worn to use sliders and/or kickers
- 2.7 The Chief Judge must either be present during official training or nominate someone to check the obstacles before the training
- 2.8 The site owner must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the obstacles do not damage riders' boards. However, the ultimate responsibility must lie with the riders. Where an obstacle is found to be defective, the site owner will make every effort to fix it as quickly as possible and inform riders of any potential problems with the obstacles
- 2.9 The site owner is responsible for any injuries as a result of the use of obstacles that are used in an event that would normally be available to the public. Where obstacles are specially created for an event, a written understanding of the responsibilities of the Chief Judge and the Site Owner must be drawn up.

3 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 3.1 **Rider Eligibility:** A Federation may select its team in any manner it desires; however, each team member must be a citizen or applying for citizenship of the country which the Federation represents. In case of doubt as to the nationality of a competitor, the Judges normally will refer to his passport. If a rider does not have a passport from the country he is representing, he must prove residence in the country for at least five years and membership in an affiliated club of the Federation. Each Federation shall certify that all members of its team meet these qualifications.
- 3.2 **Competition Entry:** A rider may compete in the World Championships as either a team representative or individual.
- 3.3 **Individual Entries:** Riders who are not part of a team may compete as individuals. An individual rider's entry must be submitted through his respective Federation. Federations will decide the criteria for an individual rider's entry. There is currently no restriction to the number of riders who enter the World Championships as individual competitors.

4 CATEGORIES / DIVISIONS

- 4.1 Competition entry will be strictly by age with the exception of the Open category.
- 4.2 There will be a minimum of 6 riders required to open a category, with the exception of Girls and Junior Ladies, where 4 riders of at least three different nationalities are required. The Organizer will inform all participating Federations as soon as feasibly possible if there are insufficient riders within a category.

- 4.3 The World Cable Wakeboard Commission will ensure that all riders' passports are checked for verification of age.
- 4.4 A rider's age as of **1st January 2007** of the current year will be used to determine the age bracket.

Boys

If a rider was born in the following years, then they qualify for this category:
1992 and after

Girls

If a rider was born in the following years, then they qualify for this category:
1992 and after

Junior Men

If a rider was born in the following years, then they qualify for this category:
1991-1990 - 1989 - 1988

Junior Ladies

If a rider was born in the following years, then they qualify for this category:
1991-1990 - 1989 - 1988

Open Men

No age restriction

Open Ladies

No age restriction

Masters - Men

If a rider was born in **1976 or before**.

Masters - Ladies

If a rider was born in **1976 or before**.

Wakeskate - Men

No age restriction

Wakeskate - Ladies

No age restriction

5 HEAT SYSTEM / RUNNING ORDER

- 5.1 Competitions will use a heat system.
- 5.2 In qualifying rounds, positions are determined by the competitor seeding, which is determined by last year's Ranking List of their respective regional Tour. For those riders who have not competed in such events, their specific heat and running order will be randomly determined by computer. The number of riders in each heat is dependent on the total number of riders entered. A percentage of the riders from each heat will then go through to the, semi-finals and finals.

- 5.3 The Last Chance Qualification (LCQ) round may or may not be used within the competition, dependent on numbers.
- 5.4 If a rider fails to be on hand and ready to ride when the cable is prepared to start, the Dock Marshall may recommend his disqualification to the Chief Judge; however, the Dock Marshall may grant up to one additional minute of time for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the rider's turn to ride (e.g. ripped binding).
- 5.5 In the case where a rider has been disqualified or has been scratched, a one-minute delay shall be granted to the next rider in the starting order if he was not on the starting dock at the time of disqualification. If more than one rider has been disqualified or has scratched, the time allotted to the next rider shall be one minute for each rider disqualified or scratched.
- 5.6 An example of the heat system:

HEAT 1 - GROUP 1

| | | <u>judges scores</u> |
|---|---------|----------------------|
| 1 | Rider A | 65,89 |
| 2 | Rider B | 60,66 |
| 3 | Rider C | 50,21 |
| 4 | Rider D | 48,50 |
| 5 | Rider E | 48,23 |
| 6 | Rider F | 33,56 |

HEAT 1 - GROUP 2

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | Rider G | 56,33 |
| 2 | Rider H | 55,00 |
| 3 | Rider I | 52,77 |
| 4 | Rider J | 48,00 |
| 5 | Rider K | 44,11 |
| 6 | Rider L | 43,22 |

HEAT 1 - GROUP 3

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | Rider M | 53,00 |
| 2 | Rider N | 52,66 |
| 3 | Rider O | 47,55 |
| 4 | Rider P | 40,55 |
| 5 | Rider Q | 35,00 |
| 6 | Rider R | 34,52 |

LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | Rider E | 59,20 |
| 2 | Rider R | 59,11 |
| 3 | Rider Q | 57,90 |
| 4 | Rider K | 56,40 |
| 5 | Rider F | 55,00 |
| 6 | Rider L | 47,80 |

SEMIFINALS - GROUP 1

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | Rider B | 61,22 |
| 2 | Rider H | 61,10 |
| 3 | Rider I | 58,90 |
| 4 | Rider N | 58,88 |
| 5 | Rider M | 57,00 |
| 6 | Rider R | 56,90 |
| 7 | Rider Q | 56,44 |
| 8 | Rider K | 56,00 |

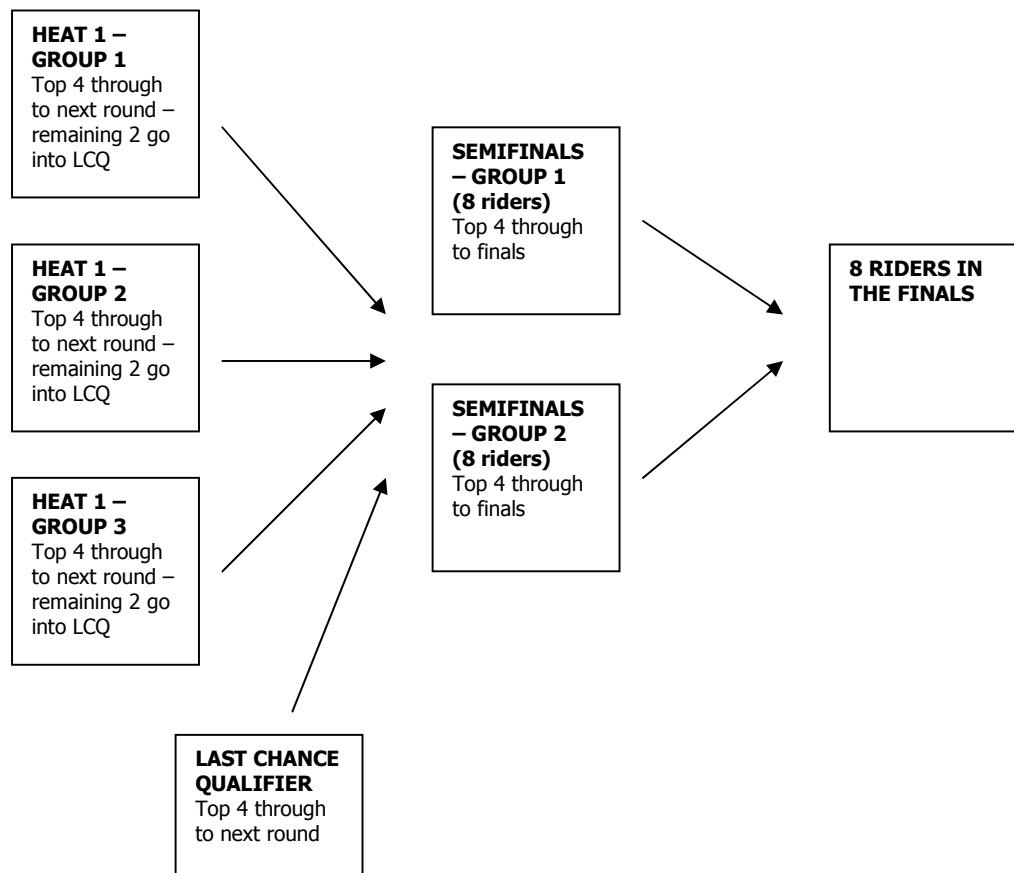
SEMIFINALS - GROUP 2

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | Rider A | 58,70 |
| 2 | Rider C | 57,11 |
| 3 | Rider P | 57,02 |
| 4 | Rider O | 56,99 |
| 5 | Rider G | 55,43 |
| 6 | Rider D | 54,11 |
| 7 | Rider J | 47,20 |
| 8 | Rider E | 44,33 |

FINALS

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | Rider H | 51,72 |
| 2 | Rider A | 51,22 |
| 3 | Rider C | 48,16 |
| 4 | Rider B | 47,86 |
| 5 | Rider I | 47,66 |
| 6 | Rider N | 44,72 |
| 7 | Rider P | 33,99 |
| 8 | Rider O | 27,89 |

A simplified version is as follows:



5.7 With the use of the heat system, there will be instances where riders have finished in a joint position with a rider in a different heat. Relevant placement will therefore be given to each individual, for example:

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| <p>SEMI-FINALS – HEAT 1 1st place 2nd place 3rd place 4th place 5th place (equal 9th place) 6th place (equal 11th place) 7th place (equal 13th place) 8th place (equal 15th place)</p> | <p>1st – 4th place advance to finals</p> | <p>FINALS 1st place 2nd place 3rd place 4th place 5th place 6th place 7th place 8th place</p> |
| <p>SEMI-FINALS – HEAT 2 1st place 2nd place 3rd place 4th place 5th place (equal 9th place) 6th place (equal 11th place) 7th place (equal 13th place) 8th place (equal 15th place)</p> | <p>1st – 4th place advance to finals</p> | |

6 COMPETITION AREA

- 6.1 The course will be marked by two visible buoys, the start buoy being approximately 150m before the second to last corner and the finish buoy approximately 150m after the drive tower. If conditions are appropriate, a kicker may also be used as the finish point on the course.
- 6.2 The buoy marking both start and finish lines must be underneath the running cable.
- 6.3 The course must be free of obstructions other than those specifically placed for the tournament.
- 6.4 The judge's station must be sited so as to have an unobstructed view of the entire course.
- 6.5 The site must meet WWC / WCWC safety standards.

7 TOW LINES

- 7.1 Only standard length lines provided by the site shall be used. (Not to be less than 18.25m on a three event rig) Standard length lines are that which are used for public and daily cableway use.
- 7.2 Extensions and wider handles may be added by the riders. Shortening of the rope is **not permitted**.
- 7.3 In the interest of safety, extensions **may not** be added under the following conditions:
 - If additional length will bring riders into contact with solid or stationary objects,
 - If it would bring the rider into shallow water (less than 2 feet deep) within the competition area,
 - Be hazardous to spectators or themselves
- 7.4 The Chief Judge has the right to exclude extensions for any reason he deems is in the interest of safety.

8 OBSTACLES

- 8.1 All Obstacles in the course will be used at the rider's own risk.

- 8.2 There is no restriction on obstacles allowed in wakeboard world competition. The only requirement is that they be laid out so as to allow riders to safely perform an equal number of air tricks as obstacle tricks throughout the course. It is up to the Organizer and the Chief Judge to work together and decide on the best or most appropriate placement of obstacles, considering history, new trends, common sense and safety. However, the final decision rests with the Chief Judge.
- 8.3 For safety reasons, open water should be allowed for all air tricks. Obstacles shall not be placed in an area expected or forced to perform an air trick over an obstacle.
- 8.4 Riders will be judged on their equal use of both air tricks and obstacles.
- 8.5 Helmets are required for the use of all obstacles. If a rider falls in front of an obstacle he has to let go of the handle or he's disqualified.
- 8.6 The cableway management has to ensure that all obstacles used at the competition are safe. All obstacles must have been in everyday use for a minimum of 14 days prior to the competition. The Chief Judge will consult the present Council members to decide on the use and placement of the obstacles. The final decision rests with the chief judge, but the responsibility does not lie with him. In the interest of safety, the Chief Judge has the right to exclude obstacles for any reason he deems. Where during the training or the competition an obstacle is found to be defective, the organizer will make every effort to fix it as quickly as possible and inform riders of any potential problems with the obstacles. If an obstacle damaged during the competition can't be repaired quickly, it gets taken out and that heat must be restarted. A decision as to whether the obstacle gets put back later is for the Chief Judge in conjunction with the team captains. The position of the obstacles must not change between the official training and the actual competition.

The bulletin for the competition has to contain a drawing of the cableway with the height, distances between the pylons, description of the course, placement and specifications of obstacles noted. It must be published 30 days before the competition at the latest. The Chief Judge or a responsible Council member should be involved in developing the perfect placement of obstacles prior to distribution of the bulletin.

9 EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 **General:** All personal equipment is subject to the approval of the Chief Judge and Safety Director.
- 9.2 **Boards:** Only 'wakeboards' and 'wakeskates' will be allowed. Both must float and have a minimum length of 118cm.
- 9.3 **Life Vest:** All competitors must wear a life vest. It is the responsibility of each rider to ensure their life vest meets the following specifications:

- It must float the rider
 - It must be constructed so as to provide adequate protection from impact damage to the ribs and internal organs.
- 9.4 **Helmets:** Riders must wear a suitable helmet if they choose to hit any of the obstacles in the wakeboard course. If a rider hits an obstacle without a helmet, he will be disqualified from the competition.
- 9.5 **Damaged Equipment:** A rider is fully responsible for his personal equipment. If a rider has damaged his equipment, he will have **three** minutes to repair the equipment. The Chief Judge will have the final say as to whether the equipment has failed. The damaged equipment can either be repaired on the back of the boat or at the dock. The time begins when the rider gets on the back of the boat or onto the dock. The rider must have both feet back in his bindings before the 3 minutes elapses or his routine is over.

10 FORMAT

- 10.1 Riders will be judged in a FREERIDE format only.
- 10.2 There will be a minimum of two rounds, a Qualification or Semifinal Round, and a Final Round.
- 10.3 A Last Chance Qualifier Round (LCQ) shall be run when practical, depending on the number of riders. The decision to run the LCQ shall be at the discretion of the Chief Judge.
- 10.4 One round will consist of two passes (circuits/laps) through the course, each pass consisting of combinations of inverts, grabs, rotational tricks, and obstacles. Riders may perform any tricks they choose in any order they wish.
- 10.5 Judging of the routine begins when the rider enters the course and ends when the rider exits the course, falls for a second time, or completes his Wild Card trick.
- 10.6 Wild Card tricks are allowed only in the Finals and are performed in the separate, third run, in the same starting order as in the first two runs. Wild Card tricks are scored subjectively (style points only).
- 10.7 Sliders, Kickers, or other obstacles may be used.
- 10.8 Speed is at the discretion of the rider but must be within the maximum and minimum tolerances allowed for the site. The speed must remain constant while the rider is in the course.

11 JUDGING CRITERIA / SCORING

- 11.1 Judging will be SUBJECTIVE only. There will be no predetermined points for any tricks and no attack sheets.
- 11.2 Points in the form of 'style points' will be given and based on execution, intensity and composition.
- 11.3 The score awarded will reflect both passes; to arrive at a single combined score from 0-100.
- 11.4 Each rider shall be allowed two passes through the wakeboard course during which time he may perform any routine he chooses. He will be judged on three subjective style categories, to arrive at a single combined score.

Judging of the routine begins when the rider enters the wakeboard course and ends when the rider exits the wakeboard course, falls, or completes his wildcard (finals only).

Riders are encouraged to perform a smooth flowing routine with a wide variety of tricks. Each maneuver should be executed as cleanly as possible and taken to its limit.

Scoring:

Judges will award a maximum of 100 points to each rider based on their overall impressions of the routine performed. The judges will score each rider in each of the following categories:

Execution = 32 points

(Level of mastery of tricks performed)

The judge's look for the level of technical perfection of the maneuvers performed: Is the trick grabbed? Is the trick landed safely and clean? Does the rider show personal style in the trick performed?

Intensity = 32 points

(Level of trick, how big, moves taken to their limit)

How impressive was the routine, how big did the rider go? For sliders: How controlled was the slide? The judges will look for the degree of effort in each maneuver performed and of the overall run.

Composition = 32 points

(Variation of tricks, overall look of the run, smooth transition between moves)

The level of variety and creativity displayed by the rider. Judges are looking for **variety** and **diversity** of tricks in a flowing creative sequence. In the Judge's eyes, a better Rider is one who throws a balanced variety of Inverts, Spins, Heel Side, Toe Side, Switch, etc., using **both** Air Tricks and Obstacles.

Wildcard – 4 points

Wildcard is scored in execution and intensity only, even if rider falls.

Calculation of scores:

The Average method of calculating will be used. Scores from the three categories (Execution, Intensity and Composition) of a rider's routine are added together to produce a judge's total score. All three judges' total scores are then averaged to produce a final score for a rider.

Judges should ensure that all scores given on the scoring sheets are scored out of 10. The necessary conversions will be made at the calculation stage to ensure that the above system is adhered to.

- 11.5 Repetition of tricks in each round is NOT allowed, and will not be scored.
- 11.6 Any trick performed outside of the course or using the pull of a deflection pulley will NOT be scored.
- 11.7 Wakeskate will be scored **Dock Start** (10%), **Execution** (45%), and **Composition** (45%). One Dock Start fall is allowed, with no penalty. Wakeskaters will have the same 2 passes as wakeboarders, with their run ending on second fall. Repeating tricks is not allowed and will not be scored.
- 11.8 There must be a minimum of three judges, one of which will act as Chief Judge. All must be recognized by the WWC / WCWC.
- 11.9 Judges must ensure equal riding conditions are applied to all competitors.

12 TEAM SCORING AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12.1 A team will comprise of a maximum of 8 riders, with a maximum of 2 riders in the same category. Although it is encouraged to have a mixed participation with men and women riders within a team, it is not compulsory. Federations must nominate their team riders immediately after their official practice.
- 12.2 The 6 best scores will be used for country classification. In the event of a tie between 2 teams, the 7 best scores will be used.
- 12.3 The system of awarding points for the Ranking list for World Championships (point 17.3) will be used for Team Scoring.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be made to the Chief Judge only by a team representative. 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.

- 13.2 Protests shall be allowed only for failure of the judges and calculators to comply with these rules and only if this non-compliance with rules has an adverse effect on a rider.
- 13.3 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, and Judges' scoring sheets have been made available for inspection. The inspection of scoring sheets will be done only in the presence of the Judges scoring that particular event.
- 13.4 Protests must be accompanied by the approximate equivalent in local currency of 50 US \$. This amount will be refunded if the protest is considered reasonable or upheld by the Judges.
- 13.5 Due to the subjective scoring nature and spirit of wakeboarding, video footage of any kind will not be used by Judges, riders or team representatives to resolve any disputes. Judges can only use the video footage before scoring a rider's routine.

14 SCHEDULE CHANGES

- 14.1 Changes in the schedule during the competition shall be made only for weather, water conditions, safety, or similar reason. Such changes will be announced at a riders' or team captains' meeting, and by posting.
- 14.2 The finals of each category must be completed to determine a winner, even if the Judges are obliged to continue it at a different site. If a final cannot be completed, all riders from the event will compete again where and when possible, until a winner is determined.

15 PRIZES AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 15.1 Medals or trophies will be awarded to the top three competitors in each division.
- 15.2 Product prizes may be awarded in each division, at the discretion of sponsors

16 JUDGES & SCORERS QUALIFICATIONS

- 16.1 The judges' qualification levels are:
 - National 2 – judge at the National Competitions
 - National 1 – Chief judge at the National Competitions

- International 2 – judge at the International Competitions
 - International 1 – Chief judge at the International Competitions
- 16.2 Organization of judging seminars is up to each Region. National Federations can grant levels National 2 and 1. Levels International 2 and 1 are in responsibility of the respective Region.
- 16.3 A progress can be made only one level at the time. In certain cases for outstanding candidates exceptions can be allowed, but never for International level 1.
- 16.4 **Reducing levels - for International level 2 and 1:** If a judge in the past two seasons haven't judged at an international event or national championships, or haven't passed the official exam for the appropriate level, his level will be reduced by one.
- 16.5 Due to the fast development of the sport, all judges have to take part at one seminar in 4 years, regardless of the experience in the given period.

17 RANKING LISTS

- 17.1 World ranking lists are produced for all age categories. If a certain category wasn't open in any competition during the season, riders will be listed in a higher category.
- 17.2 A rider can start in a higher category at any competition (double starts are not allowed) and he'll be awarded the appropriate number of points, always listed only inside his age category.
- 17.3 In year 2006 the points for the WCWC World Ranking list will be awarded for taking part at the World and National Championships. System of awarding points is as follows:

| Placement | World champs | Regional champs | International competitions | National Champs |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1000 | 800 | 500 | 400 |
| 2 | 800 | 640 | 400 | 320 |
| 3 | 640 | 512 | 320 | 256 |
| 4 | 600 | 480 | 300 | 240 |
| 5 | 480 | 384 | 240 | 192 |
| 6 | 360 | 288 | 180 | 144 |
| 7 | 320 | 256 | 160 | 128 |
| 8 | 240 | 192 | 120 | 96 |
| 9 | 230 | 185 | 116 | 92 |
| 10 | 220 | 178 | 112 | 89 |
| 11 | 210 | 172 | 108 | 86 |
| 12 | 205 | 166 | 104 | 83 |
| 13 | 204 | 164 | 102 | 82 |
| 14 | 202 | 162 | 101 | 81 |
| 15 | 200 | 160 | 100 | 80 |
| 16 | 160 | 128 | 80 | 64 |

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|---------|-----|----|----|----|
| 17 | 120 | 96 | 60 | 48 |
| 18 | 80 | 64 | 40 | 32 |
| 19 | 70 | 56 | 35 | 28 |
| 20 | 60 | 48 | 30 | 24 |
| 21 | 50 | 40 | 25 | 20 |
| 22 | 40 | 32 | 20 | 18 |
| 23 - 36 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 4 |

Placements are determined as described under point 5.7. In the occurrence of more categories of the same age and gender at the National Championships (e.g. Amateur Men & Pro Men), placements of advanced category are followed by the lower category. If a rider has dual citizenship, only one performance at National Champs counts, from the country he represents at titled events. Guest riders at National Champs get no ranking points.

- 17.4 Each region will decide which competitions to include in the regional rankings, using the same system of awarding points.

Notice: in 2007 there will not be Cable Wakeboard World Championships