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## 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 **Applicability of the Rules:** The rules set forth herein govern wakeboard competitions sanctioned by the Cable Wakeboard World Council (CWWC). 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 CWWC 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 CWWC 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 CWWC, 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 Competitions must have a CWWC 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 CWWC-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 obstacles like 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 **Age Categories 2008**

***Dolphins/ Trolls/ Mini Boys***

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

***1997 and after***

***Dolphins/ Trolls/ Mini Girls***

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

***1997 and after***

***Boys***

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

***1996 – 1995 – 1994 - 1993***

***Girls***

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

***1996 – 1995 – 1994 - 1993***

***Junior Men***

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

***1992 -1991 - 1990 - 1989***

***Junior Ladies***

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

***1992 - 1991 - 1990 – 1989***

***Open Men***

*No age restriction*

***Open Ladies***

*No age restriction*

***Masters - Men***

If a rider was born in **1977 – 1968**.

***Masters - Ladies***

If a rider was born in **1977 – 1968**.

***Veterans - Men***

If a rider was born in **1967 or before**.

***Veterans - Ladies***

If a rider was born in **1967 or before**.

**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

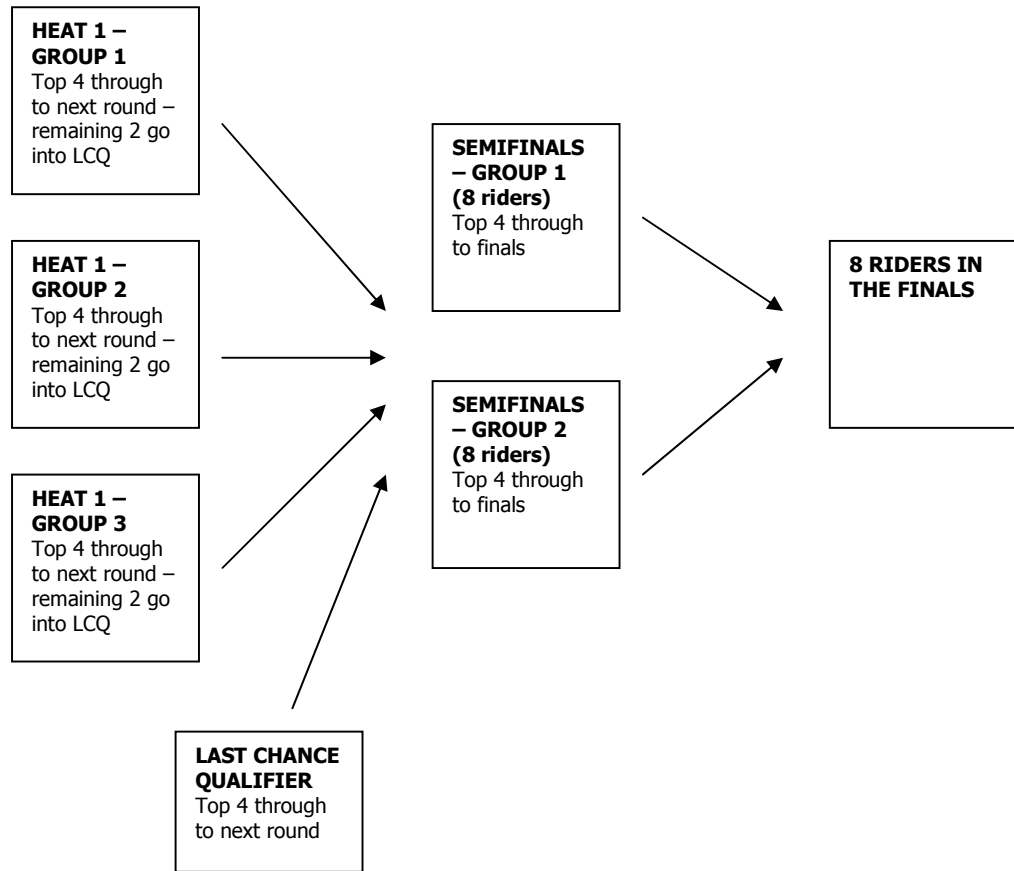
**SEMIFINALS - GROUP 2**

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

## 7 TOW LINES

- 7.1 Only standard length lines provided by the site shall be used. (Not to be less than 17.80m 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 cable 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. Only the best out of two runs will be scored.

- 10.5 Judging of the routine begins when the rider enters the course and ends when the rider exits the course or falls.
- 10.6 There will be no Wild Card tricks in this format.
- 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 technical performance and impression.
- 11.3 The scores awarded will reflect each run (pass) with a single combined score from 0-100. Only the best of the two runs will be taken as a result. The lower scored run will be removed.
- 11.4 Each rider shall be allowed two runs through the wakeboard course during which time he may perform any routine he chooses. He will be judged on two subjective style categories, to arrive at a single combined score for each run.

Judging of the routine begins when the rider enters the wakeboard course and ends when the rider exits the wakeboard course or falls.

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.

After the rider finishes both runs, his best run will be taken as his result.

**Scoring:**

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

**Technical performance = 50 points**

(Level and variety of tricks performed - what did the rider perform)

Judges look for the 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, blind tricks, and handle passes etc, using both air tricks and obstacles.

**Impression = 50 points**

(Airtime, mastery, style and control of tricks = how did the rider perform)

How impressive was the routine, how big did the rider go? For Slider and Kicker: How controlled and balanced is the rider? The judges look for the degree of effort in each manoeuvre performed and of the overall run. Does the Rider show his personal style in the trick performed? Is the trick grabbed, boned, tweaked, shifted? Are the tricks landed clean? Good body position in the air? How long was the trick grabbed? How good is the approach /cut of tricks, the flow in the run.

For each judge team a head judge will be installed. After the first rider in the heat, the head judge will give a range for the scoring of the first rider. This will give a solid base for judging of this certain heat.

**Wild card**

There will be no wild card in this format.

**Calculation of scores:**

The Average method of calculating will be used. Scores from the two categories (Technical performance and Impression) 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 is not allowed during one run (rider can repeat tricks from the first run in his second run).

- 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%), **Technical performance** (45%), and **Impression** (45%). One Dock Start fall is allowed, with no penalty. Wakeskaters will have 2 passes, 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 EAME CW Council, or National Federation for national events.
- 11.9 This format and judging criteria/scoring are obligatory for World Championships. The organizer and the judging team can decide on a different format for other national and international homologated events (e.g. the world rules system, one out of the three or two out of three runs scoring, kicker contest, best invert contest, full round contest, half round contest, obstacles only contest etc.). In such cases the chief Judge together with regional Council has to apply the format and the judging criteria and they have to be published at least one month prior to the competition. Examples for this possible formats can be given by the IWSF.
- 11.10 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 for his correct age category.



17.3 In year 2008 the points for the ~~WCWC~~ CWWC World Ranking list will be awarded for taking part at the World and National Championships. System of awarding points is as follows:

#### Types of Competition:

Placement	World champs	Regional AA/EAME/PANAM Champs	International competitions	National Champs	SUB Regional Champs	Other national or regional Comps.
1	1000	800	500	400	200	100
2	800	640	400	320	160	80
3	640	512	320	256	128	64
4	600	480	300	240	120	60
5	480	384	240	192	96	48
6	360	288	180	144	72	36
7	320	256	160	128	64	32
8	240	192	120	96	48	24
9	230	185	116	92	46	23
10	220	178	112	89	44	22
11	210	172	108	86	43	22
12	205	166	104	83	42	21
13	204	164	102	82	41	21
14	202	162	101	81	40	20
15	200	160	100	80	40	20
16	160	128	80	64	32	16
17	120	96	60	48	24	12
18	80	64	40	32	16	8
19	70	56	35	28	14	7
20	60	48	30	24	12	6
21	50	40	25	20	10	5
22	40	32	20	18	9	4
23 - 36	10	8	5	4	2	1

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.

17.5 You can only get a maximum of points in one type of competitions, up to the maximum points in the next higher type of competition category of kind of competitions.

**Notice: in 2008 there will not be a Cable Wakeskate World Championship**