



Riders' guide for the EAME Cable Wakeboard competitions

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For the comprehensive insight into the rules, read World and EAME Cable Wakeboard Rules. All documents can be found at www.cablewakeboard.net in the section EAME Council.

What are the cable wakeboard judges expecting from the riders? How to plan your runs in order to reach max. score?

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Repetition of tricks is not allowed during one run (rider can repeat tricks from the first run in his second run).
- There will be no wild card in this format.

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)

This takes into account 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, Blind tricks, and Handle passes etc, using *both* air tricks and obstacles.

As a rider, it is not enough to just do the tricks, but rather you have to learn to properly combine them in your runs with the use of obstacles as well. Throwing the same trick twice in your run will affect your composition score. Also it is very important to finish your run but not in a boring way. Build your run in a smart and creative way.

The judge's look for the level of technical perfection for each of the tricks performed. Is the trick landed safely and clean?

Level of tricks: Blind landings / Handle passes / Unique tricks
For obstacles: Ollie on / Gap / Approach / Transfer / Spins

Variety of tricks: No repetition of the same variety of basic tricks. Combine the obstacles in your runs.
Different direction of tricks: Combine your cut directions

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.

To make it simple: Try hard and go as big as you can while keeping it controlled and landing it cleanly.

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.

How long is the air time/ intensity
Grab time and bone during the grab
Body position /S-bend and Front flip/
Clean landing
Clean cuts /no double cut/
Flowing of the run /Tension of the rope/
Unique style
Use of obstacles:
How controlled is the rider on the rail or funbox
Height of the gap and transfer
Balance in the air on kicker

Unfinished run:

One of the most important aspects is to have a successful and complete run. Even the last trick is very important. It is not necessarily an advantage to compare to a complete run.

Tips:

Each competition is judged by the level performed at that competition only and not by the level that the judges want to see or expect to see from any particular rider.

If the event site has a lot of obstacles, we are not expecting to see an obstacles competition. You don't need to use all of them, but don't avoid using them completely either, or it will affect your composition points.

Try to do unique tricks.

The technical level is important but this is not the only thing that matters in wakeboarding. You have to perform your run as technical as possible but at the same time keep it clean, high, versatile and as stylish as you can.

Technical performance and Impression for all of this matters combined together will give the best score.

*The impact of not completing the run (falling) on the total score:
You will get less points for the impression, and the technical performance points will depend on the portion of the course used. Therefore, if you fall in the middle of the course after an excellent half of your run, Technical performance points will be max. 50% of your theoretical total score, and Impression even less. This 50% is a theoretical maximum, and in reality, judges will probably score you even lower because the incomplete runs are not what they're looking for.*

Cutting on the corner:

*Safety is above all and we don't want to see riders smashing on the grass/wall/fans.
Also, it's easier to do the trick with the pull of the corner and this is not what wakeboarding is about.*