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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CWWC / IWWF

Cable Wakeboard World Council / International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation

Chief Official

The highest-ranking IWWF representative at the event, responsible for the overall organization and proper conduct of the competition, ensuring compliance with the IWWF Cable Wakeboard Rules and enforcing all organizational and sporting procedures.

Chief Judge

The lead judge responsible for the interpretation and application of the IWWF Cable Wakeboard judging rules, supervising the judging panel, ensuring consistency of scores, and resolving sporting and scoring matters.

Official

A person holding appropriate IWWF qualifications who performs an officiating or technical role at the event (e.g. Judge, Scorer, Dock Marshal), acting in accordance with the rules and under the supervision of the Chief Official or Chief Judge.

Event

An IWWF-sanctioned competition conducted in cable wakeboarding at a specified location and time, consisting of one or more categories, rounds, and runs, and operated in accordance with the applicable rules.

Run / Heat / Round

Run - A single ride by a rider on the designated cable system course, during which the rider performs their run including tricks and features.

Heat - A group of riders competing in the same series of runs, according to the established start order.

Round - A stage of the competition consisting of one or more heats, leading to classification, elimination, or advancement to the next round.

Extenuating Circumstances

Exceptional conditions beyond the control of the competitor, such as cable system failure, sudden changes in weather conditions, obstacles on the course, or safety-related issues, which may justify procedural modifications, a re-run, or other decisions made by the Chief Judge or Chief Official.

1. GENERAL

1.1 Applicability of the Rules: The rules set forth herein govern wakeboard and wakeskate competitions sanctioned by the Cable Wakeboard World Council (CWWC) of IWWF and apply to all international events worldwide. Please refer to the document “Competition Guidelines for more details on event types.

- It is requested that national federations establish rules as close to these rules as possible for national competitions.
- If a Confederation Council wishes to establish Confederation specific rules, where these impact ranking lists, permissions from the World Council must be granted.
- Whenever the masculine is used, the same shall be construed as meaning the feminine where the context so requires.
- In the event of a conflict between this rulebook and other guidance documents, the rulebook will take precedence.

1.2 Exceptions to the Rules: Where compliance with the rules is not feasible, the Chief Official shall with the approval of the majority of the Officials, make the necessary changes.

Such changes will be announced at a riders’ or team captains’ meeting, and by posting on the event page.

- The Chief Official shall send a report to the CWWC to explain these changes as soon as feasibly possible.
- Where the rules are definite and feasible, a vote of the Officials 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 [WADA Regulations of the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation](#).

1.4 Un-sportsmanlike Conduct: Any rider (or his representative) or official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike or whose conduct may cause discredit to the CWWC or the IWWF, 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. Any and all infractions can also be punishable by disqualification of the whole team or deduction of a number of points from the overall team score.

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

Unsportsmanlike conduct also includes behaviours on days before the competition starts and after the end of the event. e.g Riders/Teams/Parents arriving for private training and abusing the site operational teams, and post event offensive social media posts.

2. SAFETY AND RIDERS' EQUIPMENT

2.1 All competitions must have an appointed CWWC Official present for the entire event who is in charge to supervise the safety measures.

2.2 The Chief Official at the event will check the entire site to ensure the competition can be carried out as safely as possible, especially when the site is built specifically for the competition. The features must be checked before the official training by a suitable appointed official.

2.3 The competition organiser must have a valid public and product liability policy in place that covers the event. Riders shall comply with all safety instructions required by the organiser and the Officials.

2.4 A First Aid team, including a water rescue team, must be on site for all CWWC Sanctioned competitions.

A rescue boat or a jet-ski with a stretcher attached must be in a suitable position to assist injured riders. Pool events are not required to provide a safety boat.

There must be a spinal board on site with head restraints and straps suitable for in water recovery.

2.5 Concussion Protocol

Any athlete that sustains a head injury after a suspicious fall shall be subject to a concussion assessment using the IWWF [On-Water Concussion Recognition Tool \(OWCRT\)](#) (included below for reference).

The initial assessment will be completed by either the safety team if deployed to retrieve from the water or the Dock Marshall if they have walked/returned to the dock.

If the 1st assessment is negative, the athlete will be allowed to complete the remainder of the event. If the 1st assessment is positive, the athlete will be returned to the medical team where a 2nd assessment using the OWCRT will be administered by that team.

If the assessment is again positive for a second time, the athlete will be removed from competition and entered into a six phases brain recovery program which is part of the IWWF Concussion Protocol.

Once a decision has been made by these two officials, using the OWCRT, it cannot be overruled by anyone.

The competition can continue for other riders but should be put on hold while both assessments are being carried out for the specific rider. (i.e the Heat can continue until the riders turn)

In all cases, the Chief Official shall submit an [Incident Report](#) if the Athlete is deemed to have sustained a concussion using the OWCRT.

No National Federation shall allow an athlete who has been diagnosed with concussion to take part in further competitions until the athlete declared safe to compete by a doctor.

ON-WATER CONCUSSION RECOGNITION TOOL

To help identify concussion in children, adolescents and adults

RECOGNISE & REMOVE

Head impacts can be associated with serious and potentially fatal brain injuries. This On-Water Concussion Recognition Tool (OWCRT) is to be used for the identification of suspected concussion. It is not designed to diagnose concussion.

STEP 1: RED FLAGS – CALL AN AMBULANCE

If there is concern after an injury including whether ANY of the following signs are observed or complaints are reported then the player should be safely and immediately removed from the activity. If no licensed healthcare professional is available, call an ambulance for urgent medical assessment:

- Neck pain or tenderness
- Severe or increasing headache
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Double vision
- Seizure or convulsion
- Vomiting
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs
- Loss of consciousness
- Increasingly restless, agitated or combative

REMEMBER

- In all cases, the basic principles of first aid (danger, response, airways, breathing, circulation) should be followed.
- Do not attempt to move the player (other than required for airway support) unless trained to do so.
- Assessment for a spinal cord injury is critical
- Do not remove a helmet or any other equipment unless trained to do so safely.

If there are no Red Flags, identification of possible concussion should proceed to the following steps:

STEP 2: OBSERVABLE SIGNS

Visual clues that suggest possible concussion include:

- Lying motionless on the field of play
- Disorientation or confusion, or an inability to respond appropriately to questions
- Balance, gait difficulties, motor incoordination, stumbling, slow laboured movements
- Slow to get up after a direct or indirect hit to the head
- Blank or vacant look
- Facial injury after head trauma
- Extension Posture of Arms & Legs

STEP 3: SYMPTOMS

- Headache
- Neck pain
- Difficulty remembering
- "Pressure in head"
- Blurred vision
- Not Thinking Clearly
- Balance problems
- "Don't Feel Right"
- Dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Difficulty concentrating

STEP 4: MEMORY ASSESSMENT

(IN ATHLETES OLDER THAN 12 YEARS)

- Failure to answer any of these questions (modified appropriately for each sport) correctly may suggest a concussion.
- Which competition are you at now?
 - What is the day of the week?
 - Who Was On The Water Before You?
 - What Month Is This?

Score: Any positive check marks ✓ = Yes

The athlete is taken immediately to shore for a second assessment, using the OWCRT

Athletes with suspected concussion should:

- Not be left alone initially
- Not drink alcohol
- Not use recreational / prescription drugs
- Not be sent home by themselves. They need to be with a responsible adult.
- Not drive a motor vehicle until cleared to do so by a QUALIFIED healthcare professional.

This OWCRT has been prepared by the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation to guide and assist Federations, Clubs, Event Organisers, Coaches, Officials and all concerned with towed water sports.



It may be downloaded, printed and laminated to carry in the boat or at the site.

Any revision and any reproduction in a digital form requires approval by the IWWF World Medical Committee. It should not be altered in any way, rebranded or sold for commercial gain.

2.6 All participants ride at their own risk; they are expected to pay attention to any potential site-specific risks and to perform a routine within their abilities.

2.7 A rider is fully responsible for his personal equipment. Equipment should be fit for purpose and therefore riders' personal equipment may be subject to the approval by the Officials.

2.8 Only wakeboards and wakeskates will be allowed. In Seated categories, exceptions can be allowed. All equipment must float.

2.9 All competitors must wear a life vest and a suitable well fitted helmet. 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 to provide adequate protection from impact damage to the ribs and internal organs.

If a rider performs without a helmet or life vest during any part of the competition, including the official practice, they will be disqualified from the competition.

2.10 Communication to a rider with any electronic device during his routine is not allowed.

2.11 Only drones approved by the Organiser/ Chief Official can be used on site during the event.

3. COMPETITIONS

3.1 All riders in competitions must be members of their respective federations and have an EMS rider profile. If the rider comes from a country that does not have an affiliate or associate membership with IWWF, then they must purchase the enhanced IWWF License.

3.2 All riders entering a 3 Star or above competition must hold an IWWF EMS License for the competition. Riders can purchase either single competition Licenses or an Annual License.

3.3 Under IWWF Rules Riders from Countries without federations cannot enter 5 or 6 Star Competitions unless they are competing under the IWWF Flag

3.4 Competitions are classified from *(1 Star) to *****(6 Star), explained below.

3.5 Competitions are managed within the IWWF EMS System; riders' entry will be handled through the EMS System.

3.6 All national and international competitions must be properly registered with the CWWC or relevant Confederation Council and approved by the National Federation. A bulletin in English must be prepared for all international competitions. Bulletins must be published 30 days before the competition at the latest.

3.7 All officials for international competitions will be appointed by the respective Confederation Council. Officials Panels will be approved by the Council using the EMS System.

3.8 Basic requirements and limitations on number of events per country:

Type	Description	Limit	Requirements & Registration deadline
6 STAR *****	World Championships	1 every 2 years	Only in even years, by contract with IWWF. Medals or Trophies will be awarded to the top three competitors in each category.
5 STAR *****	AO / E&A/ PANAM Confederation Championships	1 Event	Can be every year, by contract. With IWWF Confederation. The event can be split in Open and Y&S at separate locations.
5 STAR WT *****	World Trophy	1 Event	By separate contract with IWWF CWWC Council
4 STAR ****	Multi Sport Event	No limit	To register with IWWF CWWC minimum of 2 months before the event. Minimum 3 foreign Officials
4 STAR ****	International Event	No Limit	To register with IWWF CWWC minimum 2 months before the event, minimum 3 foreign Officials. Minimum Prize Money €3500 (Euro) Open, U18 & O30 only
3 STAR ***	National Championships	1 Event	To register with Confederation Council minimum 1 month before the event The event can be split in Open and Y&S at separate locations on separate dates.
3 STAR ***	International Event	3 Events	To register with Confederation Council minimum 2 months before the event, Minimum 2 foreign Officials, Medals or Trophies. Minimum Prize Money €500 (Euro)

2 STAR **	International Event	4 Events	To register with Confederation Council minimum 1 month before the event. Minimum 1 foreign Official. Medals or trophies.
2 STAR **	National Event	No limit	To register with Confederation Council minimum 1 month before the event. Medals or trophies.
1 STAR *	International Event	5 Events	To register with Confederation Council minimum 1 month before the event. Minimum 1 foreign Official. Medals or trophies.
1 STAR *	National Event	No Limit	To register with Confederation Council minimum 1 month before the event. Medals or trophies.
Invitational Event	National or International	No Limit	To register with Confederation Council minimum 1 month before the event, Min 4* Officials for International Events.

3.9 All events are published in the event calendar at: <https://ems.iwwf.sport/> with online registration for riders. The use of the official scoring programme is mandatory for any event that is to be included within the National or International Ranking Lists.

3.10 All registered competitions will have a dedicated competition page at <https://ems.iwwf.sport/> with competition information, and the live results / live feed if provided by the organiser.

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3.12 All further details in the rights and obligations of the IWWF, CWWC and competition organisers can be found in the “Competition Guidelines” document

3.13 The following rules for holding international competitions on the same dates apply:

	Show	Invit	1STAR	2STAR	3STAR	4STAR	5STAR WT	5STAR Confed	World Cup	6STAR WC
Show	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	N
Invit	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	N
1STAR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	N
2STAR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N
3STAR	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	N	N	Y*	N	N
4STAR	Y	Y	Y	Y*	N	N	N	N	N	N
5STAR WT	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N	N	N	N	N	N
5STARConfed	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	N	N	Y*	N	N
WORLD CUP	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
6STAR WC	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Y* = Yes if in another Confederation

3.14 In line with IWWF rules and IOC recommendations, all events with prize money must have an equal split between genders or at least the equal podium.

3.15 No international competitions will be registered during ‘blocked weekend’ that should be used for National Championships. In Europe, it is usually the first full weekend of July.

4. CATEGORIES / DIVISIONS

4.1 National Competitions for Wakeboard, Wakeskate and Seated:

Division	Description	Year restrictions (2026)
U9 Groms	9yrs or under. Boys & Girls. The last year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the year of their 9 th Birthday	Must be born 2017 or later
U11 Minis	11yrs or Under, Boys & Girls. The last year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the year of their 11 th Birthday.	Must be born in 2015 or later
U14 Boys / Girls	14yrs or under. The last year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the year of their 14 th Birthday	Must be born in 2012 or later
U18 Junior Men / Women	18yrs or under. The last year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the year of their 18 th Birthday	Must be born in 2008 or later
Open Men / Women	No restrictions	No restrictions. Anyone of any age can enter OPEN
O30 Masters Men / Women	The first year a rider can compete in this category is the year of their 31 st Birthday.	Must be born in 1995 or before
O40 Veterans Men / Women	The first year a rider can compete in this category is the year of their 41 st Birthday.	Must be born in 1985 or before
O50 Legends Men / Women	The first year a rider can compete in this category is the year of their 51 st Birthday.	Must be born in 1975 or before

**** Please note that for National Championships, only the categories that run for International Competitions will appear in the World Rankings. All above will appear within the National Ranking List.**

To clarify: a rider born in 2015 can compete in U11, U14, U18 or Open Categories, or a rider born in 2008 can compete in U18 or Open. It is the same for O30 & O40: a rider born in 1982 can choose to complete in O40, O30 or Open.

4.1.1 It is the decision of the National Federation on the minimum number of riders to open a category.

4.2 International Competitions

Division	Description	Year restrictions (2026)
U14 Boys / Girls	14yrs or under. The last year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the year of their 14 th Birthday *Under 11s cannot compete in an International Event. The minimum age for a competitor is 11 YEARS	Must be born between 2012 – 2015. *They must have reached their 11 th Birthday by registration day of the competition. *
U18 Junior Men / Women	18yrs or under. The last year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the year of their 18 th Birthday	Must be born between 2008 – 2015 *They must have reached their 11 th Birthday by registration day of the competition. *
Open Men / Women	Aged 11yrs +	Anyone over the age of 11years can enter
O30 Masters Men / Women	The first year a rider can compete in this category is the year of their 31 st Birthday.	Must be born in 1995 or before
O40 Veterans Men / Women	The first year a rider can compete in this category is the year of their 41 st Birthday.	Must be born in 1985 or before

- **For Wakeskate** – International Competitions will only run for U18 & Open Divisions
- **For Seated** – International Competitions will only run for the Open Division.

To clarify: a rider born in 2014 can compete in U14, U18 or Open Categories, or a rider born in 2008 can compete in U18 or Open. It is the same for O30 & O40: a rider born in 1982 can choose to complete in O40, O30 or Open.

4.3 The Officials on-site will ensure that all riders' passports or ID cards (with picture and nationality) are checked at the event.

4.4 The minimum age of a Rider at any International Event is 11yrs, therefore for 2026 Only riders born in 2015 or before can take part in International Events.

- A rider born in 2015 can start in National Events, but they must have reached their 11th birthday to compete at International Events at the event registration.

4.5 For International **Titled Events** there will be a minimum of 6 riders required to open a category, with the exception of

- O30 Women, O40 Men and Women & U18 Wakeskate where 4 riders are required.
- For the Seated Category, there must be at least two riders to open the category. To Open both Men and Women categories, there must be at least two riders in each
- Except for the Seated Category at least three different nationalities will be required to open a category. The organiser will inform all participating Federations as soon as feasibly possible if there are insufficient riders within a category.

4.6 For all other International Events there will be a minimum of 3 riders required to open an age category. * Open Categories are not AGE related therefore minimum numbers do not apply.

4.7 Double Starts (Starting in more than one Division – i.e U14 & U18) at a competition is not allowed. Starting in Wakeboard and Wakeskate is not classed as a double start. Competitions are not allowed to be split at an event to allow double starts.

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 All riders are required to hold an IWWF License purchased through the EMS system for Events 3 Star and Higher, including 3 Star National Championships and must be members of their respective Federations.

5.2 Rider Eligibility: For all riders participating at the Confederation or World Championships, the IWWF Rules of Eligibility apply.

5.3 For World and Confederation Championships - Minimum World Ranking Points requirements: are 800 points for U18, OPEN and O30 and 400 points for all other categories on the rolling CWWC World Ranking list on the day the competition starts.

- **For PANAM and AO Championships the point requirement will be half (400 Points U18, OPEN + 30, 200 Points U14 & O40).**
- For athletes competing without country under the IWWF Flag, the minimum ranking points are also half.

The minimum number of points can be reached by adding points from higher categories, as follows:

- U14 can add points from U18 and Open to be able to start in U14
- U18 can add points from Open to start in U18
- O30 can add points from Open to start in O30
- O40 can add points from O30 and Open to start in O40

Additionally, each federation (subject to their IWWF membership level) can enter a maximum of 5 male and 5 female riders in total across any category with no minimum requirements (these are called wildcards). A rider can only use one wildcard per competition/event (a rider cannot be a wildcard for both Wakeboard and Wakeskate)

Wild Cards are only available to National Federation Teams that have either Affiliate or Associate Memberships with IWWF.

5.4 The host country of a Confederation or World Championship is allowed to enter a total of 2 extra riders - 1 Male and 1 Female (wildcards) per competition without meeting the minimum requirements.

5.5 Competition Entry: All riders must be registered through their respective Federation. Federations will decide the criteria for the riders' entry. There is currently no restriction to the number of riders per nationality.

5.6 To hold a Confederation or World Titled event in a discipline/category there must have been at least 5 international registered events completed prior to the next announcement.

5.7 The following Championships are organised:

- **World, PANAM and AO Confederation Championships (for all 16 categories)**
 - **Wakeboard:** Open Men, Open Women, U14 Boys, U14 Girls, U18 Men, U18 Women, O30 Men, O30 Women, O40 Men, O40 Women
 - **Wakeskate:** Open Men, Open Women, U18 Men, U18 Women
 - **Seated:** Open Men & Open Women
- **E&A Confederation Open Championships (for Six categories)**
 - **Wakeboard:** Open Men, Open Women
 - **Wakeskate:** Open Men, Open Women
 - **Seated:** Open Men. Open Women
- **E&A Confederation Youth & Senior Championships (for ten categories):**
 - **Wakeboard:** U14 Boys, U14 Girls, U18 Men, U18 Women, O30 Men, O30 Women, O40 Men, O40 Women
 - **Wakeskate:** U18 Men, U18 Women

6. HEAT SYSTEM

It is essential that you are familiar with the "COMPETITION GUIDELINES" document if you have any issues / questions regarding the Heat System.

6.1 All competitions must use the IWWF approved scoring programme (SCORENOW).

6.2 Competitions will use a heat system, which can be found in the "Competition Guidelines" document

6.3 In qualifying rounds, positions are determined by the current world ranking list. For the riders who are not ranked, their specific heat and running order will be determined randomly.

6.4 The riders that didn't qualify will have a Last Chance Qualification (LCQ) round with one run. The heats and starting order in the LCQ will be drawn from the qualification results.

6.5 In Quarter finals / Semi-finals and Finals, riders will start their 2nd run in reverse order of the first run results i.e. the lowest scoring rider from the first run will start first and the highest scoring will start last.

6.6 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. They will be given the same final position, whatever number of points they scored.

6.7 Heat system for VIRTUAL competitions is different, and it's covered in the "COMPETITION GUIDELINES".

6.8 All riders should be ready with all their equipment when their heat is called. If a rider fails to be on hand and ready, their run is lost, and the dock marshal will continue the competition with the next rider. However, the dock marshal may grant a delay of up to one minute for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the rider's turn to ride.

6.9 Once the rider is on the water, he can't get a rerun if his equipment fails (for example a ripped binding, a broken board or a lost helmet).

If a rider has damaged equipment when he's due to start, the appointed Official can grant him a maximum of 4 minutes to repair or replace it. The appointed Official will have the final say as to whether the equipment can be used or not.

6.10 In the case where a rider has been disqualified or is absent, a delay up to one-minute can be granted to the next rider in the starting order to get ready. If more than one rider is missing, the time allotted to the next rider can be increased up to one minute for each missing rider.

6.11 All riders must start in the qualifying round to move through the competition to the next rounds of the competition – LCQ, Quarters etc.

A rider who is injured during the competition and is unable to continue will be awarded the points relevant to his finishing point of the competition.

6.12 During the run, if a rider has any reason to request a rerun, he must stop performing any further tricks and raise his hand immediately. A rerun can be granted when riding conditions are dramatically changed for a specific rider. Examples of valid reruns are: a broken handle, a drone hitting a rider, a bird sitting on a feature, a carrier release, etc.

- Equipment failure as described in 5.7 is not a valid reason for a rerun.
- The rider must wait until acknowledged by the judging panel to confirm a rerun has been granted.
- If a rider is awarded a rerun, they must complete the rerun in full and the rerun must be completed before the next rider goes out.

7. COMPETITON AREA

7.1 Competition Course

The start and end of the course will be marked by visible objects

The course should be free of obstructions other than those specifically placed for the competition.

If such obstructions exist and cannot be removed, riders will be specifically advised to avoid them.

The judges' station must be situated with the best possible view of the course. The Chief Official will have the final decision on the placement of the judging station.

7.2 Tow lines

Only standard-length lines, used for public and daily cableway use and provided by the site, shall be used. (not less than 17.80m at full size cables)

For Two Tower systems, the line length will depend on the site specifics and must be approved by the Chief Judge. The handle must at least touch the water in extended line mode.

Shortening of the rope and use of extensions and different handles is not permitted.

From the Qualifications, all handles should be fixed so that they cannot come apart. Taping both sides of the handle is the preferred way.

7.3 Features

7.3.1 All features in the course will be used at the riders' own risk.

7.3.2 In the interest of safety, the Chief Judge has the right to exclude features for any reason.

7.3.3 There is no restriction on features allowed in competition. The only requirement is that they are laid out so riders can safely perform an equal number of air tricks and feature tricks throughout the course.

7.3.4 In two tower systems, features should be accessible from both directions whenever possible. Any direction that the Officials deem dangerous will be forbidden.

7.3.5 For International competitions at small/removable cable systems that are not in regular use by the public, the organiser must submit the drawing of the pool/lake features and the cable for approval by the Confederation or World Council, no later than 3 Months prior to the competition.

7.3.6 It is up to the organiser and the Chief Judge to work together and decide in the best or most appropriate placement of features, considering history, new trends, common sense and safety. However, the final decision rests with the Chief Judge.

The Bulletin for the competition must contain a diagram of the cableway with the height, distances between the pylons, description of the course, placement and specification of features noted. The Chief Judge or a responsible Council Member should be involved in developing the optimum placement of features prior to distribution of the bulletin.

7.3.7 All features must have been in everyday use and position for a minimum of 14 days prior to the competition. With the exception of safety, the location of the features must not change.

Any changes requested by the organiser after the 14 days must be approved by the Chief Official and communicated to all the registered riders of the event. When the site is built specifically for the competition, the 14 days rule does not apply.

7.3.8 For safety reasons, open water should be allowed for all air tricks. Features shall not be placed in an area where an air trick is expected, or riders forced to perform an airt trick over a feature.

If a rider falls in front of a feature, he must let go of the handle or be disqualified.

A rider may not land an invert from the water on a feature. Doing so will result in disqualification.

7.3.9 The cableway management must ensure that all features used at the competition are safe. They must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the features do not damage riders' boards. However, the ultimate responsibility of using a feature is with the rider.

7.3.10 If a feature is found to be defective, the organiser will make every effort to fix it as quickly as possible and inform the riders of any potential problems with the feature.

If a feature damaged during the competition can't be repaired quickly, where possible it will be taken out of the course or excluded from the scoring and any heat in progress must be restarted.

A decision as to whether the feature is returned later will be made by the Chief Official in conjunction with the Officials team. The final decision rests with the Chief Official, but the responsibility does not lie with him.

8. FORMAT

8.1 IWWF Events can be run in any format **agreed** with the council in advance prior to the event registration, but the following format is mandatory for World and Confederation Championships.

8.2 Riders are not required to pre-communicate their runs and are able to change their runs at will.

8.3 Riders will be judged on their equal use of both air tricks and features. Depending on the competition site and the quantity of features or possibilities to do air tricks, the weighting may be adapted by the Chief Judge and will be included in the layout plan.

8.4 There will be a minimum of two rounds: a Qualification, and a Final Round. Using the heat system, Last Chance Qualifier (LCQ) and Semi-final rounds will be included depending on the number of riders.

8.5 One round will consist of two runs through the course, each run consisting of combinations of inverts, grabs, rotational tricks, and features. Riders may perform any tricks they choose in any order they wish. Only the best out of the two runs will be scored.

8.6 If it is necessary to shorten the competition because of extenuating circumstances, the Chief Official can decide to have only one run in the Qualification Round, especially in a small category where all riders proceed to the finals and the qualifying run is used only to determine the starting orders of the finals.

8.7 Judging of the routine begins when the rider enters the course and ends when the rider exits the course or falls and loses the handle.

8.8 The speed must remain constant from the beginning of training until the end of the competition.

Where possible, the normal operating speed of the cable will be published in the bulletin.

Competitions on two-tower systems must be run in automatic mode, the operator is not allowed to slow down turns or tricks. The operator is not allowed to assist the rider during the competition.

8.9 Organisers and judging teams can decide on a different format for other National and International registered events (e.g one or two out of three runs scoring, kicker contest, best invert contest, full round contest, features only, Jam format, Head to Head etc).

The Chief Official together with the Confederation or World Council, must describe the format and the judging criteria and publish them at least three months prior to the competition. Examples of possible formats can be given by the CWWC.

*The three-month deadline is required to ensure the scoring system can be used for the competition or if a development is required – there may be a charge for systems development.

9. JUDGING CRITERIA / SCORING

9.1 Judging will be SUBJECTIVE only. There will be no predetermined points for any tricks.

9.2 There must be a minimum of three judges, one of which will act as Head Judge. All must be recognised by CWWC, or National Federations for national events.

9.3 For each judge team, Judge 1 will be the Head Judge. After the first rider in the heat, Judge 1 will set the score for that rider. This will give a solid base for judging this specific heat.

9.4 Judges where possible must ensure equal riding conditions are applied to all competitors. Weather conditions are not in the control of the judges and are therefore excluded.

9.5 The scores awarded will reflect each run with a single combined score from 1-100 points. Only the best of the two runs will be taken as a result. The lower scored run will be removed.

9.6 Each rider shall be allowed two runs through the course during which time he may perform any routine he chooses. He will be judged on two subjective categories to arrive at a single combined score for each run. Points will be given based on technical performance and impression. Riders are encouraged to perform a smooth flowing routine with a wide variety of tricks. Each manoeuvre should be executed as cleanly as possible and taken to its limit.

9.7 Technical Performance

(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 judges' 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 features

9.8 Impression

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

How impressive was the routine, how big did the rider go? For sliders and kickers, how controlled and balanced is the rider? The Judges look for the degree of effort in each manoeuvre performed and in 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? How good is the body position in the air? How long was the trick grabbed? How good is the approach /cut of the trick, the flow in the run?

9.9 Calculation of scores:

Scores from the two categories (Technical performance and Impression) of a rider's routine are combined to produce a judges' total score out of 100.

There cannot be a tie between riders of the same heat.

All three judges total scores are then averaged to produce a final score out of 100 for each rider.

9.10 Repeated tricks during a run will not be judged but a rider can repeat tricks from the first run in his second run. In case of repetition, only the first one is judged.

9.11 Any tricks performed outside of the course or using the pull of the deflection pulley will NOT be scored.

9.12 The results may be displayed live during the competition; HOWEVER, they are not official until they are complete and approved by the Head Judge of the heat.

9.13 This judging criteria/scoring are mandatory for all international competitions. Any changes to this judging/scoring system for an international competition must be approved by the relevant Confederation or World Council.

10. TEAM SCORING AT CONFEDERATION AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.1 It is encouraged to have mixed participation with men and women riders within a team, although it is not compulsory.

10.2 Team scoring will be used for country classification at the Championships:

Team score will include the best results of each category, with a maximum of 1 per category.

10.3 In the event of a tie between 2 teams, the next best score will be added until there is a winning team.

10.4 The ranking point system for the relevant competition, will be used to calculate the team scores.

10.5 In the event of unsportsmanlike behaviour, the Chief Official in conjunction with the Officials team has the authority to deduct an appropriate number of points from the overall team score to reflect the seriousness of the incident.

11. PROTESTS

11.1 Protests shall be made to the Chief Official only by the team captain or his representative. Protests 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.

Protests must be accompanied by €50 (EUR) or the equivalent in local currency. This amount will be refunded if the protest is granted.

Protests will only be allowed for non-compliance of the rules that may have had an adverse effect on a rider. It will not be allowed for someone's disagreement with the results.

A correction of an error in the computation of scores is no ground for a protest. If such an error occurs, it will be corrected as soon as possible.

Protests due to system generated Starting Lists will not be accepted. If start lists have to be amended, the scorer must consult the Technical Delegate & Chief judge and inform the Team Captains and riders through the EMS system.

11.2 Video footage of any kind will not be used by judges, riders or team representatives to resolve any protest. This is because the judge's position is fixed and video footage could be taken from anywhere including positions the Judges cannot see. The Judges can only judge what they can physically see.

12. SCHEDULE CHANGES

12.1 In some cases, there may be requirement to make changes to the published schedule (this could be due to adverse weather or water conditions, safety or similar reason). Such changes will be announced at a riders' or team captains' meeting and by posting. It's the rider's responsibility to ensure they are aware of any schedule changes.

12.2 The finals of each category must be completed to determine a winner. Qualification results are not enough.

12.3 In special circumstances, if there is not enough time left to finish the full competition (due to weather conditions, features breaking or similar), the Officials team can decide to perform one final run to determine a winner. The Officials will clearly inform all riders in the finals in question in advance.

12.4 If it is not possible to perform a final run, the competition may have to be postponed or cancelled.

13. OFFICIALS – CLASSIFICATION, ROLES & DUTIES

13.1 All Officials must be members of their respective federations and be registered on the IWWF EMS System.

13.2 CWWC and Confederation Council Members are the Officials by function. They nominate the complete team of Officials for all International Events, which includes the Technical Officers (Technical Delegate, Competition Manager, Dock Marshals and assistants), the judging team (Chief Judge, Judges) and Scorers. At large events, more officials can be nominated with additional duties required for a good coordination, such as Safety Captain, Chief of Course, or specific tasks manager for registration, cable operation, doping control, cable security, features, safety, water rescue, medical team, team captain's coordinator etc.,

13.3 Officials achieve qualification levels by attending seminars and taking exams. CWWC and confederation council members are elected through IWWF procedures. Officials for large events are selected on their area of expertise, experience in sport and availability.

13.4 Officials' qualification levels are *(1 Star) to *****(6 Star).

- Officials will need at least the same number of stars as the event.

For International events, all officials including the scorer will require education from an International Seminar i.e. a seminar conducted by CWWC approved Instructor, held in English. An on-line theoretical exam will have to be passed before you can attend the physical seminar.

13.5 Due to the fast development of the sport, **all international officials** must take part in or instruct one seminar every **2 years** or **retake the theoretical exam**, regardless of their activity in the given period.

13.6 The Chief Judge of the Competition is NOT allowed to compete in the competition.

13.7 For any International 3 Star (and above) Competition, the Chief Judge cannot be from the country where the event takes place or from the country of organizing Federation if these are different.

13.8 For more details on Officials classification Rules and Duties please refer to the Officials Guidelines Document.

14. RANKING LISTS

14.1 CWWC Ranking list includes all 1-6 star International competitions and 3 Star National Championships with the 6 best results for every rider.

- CWWC Ranking lists include: U14, U18, OPEN, O30 & O40
- A rider can start in a higher category/Division at any competition, and he'll be awarded the appropriate number of points in that category. Riders will be ranked only in the categories where they earned points.

Example: a girl U14 wins the 4* international competition in Open category and the Confederation champs in U14 category. She will be ranked in both Open Women and U14, but only with the points she earned in that particular category (600 in Open Women category and 800 points in U14 category).

14.2 The points for the CWWC Ranking lists will be awarded for competitions of 1-6 Stars with the system described in the **competition guidelines document**.

14.3 In the occurrence of more categories of the same age and gender (e.g. Amateur Men & Pro Men), placements of advanced category are followed by the lower category. This rule applies only for 1- and 2-Star Events.

14.4 All ranking lists are published on cablewakeboard.net. and <https://ems.iwwf.sport/>

14.5 **CWWC National Rankings** will include all national and international 1-6 stars competitions with the 6 best results for every rider in every age category.

- Foreign riders taking part at any Nationals or National competitions will not get the related Ranking points, and the IWWF Rules of Eligibility will be applied.

14.6 CWWC Rolling World and National Rankings are calculated for the period of last 12 months at any given date.

14.7 The expiration dates of the event results are as follows:

Worlds and Confederation Championships ranking points are valid until the next competition of a kind (this can be less than 12 months), or if the next competition wasn't held in the following two years, results expire on 31st March of the third year.

Example 1: World Champs were held in October 2022. As they are held every even year, the next World Champs are scheduled for September 2024, so the results are valid for 23 months (until the next competition of the kind).

Example 2: Open E&A Confederation Champs were held in September 2021 and in August 2022. When 2022 results were included, 2021 results expired even though it had been less than 12 months. This stops riders that competed at both Championships from having a large point advantage.

Example 3: A Confederation Champs were held in November 2020. In 2021 and in 2022 there were no Champs in that Confederation. The ranking points expired on 31 March 2023.

National Championship ranking points are valid until the next competition of a kind (this can be less than 12 months), or if the next competition wasn't held in the following year, results expire on 31 March of the year after.

Example: National Champs were held in September 2022. In 2023 there were no Nationals in that country. The ranking points expire on 31 March 2024.

All other events - International and National competitions 1-5 stars ranking points are valid for 12 months.

15. ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are referenced within this Rule Book and should be used to ensure you have the correct information to create and run your competition.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES	IWWF Cablewakeboard Competition Guidelines V11 Rulebook 250406.pdf
IWWF SAFETY MANUAL	https://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/IWWF-Safety-Manual_rev01_20221001.pdf
OFFICIALS GUIDELINES	IWWF Cablewakeboard OFFICIALS GUIDE 250406.pdf
Competition Safety Form	https://forms.office.com/e/mGcZuhzLJ8
Competition Dossier Link	https://forms.office.com/e/MksrjGbcu