

## Rules 2024 for WWA JAPAN WAKESURF competitors

Scope of these Rules and Regulations - These Rules and Regulations govern the operation and organization of the 2024 World Wake Association Convention. (These rules are final unless specific changes, addenda, or exceptions are distributed. It is the responsibility of each athlete, tournament organizer, and official to familiarize himself/herself with all the rules of the WWA.

Participants and officials of the WWA JAPAN should be aware that there are some differences between the WWA JAPAN and the WWA.

Competition Times - All riders must arrive at the venue 30 minutes prior to the posted competition start time and be ready to compete. The WWA recommends that riders arrive at the venue no later than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their division. If a rider is not present at the time of roll call, he/she will be disqualified.

### **Conduct of players and officials:**

Personal Appearances - Athletes and officials agree to appearances arranged for the media and local sponsors.

Dress Code - Riders and officials must adhere to the WWA Dress Code at events designated by the WWA. Riders must agree that the organizer reserves the right to control or prohibit any advertising materials used, worn, or displayed by riders at the venue during the contest.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Any competitor or official who engages in conduct that is deemed unsportsmanlike or that brings the WWA, its sponsors, or his/her home federation into disrepute, either on or off the contest site during the contest, at the discretion of the WWA Chief Judge may be fined and/or disqualified. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, the use of profane language in public, public tantrums, failure to ride to maximum potential, failure to attend designated functions or events, consumption of alcoholic beverages during the competition, participating in a competition with a false declaration such as not being a WWA member This includes, but is not limited to, concealing a serious injury or health problem. Any rider disqualified in this manner will forfeit prize money and all points for that contest. This paragraph shall not be construed to deny or limit the legal rights of any individual.

All fines must be paid to the World Wake Association. Failure to pay the fine will result in exclusion from future contests until the fine is paid.

**Action:**

Unsportsmanlike conduct - \$100-\$500 fine and/or disqualification

No number - before or during event: \$100 and/or disqualification

Inappropriate attire - \$100

WS ranking of 15th or lower and not attending the awards ceremony - \$200 fine and disqualification

Unauthorized entry to the starting dock, announcer's stand, or judges area - \$100 and/or disqualification

Property Damage and Hotel Conduct - Any athlete or official who engages in conduct that may cause damage to the venue, hotel, and/or other property may be disqualified or fined. All damages incurred will be at their own expense and will be charged accordingly.

Any athlete or official who engages in conduct deemed to be unsportsmanlike at the host hotel may be disqualified or fined.

Practice on the course prior to the event - Permission shall be granted to specific riders pre-selected by the WWA or event organizer for event-related media appearances and in the best interest of the event. The amount and type of riders allowed shall be at the discretion of the WWA and/or event organizer. Violation of this rule will result in a fine or disqualification from the contest.

USE OF NAME/PORTRAIT - All riders grant the WWA the non-exclusive right to use the participant's name or likeness in photographs, television and video of the participant taken during Contest Week for the limited purpose of event promotion, broadcast and news coverage, and this usage right under this subparagraph shall terminate on the first day of 2026 shall terminate on the first day of the contest week, but NBC Sports or any other network may continue to rebroadcast the contest telecast, including the participant's likeness and name.

**Safety:**

Liability - All WWA athletes and officials, when participating in the event, acknowledge and accept the potential hazards inherent in wake sports competition and shall sign a release to that effect prior to riding or officiating on site. However, this does not cover all cases. The WWA is not responsible for any injuries to WWA athletes during competition-related

events, while traveling, or in any official or other capacity not listed herein. It is the responsibility of any WWA athlete or official who discovers a potentially hazardous situation to notify WWA staff or event organizers immediately.

**Definition:**

A person who participates in a wake sports competition or WWA event is hereinafter referred to as a "Participant". "Released Parties" means only the Participant if the Participant is 18 years of age or older, or both the Participant and the Participant's parent or legal guardian if the Participant is under 18 years of age. "Released Parties" means: the World Wake Association (WWA), its sponsors, event organizers, venue owners, title holders, related entities, insurance companies, agents, employees, representatives, competition officers, assignees, officers, directors, members, and shareholders. The term "activity" means participating in any wake sports competition or WWA event and using the Wake Facility or Boat for any purpose.

**Activity Risks:**

The Respondent agrees and understands that participation in this Activity is dangerous and may involve the risk of physical injury and/or death. The undersigned acknowledges that this Activity is inherently dangerous and fully recognizes the risks of participating in this Activity. The risks and hazards of this activity include: participant negligence; water conditions; tides; wake; collisions with other participants, watercraft, and other man-made and natural objects; weather conditions; capsizing; sinking; exposure to wind and rain; slipping; equipment failure and/or defect; operator error; mental including, but not limited to, distress, and the negligence of others. In addition, the Participant agrees to inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, including the Participant's own equipment, prior to participation and, if deemed unsafe, to immediately notify the coach or supervisor and the competition officials in writing of such unsafe conditions and refuse to participate.

**Disclaimer, indemnification and assumption of risk:**

In consideration of the Participant being permitted to participate in this activity, the Respondent agrees to the following

In consideration of the Participant or a minor for whom a parent or guardian signs, being permitted to participate in any manner in the

WORLD WAKE ASSOCIATION ("WWA") athletic/sports program and related events and activities, the Participant agrees that he/she, his/her heirs, successors, and, if applicable, parent or guardian, shall (1) Prior to participation, the Participant agrees to inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, including the Participant's own equipment, and to immediately report in writing to his/her coach or supervisor and the meet officials any conditions that the Participant believes are unsafe, and to refuse to participate, if any. (2) Each Participant acknowledges and fully understands that he/she is participating in an activity that involves the risk of serious injury, including permanent disability or death, and serious social and economic loss, not only due to his/her own acts, omissions or negligence, but also due to the acts, omissions or negligence of others, the rules of competition, the condition of the facilities and equipment used, and agrees to refrain from participation Be aware of and fully understand that you will be participating in an activity that involves the risk of serious injury, including permanent disability or death, and serious social and economic loss. In addition, that there may be other risks not known to the WWA or not reasonably foreseeable at this time; (3) to assume all of the foregoing risks and to accept personal liability for damages resulting from such injury, permanent disability or death; (4) to cooperate with the WWA, its affiliated clubs or other affiliated organizations, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and employees, other participants, sponsoring organizations, sponsors, advertisers, national governing bodies of participating divisions, contest officials, and, if applicable, the WWA, and covenant, waive, release, discharge, and agree not to sue, indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the WWA (hereinafter referred to as the "Releasees") against the Participant, his/her heirs, relatives and friends for any claim, demand, loss or damage, including death or property damage, for personal injury, including death or property damage, caused or alleged to have been caused, in whole or in part, by the negligence or otherwise, of the Releasees; and (5) authorizes the WWA to seek all reasonable medical and surgical treatment that may be necessary on behalf of the Participant if the Participant is unable to authorize such treatment on his/her own behalf as a result of any injury;

**Consent of minors:**

In the case of a minor participant, the parent or legal guardian who signs shall not only sign this Agreement on his/her behalf, but shall also sign on behalf of the minor and acknowledge that the minor is bound by all the terms of this Agreement. It is further understood that by signing this Agreement as the minor's parent or legal guardian, the parent or legal guardian is waiving on behalf of the minor any rights the minor may otherwise have. The signing parent or legal guardian agrees that the minor would not be permitted to participate in this activity without the above. By signing this agreement without the signature of a parent or legal guardian, the participant represents that he/she is at least 18 years of age, subject to fraud penalties. By signing as a parent or guardian of a minor participant, the signing adult represents that he/she is the legal parent or guardian of the minor participant.

**Medical Care:**

The Respondent authorizes the Indemnified Party and/or any employee delegated by the Indemnified Party to request medical care for the Participant or to transport the Participant to a medical facility or hospital if the employee determines that medical care is necessary. The Respondent agrees to pay all costs associated with such medical care and related transportation.

**Other:**

The undersigned further agrees and understands that: (b) this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, and the exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any claims arising out of this Agreement shall be in the state courts located in Polk County, Florida, and the undersigned expressly consents and accepts jurisdiction in said courts (c) Participant grants to WWA the non-exclusive right to use Participant's name or likeness in any photograph, television or video of Participant taken during any training, competition, demonstration or other WWA event for the purpose of event promotion; and (d) this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and shall not be construed as an oral or written contract between them. constitutes the entire agreement and supersedes any and all prior agreements, arrangements, communications or representations, whether oral or written, between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof. If any part of this Agreement is deemed unenforceable, the remaining

provisions shall remain enforceable agreements between the parties. It is the intent of the Respondent that this Agreement shall be binding upon the assignees, subrogators, distributors, heirs, next of kin, executors, and personal representatives of the Respondent.

**Safety Equipment:** - All contestants must wear a life jacket or a life jacket that will absolutely float an unconscious contestant.

**Fallen Riders:** - Due to the public nature of some venues and for the safety of the competitors, a fallen rider must use a rescue boat instead of swimming or walking ashore, unless otherwise instructed by a WWA representative.

**New Venues:** - If a venue is new to the WWA, it shall be inspected by the WWA, officials and/or competitor representatives (if provided at no cost to the WWA) well in advance of the scheduled competition, whether or not the venue has ever hosted a competition. This is to determine the venue layout and any special venue arrangements necessary to eliminate safety hazards. The WWA reserves the right to make modifications at any time.

**Boards:** Ocean style boards, wakesurfing boards, and skim boards may be checked by officials/dock starters prior to the start of the race.

**Types of wakesurf boards, skim style and surf style boards:**

1) **Wakesurfing Class**

A minimum board thickness of 2.54 centimeters (1 inch) and a minimum of two (2) fins 7.62 centimeters (3 inches) high.

(2) **Wakeskim class**

Only one fin or no fins with a board thickness of 2.54 centimeters (1 inch) or less and a height of 5.08 centimeters (2 inches) or less.

(3) **Ocean Surfing Class**

Board must be at least 2.54 cm (1 inch) thick and, if fins are installed, at least 7.62 cm (3 inches) high with two front fins. Boards must be made for ocean surfing (wakesurfing boards are not allowed).

In all divisions, the WWA reserves the right to restrict or prohibit the use of equipment, surf and skim designs, modified boards, etc., which, if used, would provide an unfair competitive advantage or pose an unreasonable risk of injury.

**Supplied Bibs:** Athletes may be required to wear bibs supplied by the WWA during media rides, qualifiers, actual competitions, and interviews.

Athletes not wearing bibs during competition may be disqualified and fined.

Bibs must be worn as specified. Failure to do so may result in a fine.

**Wristbands:** Athletes may be required to wear the wristbands provided by the WWA at all times, both on site and outside the event venue, as necessary. The wristband will be placed on the athlete's arm at registration and must not be removed until the end of the event. If a wristband is lost and another wristband must be provided to the athlete, a \$10 fee will be charged to the athlete. If a wristband is damaged, the wristband must be returned to the Director of Registration. Loaning or sharing is not permitted. Violations may result in fines.

**Membership:** - All competitors must be current members of the WWA. **All Athletes must be current WWA Athletic Members, and those of Japanese nationality and domicile in Japan must also be members of the JWSA.** Prior to competition, Athletes must sign the WWA contract and understand the nature of the sport and its particular risks, especially in a professional format. Prior to the competition, the Athlete must submit the required documents (information questionnaire, contract, waiver form, W9 or W8) to the Registration Director.

**Entry Fees:** - Entry fees must be paid at the same time as the entry form. Entry fees for each event are listed on the official entry form, including late fees.

**Entry Deadlines and Late Fees:** Entry deadlines are listed on the official entry form and on the competition web page. If an entry form (including payment) is not received by the Registration Director by the "2-Week Entry Deadline" or other applicable deadline stated on the entry form, a late fee must be paid prior to riding. Final deadlines for signing up for the Contest shall be in accordance with the Registration Director. In some cases, a maximum number of riders may be allowed to sign up for the contest upon prior notice from the competition. Once the maximum number of riders has been reached, no rider may register.

Entry fees paid will not be refunded. If the event is cancelled for any reason and cannot be carried over, a partial refund may be made minus expenses. Entry cancellations eligible for a refund will only be accepted by e-mail.

**Concussion Policy:** boat crews will radio staff immediately if they suspect

a rider has suffered a concussion or head injury. The EMT will evaluate the rider and determine if a concussion is suspected. If a concussion is suspected, the rider will be removed from competition immediately. If the rider is a minor, the WWA staff will notify the parent or guardian at this time.

Following the injury, the WWA recommends that the athlete be evaluated by a medical provider familiar with concussion evaluations. The athlete may not participate in a WWA event until he/she provides written permission from his/her medical provider to resume participation.

**FINES:** Any outstanding fines must be paid prior to participating in the event.

**Injury Refunds** - In the event of illness or injury during the week prior to the event, the affected rider must notify the Registration Director. No reimbursement will be given if the rider does not contact the Director before his/her name is listed in the running order. To receive a full refund, a signed physician's statement must be presented to the Director of Registration for review. Falsification is considered an unsportsmanlike conduct. The physician's statement must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST 21 days after the event start date in order to receive a refund. No refunds will be granted after that time.

**After the competition has begun:** If a competitor is unable to compete due to injury after competing in the preliminary round and/or subsequent rounds, his/her slot will be vacated. A competitor who is unable to compete in subsequent rounds will receive points on the ranking list and will be placed in the last position of the round in which he/she is unable to compete. No replacement rider will be placed in that position in the following round.

**Competition divisions:** With the exception of the Adaptive, Open, and Professional divisions, competition divisions will be divided by gender and age group. Age as of January 1 of the year will be used to determine age divisions. All athletes must compete in the gender assigned to them at birth. Athletes may only compete in other divisions if they move to a harder competition division. Any move to another division must be approved by both the Chief Judge and the event organizer. An athlete may only compete in one division per event.

In the event of an age or gender protest: awards in the protested category



will be withheld for 14 days.

Protests regarding age or gender may be resolved only with one of the following

Present an original, unaltered birth certificate that clearly proves the applicant's age and/or sex at birth.

An affidavit from the individual's personal physician regarding age or sex at birth.

If an athlete fails to respond within 14 days, he/she will be disqualified from the competition.

All costs associated with formal age or gender protests shall be borne by the participant concerned.

The tournament organizer may establish open men's and open women's divisions. These divisions may only be entered according to the participant's sex at birth.

The tournament organizer may, at its sole discretion, offer an open division. If this division is offered, contestants of any age and gender may compete without proof of their assigned sex at birth. Divisions may be created or merged at the sole discretion of the respective contest director. All divisions, with the exception of the professional division, are considered amateur age-group competitions. Prize money will be awarded only in the professional division; prize money may be awarded in other divisions.

**Adaptive Standing Division:** limited to athletes with limb loss (athletes who are missing all or part of a bone or connective part as a result of trauma, disease, congenital limb loss (arm or leg)) or visual impairment.

**Adaptive Sit-Board category:** sit-down rider, limbless from the waist down, unable to stand for surfing. Paraplegic.

**Opening and consolidation of new divisions:** New divisions may be opened at the discretion of the event director if four or more participants are confirmed at least 30 days prior to the start of the event. The opening of new divisions will be announced by e-mail. Divisions or age groups may also be merged if the number of participants is low.

**Competition:**

Competition Time/Preparation - All riders must sign in with their current WWA membership with a WWA representative or scorekeeper one hour prior to the posted time for their division. riders 18 years of age or older

must sign in themselves and no other person (parent or guardian) may sign in. The WWA and Chief Judge reserve the right to make the final decision on whether or not a rider can ride; the WWA/event organizer reserves the right to change/modify the schedule at any time. If already signed in, the WWA recommends that riders arrive at the venue at least one hour prior to the scheduled start time of their division.

All riders must arrive at the competition site 30 minutes prior to the competition start time and be ready to compete. Any division may start up to 90 minutes before the posted start time

Identical Riding Conditions - Because wake sports are outdoor sports and are designed to appeal to spectators and provide competition at the same time, time-consuming measures to ensure identical and/or ideal riding conditions are solely at the WWA Chief Judge's discretion. Requests for re-riding based on variations in conditions will not be granted.

Inclement Weather - Decisions regarding "inclement weather" shall be the sole responsibility of the WWA staff and affected competitors. Inclement weather rules apply not only to inclement weather per se, but also to any weather or water conditions that could make riding significantly more difficult or seriously affect performance.

The WWA staff will determine any changes to the riding specifications that it deems necessary to provide a safe, fair and attractive event. Such changes may include, but are not limited to, changes in boat speed, boat pattern, course length, and format. The "inclement weather" designation shall apply to all competitors in that Division or heat, even if conditions have improved by the time a round of competition has been designated and riding has begun. No event, exhibition, or media demonstration shall begin or continue when storms are in the vicinity.

Event Schedule:

The WWAJ reserves the right to make changes to the event schedule in order to facilitate the event. All changes will be made in the best interest of the event.

The WWA will use its best efforts to complete each competition event and declare a winner; at its sole discretion and only as a last resort, the WWA may postpone or consolidate rounds if necessary to complete the competition and determine a winner.

When a competition has been completed and at least one full round of

that competition has been held, the standings and ranking table points will be calculated. This does not apply if the event has been altered in such a way as to create an unfair situation. The final decision will be left to the WWA.

**Prize Reduction Policy:** - The WWA reserves the right to reduce prize money if an event is cancelled or incomplete; the WWA reserves the right to cancel an event entirely and not pay prize money, or to reschedule the event for another time.

**Boat Speed:** - The rider must inform the driver of the desired speed. It is the rider's responsibility to make this clear. The same shall apply to wave heights.

**Rider Preparation:** - Any rider who is not ready to ride when his/her turn comes around will be disqualified.

**Safety Equipment** - All contestants must wear a life jacket or a life jacket that will absolutely float an unconscious contestant.

**Disqualification for safety reasons:** - Any competitor not wearing an approved life jacket during the run will be disqualified. A disqualified competitor will not receive any points for the disqualified run and will be placed last in the heat in which he/she is disqualified.

**Communication to Boats:** - Riders must use standardized WWA signals and not stop boats if possible. Intentional delays will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will result in fines or disqualification. In addition to the well-known riding signals, the following signals apply. They shall be used in combination as appropriate.

1. thumbs up to go faster.
2. pointing the thumb downwards means to go slowly.
3. pointing to a certain device means that there is a problem with that device.
4. if there is debris or floating debris in the water, point to the debris or floating debris.
5. the fallen rider must be instructed to return to the towing boat or safety team in case of injury or danger.

**Equipment Failure:** - In the event of equipment failure, the rider has 5 minutes to repair the equipment. The judge will call the Chief Judge to start the clock and the Chief Judge will count down the time to the judge. The Chief Judge will make the final decision as to whether or not the

equipment is out of order. Tool repairs may be made on the boat or, if necessary, at the dock. The time will start either when the rider gets behind the boat for on-board repairs or when the rider steps onto the dock for repairs at the dock. If the rider chooses to return to the dock, no repairs can be made until the rider steps up onto the dock. If a rider steps onto the boat to begin repairs, his/her time will start at that moment. The rider must be on the boat and complete the repairs before the time expires. The rider will resume the ride in the same place where he was picked up in the water. Equipment failure will be counted as a Fall.

**Protests (all divisions):** - Any protest may be made only by the rider or by the rider and his/her representative (if under 18 years of age).

1. before protesting, the rider may review the Judge Sheet Results page of the WWA Guidelines to see each judge's official score and rank. If all judges score the same, the Chief Judge or Chief Scorekeeper may inform the rider that the results are final and no protest is allowed.

2. at this time, if a rider wishes to protest, he/she must enter on the "Rider Run Sheet" the tricks performed within 30 minutes immediately following the announcement of the official results. The posted announcement time will be submitted to the scorer. Riders may request this official time.

3. the Chief Judge will then review the rider's run sheet and score sheet to verify that the judge has written the trick correctly. If the trick is correct, the Chief Judge may dismiss the protest. If the Chief Judge finds a discrepancy on a judge's score sheet, he or she will interview the judge immediately. The judge will verify that the discrepancy is on his or her sheet and re-evaluate his or her scores to ensure that his or her scores and rankings are correct. If the judge is correct, the issue is resolved. The results are final. If a judge makes a change, the chief judge will have the scorekeeper record the change and post the new result. After a judge changes a score, the standings may or may not be changed.

If necessary, all judges will meet with the rider to discuss the protest. This is not a requirement and will be determined by the Chief Judge.

The Chief Judge will use his/her best efforts to inform the rider of the outcome of the protest within 20 minutes of the protest being presented. The Chief Judge has the final decision on the protest. Riders may not contact individual judges on the issue of the protest. Riders who harass or use infringing language with judges during the protest will not be

tolerated and will be subject to the Code of Conduct and applicable fines.

5. if a rider wishes to do some self-development for the future, he/she may do so after the competition. If the rider is present at the end of the competition, the Chief Judge will make every effort to have the rider talk to the judge.

6. protesting from the water during competition - protests must be radioed to the Chief Judge; the WWA Chief Judge will be on call to hear protests. The Chief Scorer will record the protest on the official protest form until the rider signs and completes the form. The Chief Judge will take appropriate steps to resolve the protest. Riders must state their protest before resuming the pass or before the next athlete begins the pass. Riders are responsible for communicating this clearly on the water.

7. all judges will use their best efforts to take the Chief Judge's seat immediately after the final competition of each day and remain there for 20 minutes after the official results are announced to answer questions. They will also remain on site for 20 minutes after the official results are announced to answer questions. Therefore, the Chief Judge and the remaining judges will make the final decision.

8. every rider is allowed one protest during the season. If a rider submits a protest, it will count as a "protest". If a protest is won by a rider, that rider will not exhaust the protest. If the protest is invalid, the rider forfeits the protest for that season. If a rider has exhausted his protest and feels that he was scored incorrectly, he may file an additional protest, which must be accompanied by \$200 cash. If the rider's protest is valid, the \$200 will be returned. If not, the \$200 will be retained by the WWA. Riders may protest in this manner as many times as they wish.

9. no protests will be allowed against the judges' officiating and the operation of the competition officials.

## **Examination:**

All riders will be judged using the DRIVE system. Wakesurfing judging is a subjective evaluation. In competitive events, this evaluation must be converted into a score. The elements of the scoring criteria are the methodology utilized to convert the subjective evaluation into a numerical value. The elements of scoring criteria include the subjective categories Degree of Difficulty, Risk (RISK), Intensity, Variety, and

Execution (D.R.I.V.E.). Judges will select the most versatile riders in terms of difficulty, risk, intensity, variety, and execution.

The competition will be judged by at least three judges. Judges may judge from the boat, from shore, or both.

Wake sports are subjectively rated sports. There are no pre-determined points for tricks, and each competitor is free to perform any trick he or she likes, in any order. There is no limit to the maximum or minimum number of hits or tricks, but riders are expected to make the most of the allotted time and course. Riders will be evaluated on the quality, not the number of tricks performed. Each trick will be scored based on its own quality only as part of the overall run, regardless of technical difficulty.

Scoring:

There were three judges. Each judge's score represents 33.3% of the overall score. The jury gives each rider a score from 1 to 10; the scores of the three jury members are averaged to arrive at an overall score of 100 points. Judging is a subjective evaluation. In a competitive event, this evaluation must be converted into a score. There is no pre-determined value for the rankings. The elements of the scoring criteria are the methodology utilized to convert the subjective evaluation into a numerical value. Each judge will analyze the rider's run based on the DRIVE criteria and assign an appropriate score. For the first run, the scores are matched by three judges. For the second and subsequent runs, the judges will evaluate the riders by adding or subtracting points to the riders based on their performance of the runs. Elements of the scoring criteria include the subjective categories Degree of Difficulty, RISK, Intensity, Variety, and Execution (D.R.I.V.E.). These subjective scoring criteria are described below.

D Difficulty

R Risk

I Strength

V Diversity

E Completion

D Difficulty:

- Trick Difficulty (Technical Difficulty) - The difficulty of each trick is based on several variables.

Judges subjectively define and judge how difficult one trick is compared

to another.

Variables that reflect difficulty include, but are not limited to

Stance: Stance: switch vs. normal, heelside vs. toeside (approach and finish for surface trick, takeoff and landing for aerial trick).

Combination: multiple tricks working together and in that order.

Embellishments: grab tricks and types of grabs, stalled tricks, tweaks, bones, unstable tricks, etc.

Board orientation: tricks performed with the board facing back and forward.

RPMs:

Innovation: Doing tricks that have never been done before. To introduce a new way of doing a trick. This is simply defined as the difficulty of each trick based on several variables.

R Risk:

- Trick Difficulty relative to the course - A rider who starts a run with a technically difficult trick is considered high risk. Risk is also indicated by how the rider performs the trick and whether or not they demonstrate a sense of "risking it all" to beat their opponents.

I Strength: I

- Judges should look at how aggressive and powerful a player is performing. Constant movement, pace of combinations, and the height, speed, and power of tricks are all factors that judges will subjectively consider in determining an athlete's intensity score. Intensity considerations include, but are not limited to:

The amount of force behind each trick (indicated, for example, by a large splash from a snap turn).

Speed produced by pumping.

Power of turn and bottom turn.

Pace of Trick.

Speed of rotation.

Here, the jury checks how big or high the rider executes each trick. This is usually indicated by a plus sign "+" on the jury sheet. If a trick is very high, the judge will place two plus signs "+ +" next to it on the jury sheet. Likewise, smaller tricks may be marked with a minus sign "-".

V Diversity:

The variety of tricks performed in a competition run is what judges look for to determine the most versatile athletes. Wakesurfing runs are built on a foundation of tricks such as turns, ollies, airs, show bits, rotations (body and/or board, air or surface, front side or bag side). The variety of tricks or combinations of tricks performed by the athlete should be reflected in the subjective scoring item "variety, variety". Items to be considered when evaluating diversity include, but are not limited to, the following

Did the athlete perform a diverse number of tricks (turns, ollies, airs, show bits, rotations)?

Did the players perform different types of tricks or were they all based on the same trick?

For example, surfaces 360, 540, and 720 are all similar in nature because each is based on a rotation of the surface board in the same direction.

Did the players perform combinations? Did the combination involve different tricks or were the tricks repeated by performing the combination?

Did the athlete perform tricks in different stances (normal vs. switch, toe side vs. heel side)?

Did the athlete perform different rail (boardslide vs. lipslide, heelside vs. toeside) tricks?

Did the athlete use more than one grab and were the grabs different?

Did the athlete perform on both sides of the boat (starboard and port waves)? Was the transfer movement operation performed?

Did the athlete perform a board and/or body (360, 720 rotation in both directions, body varial) rotation technique?

While not an absolute determinant in scoring subjective categories, the total number of tricks performed will be taken into account as appropriate.

E Completion: completion of the trick - This is basically how the trick is executed in the air or on the wave and how well the rider is in control. Good control and posture during the trick indicates that the rider is confident in the trick and that the trick was successful. Control and execution of the trick also means that the rider is completing the trick he is trying to perform.

Example: If a rider attempts a 360, stumbles mid-trick and only performs



a 180, this indicates that the rider is not in control.

Landing - This is how clean the landing of the trick was. Switching to a 180 to avoid a fall or appearing to lose control after landing may negatively impact the completion category.

Perfection - Judges are looking for how beautiful or perfect each trick was in the pass. Judges are looking at approach, body position, rotation of the trick, body axis, head position, clean grab rather than slap, and speed with which the trick was performed. Perfection is also demonstrated when a rider completes a routine without falling over.

Flow: Flow is when riders perform tricks together and the tricks seem to connect smoothly. For example, when a rider performs a successful trick switch and then performs the next trick in succession. Riders who do not flow well may perform long pumps or maneuvers in transition between tricks, or finish the course early.

Did the rider customize the trick or make it his own?

Course management and time creativity are essential to a smooth, flowing ride. Riders who take the time to plan their runs and think about how they will ride will receive points in this area. Riders who can connect creative tricks and maneuvers will also be recognized. Judges will look for riders who use up the full time and length of the course.

Judges will only score tricks that are successfully landed. Where falls occur in a rider's run and how many falls occur will affect the overall look and flow of the rider's run.

Normal Competition Format - Wake Sports will be contested in one, two, three, or four rounds, including qualifying/quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. Rounds are subject to change based on weather, number of entries, television broadcasts, or other circumstances as specified by Nationals. The number of rounds will be determined by the WWA.

Heat:

All rider wake sports will use the heat system. Quarterfinals will be determined by the competitor's seeding number as determined by the foregoing. All competitors must compete according to the posted starting order. If an athlete is out of the running order, his/her score will not be counted.

**Seed:**

The seeding for the semi-finals and finals will be determined by the standings of the previous round. If their final positions are the same, they will be seeded according to the original running order used in the quarterfinals.

Order of Entry - The number of rounds will be determined by the number of entries. All competitors must compete in the posted starting order. Points will not be counted for out-of-order competitors.

A ranking list point system will be used in which points are awarded according to ranking list positions.

**Placement Point**

1st 100 points 2nd 90 points 3rd 80 points 4th 75 points 5th 70 points  
6th 65 points 7th 60 points 8th 55 points 9th 51 points 10th 47 points

The WWA Japan ASIA Wakesurf Series Annual Champion will be determined by adding up points from all AWSF National Tour and Nautic Wakesurf World Series events. The Annual Champion will be determined by adding up the points from all events in each series. In the event of a tie for the top spot, the tiebreaker criteria are as follows: first tiebreaker is the rider with the most first place finishes; second tiebreaker is the rider with the most second place finishes; third tiebreaker is the rider with the most second place finishes. The third tiebreaker is the rider with the highest number of finishes in the final round of the Tour.

**Prize:**

Prize Money Breakdown - The breakdown of prize money will be determined on an event-by-event basis. The breakdown information will be kept on file with the Registration Director for the players to review.

**Convention format:**

WWA Standard Wakesurf Format:

Overview:

Riders will perform a two-pass run, which will be judged subjectively, and the boat will travel each pass in a straight path along the course in each direction. Each rider will be scored on the sum of tricks on the course.

Contestants may perform any number of tricks they wish on the course, in any order, unless otherwise specified by the Chief Judge. Riders will be judged on the difficulty and proficiency of their tricks, the size of their tricks, the variation of their tricks, the technical difficulty of their tricks,

and the creativity and fluidity of their runs.

course (route, trail, course of action, course of study, plan)

Selection will be announced in the morning of the day.

The course is 2 passes, each pass is 45-60 seconds at 11.2-11.5 mph.

Riders are allowed one pickup (two falls) per pass.

The course is one pass, 11.2 mph in 60 seconds.

Riders are allowed 2 pickups (3 falls) between passes.

For the second pass, buoys will be placed three-quarters of the way down the course. It is the responsibility of the contestant to know where these buoys are located for each competition. The meet organizer and/or chief judge may choose not to use the three-quarter buoys.

**Driving:**

Riders will leave the start and scoring will begin when the boat reaches the first start buoy. After the first pass, the boat will turn after passing the end course buoy, drop the rider, and turn again to enter the course. Riders will be judged on tricks initiated on the course. Riders may initiate tricks in front of the buoys, but must land or complete the trick near or at the buoys to be considered a trick.

The consent of all scoring judges is required to disqualify a trick for being off-course.

Riders must be ready to resume competition immediately after the second course buoy. If a boat turns or stops during a trick at the end of the course, no re-ride will be given.

After a fall, the rider continues to ride from the place of fall. When falling, the board will not be picked up by the rider unless instructed to do so by a judge.

Tricks may be performed in any order. There is no upper or lower limit to the number of tricks, but riders are encouraged to perform big, clean, well-crafted, powerful tricks. Riders should emphasize quality over quantity to demonstrate the range and limits of their abilities. These abilities include, but are not limited to, performing a variety of tricks, pushing each trick to its limits, and demonstrating creativity and fluidity in routines. In scoring the routines, all tricks performed by the riders will be evaluated. Each contestant will be judged solely on comparisons to other riders in that heat, using only subjective categories, to derive a single total score.

**Communication:**

It is the rider's responsibility to inform the driver of the appropriate speed for the boat before leaving the pier. Riders must also communicate specifics such as the side of the wake to be surfed and any transfers. There will be no re-boarding due to miscommunication. Riders will not be picked up if they fall beyond the three-quarters point of the second pass or if it is determined that a wave cannot be formed by the end buoy.

**Examination:**

Each competitor's runs will be compared to the other runs of the same heat and only those runs will be ranked. There are no pre-determined points for any trick. Judging for this routine will begin when the rider leaves the dock and will end when

- a) The allotted time/run is completed
- b) If the maximum number of falls is reached

Scoring:

See above.

Seed:

Example heat pattern:

Heat #1: Seeds 6, 7, 18, 24, 25 (in running order.)

Heat #2: Seeds 5, 8, 17, 23, 26 (in running order.)

Heat 3: Seeds 4, 9, 16, 22, 27 (in running order.)

Heat 4: Seeds 3, 10, 15, 21, 28 (in order of running order.)

Heat 5: Seeds 2, 11, 14, 20, 29 (in running order.)

Heat 6: Seed 1, Seed 12, Seed 13, Seed 19, Seed 30 (in running order.)

Other numbers will be determined in the same format.

In the qualifying rounds, the ranking will be determined by the Competitor's seeding number. If there is no seeding, the running order will be determined by the organizer. The seeding number will be determined by the ranking list and/or the criteria used by the competition organizer. All competitors must compete according to the posted running order. If an athlete runs out of order, his/her score will not be counted.

Seedings for the semi-finals and finals will be determined by the rankings from the previous round. If their final positions are the same, then seeding will be determined by the original running order used in the qualifying heats, going back to the round before that and even the round

before that. (For example, if both A and B riders finish first in their semi-final heats, and who must decide who is the top seed in the finals, then it will go back to the quarter-finals, and if both A and B riders finish first there, then it will go back to the quarter-finals.)

#### Supplementary Provisions:

##### Beginner Trick

One time 360 - Ok (can try times)

Surface 180 - OK (Only SKIM)

Ollie (not off top of wave) - Ok

Body Varial - Not allowed

Chop hop - Not allowed

Airs of any kind using the wake - Not allowed

Ollie 180 -Not allowed