

**2018 SINGAPORE NATIONAL INTER VARSITY & POLYTECHNIC
WAKEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

OFFICIAL RULES

Organisers



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Rule 1 GENERAL

- a) Applicability of the Rules: The rules set forth here govern the 2018 Singapore National Inter Varsity & Polytechnic Wakeboard Championships organised by the Singapore Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (SWWF). Whenever the masculine is used, the same shall be construed as meaning the feminine where the context so requires.
- b) Exceptions to the Rules: Where compliance with the rules is not feasible, the Chief Judge shall, with the approval of the majority of the Judges, make the necessary changes. Such changes will be announced at a riders' or team captains' meeting, and by posting.
- c) No alcohol is to be consumed by riders prior to or during the day's event. The day's event is deemed as starting 1 (one) hour prior to the first rider starting his run and finished when the final scores have been posted and the official protest time has elapsed. Once a rider's results are posted, it is deemed that the rider's day is finished.
- d) Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Any rider (or his representative) or official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike or whose conduct may cause discredit to the SWWF and sponsors, 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, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Judges. Any and all infractions can also be punishable by disqualification of the whole team.

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

This also includes but is not limited to riders and individuals who choose to vandalise or misrepresent wakeboarding at official event functions.

Rule 2 SAFETY

Unsafe Rider Disqualification: No rider shall be allowed to compete or to continue to compete if, in the opinion of the Chief Judge and a majority of the Boat Judges, his competing would be a danger to himself or other riders in the competition. During the competition, the Chief Judge may halt the event for a poll of the Boat Judges in regard to a rider's actions or conditions. Whenever practical, the advice of a trained medical personnel should be obtained.

Rule 3 DIVISIONS

1. *Women's & Men's Novice (novice tricks only – see Annex 1)
2. Men's Intermediate (no inverts, blind landing tricks nor 360 degree, or higher, rotational tricks permitted)
3. Women's & Men's Freeride (no trick restrictions)
4. Alumni Women's & Men's Freeride (no trick restrictions)

** riders who have previously competed in SWWF national competitions are not permitted to compete in the Novice division, unless specified otherwise*

*** riders who have competed in the novice division at two (2) Singapore National Inter Varsity & Polytechnic Championships must compete in a higher division, unless specified otherwise*

*** male riders who have competed in the Intermediate or higher divisions in SWWF national competitions must compete in the Freeride division, unless specified otherwise*

**** all 2017 IVP finalist will be promoted to a higher division in 2018*

Rule 4 HEAT SYSTEM

Wakeboard competitions will use a heat system. The running order for the first round of competition will be determined as follows:-

- Novice Division: riders who competed in the novice division in 2017 will be seeded and all other riders will be randomly selected by either computer or drawn from a ballot in order to compete in individual heats.
- Intermediate and Freeride Division: heats are determined by seeding based on placement at the 2017 Singapore National Inter Varsity & Polytechnic Wakeboard Championships and current IWWF Asian Wakeboard Rankings list. The running order for riders who did not compete in the 2017 Singapore National Inter Varsity & Polytechnic Wakeboard Championships and who are not ranked on the current IWWF Asian Wakeboard Rankings list, in the first round of competition, will be randomly selected by either computer or drawn from a ballot in order to compete in individual heats.

An equal amount of riders from each heat will then advance to the semi-finals and finals. The Last Chance Qualifiers (LCQ), Semi-finals and Finals will be selected from placement **not** scores.

The number of riders in each heat is dependent on the total number of riders entered. There will be a maximum of 6 riders in each heat. A percentage of the riders from each heat will then advance to the semi-finals and finals. The starting order for the LCQ, Semi Finals and Finals will be selected from placement and NOT scores.

The Last Chance Qualification round may or may not be used within the competition, dependent on time and numbers.

Rule 5 RIDER PREPAREDNESS

A rider must be in his bindings, with his life vest on, and with a rope that will not interfere with him being ready to ride when the boat returns to the dock/start area. Any rider who fails to be on immediate hand & in condition to ride when it is his turn in the running order as stated above will be deemed to be wasting time to gain an unfair advantage and **will be disqualified. It is the rider's sole responsibility to be ready to ride.**

Rule 6 DISQUALIFICATION

Should a rider be disqualified for any reason, he will not be permitted to participate in the remainder of the competition, ie. If he misses his turn in the qualifying rounds, he will not be permitted to compete in the last chance qualifiers.

Rule 7 ADVANCEMENT

A rider need not score but must participate in the qualifying round with the intention to ride to his full potential in order to advance to the next round of competition.

Rule 8 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- a) Rider Eligibility: Varsities/Poly's may select its team in any manner it desires; however, **ALL** riders must be full-time matriculated under-graduate student. Students who have graduated in 2018 must have attended classes in 2018 to be eligible to compete.
- b) Competition Entry: A rider may compete as either a team representative or non-scoring team representative.
 - i. Team Entry: A team will comprise of a minimum of one (1) rider and a maximum of ten (10) riders. Although it is encouraged to have a mixed participation with men and women riders within a team, it is not compulsory. **Teams must indicate their team scoring riders one day prior to the first day of the event, after which all riders will be considered non-team scoring riders and will not contribute towards team scoring.** In the event of an injured rider, the Team Captain can replace a rider but only within the same division. Replacements are not permitted once the event begins.
 - ii. Non-Team Scoring Entry: If a team has more than 10 riders, additional riders may compete as non-team scoring riders. Entries must be submitted through respective varsities/poly's. Each varsity/poly is only permitted to enter a maximum of two (2) non-team scoring riders per division.

Rule 9 BIBS

Riders may be required to wear an official bib during media riding, actual competition, and interviews. **If a rider is not wearing a bib that is assigned to him while competing, he may be disqualified from the tournament.** No modifications of bibs or addition or deletion of lettering or logos on bibs are permitted.

Rule 10 EQUIPMENT

- a) General: All personal equipment is subject to the approval of the Chief Judge and Safety Director
- b) Life Vest: All competitors must wear a life vest. It is the responsibility of each rider to ensure their life vest meets the following specifications:
 - i. It must float the rider.
 - ii. It must be constructed so as to provide adequate protection from impact damage to the ribs and internal organs.
- b) Towlines: A rider's personal handle and rope must be of a non-stretch material.
- c) Helmets: Riders must wear a suitable helmet if they choose to hit any of the obstacles in the wakeboard course. If a rider hits an obstacle without a helmet, he will be disqualified from the competition. If a rider wishes to hit any obstacles, he must start his routine with a helmet on. No helmets with receiving or transmitting devices may be used during competition. Any rider who chooses to remove their helmet must dispose his helmet in a safe and timely manner.
- e) Boats: The total additional weight in the boat will be determined by the Chief Judge.
- f) Damaged Equipment: A rider is fully responsible for his personal equipment and should have **a spare board, fully assembled with bindings and fins**, at his disposal should any damage occur. In the event that a rider realises his equipment has

been damaged, he may throw the handle to indicate that he wishes to repair his equipment. This will, however, constitute one in-course fall if it occurs in the wakeboard course. If a rider falls in the wakeboard course due to his equipment being damaged or if he needs to stop to replace or repair his equipment, it will also constitute one in-course fall. If a rider needs to stop his ride in the wakeboard course or before the start of his second pass to repair his equipment, it will also constitute one in-course fall. The Chief Judge will have the final say as to whether the equipment has failed. If a rider has damaged his equipment, he will have **four minutes** to repair the equipment. The damaged equipment must be repaired at the starting dock. The time begins when the rider gets onto the starting dock. The rider must have both feet back in his bindings before the four minutes elapses or his routine is over. The boat will then tow the rider from the starting dock to the location of the fall or handle-throw, come to a complete stop and then resume the routine.

Rule 11 RE-RIDES

It is the sole responsibility of a rider to request for a re-ride.

When unfair conditions occurs, which, in the opinion of a majority of the Judges, adversely affects a rider, he shall be granted the option of a re-ride only on the passes affected.

Re-rides must be taken immediately. If a rider is given a second re-ride, he may elect to take a five-minute rest, during which the next rider in order will perform his routine. The re-ride shall be taken at the conclusion of the rider's routine during which the five-minute rest period expires.

Requests for re-rides may be initiated by a Boat Judge for the event before the next rider starts or may be initiated, as soon as possible, by the rider or his team representative and shall be decided as soon as practicable thereafter. If, in the opinion of the Boat Judges for the event, the request was not initiated as soon as possible after the rider has ridden, the request shall be denied.

*Re-Ride Request Procedure

If a rider decides to request for a re-ride he must:

- cease executing his tricks immediately
- move to the middle of the wake, hold his hand in the air and then drop the handle
- request for a re-ride to the boat judges once the boat turns around to return to him

Approved Re-Ride Procedure

- an approved re-ride will include a simulation pass if required
- rider will commence a re-ride by staying in middle of wake until the boat tows the rider to the course location, where original run/pass was ceased. Judges may signal the rider when to commence remainder of run/pass from that location
- scores will be judged with the combination of original tricks and the remainder of tricks from the re-ride (eg. combination first 3 tricks of original run/ pass and remainder of 2 tricks in the re-ride)

The Following are some reasons that do Constitute a Re-Ride

- Weather – Lightning and an instruction to stop competing.
- Boat Driver Error
- Boat Failure
- Uneven Wakes – only if different to other riders in the same heat
- Rollers – only if caused from other sources that can be controlled, eg. other boats' wakes

The Following are some reasons that DO NOT Constitute a Re-Ride

- Weather - wind/rain
- Environment – change of tides etc.
- Riders' Request for Change in Speed
- Rope Length – riders' responsibility for instructing and visibly ensuring rope placement
- Equipment Failure – As per Rule 10f
- Wakes – if the same as remainder of riders in same heat
- Rollers – if the same as remainder of riders in same heat
- Poor Performance – can be considered unsportsmanlike conduct
- Not following the above re-ride request procedure

***If a re-ride is denied, the handle throw will be considered as a fall.**

Note: Any negative gestures made by riders while on the water constitute unsportsmanlike conduct.

Rule 12 PROTESTS

Protests shall be made to the Chief Judge only by a rider or team representative. Protest must be made **in writing**, must state the reason(s) for the protest, and must be filed as soon as possible, but no later than **20** minutes after the occurrence or after the results of the event are announced.

The rider or team representative will come to the Chief Judge's station and get an Official Protest Form to make the protest. The rider or team representative will then bring the Official Protest form back to the Chief Judge for review. After the Chief Judge has reviewed the protest and score sheets, he will meet with the Boat Judges to discuss the protest if he deems necessary. The Boat Judges will meet with rider to discuss the protest if the Chief Judge deems necessary. Actions may then be taken by the Chief Judge to address the protest.

Protests must be accompanied by a protest fee of SGD50.00 (Singapore Dollars Fifty Only). This amount will be refunded if the protest is considered reasonable or upheld by the Judges.

A request for judges to review judging sheets will be deemed to be a protest.

If a rider wishes to make a protest while on the water, the protest needs to come by radio to Chief Judge's station. The Chief Judge will be on hand to hear the protest. The Chief Judge will record the protest on the Official Protest form until the rider is able to sign and complete the form. Chief Judge will take the proper steps to solve the protest.

Protests will be handled by the Chief Judge and the 3 judges involved in the respective event. In the case of other protests, ie. heat protests, timing, etc, such protests shall be handled by the majority of judges.

A correction of an error in the computation of scores shall not be considered a protest and the correction shall be made on the approval of the Chief Judge and

Calculator within 20 minutes after the results are announced, and Boat Judges' scoring sheets have been made available for inspection. The inspection of scoring sheets will be done only in the presence of the Judges scoring that particular event.

Rule 13 USE OF VIDEO

Due to the subjective scoring nature & spirit of wakeboarding, video footage of any kind will not be used by Judges, riders or team representatives to resolve any disputes. Judges will not view or comment on any video footage during the event.

Rule 14 COMPETITION FORMAT

- a) General: Each rider shall be allowed two passes through the wakeboard course during which time he may perform any routine he chooses. He will be judged on subjective style categories, to arrive at a single combined score.

Judging of the routine begins when the rider enters the wakeboard course and ends when the rider exits the wakeboard course, falls for a second time, or completes his double-up (finals only).

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

Boat (Scoring) Judges: The Chief Judge will designate three Boat Judges, to be seated in the tow boat, to score each rider's routine.

- b) Scoring: Judges will award a maximum of 100 points to each rider based on their overall impressions of the routine performed. Each individual heat per division will be judged independently from the other heats on the day. The judges will score the first rider of the heat subjectively and each subsequent riders performance after that rider is judged higher or lower dependant upon their ride. Judges are required to both score and placement a rider in within each heat.

The judges will score each rider in each of the following categories:-

*Execution - 33.3 Points

This reflects the level of perfection to which each manoeuvre was performed, as well as the successful completion of the routine.

** riders will not be penalised for falls*

Intensity - 33.4 Points

This reflects how big the moves were performed, as well as the technical difficulty of the tricks executed.

Composition - 33.3 Points

This reflects the overall composition of the routine in terms of the rider's ability to perform a variety of manoeuvres in a flowing, creative sequence

- c) Calculation of Scores: The Average method of calculating will be used. Scores from all categories of a rider's routine are added together to produce a judge's total score. All three judges' total scores are then averaged to produce a final score for a rider.
- d) Calculation scores will be cross-referenced to the judge's placement of the rider. The judges' placement of a rider will always override the total score of a rider.

Rule 15 WAKEBOARD COURSE

Course Dimensions: A start buoy shall establish the approximate area of the beginning of the wakeboard course from each direction. The end of the pass shall be signified by an end buoy. The distance from the start and end buoys will be a minimum of 370 metres. These course dimensions will be used where practical.

Cut-Off buoy: A cut off buoy will indicate the point after which the tow boat will not be able to get up to speed for a rider to continue his run in the second pass. The position of the cut off buoy will be determined by the Chief Judge and Chief Boat Driver.

Proceeding through the two wakeboard passes: The boat shall follow as closely as possible the path specified by the Chief Judge for the event, such path to include the preparation time before each pass. The second pass shall be in the opposite direction from the first pass.

A rider's routine will begin when he performs his first trick at, or after the start buoy.

A rider's routine will end: when he falls for a second time or when he passes the end buoy. A rider's last trick will be scored if he leaves the crest of the wake before passing the end buoy.

Any rider who swims down the course to gain advantage over a fellow competitor will not be picked up. This will be the end of his routine.

Rule 16 DOUBLE-UP

There will be no double-up's.

Rule 17 BOAT SPEED & ROPE LENGTH

Each rider shall receive his choice of a constant speed through the course for each pass, and preferred rope length. The boat speed, assuming it is held constant before entering the course, is the rider's responsibility.

There will be no re-rides given for speed related issues if a rider decides to vary his speed once the boat enters the course.

Rule 18 WILD CARD TRICK (FREERIDE DIVISIONS ONLY)

Each rider who qualifies for the finals will be given a wild-card trick after their second pass, unless advised otherwise by the Chief Judge. This Wild Card trick will be scored as part of the run. The wild-card trick has been put in to encourage the riders to try maneuvers they wouldn't normally try in their routine.

Rule 19 OBSTACLES

There will be no obstacles

Rule 20 FALLS

- a) Out-Of-Course Falls: A rider may have one out-of-course fall only before the start of his first pass.
- b) Handle-Throw: The rider may also have one handle-throw before the start of his first pass which will also count as one out-of-course fall.

If a rider throws the handle prior to the start of his first pass to indicate that his rope was incorrectly put on the wrong loop by the officials or Judges in the boat, it will not count as an out-of-course fall.

- c) An out-of-course fall or handle throw before the start of the second pass will count as one in-course fall.
- d) Two Falls: A rider may have a maximum of two falls during a routine. Should a fall occur, the boat will pick up the rider to proceed with the routine. The rider will not be picked up after a second fall, or after a fall that occurs beyond the cut-off buoy in the second pass.
- e) The rider must be ready to ride immediately upon the boat's return after the first fall, an out-of-course fall, or handle-throw.

RULE 21 SCHEDULE CHANGES & CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

Changes in the schedule during the competition shall be made only for weather, water conditions, safety, or a similar reason. Such changes will be announced at a riders' or team captains' meeting, and by posting on the official notice board.

The finals of each division must be completed to determine a winner, even if the Judges are obliged to continue it at a different site or another day. If a final cannot be completed, all riders from the event will compete again where and when possible, until a winner is determined.

Rule 22 TEAM SCORING

- 1. Each rider will be awarded the following points depending on his final placement in his respective event:

Placement	Team Points	Placement	Team Points
1 st	100 points	11 th	14 points
2 nd	80 points	12 th	11 points
3 rd	65 points	13 th	8 points
4 th	55 points	14 th	6 points
5 th	45 points	15 th	5 points
6 th	35 points	16 th	4 points
7 th	30 points	17 th	3 points
8 th	25 points	18 th	2 points
9 th	20 points	19 th	1 point
10 th	17 points	20 th & all subsequent riders receive one point each	

- 2. The **best six (6) placements** for each team will be used to compute an overall team score.
- 3. A maximum of two placements can only be used from each division.

4. **One placement must be contributed from each division.** If a team does not have representation in a one of the categories, a zero (0) score will be awarded for that division, for example:

<u>Team A</u>			<u>Team C</u>		
Division	Placement	Points	Division	Placement	Points
1 Women's Novice	3rd	65	1 Women's Novice	1st	100
2 Women's Novice	4th	55	2 Women's Novice	5th	45
3 Men's Novice	2nd	80	3 Men's Novice	1st	100
4 Men's Intermediate	4th	55	4 Men's Intermediate	1st	100
5 Women's Feeride	3rd	65	5 Women's Feeride	No Entry	0
6 Men's Freeride	3rd	65	6 Men's Freeride	No Entry	0
		385			345

<u>Team B</u>		
Division	Placement	Points
1 Women's Novice	2nd	80
2 Women's Novice	6th	35
3 Men's Novice	3rd	65
4 Men's Intermediate	3rd	65
5 Women's Feeride	No Entry	0
6 Men's Freeride	4th	55
		300

5. In the event of a tie, a 7th. team score will be used to decide final placement. If a tie still exists, then a 8th. team score will be used to decide final placement. If a tie still exists after all team scores are used, then a run-off will take place between one rider from each team to decide final placement.

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

SEMI-FINALS – HEAT 1

1 st place	1 st – 3 rd place advance to finals and will receive points as per final placement
2 nd place	
3 rd place	

4 th place (equals 7 th place)	30 points
5 th place (equals 9 th place)	20 points
6 th place (equals 11 th place)	14 points

FINALS

1 st place	100 points
2 nd place	80 points
3 rd place	65 points
4 th place	55 points
5 th place	45 points
6 th place	35 points

SEMI-FINALS – HEAT 2

1 st place	1 st – 3 rd place advance to finals and will receive points as per final placement
2 nd place	
3 rd place	

4 th place (equals 7 th place)	30 points
5 th place (equals 9 th place)	20 points
6 th place (equals 11 th place)	14 points

6. **If a team rider is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct, he will not be awarded any overall scores. No substitutions will be permitted.**
7. **Non-Team Scoring will not contribute towards overall team scores.**

Annex 1 NOVICE TRICK LIST

Trick	Description
Cross One Wake	
Cross Both Wakes	
Surf The Wake	Turn Up & Down Boat Wake (minimum 3 turns linked together at the top of the wake)
Sideslide	Rotate Board 90 Degrees On The Surface Of The Water
Reverse Sideslide (touch water)	Sideslide with Back Towards Boat, One Hand Touching Water
Heelside and Toeside Bunny Hop	Jump Off The Water To Get Air Without Wake
Frontside Lipslide	Toeside Approach & Slide Board 90 Degree On The Crest Of Wake (1 second minimum), with the tail of board going over the wake first, and Chest Facing Boat
Backside Lipslide	Heelside Approach and Slide Board 90 Degrees On The Crest Of Wake (1 sec. min.), with the tail of board going over the wake first, and Back Facing Boat
Frontside Boardslide	Toeside Approach and Slide Board 90 Degrees On The Crest Of Wake (1 sec. min.), with nose of board going over the wake first, and Back Facing Boat
Heelside Powerslide	Rotate Board Backside 90 Degrees in the flats with Back Facing Boat.
Surface 180 (front to fakie)	Rotate Board 180 Degrees On The Surface Of The Water From Front To Fakie Position
Surface 180 (fakie to front)	Rotate Board 180 Degrees On The Surface Of The Water From Fakie To Front Position
Surface 360 (frontside and/or backside rotation)	Rotate Board 360 Degrees On The Surface Of The Water (continuous rotation without stopping)
*Heelside Jump (1 wake)	Use Boat Wake To Get Board In The Air & Out Of The Water
*Toeside Jump (1 wake)	Use Boat Wake To Get Board In The Air And Out Of The Water
*Heelside Jump (2 wakes)	Use Boat Wake To Get Board In The Air And Out Of The Water, Clearing Both Wakes
*Toeside Jump (2 wakes)	Use Boat Wake To Get Board In The Air And Out Of The Water, Clearing Both Wakes

** can also be performed switch stance, ie. riding fakie*