



WAKEBOARD COMPETITION FORMAT

COMPETITION DESCRIPTION

- A wakeboard tournament is an event where a Wake boarder (rider) demonstrates his/her individual skills whilst being towed behind a boat over 2 short watercourse passes (approximately 370m). Each rider is allowed two falls. After the final fall, they are picked up by a smaller boat called a 'pick up boat'
- There are three qualified judges in the boat who score the rider's tricks based on three important criteria (intensity, execution, composition).
- Each rider is competing in a NSW division governed by their ability. The rider's score is compared to others in the division to find the best rider on the day. The scores are tallied over the season to find an overall series winner of each division:

DIVISIONS

Level 1- Rookie (single wake jumps)

Level 2- Straight Air under 16's and over 16's (wake to wake grabs and 180's)

Level 3- Inverter (up to 2 advanced tricks- inverts/spins/raley)

Level 4- Advanced (unlimited inverts and spins up to 540's)

Level 5- Mobe Club (up to 3 mobes and spins up to 540's)

Level 6- Professional (unlimited)

These divisions are skill / competency based and allow riders of similar ability to ride against each other, regardless of age or experience.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

- Wakeboarding has been highly recognized as the fastest growing water sport in the world.

- The stretch of water on the Hawkesbury River between Windsor Bridge and the mouth of South Creek is the ideal site for a Wakeboard Competition
- Correctly structured club such as WAKEBOARD NSW with a management committee
- Competitors/Riders (Wake boarders) in sufficient numbers to make the event viable
- Good deep water
- Tournament Wakeboard boat
- A starting dock for the riders, usually we provide a portable dock to set up and take down on the day. (located on one end of the course)
- Accredited judges are trained from our membership base by the Australian Water-ski and Wakeboard Federation (associated with the Australian Institute of Sport)
- A qualified competition driver who has also must hold a NSW Maritime License drives the boat
- The boat crew also consists of an observer/rope attendant, first aid officer and may also include a cameraman and other trainees.
- The competition course has a clearly marked start and finish point using big inflated fluorescent buoys, which are temporarily anchored for the day (and removed at dawn)
- The event is signposted at the boat ramp so that all river users know there is a competition underway and also an inflatable competition-warning buoy is located in the river to alert any passing vessels.
- A special purpose boat has been constructed by Wakeboard NSW to patrol the competition course, pick up fallen riders, control passing water traffic and advise any vessel on matters that may arise.

Most importantly remember that wakeboarding is all about having a good time and enjoying the ride.



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