



Australian Jet Sports Boating Association

AJSBA JUNIOR SKI RIDING REQUIREMENTS

A junior is aged from 10 & up to 16 years.

- [10-12 year olds](#) IJSBA [Ski](#) Lites Class
 - [13-15 year olds](#) IJSBA [Ski](#) Lites Class
 - [13-15 year olds](#) IJSBA / AJSBA Elite [Limited](#) Class
- A Junior training program or activity non-competitive Recreational License is available at a cost of \$50 per year. First time beginners must complete the Junior Assessment.
 - A Junior Competitive Race Licence is \$150.00 up until the age of 16 years. After this age a full race licence is required.
 - A JNR Elite license is \$200 BUT is available only under the conditions set out below.
 - The Junior age classification cut off age limit date is the age the Junior is at on the 1st of September for that season.

Junior Riders can race on a **Pole Ski only** and the Ski must be **IJSBA Lites Spec.**

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THEY BE ALLOWED TO RACE RUNABOUT.

Juniors may apply to the AJSBA to become a Junior elite rider only after completing required race event competency assessments set by the AJSBA and affiliated Club in the below Elite Rider Requirements section.

Once the rider is 16 years of age they can ride a runabout ski in an adult class if the legislation in that state they live permits it but they cannot continue to run Junior Ski AJSBA competitive classes.

Insurance Requirements

The current Public Liability policy of the AJSBA covers any junior at any APPROVED AQUATIC event nationally, provided the event is being run by an AJSBA affiliate.

JUNIOR Non Competitive LICENSE

Junior riders that wish to attend an affiliated club Junior training day program or non-competitive riding activity need to complete an application for a 1 year Junior Recreational license to be covered by the current public liability policy

A first time Junior Ski rider's checklist guide is available under the Junior Racing Assessment Part A

All juniors that race under the AJSBA insurance policy are required to hold a current JUNIOR AJSBA race licence, under no circumstances are juniors allowed to race with a day licence.

In order for the AJSBA Junior Competition licence to be issued 3 steps are required.

JUNIOR COMPETITION LICENSE

1. Continual attendance at Junior Ski Development training days or club events run by the affiliated club within an approved aquatic event so as the rider can gain competence with the buoy course and can be supervised and instructed on basic race craft technique. These sessions are separate to the racing on the day.
2. Completion of a basic written test that assesses understanding of race rules, flags etc.
 - a. Junior racing Assessment Written Part 1a
3. Completion of a Junior Competition licence Practical assessment by Race Director & experienced competitive Ski Rider
 - a. Junior Racing Assessment Practical Part 1b

A beginner junior licence holder must only race in with other juniors in a **Junior Lites Ski Class**. At the discretion of the race director a Senior Pro Ski Rider may ride non competitively with the juniors to assist in making up numbers for the class if the parents / guardian of the juniors agree.

Further Junior Ski Competency progressions and appropriate License accreditations are available for Junior Competition Surf Practical Assessment Part 2 and Junior Competition Elite Practical Assessment Part 3

JUNIOR COMPETITION SURF

Competitive Junior Surf racing can only be achieved through a progressive Surf Development program that shows skills and abilities training under Surf conditions.

It must be understood that the Junior competitive classes will be the first classes to be sensitively considered for cancellation by the Race Director taking into consideration the Surf Conditions of the day, height, weight and energy of wave impact zone and the ability of course marshals to be able to re-act to multiple rider down scenarios.

For Application of Junior Surf License the Practical Competency Assessment based on Skills, speed and endurance progression abilities under Surf conditions is attached in the Practical Part 2 of AJSBA Junior Racing Assessments Document

JUNIOR ELITE LICENCE

The Premise and Practical Assessment intent of a Junior Elite Rider, is the progression of the rider to his/hers highest competitive potential.

Applicants will be rigorously competency assessed & baselined tested against national ranked ski riders.

For Application of Junior Elite License the Practical Competency Assessment Part 3 is attached in the AJSBA Junior Racing Assessments Document.

The competency assessment is based on Safety, Race Smart Skills, speed and endurance progression against nationally ranked riders.

The Junior riders club must then place their recommendation and apply for the Junior to become an Elite Rider. Once the application for an Elite Licence is received the AJSBA will then determine if an Elite Licence is suitable for the rider. The AJSBA has the right to refuse Elite Licence applications if they feel the rider is not as yet competent enough to be classified as an Elite Rider or a nationally ranked or recognised rider is not available in that state for assessment verifications.

JUNIOR ELITE LICENCE continued.

A Junior Elite Licence allows an elite junior to race an IJSBA limited ski spec in a Junior Elite Limited Ski Class. They are only allowed to race in the Elite Limited Class if they race in the Junior Lites Class at the same event.

Junior Elite License holders are, under special circumstances (**Prodigy**), allowed to race in an Adults Lites Class or Open Class, but riding on a Limited class Ski only. This however is only allowed at club State level and not at National Events.

The following conditions must be met:

Above meeting the Elite requirements they must also;

- The Elite junior has turned 15 years of age and is deemed to be of prodigious talent beyond chronological years (**a prodigy**).
- Demonstrate continuous competitive riding over a period of the last 3 years
- Demonstrate continuous improvement and substantial achievement in the Lites class.
- Demonstrate maturity beyond chronological years.
- All adults in the race must tick a box on the entry form acknowledging that a Junior will be competing in their race and they are in favour of this and accept the risk.
- Results of that will be kept confidential.
- If any one adult rider refuses to race with the child then the child will not compete.
- There is no appeal on the decision and the Race Director can not change the result.
- The parents of the Junior must obtain and provide a copy of "recognition of risk" waiver from their solicitor. This must accompany the entry form.

Junior Class Structure

The minimum number of riders for either a Junior Lites Ski Class or a Junior Elite Limited Ski Class is 3 juniors. This applies for both club and national events.

State Legislation & Exemptions for Junior PWC Riders

State of Queensland

1. To operate a personal watercraft or Jet Ski, you must hold a personal watercraft licence. You must hold a current valid marine licence before being able to get a personal watercraft licence.
2. You must be at least sixteen years of age or older to obtain a marine licence/personal watercraft licence.
3. Maritime Safety Queensland has issued an exemption for riders aged 13 – 15 years with conditions.

State of South Australia

1. The only rule that relates to juniors is that they can't operate a PWC until they are 16 years of age and hold a motorboat operators licence.
2. We have given an exemption for juniors to operate a PWC under Aquatic Activity Licence, but these are restricted to the licence period and on the area of water covered by the licence and are under the control of the race organiser.
3. A condition under the licence is that they hold a Special Permit and they can't get that until they are 12 yrs.

State of Tasmania

The minimum age to obtain the PWC endorsement is 12 years of age; however, operators between the age of 12 and 17 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult, must also follow specific speed limits and are not permitted to tow skiers.

State of Western Australia

This exemption applies only to persons between the ages of ten and sixteen and is subject to the following conditions:

1. All proposed events have been granted an approval by the Department under regulation 51C of the Navigable Waters Regulations.
2. That the events are Closed Course Racing and training only and are conducted in the approved PWC areas applicable to these events.
3. That competitors involved in the racing or training events do not impede nor endanger the safe passage of any other craft in the area and that all maritime legislation is complied with at all times.
4. Vessels must be operated in accordance with the Racing Rules as prescribed by the regulations of Jet Sport West and affiliated sports governing body International Jet Sport Boating Association Rule book (IJSBA).
5. Each crew member is to wear full safety equipment as prescribed by the regulations of the IJSBA Rule book.
6. Each racing event is to be accompanied at all times by not less than two (2) power driven vessels acting as recovery craft that carry the full requirement of safety equipment as required by the Navigable Waters Regulations.
7. All personnel competing in approved racing events are to be fully briefed on safety and emergency procedures prior to the commencement of any event.
8. Approved events may only be conducted between the hours of sunrise and sunset.
9. This exemption is valid to 31 May 2009.

State of Victoria

1. Junior riders in Victoria are only allowed to race on private waters.

State of New South Wales

General Young Adult Licence

A restricted licence for those aged from 12 to under 16 years. A Young Adult Licensee must:

1. be accompanied by the holder of a General Licence when travelling at 10 knots or more
2. never exceed 20 knots
3. never travel at 10 knots or more after sunset and before sunrise
4. never travel at 10 knots or more when towing an aquaplaner
5. never tow a water skier or wake boarder
6. not drive in any race, display, regatta or exhibition without prior consent from the NSW Maritime and
7. Never operate a PWC unless the holder of a Young Adult PWC Licence.

Young Adult PWC Licence

A restricted licence for those aged from 12 to under 16 years who wish to drive a PWC. The same conditions which apply to the General Young Adult Licence apply to this licence. A Young Adult PWC Licence holder must be accompanied by a PWC Licence holder when operating at a speed of 10 knots or more.

The state legislations will be updated as more information becomes available.