



FREERIDE GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Jet Sport Boating Association sanctions Freeride competition events through their affiliated clubs in each state. The purpose of these general competition rules is to improve the consistency and quality of these events and improve and grow the sport. It is the intention that these Freeride general competition rules can be used to facilitate all levels of events ranging from club signature events, State Freeride Championships and an Australian Championships

COMPETITION FORMAT

- a) **PRE-QUALIFYING ROUND** Riders compete in 5 minute heats(2 to 4 riders maximum per heat) Top 8 scores overall will advance to the brackets
- b) **ROUND ROBIN BRACKET SYSTEM DEVELOPED FOR UP TO 16 RIDERS:** If more than 16 riders are registered, a pre qualifying round will determine the riders advancing to the brackets. Pro Riders do not need to compete in the pre-qualifying round and will automatically advance to the brackets, unless there are more than 16, then lowest ranked pro riders will qualify with Amateurs. Please see Round Robin template in appendix attached below
- c) **HEAD TO HEAD FORMAT.** It allows judges scores to reflect specific rider maneuvers and skill whilst enhancing the understanding for spectators and media

JUDGING AND SCORING SYSTEM

- JUDGING CRITERIA.** Is overall impression focused upon the top 6 to 8 maneuvers.
- Top 4 maneuvers riding the wave, “Surfing the Wave”
 - Top 4 maneuvers in aerial tricks. “Jumping the Wave”

A riders entire run is considered an overall impression. Final scores are given based upon judges overall innovation & impressions of both riders runs. Judges are considering the best performance possible in the given wave conditions.

- a) **AMPLITUDE:** Determined by the maneuvers
 - a. Height size.
 - b. Body extension
 - c. Body Position in Relation to craft.
 - d. Success of landing
- b) **DEGREE OF DIFICULTY:** Determined by the complexity and extension of the maneuver
- c) **OVERALL IMPRESSION:** Determined by the general performance, diversity, creative value of maneuver, [style](#) and fluidity of entire run

Riders must maintain in physical contact with the boat during completion of the maneuver. If the rider loses the boat, the maneuver will not be scored.

SCORING SYSTEM:

The event Judging Score weightings must be announced upon event entry form publishing.

All rounds except pre-qualifying rounds are judged head to head.

Judges are to use approved Judge Score tally sheets, with weighting and score tally's adjusted as per event requirements

For an example a particular event and wave condition type may have event Judging Score weightings of the following

- 30% Wave Jumping....or 50%
- 30% Wave Riding.....25%
- 30% Overall Innovation and Routine Impression.....25%

Judging Score Weighting percentages can vary from event to event with the premise being to develop and foster Sport Innovation. Please see attached score sheet example

- PRE-QUALIFYING ROUNDS:** Judges will score each individual rider, each judge will score each rider. In pre-qualifying rounds riders with the top scores go through to the bracket
- HEAD TO HEAD SCORING SYSTEM:** Judges evaluate rider performance. Judges record scores for each rider.. Scores for each rider are totaled rider with the highest score gets judges vote. Rider with the most number of votes will advance to the next round. Winners will be announced immediately after the rider exits the water.

CRAFT

- The AJSBA shall allow Freestyle competitors to utilize replica engines resembling homologated OEM engine cases.
- A Personal Watercraft in any configuration and shape are permitted as long as they are in sound safe working order. The superjet/fx1, sx/sxi/sxr , polaris octane are consider Stand-up Pole Skis whilst all others are considered as sit-down Personal Watercraft. Modifications are permitted as long as inherent safety design and installation best practices are observed, Poles cannot be fixed
- All boats to have a small rope fitted to the front of the ski to aid with rescue should the need apply.

RIDERS

- Riders must abide by the AJSBA's Code of Conduct at all times, a copy of the code of conduct attached in Appendix . This Code of conduct must be sighted read understood and signed by all AJSBA sanctioned competition participants.
- During practice and competition riders must wear the following equipment, mandatory: life vest and head protection
- During Competition Riders must wear designated event heat lycra colour whilst competing supplied by the event organizer. If not the rider will be stopped immediately and can be disqualified from the event
- Before each heat, riders must have their ski ready in the competition area, on the beach. To go in the water riders must await the sign of the beach marshal. Heat beginning given by the sound of the siren and the green flag, and heat finishing given by the sound of the siren and red flag. After that riders must return immediately to the beach. Yellow flag used to indicate the last 2 minutes of the heat.
- Priority on the wave given to the rider who prepares his wave riding or wave trick first and then at the most critical part of the wave. If the other rider interferes he or she may receive an interference call or can be disqualified.
- Any rider who has a mechanical problem in the heat must cross his arms towards the race director. If the race director recognizes the problem, the heat doesn't start and the rider has 3 minutes to repair. In any case, the heat begins after these 3 minutes. In a similar case any riders who have mechanical problems during the first minute of a heat can cross his arms in the water towards the race director. If the race director recognizes the problem the watch is stopped and the rider needs to come back to the beach with his ski. After that the rider has 3 minutes to repair. In any case the heat continues after these 3 minutes considering the time already past in the beginning of the heat.
- The organization has the power to alter or cancel an event in the case of adversely dangerous environmental weather conditions.
- Any Prize moneys, trophies or sponsorship support is to be established by each organization and announced prior to any given event, As well as any event specific conditions of entry and registration often called supplementary regulations.

AJSBA Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is for all competitive members, social members and day members and license holders of the Australian Jet Sport Boating Association.

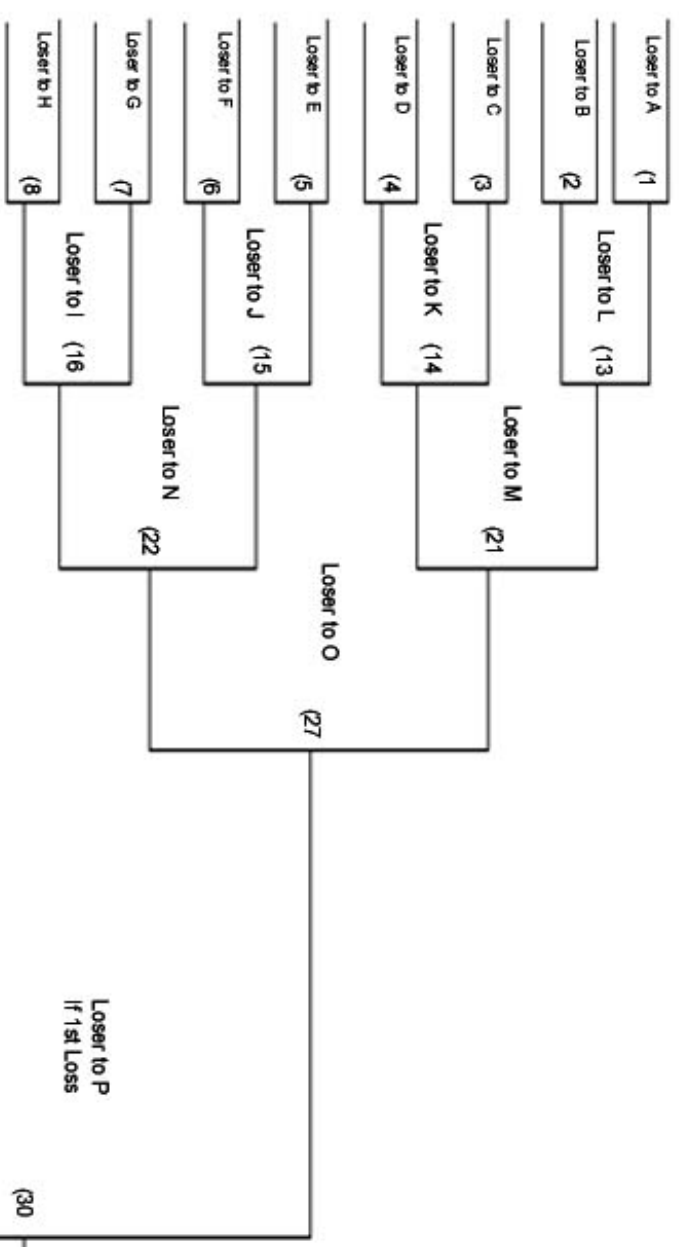
This Code of Conduct must be abided to at all times by the participant, pit crew, family members and rider sponsors.

1. Competition rules and Protocols set by the IJSBA and amendments made by the AJSBA must be followed.
2. Keep up to date with any changes or initiatives in the sports rules & safety protocols
3. Event No Hassle Policy. Control your temper. Verbal abuse and sledging of AJSBA committee members, club affiliate committee members and other members is not acceptable or permitted behaviour at any event, by email or on a public forum.
4. Respect the rights, dignity, opinions and worth of all members regardless of their agenda, ability, cultural background or religion
5. Co-operate with everybody involved, maritime safety in the water is a team effort.
6. Whilst participating in sanction events I agree to abide by all local waterway rules, special ride conditions, risk mitigations and pre-ride briefings.

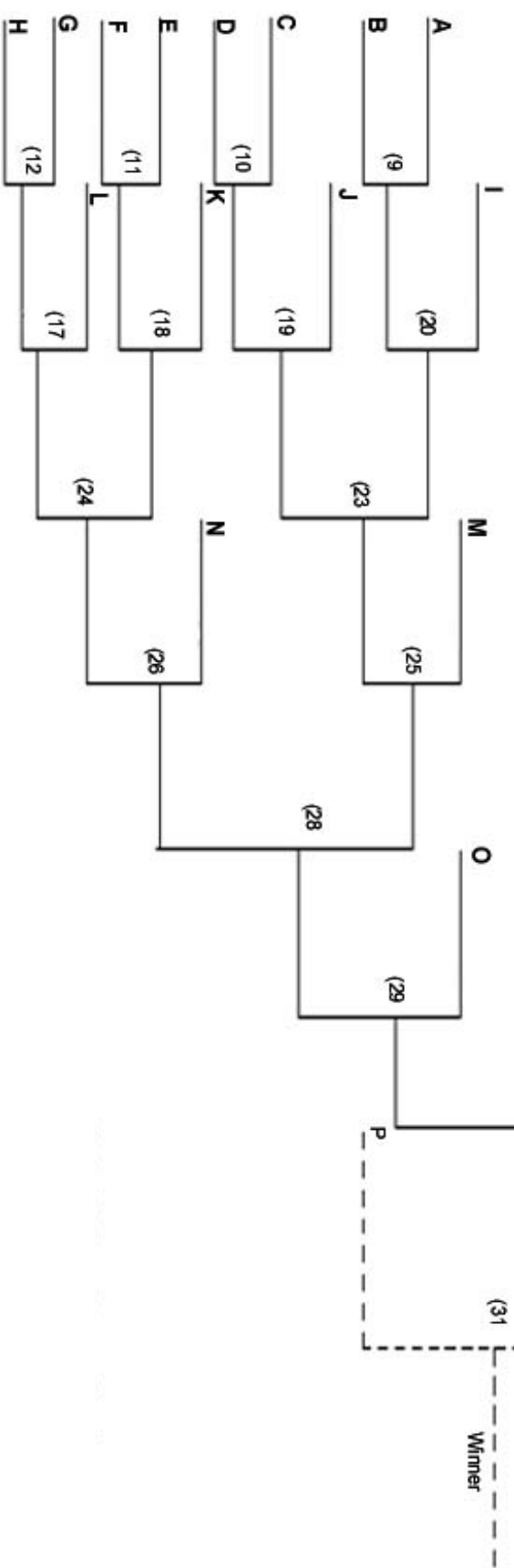
Competitive Events

1. Never argue with an official. Always use the appropriate rules and guidelines to resolve a dispute.
2. Do not question an official's judgment/honesty in public or on a public forum.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviors.
4. Be a good sport. Applaud good performances. Compliment and encourage all participants. Positive comments are motivational. The better the competition, the better you will become.
5. Condemn unsporting behavior and promote respect for all components.
6. Competitors are responsible for their own conduct as well as the conduct of any person associated with them, such as family, mechanics and sponsors.
7. Treat all competitors as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take advantage of another participant.
8. Do not use coarse or derogatory language.
9. Compete within your skill levels. Only try to extend these skills when there is no likelihood of danger to others, and personal risk is controlled.
10. Recognize the importance of volunteers. They give their time to be able to provide racing events.
11. Show appreciation for coaches, officials, administrators and supporters. Without them you would not be able to compete.
12. Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else. Do not compete in away that endangers yourself, your opponents or officials.

Winner's Bracket



Loser's Bracket





Wave Jumping 40%
 Total Innovation & Variation 40%
 Wave Surfing 20%

FREERIDE JUDGING SHEET

RIDER	COLOUR	ROUND/FINAL	HEAT #

Maneuver type	COMMENTS	EACH TRICK POINTS SCORE OUT OF 10	
WAVE JUMPING			
1			
flips, barrels etc	2		
amplitude	3		total out of 40
	4		
WAVE SURFING		EACH TRICK POINTS SCORE OUT OF 10	
re-entries, slashes	1		
critical wave energy moves	2		
			total out of 20
			total out of 40
TOTAL OVERALL INNOVATION -TRICK VARIANCE- ROUTINE IMPRESSION			
			TOTAL OUT OF 100

JUDGES NOTES:

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