



AJSBA JUNIOR

RIDING REQUIREMENTS 2025

A Junior is aged from 12 and up to 16 years.

- 12 - 15 year olds AJSBA Junior Ski Lites Class
- 12 - 15 year olds AJSBA Junior Rec Lites Class
- 15 year olds AJSBA Junior Elite Class

Junior Riders can race one a Pole Ski and the ski must be IJSBA Lites specifications or two a Rec Lites Runabout and the ski must be IJSBA Rec Lites specifications.

ALL Juniors, whether competitive or recreational, must complete the Junior Racing Assessment Part 1 First Time License with a representative/s of their affiliate club.

A Junior training program or activity, Non-Competitive License is available at a cost.

First time Junior Competition Race License applicants must complete the series of Junior Assessments under Race Director supervision.

A Junior Competition Race License enables a Junior to race in a Junior class with other Juniors ONLY.

A Junior Elite Competition License is available only under the conditions set out within this document.

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. Once 16 years of age a full Competition Race License is required.

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

AJSBA 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.

All Juniors that race under the AJSBA insurance policy are required to hold a current Junior Competitive Race License, under no circumstances are Juniors allowed to race with a day license.



JUNIOR NON-COMPETITIVE LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

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. They must complete the Junior Racing Assessment Part 1 First Time License with a representative of their affiliate club.

JUNIOR COMPETITION LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Continual attendance at Junior Ski Development training days or club events run by the affiliated club within an approved aquatic event so that the rider can gain competence with the buoy course and can be supervised and instructed on basic race craft techniques. 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. Junior Racing Assessment Written Part 1a
3. Completion of a Junior Competition License Practical assessment by Race Director and experienced competitive Ski Rider
Junior Racing Assessment Practical Part 1b

A beginner Junior Competition License 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/guardians of the juniors agree.

JUNIOR COMPETITION SURF LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

Competitive Junior surf racing can only be achieved through a progressive Surf Development program that shows skills and abilities training under surf conditions as well as completion of the Junior Competition License Practical assessment Part 2. This can only be obtained after completion of the Junior Competition License requirements.

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 on the day, height, weight and energy of wave impact zone and the ability of course marshals to be able to react to multiple rider-down scenarios.

JUNIOR ELITE LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

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 and baseline tested against nationally ranked ski riders. A Junior Elite License allows a Junior to race in an Adults Lites Ski class racing on a Lites specification ski only. This is allowed only at state club-level events, not at national events.

Application for a Junior Elite License can only be made by a Junior who has already fulfilled the requirements of a Junior Competition License. The applying Junior must complete the Practical Competency Assessment Part 3 and the Junior's affiliate club must then place their



recommendation and apply to the AJSBA for the Junior to become and Elite Junior. The AJSBA has the right to refuse Elite License applications if they feel the rider is not as yet competent enough to be classified as an Elite Rider or a nationally ranked rider is not available in that state for assessment verifications.

The following requirements must also be met for a Junior Elite License to be issued:

- The Elite Junior has turned 15 years of age and is deemed to be of prodigious talent beyond chronological years
- The Elite Junior must demonstrate continuous competitive riding over a period of the last 3 years
- They must demonstrate continuous improvement and substantial achievement in the Junior Lites class
- They must 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 this will be kept confidential)
- If any one adult rider refuses to race with the Junior then the Junior will not compete
- There is no appeal on the decision and the Race Director cannot change the result
- The parents of the Junior must obtain and provide a copy of "recognition of risk" waiver from their solicitor. This must be confirmed and discussed with the AJSBA.

STATE LEGISLATION AND EXEMPTIONS FOR JUNIOR PWC RIDERS

State of Queensland

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

State of South Australia

- 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 license
- We have given an exemption for juniors to operate a PWC under Aquatic Activity License, but these are restricted to the license period and on the area of water covered by the license and are under the control of the race organizer
- A condition under the license is that they hold a Special Permit and they can't get that until they are 12yrs.



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 Victoria

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

State of Western Australia

- Awaiting DOT Approval and clarification due to legislation changes
- You need a Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST) to operate a recreational vessel with a motor that exceeds 6 horsepower (4.5kW) in Western Australia.
- An RST is a nationally-recognized certificate of competency that demonstrates the holder has the minimum knowledge and practical skills needed to safely operate a powerboat.
- You are not required to renew your RST or pay ongoing fees
- Age restrictions:
 - You must be at least 14 years old to get an RST
 - RST holder under 16 years old are restricted to operating a vessel:
 - During daylight hours, and
 - At speeds less than 8 knots.

State of New South Wales

General Young Adult License

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

- Be accompanied by the holder of a General License when travelling at 10 knots or more
- Never exceed 20 knots
- Never travel at 10 knots or more after sunset and before sunrise
- Never travel at 10 knots or more when towing an aquaplaner
- Never tow a water skier or wake boarder
- Not drive in any race, display, regatta or exhibition without prior consent from the NSW Maritime and
- Never operate a PWC unless the holder of a Young Adult PWC License.

A restricted license 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 License apply to this license. A Young Adult PWC License holder must be accompanied by a PWC License holder when operating at a speed of 10 knots or more.

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