

Judges' guide for the Cable Wakeboard competitions

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This document is a set of guidelines to help make the judging criteria as equal as possible at cable wakeboard events.

-All riders start the competition equal. It doesn't matter what are their titles or where they come from.

-Each competition is judged by the performance at that competition only, and not by the level that the judges want to see or expect from the riders, especially if they know the rider and know what he can do.

-We know it is a hard job and it happened to all of us sometimes to judge our team members and our friends. Try your best to judge in a fair way, not more and not less than the other riders, just because you know your team.

-Obstacles

If the event site has a lot of obstacles we are not expecting to see an obstacles competition. So the riders don't have to use all of them.

But in the other way the obstacles are important and they take a significant part of the scoring of the run so we would like to see a balanced run depending on the course..

The best way is 50% of flat tricks and 50% obstacles.

-What do we look for in the run?

The first thing is the technical level but if somebody makes high level tricks in a bad way we have to take it under consideration and take some scores down.

As we said the technical level is important but this is not the only matter in wakeboard. They have to perform the round technical as possible but in the same time to keep it clean, high, versatile and stylish as they can.

Also we would like that the rounds are composed in a smart way with a mixture of tricks. For example in one round S-bend Double-S and S to blind and for the next round Back roll to revert and roll to blind. This is a bad composition and we saw it before from the good riders.

All of this matters combined together will give the best score.

Another matter – if a rider performs the same trick twice in one run we not only have to cancel one of his tricks we also need to take some points down.

Another impression matter is that we know and the riders need to know that it is important to complete the run.

-Cutting on the corner:

-The line between to cut on the corner and not cutting on the corner is very small but as judges we have to recognize tricks that were performed with the help of the pull of the corner and that's for two reasons:

-Safety is beyond everything and we don't want to see some riders smash on the grass/wall/fans.

-It is easier to make the trick with the pull of the corner and this not what wakeboarding is about.

Procedure for judging:

For each judge team a Head Judge will be installed. After the first rider finishes his first run, the head judge will give a range for the scoring of the first rider. This will give a solid base for the judging of this certain heat.