



Bretzel Contest 2022

Rulebook

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1. General

1. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Any rider or their representative whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike, either on or off the competition site, before, during, or after the competition, may be disqualified from all or part of the competition, including events completed, after a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the judges. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but is not limited to the following examples: gross disregard of regulations and safety instructions, absence from official events where attendance is required, use of vulgarities, displays of anger in public, excessive consumption of alcohol, competing under false pretenses, concealing significant injuries or health problems.

2. Security and riders' equipment

1. The head judge in charge of security must control the entire site to ensure the competition can be carried out as safely as possible. The head judge must check all features before the official training or nominate a suitable official to do this.

2. The competition organiser is responsible for any injuries as a result of the use of the cable and the features, or any other equipment that would normally be available to the public, in the event of an accident.

3. A first aid team, including a water rescue team, must be present on site. A safety boat must be available to rescue any injured rider.



- 4.** Concussion protocol: Any athlete injured in the head after a fall must be subjected to a concussion risk assessment by the emergency services present on the site. If the evaluation is negative, the athlete will be allowed to complete the remainder of the event. If the evaluation is positive, the athlete will be excluded from the competition and will follow the recommendations of concussion relief. The competition must be suspended while the evaluations are in progress. In all cases, the security officer will submit an incident report.
- 5.** All participants ride at their own risk; they are expected to pay attention to any potential site-specific risks and to perform a routine within their abilities.
- 6.** All participants are fully responsible for their personal equipment. The equipment must be suitable for its use, which may be subject to the approval of the head judge.
- 7.** Only wakeboards and wakeskates will be allowed. Both must float.
- 8.** All participants must wear a life vest. It is the responsibility of each rider to ensure their life vest meets the following specifications: • It must float the rider, and • It must be constructed so as to provide adequate protection from impact damage to the ribs and internal organs.
- 9.** Riders must wear a suitable helmet. If a rider performs his/her routine without a helmet, he/she will be disqualified from the competition.
- 10.** Communication to a rider with any electronic device during his/her routine is not allowed.
- 11.** Drones are only allowed in designated areas and allowed by the head judge.

3. Competition entry requirements

- 1.** All participants must have completed their registration form for the Contest using the link provided by the organisers, have paid the registration fee and have received, read and signed this rulebook.

4. Categories

- 1.** The competition will be divided into two parts: Pro and Amateur.

The pro part will include two categories: Pro Woman and Pro Man, where there will be no age restriction.

The Amateur section will include three categories: Children (up to 14 years old), Women (from 14 years old) and Men (from 14 years old).

- 2.** An identity document may be requested to verify the age of the participants.
- 3.** A minimum of 6 riders is necessary to open a category. The organiser must inform all participants as soon as possible if the required number of riders is not reached for a category.



4. Registration in 2 different categories is prohibited.

5. Format

1. The competition is organised according to a system of rounds and heats. Each round will consist of 2 runs. All participants will be assigned a heat (of 6 participants) at the beginning of each round. At the end of the round, they will be classified according to the score that the judges will have attributed to them, only the score of the best of 2 runs is kept. Only the best 3 riders of each group will be able to access the next round and so on until they reach the 3 finalists in the category who will be able to be on the podium.
2. The runs will be one lap of the circuit each. Tumble turns are allowed but no pickups will be granted.
3. The participants will be assigned a random running order for the first run, then during the second run the participants will pass in the reverse order of their ranking in the heat.
4. If a rider is not ready at the start of his/her run, the starter can ask the head judge to disqualify him/her. However, the starter can grant an additional minute for emergencies occurring just before the rider's departure.
5. If a rider's equipment is damaged just before the start, the head judge may give them 4 minutes maximum to repair or replace it. The head judge decides if the equipment can be used or not. Once the rider is on the water, a second start (re-run) is not granted due to material problems (for example, for broken binding/board or the loss of the helmet).
6. The riders will be judged 50% on features, 20% on air tricks or bump and 30% on kickers.
7. In case of disqualification of a rider, a delay of one minute is granted to the next rider in the running order if he/she is not on the starting pontoon at that time. If more than one rider is disqualified, the next rider is awarded one minute per missing rider.
8. The judging of a run begins when the rider enters the circuit and ends when the rider finishes the circuit or falls and let's go of the handle.

6. Competition area

1. The circuit must be free of any obstruction other than those set up specifically for the competition. If such obstructions exist and cannot be removed, riders are specifically warned to avoid them.
2. Judges should be positioned so as to have the best possible view of the entire circuit of the competition. The head judge decides on the location of the judges.



7. Ropes and handles

1. Only standard-length ropes, used by the public and in everyday cable use, may be used for competition.
2. It is forbidden to shorten the ropes or to use extensions and personal handles.

8. Features

1. All features in the course will be used at the rider's own risk.
2. In the interest of safety, the head judge has the right to exclude features for any reason he deems.
3. There is no restriction on features allowed in competition. The only requirement is that they are laid out so riders can safely perform an equal number of air tricks and feature tricks throughout the circuit. It is up to the organiser and the head judge to work together and decide on the best or most appropriate placement of features, considering past experiences, new trends, common sense and safety. However, the final decision rests on the head judge.
4. The official competition bulletin must contain an outline of the cable indicating the height and distance between the pylons, the description of the circuit, the location and description of the features. The head judge must be involved in the optimal positioning of the features before the publication of the bulletin.
5. The position of the features must not change between official training and competition runs.
6. If a rider falls in front of a feature, he/she has to let go of the handle or be disqualified.
7. The cableway management has to ensure that all features used at the competition are safe. They must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the features do not damage riders' boards. However, the ultimate responsibility of using a feature is on the rider.
8. Where during the training or the competition a feature is found to be defective, the organiser will make all reasonable efforts to fix it as quickly as possible and inform riders of any potential problems with the features. If a feature damaged during the competition can't be repaired quickly, it will be taken out of the water or excluded from the scoring and any heat in progress must be restarted. A decision as to whether the feature is returned later will be made by the head judge. The final decision rests with the head judge, but the responsibility does not lie with him.



9. Judging criteria and scoring

1. Judging will be subjective only. There will be no predetermined points for any tricks.
2. There must be a minimum of 3 judges, one of which will act as head judge.
3. After the first rider of each round passes, the judges give a score for that rider to provide a basis for scoring that specific round.
4. Judges must ensure that all riders benefit from equivalent riding conditions, except for weather conditions which cannot be controlled by the judges.
5. At each run, a single score is given between 0 and 100 points. Only the best score of the 2 runs is kept. The lowest score is removed.
6. Each section has a judge who scores the section on 10pts (X10 =100). These 3 scores get added and divided by 3 to have a total score on 100. Riders are encouraged to perform a fluid sequence including a wide variety of tricks. Each manoeuvre must be executed as cleanly as possible and to its fullest.
7. Calculation of scores: each judge will give two scores out of 50. One on technical performance and one on impression. The scores of these 2 categories are added together to obtain a total score out of 100. The rider's final score is the average of the scores of the 3 judges. There cannot be identical scores in the same heat.
8. Repetition of tricks during one run will not be scored but a rider can repeat tricks from the first run in his/her second run.
9. Any trick performed outside of the course or using the pull of a deflection pulley will not be scored.
10. The results may be displayed live during the competition. However, they are not official until they're complete and approved by the head judge of the heat.

10. Complaints

1. Complaints must be made to the head judge, and only by the rider's representative or the rider him/herself. They must be formulated in writing by setting out the disputed facts, and filed as soon as possible, at the latest within 10 minutes following the facts or the announcement of the results.
2. Complaints are only accepted in the case of non-compliance with these rules which would harm a rider. They are not accepted for a simple disagreement with the results.
3. The correction of a calculation error in the results is not considered a complaint. If such an error occurs, it is corrected as soon as possible.
4. Any complaint must be accompanied by a sum of 50€. This amount is refunded if the complaint is accepted.



5. During a run, if a rider has any reason to request a re-run, they must stop their tricks immediately and raise their hand. Equipment breakage is not a valid reason for a re-run. If the re-run is granted, the circuit must be completed in its entirety and before the next rider starts. The rider must wait for the validation by the judges to confirm that the re-run has been granted.

6. Due to the subjective nature of judging and the spirit of wakeboarding, video footage in any form is not used by judges.

David Vervenne
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