

Wakeboard Boat Drivers Awards

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Structure of Wakeboard Boat Drivers Awards

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The certificate scheme is voluntary and allows I.W.S.F members to be instructed and tested in boat handling and the driving of boats for Wakeboarding.

It is not a professional qualification and instruction on how to wakeboard is NOT covered.

INTRODUCTION

The IWSF Wakeboard Boat Drivers Awards is a voluntary scheme open to members of the IWSF. It is similar in concept to the car driving test and checks that candidates meet a minimum level of skills and knowledge to operate a Wakeboard boat safely. Experienced boat drivers may take the examination and test directly, without tuition, but all others are strongly advised to undertake a course of instruction.

To obtain an IWSF Wakeboard Boat Driving Award the candidate must-

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be an individual or club member of the IWSF
- Pass a practical assessment test
- Pass a multiple choice examination
- Provide evidence of a valid First Aid/ Life Saving/ CPR Qualification
- Complete and award application form
- Provide 2 passport sized photographs
- Pay a £12.70 registration/ award fee to the IWSF.

Pre-Requisite for all IWSF Boat Driving Awards

Candidates must be at least 16 years of age and have satisfactory physical and visual abilities, comparable to the ordinary car driving test.

Practical Test

Prior to the test candidates will be expected to have gained the knowledge and skills necessary to drive a fast powerboat for a wakeboarder.

The test will normally be completed within 10 minutes.

Immediately prior to the test the examiner will explain the manoeuvres to be undertaken and the area of water to be used.

The examiner will fail any candidate who is unable to competently handle a fast powerboat and/or does not meet all the requirements of the test.

Multiple Choice Examination

The purpose of the written examination is to ensure that the candidate knows how to handle a wakeboard boat in a safe manner, showing consideration for other users and the environment.

The question paper must be completed in 30 minutes.

There are 20 questions, of which 16 must be answered correctly to pass. The questions are all based on the IWSF Wakeboard Boat drivers syllabus. If a course of instruction is taken before the examination, the course content will cover all the questions to be examined.

First Aid/ Life Saving/ CPR qualification

A First aid/ Life Saving/ CPR Qualification is a qualification in

either First Aid or Life saving where a competent understanding of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation was a key part in obtaining the qualification.

Examples of Evidence for Exemptions

Awards issued by federation affiliated with the Int. WSF

Irish WSF Ski Boat Driving Awards

First Aid Certificate/ qualification (with CPR)

Life Saving Certificate/ qualification (with CPR)

Appropriate professional Qualification/ experience

S/ NVQ and other transferable units

Successful Candidates

Upon satisfactory examination and completion of all competency levels and upon receipt of the appropriate fee, awards will be issued to fully paid IWSF club or individual members. An IWSF Wakeboard Boat Certificate and a laminated IWSF Wakeboard Boat Drivers' card will be issued to all successful candidates.

Members of the public may join the IWSF at the test centre prior to the test.

Unsuccessful Candidates

May re-sit the practical assessment test and or the written examination at another time as agreed with the examiner.

Validity

Awards are only valid while the holder is a member of the IWSF and has complied with all terms of the Certificate/ Award. The IWSF has the authority to revoke, or limit the certificate/award where deemed necessary. The Award / Certificate is only valid for 3 years from date of issue after that period you may re-sit the exam or you may wish to upgrade the qualification

Administration

The Wakeboard Drivers Awards scheme will be administered by the Irish Water Ski Federation, who will be empowered to issue Certificates and Drivers Cards to candidates who have met all the terms, as outlined above. A register of all awards will be maintained and will be available for inspection if required by the Statutory Authorities. In addition, the IWSF is permitted to reply to an enquiry from any member of the public as to the validity of an IWSF Award.

Level of Entry into Awards

Depending upon experience and level of competence, the general entry point will either be at recreation or Club driver level.

If you have the slightest doubt about your skills in driving boats for wakeboarding and/or limited knowledge of using boats on coastal waters, then you must arrange a course prior to taking the test.

Experienced drivers may, at the discretion of the examiner, take the tests without undergoing a course of instruction.

Assessment in privately owned boats

Candidates wishing to be assessed in a privately owned boat must provide evidence of third party insurance cover for the practical test. Insurance cover subsequent to the test is not the responsibility of the IWSF but is entirely that of the boat owner. The IWSF strongly recommend that all wakeboard ski boat owners carry adequate insurance.

Key to abbreviations

IWSF: Irish Water Ski Federation

Int. WSF: International Water Ski Federation

EAME- Region: Europe Africa and Middle East

CPR: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

S/ NVQ: Scottish and National Vocational Qualifications

CODE OF PRACTISE FOR BOAT DRIVING

Miscellaneous

1. Boat drivers and wakeboarders must give due consideration to all water users and local residents, and be courteous at all times.
2. Boat drivers and wakeboarders must give due consideration to fishermen and manoeuvre carefully well away from their lines.
3. Do not drive a speedboat through swimmers or restricted areas.
4. Avoid mooring areas as sites for recreation. Any passage in these areas should be at a speed to minimise wash and disturbance.
5. Where possible have a competent observer who understands wakeboard hand signals.
6. All passengers, particularly children and non-swimmers should be encouraged to wear life jackets.
7. Have a paddle available.
8. Do not wakeboard at night within the period of one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
9. Do not smoke or ignite a flame in or around speedboats or fuelling areas.
10. Do not drink and drive, similar to that for driving a car.
11. Nothing in these rules shall interfere with the operation of special rules made by and appropriate authority.

ENVIRONMENT

12. Due respect must be given to wildlife at all times.
13. Take care not to disturb birds, particularly during nesting or moulting.
14. Stay out of lake margins and shallow silty areas to promote growth of marginal weeds
15. Ensure that only recognised and accepted landing places and launch sites are used, which cause minimal disruption to wildlife or other users.
16. Reduce wash as much as possible.
17. Only refuel or use the bilge pump well away from any sensitive wildlife sites.
18. Prevent any spillage of oil or fuel.
19. Use propane gas or unleaded petrol.
20. Always respect bye-laws, zoning or other management systems affecting the area.
21. When intending to wakeboard at a site for the first time always consult the appropriate authority before launching.
22. Do not make any unnecessary noise.
23. Take your litter home.
24. Where applicable, boats should be clearly and individually identified to other water users or observers (e.g: by registration numbers).

Navigation and Launching

25. Two boats meeting head on shall alter course to "starboard" (right)
26. Two boats crossing the vessel which has the other on her "starboard" (right) side, shall give way.
27. The vessel with the right of way shall keep its' course and distance.
28. Powered boats shall give way to sailing vessels.
29. Vessels overtaking shall keep well clear of an overtaken vessel.
30. In a narrow channel, unless it is unsafe and impractical, keep to the starboard (right) side.
31. Every vessel which is directed to keep out of the way of another vessel shall, so far as possible, take early and substantial action to keep well clear.
32. If necessary to avoid collision or allow more time to assess a situation, a vessel shall slacken its speed, stop or reverse its engine.
33. Power driven vessels shall in general keep out of the way of vessels engaged in fishing. However a vessel engaged in

fishing shall not impede the passage on any vessel navigating within a narrow passage or fairway. Every person in charge of a boat is obliged to go and render every assistance, short of endangering his own boat, to any vessel or person in difficulty.

34. Towing vehicles and trailers must be removed from slipways and approaches immediately after launching.

35. In constructing and complying with these rules, due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision, and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of vessels involved which may make a departure from these rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.

Signals

1 short blast - altering course to starboard (right).

2 short blasts - altering course to port (left).

3 short blasts - going astern (reverse)

Coastal and large expanses of inland waters

4. Carry an anchor, flares and life jackets. Be aware of weather forecasts. Do not go out of sight of land without compass or suitable navigation equipment.

WAKEBOARD RECREATION DRIVERS CERTIFICATE

Pre- Requisite:

Attend an IWSF Recreation Drivers Course.

Assessment Procedures:

1 Provide evidence of a valid and IWSF approved First Aid/ CPR/ Life saving Qualification.

2 Completion of a practical wakeboard boat handling text as per the aims and objectives including: starting, slow speed handling, handling at planing speeds, returning to a fallen wakeboarder docking, use of hand signals, basic navigation, courtesy for other users and respect for the environment.

3 A written examination on the aims and objectives, with particular emphasis on safety and responsibilities. This consists of twenty multiple-choice questions with thirty minutes are allowed for answering.

Aims:

To enable candidates to effectively drive a ski boat for adult and junior recreational wakeboarders up to double wake jumping standard (heel side and toeside) in a safe and enjoyable manner.

Objectives:

- 1 Have knowledge and understanding of the basic safety checks and technical aspects of a wakeboard boat.
- 2 Understand the drivers role and responsibilities.
- 3 Be able to communicate effectively.
- 4 Know and understand the IWSF Code of Practice for Wakeboarding and the environment.
- 5 Know and demonstrate an understanding of safety and responsibility applicable to a person having charge or control of a wakeboard boat.
- 6 Be able to show personal qualities relevant to the demands of driving.
- 7 Be able to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the driving.
- 8 Demonstrate basic wakeboard boat handling skills.

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Competences:***Safety checks and technical knowledge***

- 1.1 Make sure boat is sound and suitable for towing a wakeboarder.
- 1.2 Check and understand the instrumentation.
- 1.3 Check for fuel leaks and fuel oil levels.
- 1.4 Be able to operate the bilge pump (if fitted).
- 1.5 Be able to refuel the boat safely and without unnecessary spillage.
- 1.6 Have an awareness of the operation of the fire extinguisher (if fitted).
- 1.7 Ensure that the engine is out of gear before starting engine, for inboards the blower should be turned on a few minutes before turning the ignition key.
- 1.8 Check the seats are secure and the mirror is positioned giving a clear view of the wakeboarders .
- 1.9 Check the security of the towing eyes and / Tower /ski pole/ transom bridal and pulley.
- 1.10 Check that the rope is sound, properly attached, free from tangles and knots and ready for use.
- 1.11 Check that the handle is sound and properly secured.
- 1.12 Ensure that the above is adhered to and that any repairs or work be carried out by a competent person.
- 1.13 Make sure that you do not overload the boat with weight always use the manufacturers guidelines on weight restrictions

Drivers role and responsibilities:

- 2.1 Understand that the driver is responsible for everything that happens in and around the boat.
- 2.2 Understand the separate roles of the driver and that of the observer/coach.
- 2.3 Obtain permission to operate a wakeboard boat, abide by laws, local

byelaws and familiarise yourself with local surroundings and conditions.

2.4 Ensure that, when possible, there is a competent observer in the boat.

2.5 Ensure that the boat is not overloaded and all personnel are seated safely, with particular attention being paid to children who should be adequately supervised.

2.6 Operate the boat only when sitting securely.

2.7 Ensure that there are no other users (boats, swimmers etc...) in the immediate vicinity of the proposed route and that it is safe to proceed.

2.8 Ensure that the wakeboarder is adequately attired and is wearing the necessary safety items.

2.9 Ascertain from the wakeboarder the required speed and start method.

2.10 Make sure, before accelerating, that the wakeboarder shouts "HIT IT" and that the rope is taut.

2.11 Show an understanding of the wakeboarders requirements; smooth acceleration, straight steady course, fluent arc turns, flat water, controlled finish and avoidance of obstacles. Double up if required.

2.12 Show knowledge and application of various start methods that will facilitate the learning process.

2.13 Know that if the wakeboarder hits anything that it is usually the drivers fault , always keep the wakeboarder away from docks beaches walls e.t.c.

Communication:

3.1 Be able to establish and maintain positive and effective communication with the wakeboarder/ observer/coach.

3.2 Be able to convey information in a clear, concise and accurate manner.

3.3 Show knowledge and application of recognised international wakeboard hand signals.

3.4 Ensure that the wakeboarder knows when to shout "HIT IT" (this ensures that there is no confusion i.e. "GO", "NO")

Environment:

4.1 Understand and apply then IWSF Code of Practice for wakeboarding and the Environment.

Safety:

5.1 Know the importance of screening each participant and passenger in the boat and take effective action.

5.2 Know and abide by the IWSF Code of Practice for Boat Driving.

5.3 Be able to take positive action to ensure safe wakeboarding.

5.4 Understand the potential dangers of a speedboat.

5.5 Understand the possible dangers when trailing a wakeboard rope.

5.6 Understand the importance of ensuring that the rope is not passed around the wakeboarders head or allowed to entangle the wakeboarder and is only ever passed freely and slowly through the

wakeboarders hands.

5.7 Show concern for wakeboarders and passengers comfort (wind, rain, cold etc) and take necessary action.

5.8 Ensure that the wakeboarder is not kept waiting in the water longer than necessary (too much talk, slow boat return)

5.9 Understand the need to react and how to return to a fallen wakeboarder or other person from the water.

5.10 Be able to effect CPR/ First Aid.

5.11 Be able to follow emergency procedures.

Personal Qualities:

6.1 Demonstrate a willingness to take initiative and responsibility.

6.2 Demonstrate and enthusiastic involvement in the activity.

6.3 Be able to present a positive and confident image.

6.4 Demonstrate an ability to respond to the needs of the individual wakeboarder.

6.5 Show a responsible attitude to participants before, during and after a session.

6.6 Show an ability to work as part of a team (driver/observer/coach/skier/ wakeboarder)

6.7 Demonstrate effective time management.

6.8 Be appropriately dressed.

Self-Monitoring and Evaluation:

7.1 Be able to assess the appropriateness of the driving e.g. speed and boat path requested.

7.2 Be able to analyse own driving performance, identifying strengths and weaknesses and act upon them accordingly.

Boat Handling Skills (Practical):

8.1 Be able to start the boat in the prescribed manner and slowly leave the jetty.

8.2 Be able to show, without a wakeboarder, boat handling competence at slow and planing speeds.

8.3 Be able to pick up a free-floating buoy, this manoeuvre is equivalent to returning to an injured wakeboarder, picking up a manoverboard or other person from the water.

8.4 Be able to pass the handle safely to the wakeboarder.

8.5 Be able to line the boat up so that the rope slowly tightens and the wakeboarders, rope and boat are all in a straight line.

8.6 Be able to check the boat path and, when the wakeboarder has shouted, "HIT IT", that the board is up and in balance and then accelerate the boat in a smooth and controlled manner.

8.7 Be able to drive in a straight line for approximately 300 metres at a speed, which is appropriate for the wakeboarder.

8.8 Be able to execute smooth arc turns of a size and speed appropriate for the wakeboarder.

8.9 (With the wakeboarder in the water) be able to slow the boat and

return slowly keeping the wakeboarder in sight throughout the complete manoeuvre.

8.10 (With the rope in the water) be able to safely return the handle through the wakeboarders hands, line up the boat and carry out a deep-water start.

8.11 Be able to return the wakeboarder to the drop off area, in a safe and controlled manner.

8.12 Be able to return the boat to the jetty or moored boat and demonstrate a safe controlled docking.

8.13 Be able to compensate for weather conditions at all times.

RETURNING TO A FALLEN WAKEBOARDER

9.1 Maintain boat path but react quickly

9.2 Be vigilant for an "OK" signal from the skier

9.3 If a Wakeboarder **is injured**, return quickly and safely ensuring that the

return of the boat does not further cause distress (spray engulfing the wakeboarder) or danger (boat unable to slow down or hitting the wakeboarder).

9.4 Carry out first aid as necessary, float an injured wakeboarder rather than haul them into the boat - possible spinal injury. Always switch off the engine before boarding a wakeboarder.

9.5 If a **wakeboarder signals 'ok'**, return as below but continue to monitor the wakeboarder for any signs of distress (cramp) or injury (delayed shock)

9.6 If a **Wakeboarder does not signal 'ok'**, then assess the situation and return as per either (9.3) or (9.5) as deemed to be appropriate.

WHERE WAKEBOARDER IS 'OK'

9.7 Slow boat before turning

Note: A slow moving boat is less manoeuvrable than a fast moving boat.

9.8 Turn the boat slowly in as tight a turn as possible.

9.9 Return parallel and close to the original boat path.

9.10 Never aim the boat directly at the wakeboarder

9.11 Keep boat wake to a minimum

9.12 If close to the wakeboarder - return at tick over speed.

9.13 If enough distance - return at planing speed, but slow the boat to tick over before reaching the wakeboarder.

9.14 Keep the wakeboarder on the drivers side

9.15 Before returning with the rope, hold off until the wakeboarder has the board on and is balanced (can be distracting and can get wrapped around board or wakeboarder).

9.16 Keeping a safe distance away from the wakeboarder slowly turn the boat around the wakeboarder until he has the rope.

9.17 At tick over, slowly manoeuvre the boat into the required path and tighten up the rope.

9.18 When the wakeboarder shouts 'Hit it', the wakeboard is above water, he is balanced, the rope is taut and the handle and rope are not entangled about the wakeboarder; or board then and only then, are you ready to restart.

9.19 Ensure that the intended boat path is clear, smoothly and steadily accelerate keeping alert for possible dangers and monitor the wakeboarders path and progress via the mirror or observer.

BOAT PATH TO A FALLEN WAKEBOARDER

Boat slows before turning.

'U' turn around fallen wakeboarder.

Wakeboarder on drivers side

Boat slows before turning.

'S' turn around fallen wakeboarder.

Wakeboarder on drivers side.

PRACTICAL BOAT DRIVING ASSESMENT

WITHOUT A WAKEBOARDER

The purpose of this part of the assessment is to test the candidates' knowledge of boat checks, boat handling ability and knowledge of safe appropriate navigation.

- 1 Carry our basic boat checks (oil pressure, mirror position, etc.)
- 2 Leave jetty, accelerate smoothly and in a straight line up to approximately 20 mph/34kph.
- 3 Maintaining this speed, carry out a 180degree turn.
- 4 Decelerate and stop.
- 5 Smoothly and slowly reverse for 2/3 boat lenghts and stop.
- 6 At tick over speed, drive forward and keep a tight circle and a free-floating buoy.
- 7 Accelerate and take appropriate action when advised of an oncoming boat.
- 8 Go and pick up a free-floating buoy.

WITH A WAKEBOARDER

The purpose of this part of the assessment is to test the

candidates' ability to drive a boat appropriately and safely for a wakeboarder and knowledge of hand signal communication.

1 Throw ski rope to wakeboarder and line up with taught ski rope.

2 When wakeboarder shouts, "HIT IT", accelerate to an appropriate speed for the wakeboarder.

3 Execute a smooth 180degree turn, then cross over own boat wash.

4 Hand signal to wakeboarder that the boat is going to stop, then decelerate and stop.

5 With ski rope in water, slowly return the wakeboarder and manoeuvre around wakeboarder.

6 Line up and carry out a deep-water start.

7 Hand signal to check speed with wakeboarder, make adjustments as necessary.

8 Hand signal to wakeboarder that you are going to return to the jetty.

9 Drive parallel to the jetty, and ensure the wakeboarder is safely and slowly dropped off.

10 Return to the jetty and dock the boat slowly and under control.

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WAKEBOARD CLUB DRIVERS CERTIFICATE

Pre- Requisite:

The Club Drivers Certificate is an extension of the competences as outlined in the Recreation Divers Certificate, candidates must, in the opinion of the examiner, be capable of attaining the level of the Recreation Drivers Certificate.

Recommendation

Attend an IWSF Club Drivers Course

Assessment Procedures:

1 Provide evidence of a valid and IWSF approved First Aid/ CPR/ Life saving Qualification, and have attended an IWSF wakeboarding-related injury course.

2 Provide evidence of a minimum of 10hours logged driving, covering wakeboarding or appropriate disciplines as selected by the candidate with a minimum of 2 hours per discipline.

3 Completion of a practical wakeboard boat handling test as per the aims and objectives.

4 A multiple choice written assessment relevant to the aims and objectives, with particular emphasis on safety and responsibilities.

Note 1 a) A full Club Drivers Certificate covers wakeboarding to a high standard.

b) Tournament Drivers Certificates will also be issued and valid for any two disciplines as selected by the

candidate and the Certificate will list and be limited to the disciplines examined.

c) Other disciplines can be included or can be taken as specialist areas; Barefoot, Disabled, Tournament

Aims:

To enable candidates to effectively drive a wakeboard boat for adult and junior recreational wakeboarders in a safe and enjoyable manner.

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Objectives:

1 Have knowledge and understanding of the basic safety checks and technical aspects of a ski boat.

2 Understand the driver's role and responsibilities.

3 Be able to communicate effectively.

4 Know and understand the IWSF Code of Practice for Water Skiing and the environment.

5 Know and demonstrate an understanding of safety rules and responsibilities of driving a wakeboard boat.

6 Be able to show personal qualities relevant to the demands of driving.

7 Be able to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the driving.

8 Be able to demonstrate basic wakeboard boat handling skills for Double Ups.

9 Be able to demonstrate knowledge of a wakeboard ski site; basic layout of courses.

10 Have knowledge and understanding of, and be able to provide information on the role and structure of the IWSF.

11 Be competent in the use of perfect pass .

Competences:

Safety checks and technical knowledge

1.1 Make sure boat is sound and suitable for towing a wakeboarder .

1.2 Check and understand the instrumentation.

1.3 Check for fuel leaks and fuel and oil levels.

1.4 Be able to operate the bilge pump (if fitted).

1.5 Be able to refuel the boat safely and without unnecessary spillage.

1.6 Have an awareness of the operation of the fire extinguisher (if fitted).

1.7 Ensure that the engine is out of gear before starting engine, for inboards the blower should be turned on a few minutes before turning the ignition key.

1.8 Check the seats are secure and the mirror is positioned giving a clear view of the wakeboarder.

- 1.9 Check that the ski pole / Tower or boom is secure.
- 1.10 Check that the ski rope is sound, appropriate for the selected discipline, is properly attached, free from tangles and knots and ready for use.
- 1.11 Check that the handle is sound and properly secured.
- 1.12 Ensure that the quick release (if fitted) is properly secured and is fully operative.
- 1.13 Ensure that the boom (if fitted) is sound and properly secured.
- 1.14 Ensure that the above is adhered to and that any repairs or work be carried out by a competent person.

Drivers role and responsibilities:

- 2.1 Understand that the driver is responsible for everything that happens in and around the boat.
- 2.2 Understand the separate roles of the driver and that of the observer/coach.
- 2.3 Obtain permission to operate a wakeboard boat, abide by laws, local Byelaws and familiarise yourself with local surroundings and conditions.
- 2.4 Ensure that, when possible, there is a competent observer in the boat.
- 2.5 Ensure that the boat is not overloaded and all personnel are seated safely, with particular attention being paid to children who should be adequately supervised.
- 2.6 Operate the boat only when sitting securely.
- 2.7 Ensure that there are no other users (boats, swimmers etc...) in the immediate vicinity of the proposed route and that it is safe to proceed.
- 2.8 Ensure that the wakeboarder is adequately attired and is wearing the necessary safety items.
- 2.9 Ascertain the skiers required start method, speed and approach etc.
- 2.10 Understand when and how to use a quick release.
- 2.11 Show an understanding of the wakeboarders requirements; smooth acceleration, straight steady course, fluent arc turns, flat water, controlled finish and avoidance of obstacles.
- 2.12 Show knowledge and application of recreation wakeboarding and advanced methods that will facilitate the learning process.
- 2.13 Check all courses prior to use.

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Communication:

- 3.1 Be able to establish and maintain positive and effective communication with the wakeboarder / observer/coach.
- 3.2 Be able to convey information in a clear, concise and accurate manner.

3.3 Show knowledge and application of recognised international water ski hand signals.

3.4 Ensure that the wakeboarder knows when to shout "HIT IT" (this ensures that there is no confusion i.e. "GO", "NO")

Environment:

4.1 Understand and apply then IWSF Code of Practice for wakeboarder and the Environment.

Safety:

5.1 Know the importance of screening each participant and passenger in the boat and take effective action.

5.2 Know and abide by the IWSF Code of Practice for Boat Driving.

5.3 Understand the potential dangers of a speedboat.

Be able to take positive action to ensure safe wakeboarding.

5.4 Understand the possible dangers when trailing a ski rope.

5.5 Understand the importance of ensuring that the rope is not passed around the wakeboarders head or allowed to entangle the wakeboarder and is only ever passed freely and slowly through the wakeboarders hands.

5.6 Show concern for wakeboarders and passengers comfort (wind, rain, cold etc) and take necessary action.

5.7 Ensure that the wakeboarder is not kept waiting in the water longer than necessary (too much talk, slow boat return).

5.8 Understand the need to react and how to return to a fallen wakeboarder or other person from the water.

5.9 Understand when and how to remove a fallen wakeboarder from the water.

5.10 Be able to effect CPR/ First Aid.

5.11 Be able to follow emergency procedures.

Personal Qualities:

6.1 Demonstrate a willingness to take initiative and responsibility.

6.2 Demonstrate and enthusiastic involvement in the activity.

6.3 Be able to present a positive and confident image.

6.4 Demonstrate an ability to respond to the needs of the individual skier.

6.5 Show a responsible attitude to participants before, during and after a session.

6.6 Show an ability to work as part of a team (driver/observer/coach/skier/wakeboarder).

6.7 Demonstrate effective time management.

6.8 Be appropriately attired.

Self-Monitoring and Evaluation:

7.1 Be able to assess the appropriateness of the driving e.g. speed and boat path requested.

7.2 Be able to analyse own driving performance, identifying strengths and weaknesses and act upon them accordingly.

Boat Handling Skills (Practical):

8.1 Be able to drive all start methods.

8.2 Be able to start, drive and pick up a wakeboarder when driving with a boom.

8.3 Be able to adequately drive a wakeboarder for a double up.

8.4 Be able to adequately drive a wakeboarder at a maintained speed and in a straight line, ensuring there is no undue delay in attaining the correct speed.

8.5 Be able to use and set up Perfect Pass Wakeboard Pro.

8.6 Be able to secure optimum wakeboard conditions and to exhibit awareness of this when choosing boat path.

8.8 Be able to demonstrate knowledge of and ability to implement safety procedures in driving emergency situations.

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WAKEBOARD TOURNAMENT DRIVERS CERTIFICATE

Pre- Requisite:

1 Be a fully paid member of the IWSF.

2 Hold the IWSF Club Drivers Certificate.

3 Club drivers wishing to gain the tournament driver qualification must apply through their club to the IWSF for approval before proceeding.

Assessment Procedures:

1 Provide evidence of a valid and IWSF approved First Aid/ CPR/ Life saving Qualification.

2 Provide evidence of a minimum of 50hours logged driving. Such evidence must be endorsed by the club secretary or chairman.

3 Practical assessment of driving a tournament wakeboard boat

4 Written assessment relevant to the aims and objectives, based on the rules that affect tournament drivers and their duties.

5 Satisfactory report of drivers competence as a provisional tournament driver over a full season, covering a minimum of two competitions.

Note 1 a) A full Wakeboard Tournament Drivers Certificate covers all aspects of wakeboarding including the use of kickers and obstacles .

b) Other specialist disciplines can be included or taken seperately; areas; Barefoot, Disabled, Tournament.

Examples of Evidence for Exemptions:

Appropriate Driving Certificates as issued by Federations affiliated with the Int. WSF.

Aims:

To enable candidates to effectively and safely drive a tournament

wakeboard boat at IWSF competitions for all grades of wakeboarders up to and including Open / Pro men.

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Objectives:

- 1 Understand a tournament driver's role and responsibilities.
- 2 Be able to drive the wakeboarding or specialist areas, within the speed and path tolerances for tournament wakeboarding including the use of speed control i.e. Perfect Pass.
- 3 Know and understand the conversion of kph from/to mph.
- 4 Know and demonstrate an understanding of safety rules and responsibilities of driving a tournament Wakeboard boat.
- 5 Be able to communicate effectively and work as part of a team.
- 6 Be able to show personal qualities relevant to the demands of driving tournament wakeboarders and to promote and represent the sport.
- 7 Be able to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the driving for all disciplines as selected and encourage others to upgrade their driving standards.
- 8 Have experience of wakeboard competitions and a basic knowledge of the rules as applied to tournament driving.
- 9 Understand the tournament wakeboard site and associated tournament equipment. Perfect pass and ballast systems.
- 10 Have knowledge and understanding of, and be able to provide information on the role and structure of the IWSF.

Duties:

- a) To carry out his/her duties and comply with all relevant rules with complete impartiality.
- b) To make him/herself available to drive in at least one IWSF Calendar Competition each season.
- c) To function each season to the satisfaction of the IWSF Technical Committee.

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SENIOR WAKEBOARD TOURNAMENT DRIVERS CERTIFICATE

Pre- Requisite:

- 1 Be a fully paid member of the IWSF.
- 2 Hold the IWSF Wakeboard Tournament Drivers Certificate.
- 3 Must have driven as a Tournament Driver in at least two IWSF Calendar Competitions.
- 4 Must have multi-site tournament experience (minimum 2 sites) .
- 5 Club drivers wishing to gain the senior tournament driver qualification must apply through their club to the IWSF for approval before proceeding.

Assessment Procedures:

- 1 Provide evidence of a valid and IWSF approved First Aid/

CPR/ Life saving Qualification.

2 Practical assessment of driving a tournament wakeboard boat for Wakeboarding or selected specialist areas.

3 Written assessment relevant to the aims and objectives, based on the rules that affect tournament drivers and their duties to IWSF National Championship standard.

4 Satisfactory report of drivers competence as a provisional senior tournament driver over a full season, covering a minimum of two competitions.

Note: Approval of application will be considered by the IWSF Technical Committee based on their knowledge of the applicant and reports of the Chief Drivers/ Chief Judges from Calendar events.

Examples of Evidence for Exemptions:

Appropriate Driving Certificates as issued by Federations affiliated with the Int. WSF.

Aims:

To enable candidates to effectively and safely drive a tournament wakeboard boat at IWSF competitions for all grades of wakeboarders up to National Championship standard .

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Objectives:

1 Understand a senior tournament driver's role and responsibilities and give theoretical and practical seminars at all levels.

2 Be able to drive the disciplines of wakeboarding or specialist areas, within the speed and path tolerances for tournament wakeboarding.

3 Know and understand how to convert from kph from/to mph.

4 Ensure safe practices at all times.

5 Be able to communicate effectively and work as part of a team.

6 Be able to show personal qualities relevant to the demands of a senior wakeboard tournament driver and promote and represent the sport.

7 Be able to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the driving for all disciplines as selected and encourage others to upgrade their driving standards.

8 Have experience of wakeboard competitions and a basic knowledge of the rules as applied to tournament driving.

9 Evaluate and adopt new driving techniques and act as an adviser to the IWSF on all matters concerning driving wakeboard boats and tournament sites.

10 Have knowledge and understanding of, and be able to provide information on the role and structure of the IWSF

and related organisations.

Duties:

- a) To carry out his/her duties and comply with all relevant rules with complete impartiality.
- b) To make him/herself available to drive in at least two IWSF Calender Competitions each season.
- c) To function each season to the satisfaction of the IWSF Technical Committee.

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INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS CARD

(Solely the responsibility of the Tournament Council of INT. WSF EAME)

Pre- Requisite:

- 1 Application must be submitted through the IWSF Technical Committee to the Tournament Council of INT. WSF EAME.
- 2 The candidate must have been a National Driver for at least 1 year and have driven all 3 events at least 4 times at homologated competitions.
- 3 The candidate is required to pass both a Theoretical and Practical Examination, which must be taken together. It is not permitted that the examination be re-taken in the same season.

Theoretical Examination

- A This examination tests the candidate's knowledge of the rules that affect drivers and their duties to the level required to drive at the Record Capability Competitions.
- B The questions are asked and must be answered in English or French and the candidate must satisfy the examiner that he/she is capable of discussion in one of these languages.
- C The pass mark is 80%.
- D The candidate is not allowed to refer to any rule books or notes.

Practical Examination

The candidate is required to drive during familiarisation or during the competition.

NOTE:

Candidates should refer to EAME Tournament Council Rules, International Drivers Rule 32.

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Appendices

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FIRST AID/ CPR COURSE

SAVE A LIFE

Syllabus

- * Introduction
- * Breathing and Circulation
- * Personal Safety, Assessing the Incident
- * Priorities: A, B, C Check and Sending for help

CLASS PRACTICE

- * The Unconscious Casualty: Recovery Position, When to Send for Help
- * Breathing for others (i.e. no breathing, pulse present), When to send for Help.
- * Chest Compressions - Adults, (children and infants as required by students) for one rescuer. When to send for Help.
- * Recognition and Treatment of a Heart Attack
- * Choking
- * Blood loss and Shock
- * Control of Bleeding
- * Treatment of shock
- * Potential injuries of a ski fall
- * Assessment of Injuries
- * Spinal Injuries
- * Removing a wakeboarder with suspected spinal injuries
- * Use of a spinal board