

Competitive Wake Surf Association, Inc. (CWSA)

CWSA World Ranking System 2015

The CWSA is pleased to introduce the new CWSA World Ranking System (WRS). In order to implement this new system in this first year, some of the rules and regulations are modified in order to be applicable to the current situation.

The CWSA board members worked diligently to develop and make this new system as fair as reasonably possible. We will utilize this WRS for the 2015 competition year and the CWSA welcomes all suggestions and constructive comments from competitors, event organizers, judges and wake surfing advocates at the end of the competition year to help us improve the WRS for 2016! In the meantime, be safe on the water and have fun!

1. REQUIREMENTS FOR RANKING BY THE CWSA WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

- 1.1 Event organizers must pay the CWSA Event Organizer Affiliation Fee (currently \$225) and use the CWSA judging/scoring system in order for their competitors to be eligible to appear on their respective World Ranking List. Event Organizers can register and pay their affiliation fee on-line at thecwsa.org.
- 1.2 Competitors must have paid the CWSA Member Affiliation Fee (currently \$50) in order to appear on their respective World Ranking List. Competitors can register and pay their affiliation fee on-line at www.thecwsa.org. CWSA Membership will provide benefits, including but not limited to e-mail notifications of all announcements regarding all CWSA affiliated events.
- 1.3 In order for a competition/division/competitor to be scored in the CWSA World Ranking List, it must have a minimum of 3 competitors starting the competition in the respective Division. (See § 8 for more details on this topic)

2. ABBREVIATIONS & TERMINOLOGY

- 2.1 CWSA: Competitive Wake Surfing Association
- 2.2 WRS: CWSA World Ranking System
- 2.3 WRL: World Ranking List
- 2.4 BP: Base Points
- 2.5 ABP: Average Base Points, which shall be the numeric average of the base points of the best three competitors starting a competition in a Division, and shall be used together with the Competition Level to determine the appropriate points scale to apply that Division in that specific event.
 - 2.5.1 For calculation the ABP, fractional numbers are rounded to next LARGER whole number.
- 2.6 PS: Points-Scale
 - 2.6.1 To determine correct points scale using the ABP for a Division where the ABP falls between two Point-Scales in the Competition Level range:
 - 2.6.2 If the ABP is equal to the midpoint plus 1, or greater, use the next Points-Scale up.
 - 2.6.3 If the ABP is the mid-point between Points-Scales or less, use next Points-Scale down.
 - 2.6.4 If the ABP is higher than the Competition Level Points-Scale range, the highest Points-Scale in the Competition Level range shall be used.
 - 2.6.5 If the ABP is lower than the Competition Level Points-Scale range, the lowest Points-Scale in the Competition Level range shall be used.
- 2.7 WWSC: World Wake Surfing Championship
- 2.8 ‘Skill Level’: For each gender, except Juniors, there shall be five (5) Skill Levels as follows: Pro, Outlaw, Amateur, Masters and Juniors.
- 2.9 ‘Style(s)’: For each Skill Level except Masters and Juniors, there shall be two Styles, Skim and Surf. Although not defined, Skim and Surf Style are typically recognized by the following:
 - 2.9.1 ‘Skim Style’: board no greater than an inch thick with fin no more than 2 inches tall.
 - 2.9.2 ‘Surf Style’: board more than an inch thick; minimum of 2 fins of at least 2 inches tall
- 2.10 ‘Division’ shall mean a specific Skill Level, gender and Style, for example Pro Men’s Skim, Amateur Women’s Surf. If the Style is not specified, it means that Surf Style and Skim Style has been combined for that Division, for example, Men’s Masters. (See point 4.0 for all Divisions)
- 2.11 Masters: For 2015, the minimum age for competitors is 42 years or older (this age is increasing annually and currently planned to cap at age 45). Age is determined as of the 1st day of the calendar year.

- 2.12 Juniors: Under 13 years old (12 or less). Age is determined as of the 1st day of the calendar year.
- 2.13 ‘Start or started’ as it is used to determine the number of competitors in a Division means that the competitor is in the water behind the event tow boat and begins or attempts to begin the competitor’s first pass of his/her competition run.
- 2.14 ‘Competition year’ and ‘evaluation period’ are synonymous and shall be January 1 of each year until December 31 of the same year.
- 2.15 AM : Amateur
- 2.16 Competition Levels: 1 to 5 Star events

3. WHY USE A WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

The CWSA World Ranking System is based on a “place-points” scale. Each competitor who finishes a competition without disqualification earns points based on their ranking, as long as there are minimum 3 riders in that Division. Points are used to rank competitors internationally on each of CWSA World Ranking Lists.

This allows competitors to compare their performance against the performance of other riders in their Division in other parts of the globe whom they may not compete against directly.

4. HOW THE WORLD RANKING SYSTEM WORKS

4.1 There is one CWSA World Ranking List (WRL) for each Division.

1	Pro Men Skim	9	Amateur Men Skim
2	Pro Women Skim	10	Amateur Women Skim
3	Pro Men Surf	11	Amateur Men Surf
4	Pro Women Surf	12	Amateur Women Surf
5	Outlaw Men Skim	13	Men Masters (combined)
6	Outlaw Women Skim	14	Women Masters (combined)
7	Outlaw Men Surf	15	Juniors (combined and mixed gender)
8	Outlaw Women Surf		

4.2 The lists will be available on-line for all competitors and event organizers to see. They will be updated bi-monthly in the summer months (June, July & August) and monthly for the rest of the year.

- 4.3 The evaluation period is January 1st to December 31st. The last WRS ranking list for each Division will be calculated after October 31st of each year. The final ranking calculation result prior to December 31st will then become the Base-Points (BP) for the next year.
- 4.4 For 2015, all competitors will begin the year with 0.00 points and may increase to a maximum of 600 points.
- 4.5 Points Value Awarded to Each Finish Place
- 4.5.1 **For 2015 only:** *The exact numeric value of points awarded to each finish place is determined by the Competition Level and the number of riders starting the event in that particular Division. Once the Competition Level and number of riders have been determined, the appropriate points scale can be used for each Division.*
- 4.5.2 **For 2016 and after:** *The exact numeric value of points awarded to each competitor's finish place is determined by the Competition Level (1 to 5 Star events) and the average base points (ABP) of the best 3 riders starting the event in that particular Division. Once the Competition Level and average base points have been determined, the appropriate points scale can be used for each Division.*
- 4.6 For PRO Divisions, each competitor's CWSA World Ranking Points will be the average of the points from the competitor's **best 3 competition** results in the current evaluation period, for each distinct Division.
- 4.7 For ALL OTHER Divisions, each competitor's CWSA World Ranking Points will be the average of the points from the competitor's **best 2 competition** results in the current evaluation period, for each distinct Division.

5. POINTS-SCALE

5.1 Competition Levels and Respective Points-Scale Range

TABLE 1: COMPETITION LEVELS / POINTS-SCALE RANGE

LEVEL	1 STAR	2 STAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR
EXAMPLES OF COMPETITIONS FOR EACH COMPETITION LEVEL	Regional competitions, Grassroots events and INT League events.	World Series & Endless Wave Tour Events; My Wake and other online wake surfing contests that meet all requirements	World Series & Endless Wave Tour Events; My Wake and other online wake surfing contests that meet all requirements	National Competitions (e.g., US and Canadian Nationals), and such other Continental or National competitions as may meet all requirements.	International competitions (WWSC)
POINTS-SCALE RANGE	50-220	160-320	200-400	240-500	290 - 600

5.2 Competition Levels and Requirements

TABLE 2: COMPETITION LEVELS / REQUIREMENTS

To qualify as a particular competition level, an event must meet all the requirements.

REQUIREMENTS					
LEVEL	1 STAR	2 STAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR
PRO DIVISIONS	Not required	Minimum 2 Pro Divisions	Minimum 2 Pro Divisions	Minimum 4 Pro Divisions	Minimum 4 Pro Divisions
PRO CASH PURSE (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd)		AND	AND	AND	AND
		Minimum \$3k total Cash Purse**	Min \$10k total Cash Purse**	Minimum \$20k total Cash Purse**	Minimum \$40k total Cash Purse**
JUDGES	<p>Require minimum 3 judges.</p> <p>Recommend 3 judges with each judge scoring each subjective category.</p> <p>When adequate qualified judges are not available, 1 Star events may use the adapted scoring system:</p> <p>Judge #1 is the caller and judges <i>Difficulty</i> and <i>Execution</i>.</p> <p>Judge#2: Judges only <i>Intensity</i>.</p> <p>Judge #3: Judges only <i>Variety</i>.</p> <p>(Total scores are then multiplied by 3)</p>	<p>Require minimum 3 judges with each judge scoring each subjective category.</p> <p>Recommend 5 judges (two can be on shore).</p>	<p>Require minimum 3 judges with each judge scoring each subjective category for all other Divisions.</p>	<p>Require minimum 4 judges (one can be on shore) for Pro Divisions.</p> <p>Recommend 5 judges (two can be on shore).</p>	<p>Require minimum 5 judges (two can be on shore) for Pro Divisions.</p> <p>Recommend 5 judges (two can be on shore).</p> <p>Require minimum 3 judges with each judge scoring each subjective category for all other Divisions.</p>

*** For events with local currencies valued below the US Dollar at the announcement of the event, the Cash Purse must be the greater of the equivalent value at the current exchange rate or 85% of the US Dollar equivalent.*

5.3 WRS Points per Rank

Each competitor will earn a specific percentage of the Points-Scale (PS) based on their final ranking for each event. The competitor who finishes 1st in a Division will earn 100% of the Points-Scale previously established. The competitor who finishes in 2nd place will earn 85% of the PS, 3rd earns 70%, (...)

For all placements (rank) and their respective percentage for each Point-Scale, please consult Annex 1 (POINTS PER RANK)

5.4 Points-Scale Specific to 2015 Competitions

For each Division, the Points-Scale range used will depend on the Level of Competition (1 to 5 Star events). Within that range, the exact Points-Scale to be used (for 2016 & after) will depend on the average base points (ABP) of the best three competitors starting in each specific Division.

For this year (2015), the Points-Scale will depend on the number of competitors starting in each Division and the Competition Level. There will be a specific PS to be used for each respective Division. (See details on Table 3, below)


EXAMPLE – 2 Star event


- John is competing in a 2 star event in Pro Men Skim with a total of 5 riders starting the Division. One competitor (let's name him Keenan ☺) gets disqualified but because Keenan started the competition, the PS used will still be 200 (for 5 riders). If John gets first place, he will earn 200 points. **The same result would apply in the case of injury where a rider started the competition but was unable to finish and did not score.**


- In that same event, Amanda competes in AM Women Surf, with a total of 7 riders in the Division. The PS used would be 240, but one of the girls didn't show up so only 6 girls actually started the competition. The PS used will then be 220 meaning Amanda will get 220 points if she wins. **The same result would apply in the case of injury where a rider fails to start the competition.**


5.5 Points-Scale for 2015 Competitions


TABLE 3: POINTS-SCALE SPECIFIC TO 2015 COMPETITIONS

 1 STAR EVENTS:	
Number of competitors per Division	Points-Scale used
3	50
4	90
5	120
6	140
7	160
8	180
9	200
10 or more	220

 2 STAR EVENTS:	
Number of competitors per Division	Points-Scale used
3	160
4	180
5	200
6	220
7	240
8	260
9	190
10 or more	320

 3 STAR EVENTS:	
Number of competitors per Division	Points-Scale used
3	200
4	220
5	240
6	260
7	290
8	320
9	360
10 or more	400

 4 STAR EVENTS:	
Number of competitors per Division	Points-Scale used
3	240
4	260
5	290
6	320
7	360
8	400
9	450
10 and more	500

 5 STAR EVENTS:	
Number of competitors per Division	Points-Scale used
3	290
4	320
5	360
6	400
7	500
8 or more	600

6.0 COMPETITORS WITH BASE-POINTS (BP)

6.1 At the start of the competition year, the points published at the end of the previous competition year will then be used as the competitor's CWSA WRS Base Points (BP). The BP will also be used as one of his/her best results until better scores are achieved. In the event that a competitor has not been able to achieve a second result higher than his/her Base-Points during the current competition year, the BP will be reduced by 20% for the last calculation list. If that result is lower than another result achieved during the competition year, the other result may now be used as one of the best results.

EXAMPLE (for a competitor competing in any Skill Level except Pro):

- Starting points: An amateur rider has 360 Base Points (from previous competition year), his/her points are then $(360 + 0) / 2 = 180$

- When he/she achieves his/her first result (i.e. 380), the current points would now be $(360+380) / 2 = 370$.

- If he/she achieves a second result that is not greater than his/her BP (i.e. 310), we would then ignore this result, the BP will still be used as one of the best results and the current points will still be 370

-When a second result is achieved that is better than the Base Points, those Base Points are no longer used.

- In the event that a competitor has not been able to achieve a second result higher than his/her Base-Points during the current competition year, the BP will be reduced by 20% for the final ranking list. In this case, $(360-20\% = 288)$.

- If that result is lower than another result achieved during the competition year, the other result may now be used as one of the best result (which is the case in this example "288 is lower than 310) so the points for the final ranking list would now be calculated as $(310 + 380)/2 = 345$

6.2 In the case of a competitor who has previous Base-Points but did not compete in any event that year, he/she will see his/her points drop considerably for the final ranking list.

EXAMPLE (for a competitor competing in Pro Division):

A rider has Base-Points of 210, and hasn't competed in the current competition year. His/her BP will first be reduced by 20% (so $210 - 20\% = 168$) and this number is then used as one of the best results. In this example the points for the final ranking list will then be $(168+ 0 + 0)/3 = 56$

6.3 For this first year of implementing the CWSA WRS, no competitor will have Base Points. This year's lists will be used to set the Base Points for 2016. Therefore, in 2015 all competitors will fall into the § 7: Competitors with no BP.

7. COMPETITORS WITH NO BASE-POINTS (BP)

In the case of a new competitor with no base points, or a competitor who is new to a different Skill Level (also the case of all competitors for the 2015 WRS), the base points are Zero until a single result is achieved.

EXAMPLE (for a competitor in Pro Division):

- Starting points = 0.00
- When a first result is earned (i.e., 320), new points are then calculated as $(320 + 0 + 0)/3 = 106.7$
- Once a second result is earned (i.e., 340), new points are now calculated as $(320 + 340 + 0)/3 = 220$
- Once a third result is earned (i.e., 120), new points are now calculated as $(320 + 340 + 120)/3 = 260$
- If a fourth result is earned (i.e., 215), the best three scores will be averaged and new points will then be calculated as $(320 + 340 + 215)/3 = 291.7$

8. DIVISIONS COMBINED: An Event Organizer May Combine Two Styles in a Division.

- 8.1 In the event that Skim and Surf Styles are being combined for the same Skill Level in a particular competition (example “Amateur Women Skim” and “Amateur Women Surf”), the PS selection will now depends on the total number of competitors in both Skim and Surf merged. If a competitor was registered in both Skim and Surf, he/she will now have to choose one of the two.

EXAMPLE

In a 3 star event, Mary is registered as one of the 2 girls AM Women Skim and Eva is registered as one of the 4 girls in AM Women Surf (Nathalie was registered in both but decided to compete with her Surf Style board). Since the event organizer decided to combine those two Divisions, there will be 6 competitors in the “new” Division. In this case, the PS used will be 260.

Mary finished 4th and earned 156 points going towards her AM WOMEN SKIM WRL.

Eva finished 1st and earned 260 points going towards her AM WOMEN SURF WRL.

Nathalie finished 2nd and earned 221 points going towards her AM WOMEN SURF WRL.

8.2 Combining Two Divisions of Different Skill Levels

Example: Outlaw Women Surf and Pro Women Surf.

- 8.2.1 The example above is NOT recommended by the CWSA, better to combine skim and surf within same Skill Level. If there are less than 3 competitors in a Division with the same Skill Level, combined Style or not, those riders would not be eligible to earn points for the respective WRL. See § 1.3, supra.

9. PERMITTED SKILL LEVEL CHANGES DURING A COMPETITION YEAR, PROHIBITIONS AND RELATED RULES

- 9.1 A competitor cannot compete in two different Skill Levels in a competition event, or events.

Example, if John is competing in Outlaw Men Skim and decides to compete Surf Style as well, he cannot register in **Amateur** Men Surf in the same event, or in a subsequent event. He will have to compete in both Outlaw Men Skim and Outlaw Men Surf.

- 9.2 If a competitor decides to change Skill Level during the competition year, the points accumulated in the previous Skill Level will be erased and his/her starting points for the new Skill Level and Division will then be Zero. (Example: a rider moving from Amateur to Outlaw during the competition year).

- 9.3 For the purpose of the WRS, a competitor may change Skill Levels during a competition year as follows:

- Junior to Amateur, Outlaw or Pro
- Amateur to Outlaw, or Pro
- Outlaw to Pro
- Masters to Outlaw or Pro

In any such event, the provisions of § 9.2 above will apply. In the event a competitor changes Skill Levels from one competition year to the next, then the provisions of § 7 shall apply.

10. INJURIES

For good cause shown, such as illness, injury or pregnancy that prevents a competitor from competing during any competition year, the competitor may send a request to the CWSA secretary by email requesting a “freeze” his/her points for period of 360 days without penalty. The request shall be promptly considered by the Executive Committee or its delegate, and shall grant or deny such request. If the competitor objects to the Committee’s decision, the competitor shall be entitled to appeal for a review of the decision to the full Board of Directors within 14 days of the emailing of the decision to the competitor by the Executive Committee. The Notice of Appeal shall be emailed to the Secretary of the CWSA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to consider the decision of the Executive Committee on the record previously submitted, or may proceed otherwise in accordance with the By-laws of the CWSA.

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ANNEX 1: 2015 CWSA World Ranking System - Points per Rank

POINTS-SCALE

Position / Rank	%	600	500	450	400	360	320	290	260	240	220	200	180	160	150	140	130	120	110	100	90
1	100	600	500	450.0	400.0	360.0	320.0	290.0	260.0	240.0	220.0	200.0	180.0	160.0	150.0	140.0	130.0	120.0	110.0	100.0	90
2	85	510	425	382.5	340.0	306.0	272.0	246.5	221.0	204.0	187.0	170.0	153.0	136.0	127.5	119.0	110.5	102.0	93.5	85.0	76
3	70	420	350	315.0	280.0	252.0	224.0	203.0	182.0	168.0	154.0	140.0	126.0	112.0	105.0	98.0	91.0	84.0	77.0	70.0	63
4	60	360	300	270.0	240.0	216.0	192.0	174.0	156.0	144.0	132.0	120.0	108.0	96.0	90.0	84.0	78.0	72.0	66.0	60.0	54
5	50	300	250	225.0	200.0	180.0	160.0	145.0	130.0	120.0	110.0	100.0	90.0	80.0	75.0	70.0	65.0	60.0	55.0	50.0	45
6	45	270	225	202.5	180.0	162.0	144.0	130.5	117.0	108.0	99.0	90.0	81.0	72.0	67.5	63.0	58.5	54.0	49.5	45.0	40
7	40	240	200	180.0	160.0	144.0	128.0	116.0	104.0	96.0	88.0	80.0	72.0	64.0	60.0	56.0	52.0	48.0	44.0	40.0	36
8	36	216	180	162.0	144.0	129.6	115.2	104.4	93.6	86.4	79.2	72.0	64.8	57.6	54.0	50.4	46.8	43.2	39.6	36.0	32
9	32	192	160	144.0	128.0	115.2	102.4	92.8	83.2	76.8	70.4	64.0	57.6	51.2	48.0	44.8	41.6	38.4	35.2	32.0	28
10	29	174	145	130.5	116.0	104.4	92.8	84.1	75.4	69.6	63.8	58.0	52.2	46.4	43.5	40.6	37.7	34.8	31.9	29.0	26
11	26	156	130	117.0	104.0	93.6	83.2	75.4	67.6	62.4	57.2	52.0	46.8	41.6	39.0	36.4	33.8	31.2	28.6	26.0	23
12	24	144	120	108.0	96.0	86.4	76.8	69.6	62.4	57.6	52.8	48.0	43.2	38.4	36.0	33.6	31.2	28.8	26.4	24.0	21
13	22	132	110	99.0	88.0	79.2	70.4	63.8	57.2	52.8	48.4	44.0	39.6	35.2	33.0	30.8	28.6	26.4	24.2	22.0	19
14	21	126	105	94.5	84.0	75.6	67.2	60.9	54.6	50.4	46.2	42.0	37.8	33.6	31.5	29.4	27.3	25.2	23.1	21.0	18
15	20	120	100	90.0	80.0	72.0	64.0	58.0	52.0	48.0	44.0	40.0	36.0	32.0	30.0	28.0	26.0	24.0	22.0	20.0	18
16	19	114	95	85.5	76.0	68.4	60.8	55.1	49.4	45.6	41.8	38.0	34.2	30.4	28.5	26.6	24.7	22.8	20.9	19.0	17
17	18	108	90	81.0	72.0	64.8	57.6	52.2	46.8	43.2	39.6	36.0	32.4	28.8	27.0	25.2	23.4	21.6	19.8	18.0	16
18	17	102	85	76.5	68.0	61.2	54.4	49.3	44.2	40.8	37.4	34.0	30.6	27.2	25.5	23.8	22.1	20.4	18.7	17.0	15
19	16	96	80	72.0	64.0	57.6	51.2	46.4	41.6	38.4	35.2	32.0	28.8	25.6	24.0	22.4	20.8	19.2	17.6	16.0	14
20	15	90	75	67.5	60.0	54.0	48.0	43.5	39.0	36.0	33.0	30.0	27.0	24.0	22.5	21.0	19.5	18.0	16.5	15.0	13