



Cutting Edge Boat Competition

Host Site Obligations

The Cutting Edge competition is a grassroots competition for young people (aged 16 & under). Young people from around the country are invited to participate in regional teams and as individuals. Anyone who has been a member of a BWSW Discipline Squad is not eligible to enter.

1. Method of Bidding

Bids should be made to British Water Ski & Wakeboard using the application form. A plan of the site and an estimated budget shall accompany the bid. This is a written guarantee that the listed obligations will be honoured.

Bids will be assessed by a panel who will decide which bid is successful and therefore who will stage the competition.

2. Host Site Requirements

The club or site must meet the following criteria in order to be considered as a host site for the Cutting Edge Boat Competition;

- Be a BWSW affiliated club or accredited site
- Have a slalom course (with inner buoys)
- Have adequate insurance cover
- Have catering facilities
- Have adequate changing and toilet facilities
- Be able to offer camping onsite or locally
- Have some experience of organising competitions

3. Competition Requirements

The competition must be held over a weekend in August in agreement with BWSW however the competition dates **must not clash** with any Junior or Open Nationals Championships of the disciplines featured in the event (if no date can be found an agreement can be sought). The competition must be named and referred to as the 'Cutting Edge Boat Competition' and is a national grassroots competition for skiers and riders aged 16 & under. Participants can enter as part of a regional team or as an individual. All participants must be BWSW members and must **not** have been a named BWSW Discipline Squad member.

The competition **will** include the following events;

- Barefoot
- Kneeboard Slalom
- Kneeboard Trick
- Slalom
- Trick
- Wakeboard

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4. Financial Obligation

A grant of up to £750 is available for the club/site hosting the competition. This is dependent upon the host site meeting all the obligations outlined in this document. The finances for the event can be negotiated based on the ability of the club to meet the obligations / the need to utilise other resources to run the event.

4.1 Judges Expenses

The Host shall be responsible for the following costs:-

- Onsite, breakfast and onsite lunch for the Chief Judge and their Judges (maximum of 8) whose appointment will be approved by BWSW
- Onsite lunches for other subsidiary officials who help at the competition
- To assist with accommodation for the Chief Judge and their Judges (maximum of 8)

4.2 Competition helpers

Other helpers such as video operators, jetty marshals, etc. shall be offered lunch and/or refreshments appropriate to the time of duty they serve. This will be monitored by the Chief Judge. The site may also need to consider additional expenditure such as refuse collections and additional toilet facilities.

5. Commercial Rights

All commercial rights pertaining to or derived from the Competition belong to the BWSW. These may, however, be negotiable should the Organising Club or other possible third party be desirous of acquiring the above rights or part thereof.

5.1 Publicity Material

Competitors or officials may not be subjected to any kind of pressure to wear or display publicity material of any kind, unless prior permission has been sought and gained from the BWSW.

5.2 Commercial Displays

No shows, exhibitions or commercial displays may be held during the competition, without the express approval of the BWSW. In any event the Chief Judge or BWSW officials shall have the right to cancel any such shows if they interfere with the running of the Competition.

6. Insurance

The organisers shall carry adequate insurance cover, including that for third party claims, public liability claims, and claims for damage to persons or property which might arise. In case of "not for profit" clubs hosting the event, this insurance is provided as part of the British Water Ski & Wakeboard affiliation.

Competitors do not have to be in possession of a current BWSW Competitor Licence but need to complete the official entry form and be members of BWSW.

7. Press and Publicity

The host shall do all in their power to promote the Competition to the press, radio and television. Reasonable access to competition areas shall be granted to the working press; however, the Chief Judge and Competition Organiser shall have absolute authority to deny access which they believe is in conflict with the proper conduct of the Competition.

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7.1 An event programme to be designed and printed with the assistance of BWSW to hand out on the days of the event, which will include a draft running order if possible, BWSW logo, any other organiser's logos etc. The design must be approved by BWSW prior to printing.

8. Awards & Prizes

BWSW will provide a trophy for the winning team of the Competition and the Ryan Birch Award for Endeavour which will be presented at the completion of the Competition. Trophies must be returned for the following years' competition.

8.1 Competitor Goodie Bag

Each competitor is to receive a goody bag containing a T-shirt, design to be approved by BWSW. BWSW can assist with the contents of the goody bag.

9. Judging Areas

The main judging area must be separated from the public, under cover and sheltered from the wind and weather. Sufficient tables and chairs must be provided. The area must have a good electric supply and internet access for computers and other necessary electrical equipment.

10. Courses

The course must conform to the specifications in the Cutting Edge Rules including the necessary equipment for speed control in all events. A half course must be in place on the slalom course.

11. Starting Docks

Shelter must be provided in the immediate vicinity of the starting docks.

12. Miscellaneous Equipment

The hosts shall be responsible for providing all the necessary equipment including, but not limited to, the following:-

- Notice Boards/sign posts
- Floating stretchers
- Whistles
- Spare slalom buoys and boat guide buoys

13. Entry Forms & Fees

Entry forms will be prepared and distributed by the BWSW, at least two months in advance of the event. Entry forms and fees are returned to BWSW.

Details of entries will be provided to the organiser one week prior to the competition. Entry closing date shall be 2 weeks prior to the event.