

## **RULE 15 - FREESTYLE**

### **15.1 GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- 15.1.1 Freestyle will be judged by three to seven persons scoring on a scale of "1 to 10," with "10" being best.
- 15.1.2 The standard time for a Freestyle routine is a two-minute time limit. Other times may be used, but must be approved by the APBA and announced to all competitors during the riders meeting. It is recommended that if a time limit greater than two-minutes is to be used that riders are notified as soon as possible in a press release, flyer, or on the promoter's web site. A horn (2 shorts blasts) and/or rolled up flag held in the air will be used to notify a rider when there is 15 seconds left in their routine. A horn (1 long blast and/or waived red flag) will be used to notify rider that time is over and their routine is over.
- 15.1.3 Tricks, stunts, or other maneuvers that may create a hazard to the rider, spectators, pit crew or officials must be approved in advance by the Race Director. All props must also be approved by the Race Director and any prop that could create a hazard to the rider, spectators, pit crew or officials is not allowed in competition.
- 15.1.4 Freestyle is a single person competition and only one watercraft may be used during competition.
- 15.1.5 Riders competing in freestyle will draw for their starting order prior to the event. Riders that are not in attendance at the time positions are drawn will go first. Starting order may be picked by computer.
- 15.1.6 Each freestyle rider must signify the start of his or her routine with a wave of the hand over his/her head or his/her first trick.
- 15.1.7 A freestyle routine of greater difficulty with minimal mistakes will be scored higher than a routine of lesser difficulty with fewer or no mistakes.
- 15.1.8 Each freestyle rider should finish as close to the time limit as possible.
- 15.1.9 No score or points will be awarded to freestyle routines that are less than one minute in length.
- 15.1.10 The judges will award a score of at least "7" if the full two-minute freestyle routine has been completed.
- 15.1.11 Should an event result in a tie for first place, each competitor in the tie will perform a one-minute routine. Ties for all other positions will be broken by re-adding the high and low scores that may have been thrown out to calculate their original total score. If no high and low scores were thrown out to calculate the original total score, the highest single score will be used to break the tie. If still tied, the next highest individual score will be used and so on. If still tied, the riders will then perform a one-minute routine.