

# **Sportsmanship Code of Conduct Guide EAST COAST WATERCROSS**

## **Supplement to IJSBA Rule Book**

### **Preamble:**

As participants and enthusiasts of IJSBA Sanctioned Personal Watercraft Racing, it is essential for us to uphold a high standard of sportsmanship both on and off the racecourse. This code of conduct outlines the correct behavior, acknowledgment, adherence to rules, and proper etiquette that should be followed by all involved in jet ski racing. By abiding by these principles, we can ensure fair competition, mutual respect, and a safe and enjoyable experience for all. The IJSBA Rule Book contains the provisions necessary to ensure these objectives are met by participants. As the Best of the West is an overall points series where points are earned by participating in events organized by two unique promoters that are not co-producing any joint events, this guide will provide a common set of expectations for participants to anticipate at the events regardless of which organizer produces the event.

### **Article 1. Respect for Fellow Competitors:**

- a. Treat all fellow competitors with respect, fairness, and courtesy, irrespective of their skill level or experience.
- b. Avoid any actions that may intentionally harm or endanger the safety of other racers.
- c. Celebrate the achievements of others and offer encouragement and support when needed.
- d. Refrain from engaging in any form of unsportsmanlike conduct, such as taunting, or intimidating behavior.

### **Article 2. Adherence to Race Rules:**

- a. Familiarize yourself with the race rules and regulations before participating in any event.
- b. Follow all instructions and directives given by race director, officials, course marshals, and safety personnel.
- c. Compete and contain watercraft within the boundaries set by the racecourse and refrain from taking unfair advantages or cutting corners.
- d. Follow the process to file a Racer protest form within 30 minutes of the issue or infraction, with a calm disposition. Do not yell, use foul language, accuse or defame a racer, team or staff. Accept the decisions made by race director or race officials regarding penalties, disqualifications, or other race-related matters.

### **Article 3. Safety and Sportsmanship:**

- a. Prioritize safety above all else and ensure that your equipment is in proper working condition before each race.
- b. Engage in responsible and safe racing and watercraft operation practices, adhering to all applicable safety guidelines and protocols.
- c. Report any safety concerns or incidents to the race organizers or safety personnel promptly.
- d. Racers are responsible for the behavior of their pit crew, including pit crew taunting other racers, and the pit crew obeying the technical rule book.

**Article 4. Environmental Stewardship:**

- a. Respect the natural environment and adhere to all environmental regulations and guidelines.
- b. Avoid littering and dispose of any waste in designated areas.
- c. Minimize noise pollution and respect any restrictions on speed or areas where wildlife may be present.
- d. Fuel only in designated areas 20 feet from shoreline.
- e. Follow local rules on how far from the water's edge a person may fuel or maintain/repair their watercraft

**Article 5. Honesty and Integrity:**

- a. Uphold the principles of honesty, fairness, and integrity in all aspects of Jet ski racing.
- b. Do not engage in any form of cheating, including but not limited to, using illegal modifications, doping, or any other means to gain an unfair advantage.
- c. Accept responsibility for your actions and be accountable for any mistakes or rule violations committed.
- d. Do not engage in any form of online or social media defamation, malicious media or abuse to the IJSBA promoters or IJSBA sanctioning body. T

**Article 6: Anticipated Penalties for Violations**

- a. 1st minor offense = preference, but not limited to, fine. Fines will start at \$100 and go all the way to a max of \$500 at the discretion of the Race Director.
- b. Disqualification (DQ) = this is in egregious cases of violation - willful violation or disregard of the rules or rules of the code of conduct, detrimental to the event or sport.
- c. Ban= repeat violator, Willful harm to another racer, sponsor or official. Intentional misleading or untruthful information to gain access to races, striking an official or fighting. If a racer is banned, they are banned from participation or attendance throughout all IJSBA Promoters.

**Conclusion:**

This document is an acknowledgment of a conduct guide. This document does not replace or restrict any portion of the IJSBA rule book which is posted at [www.ijsba.com](http://www.ijsba.com). This guide is for use by the event organizers, the staff, and participants to further common understanding of expectations at the event. This does not replace IJSBA rules and the governing authority of the IJSBA is the final set of policies used to oversee this competition.

By adhering to this Sportsmanship Code of Conduct, we can foster a positive and respectful Watercraft racing community. Let us all strive to exhibit exemplary sportsmanship, acknowledging the importance of fair play, adherence to rules, and proper etiquette. Together, we can ensure the growth and success of Jetski racing while maintaining a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for everyone involved.

Racer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_