

21.1 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Aftermarket Part	A part replacing or used in addition to the original equipment part. Aftermarket parts are not limited to providing the same function as their original equipment counterparts.
Ambulance	A properly licensed and equipped emergency vehicle normally noted as a rescue vehicle, or ambulance. Said vehicle will be fully equipped to include basic life support equipment and personnel trained in the use of said equipment.
Bond Flange	The bond flange is the overlapping/mating section where the deck (upper) and the hull (lower) portions are joined.
Buoy	A floating object anchored in the water to mark the course.
Competitor	An IJSBA member who has fulfilled all necessary requirements to participate in an event and who is present at the event for the purpose of participating (also Entrant, Participant, Racer, Rider).
Course Marshal	Helps the Race Director control the race and assists stopped riders on the course. Most often is positioned on the course perimeter riding a watercraft.
Deck	The upper structural body of the watercraft located above (and including) the upper bond flange.
DNR	Did Not Race. Official classification of an entered rider who does not start an event or, in closed course competition, does not complete one lap.
Entrant	See Competitor .
Fuel Injection	Any system that does not depend solely on the engine's vacuum to induct fuel into the engine will be considered a fuel-injection system.
Homologation	The process of officially approving or allowing a component or watercraft to compete in IJSBA events.
HIN	Hull Identification Number. A unique serial number generated by the manufacturer and affixed to each watercraft.
Hull	The lower structural body of the watercraft located below (and including) the lower bond flange.
LCQ	Last Chance Qualifier. A closed course event that generally follows a heat race and is used to complete the starting field for a final or semi-final.
Member	A person belonging to the IJSBA holding a valid and proper member card.
Moto Scoring	One of two races where the finishing positions are used to award championship or series points under the Moto Scoring system (see sections 17.8, pg. 65).
Official	A person who supervises a race.
Original Equipment	Parts that were installed on each model of watercraft at the time of manufacture (a.k.a. OE or OEM .)
Owner	The person named on the title of the watercraft.
Participant	See Competitor .
Participate	To willfully take part in a race (also Compete).
PFD	Personal Flotation Device. A device used to keep riders afloat, required in all forms of IJSBA activity.
Pit Area	Area used by riders and mechanics to make machine repairs, refuel and make rider changes.
Pit Crew	A rider support person or group that prepares and maintains the watercraft.
Promoter	A person or body controlling a facility where events are organized, promoted and staged.
PWC	Personal Watercraft: A vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motive power. Designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than inside it.
Race	A contest of skill for watercraft and riders.
Race Director	The person responsible for the conduct of the race.
Racer	See Competitor .
Replacement Part	A non-original equipment part used to replace an original equipment part. Replacement parts are limited to providing only the dimensions, performance and function that their OEM counterparts provide.
Replica	A copy or duplicate.
Rider	See Competitor .
Riding Platform	The part of the watercraft where the rider stands or sits.
Sanction	An agreement between the IJSBA or IJSBA affiliate and a promoter that stipulates specific criteria to be met by the promoter in exchange for IJSBA support.
Sponson	A special surface which may be attached to the hull sides or transom for stability.

Ski Division Only: Sponsons may be attached to the hull sides, transom or inside the bond flange portion of the hull.

Sponsor	A person or group that provides support to a rider, promoter or association usually in exchange for promotion.
Staging Area	The place near the starting line where watercraft and riders wait for their scheduled race.
Starter	The person who officially gives the signal to begin the race.
Starting Line	A straight boundary, either real or imaginary, that denotes the beginning point of the race.
Strake	A well-defined angle (longitudinal step) usually added to deep-V hulls for a softer ride at high speeds.
Technical Director	The person who checks all competing watercraft for rules compliance and eligibility.
Trim Tab	An extension of the hull's planing surface. Trim tabs are attached to the transom of the hull and may be angled up or down to alter the running angle of the craft.

25.1 COMPETITION CLASSES (IJSBA)

25.1.1 The following competition classes are typical of what may be offered at IJSBA-sanctioned events. Event promoters have the option to decide which classes are offered depending on local interest. Competitors should contact event promoters for information regarding the specific classes that will be offered.

25.1.2 Riders intending to compete at national tour or world championship events and/or qualifiers should be aware of the specific rules and classes applicable to those events. For information regarding national and world championship classes, go to www.ijsba.com.

25.1.3 For a watercraft to be eligible for competition in Regional and National events in the United States, the manufacturer must produce a minimum of 500 (200 for Ski Division) identically manufactured units of a model and make those units available for sale through the manufacturer's normal means of U.S. distribution (see Homologation).

Beginner Ski
Women Ski
Veterans Ski
Ski Lites
Ski Stock
Ski Limited
Ski Open
Ski Modified /GP
Sport Spec
Sport Modified/GP

Beginner Runabout

Women Runabout: Womens Runabout is a mixture of Two Stroke Runabout PWC built to Limited Class specifications and Four Stroke Runabout PWC built to Stock Class specifications with the added provision of aftermarket seats from Limited Class.

Veterans Runabout: Veterans Runabout is a mixture of Two Stroke Runabout PWC built to Open Class specifications and Four Stroke Runabout PWC built to Limited Class specifications.

Masters Runabout

Runabout Lites
Runabout Stock
Runabout Limited
Runabout Open
Runabout Modified /GP

(Popular Additional Runabout Distinctions: 800cc, 1300cc, Normally Aspirated, Classic)

Freestyle

Contact IJSBA for additional class suggestions and to obtain a list of current alternative classes (i.e. Vintage Ski, 550 Superstock, X2, etc.)

Classes should be further distributed by skill designation (i.e. Novice, Expert, Pro or combined skills such as Amateur and Pro-Am).
THE IJSBA HIGHLY ADVISES AGAINST NOVICES OPERATING OPEN, MODIFIED, OR GP CLASS PWC!

Note:

In all 800cc Ski Classes, all normally aspirated two-stroke watercraft may increase engine displacement to 850cc maximum displacement.

26.1 RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

26.1.1 The following is a condition of participation. Every participant will be required to sign the release and waiver form at each IJSBA-sanctioned event before participating.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT FOR IJSBA EVENTS

I assume the risk of serious injury or death. Personal Watercraft racing is a high speed activity where numerous persons are navigating a very tight buoy course in a competitive and aggressive manner. Personal Watercraft do not have brakes, water spray frequently causes limited visibility, and changing water conditions make for an inconsistent atmosphere in all parts of the race course. Collisions are frequent as are mechanical failures, spin outs, loss of control, and mental errors. Endurance and Freeride/Freestyle activities carry equal dangers and risks as closed course. It is a strong possibility that I will be injured, or even killed, while participating in a Personal Watercraft competition and I still chose to participate in this event despite this possibility: _____ (Initials).

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or participate in any way in the EVENT(S) or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA (defined as any restricted area requiring special authorization, credentials or permission to enter or any area which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited including but not limited to the competition area), EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED, for himself, his personal representatives, heirs and next of kin:

1. Acknowledges, agrees and represents that he or she has or will immediately upon entering any of such RESTRICTED AREAS, and will continuously thereafter, inspect the RESTRICTED AREAS which he or she enters. He or she further agrees and warrants that if at any time he or she is in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and feels anything to be unsafe, he or she will immediately advise the officials of such and will leave the RESTRICTED AREAS and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENT(S).

2. Acknowledge that this event is not produced by the IJSBA. This event is produced by an independent promoter who is responsible for all safety aspects of the event. The skill levels, speeds, track size, experience/inexperience of participants may be drastically different from other sanctioned events and there may be a higher frequency of aggressiveness and competitiveness as well as a higher degree of inexperienced competitors who are more prone to errors. There is no warranty or guarantee that competitors actual skill matches the skill designated on their license and/or classification.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the International Jet Sports Boating Association, Inc. (IJSBA), the promoters, participants, racing associations, other sanctioning organizations, or any subdivisions thereof, track operators, course owners, officials, riders, pit crews, rescue personnel, any persons in any RESTRICTED AREA, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners or lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S), premises and event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the premises or EVENT(S) and each of them, their directors, officers, agents and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "Releasees," FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

4. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

5. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

6. HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of THE UNDERSIGNED also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.

7. HEREBY agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the Province or State in which the EVENT(S) is/are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

8. HEREBY UNDERSTANDS that the International Jet Sports Boating Association does not provide competitors or participants with any insurance policy against accidents, injury, or death.

9. THE UNDERSIGNED grants permission to the International Jet Sports Boating Association, Inc., sponsors, event sponsors, event promoters and their assigns, to use their voice and/or likeness, photographs and photographs of their personal watercraft in advertising and promotion material, feature use including radio, television, motion picture film, video tape, newspapers, magazines, programs and all other media in connection with advertising and purposes of trade, and agrees to display sponsor and IJSBA emblem on the chest of rider's vest or racing uniform, and the sponsor and IJSBA decal on both sides of the personal watercraft while competing in any IJSBA event.

THE UNDERSIGNED IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE IJSBA AND/OR HAS APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE IJSBA, and agrees to abide by the IJSBA rules as set forth in the IJSBA Official Competition Rule Book, as these rules may be amended or interpreted from time to time.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.