

NATIONAL WATER SKI RACING ASSOCIATION

REGION V AUSTRALIA Inc.

BRIEFING SHEET

1. **DRIVERS** please remember this is a Skier's Race and not a Boat race. Boats should be driven to the capacity of the Skier not the Boat.
2. **OBSERVERS** are the most important part of the Team. They must control the Driver's speed, and must advise the Driver of their position on Course. Therefore, it is essential that the communication with the Driver is clear, correct and accurate.

3. **FLAG CODES**

GREEN	Start
YELLOW	Caution
RED	Stop
WHITE	Closed Course - return to pits
BLUE	1 Lap to Go
CHECKERED	Finish of Race.
BLUE & WHITE	Medical Assistance required
RED & GREEN FLAGS SHOWN TOGETHER ON START BOAT	Signifies an Aborted Start Return to Start Line.

4. A Driver OR Observer WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE YELLOW FLAG OR FALLEN SKIER by putting their hand up.

5. **STARTING PROCEDURE**

Skier's must be ready before completion of the previous race,

- (a) A Five Minute Warning will be sounded prior to the start of each race, during this time the Start Boat will display a Red Flag and competing boats with skier on boat shall proceed at idle speed to the start area.
 - (b) The Start Boat will have a Red Flag raised and will display same for a maximum period of five (5) minutes, or until the Boats are in their correct Pole Position and signal to the Starter they are ready by raising their hand.
 - (c) Then the Yellow Flag shall be displayed for a maximum of two (2) minutes or until the Drivers are in their proper Pole Positions and signal they are ready by raising their hand.
 - (d) The Green Flag will be raised and dropped at the Starter's discretion (minimum 30 seconds).
 - (e) In the event that all Boats are present and in their proper Pole Positions and have signaled they are ready before the five minute period ends, the starter may go directly to the Green Flag. Under no circumstances should any Boat go past the Start Boat before the Green Flag is dropped "Penalty for this is Disqualification".
6. Adequate side clearance shall be maintained throughout the race, A MINIMUM OF 2 METRES.

7. FINISH OF SKI RACE

BLUE FLAG will be raised at finish line when the lead Skier has one (1) Lap remaining and will signify to all Competitors following they have one (1) Lap to Go.

CHECKERED FLAG will be raised when the lead skier crosses the Finish Line and all Skiers following will be scored in order of Finish and Laps completed.

All finishing boats MUST proceed around the three (3) end Course Buoys and finish in the centre of Course, pull their Skier into the boat and wait until the WHITE FLAG is displayed - indicating the Course is clear before returning to the pit area.

PLEASE NOTE: No member of the crew is permitted to be on the deck of the Boat when returning to the pit area – RMS Regulation- bow riding.

8. Skiers MUST SKI IN THE WASH of their own Boat throughout the Entire Race.

9. PASSING IN A RACE:

(a) Passing in a race MUST be on the RIGHT HAND SIDE ONLY.

(b) The pass is complete when the Skier doing the passing is 100 METRES AHEAD of the Boat passed.

(c) No Boat shall follow directly behind a Skier closer than 100 METRES.

(d) When a pass has been completed the boat and skier MUST MOVE IN TO POLE POSITION.

(e) Passing of a fallen Skier can be done on either side, whichever is Safer. If a Boat is disabled passing may also be done on either side. However, if there is a fallen Skier or disabled Boat on POLE ONE (1) Passing must be done on the RIGHT HAND SIDE ONLY.

10. When picking up a fallen Skier, you must slow down, yield right of way to oncoming Boats and turn in either direction, whichever is the safest. You must turn and come down the Ski Rope to your fallen Skier, Ski Ropes must be kept as parallel to the course as possible.

11. Any Blocking, Turning Wide or Running Wide will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

12. Any Boat causing a Race to be stopped for any reason shall cause the entire Team to be given a "Did Not Finish". If a race is stopped by a RED FLAG only teams competing at that time will be allowed a restart.

13. In case of Injury you must DISPLAY YOUR MEDICAL FLAG

14. Drivers, Observers and Skiers MUST SIGN ON.

15. Drivers & Observers MUST ATTEND BRIEFING.

16. Skiers are allowed on the bow of the competing Boats leaving the beach and proceeding to the start ONLY if the boats proceed at an IDLE speed.

17. No Boats will start their motors on the bank.