



# **Simplified freestyle rules for**

## **2026**

### **US & EUROPEAN FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**2025 freestyle sub-classes:** Competitors in existing freestyle classes (Beginner, Vintage, 800, 900 and 1200) will also earn points towards sub-classes. Top 3 in each sub-class will receive trophy at each USFC & EFC event. Required minimum of competitors in the same class needed for sub-class is three competitors.

**Junior Freestyle (sub-class)** max age limit is 15 years old.

**Ladies Freestyle (sub-class)** women only.

**Veteran Freestyle (sub-class)** min age limit is 45 years old.

**Beginner Freestyle class** competitors may compete on PWC with aftermarket and maximum engine displacement of 1200cc. Additional requirements for this class is no overall podium finishes on the national level, podium finishes at U.S. and European Freestyle Championships (except 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in beginner class) or no previous participation in World Cup or World Finals.

**Vintage Freestyle class** competitors may compete on PWC with OEM hull Only and maximum engine displacement of 800cc.

**Freestyle 800 class** competitors may compete on PWC with aftermarket hull Only and maximum engine displacement of 800cc.

**Freestyle 900 class** competitors may compete on PWC with aftermarket hull Only and maximum engine displacement of 900cc.

**Freestyle 1200 class competitors may compete on PWC with aftermarket hull Only and maximum engine displacement of 1200cc.**

***Vintage Freestyle class ONLY:***

Top and lower decks must be the original OEM top and lower decks as supplied by the manufacturer. Hull and deck repairs may be made. However, these repairs must not alter the standard configuration by more than 2.00mm (0.08 in.).

***Beginner Freestyle, Freestyle 800, Freestyle 900 and Freestyle 1200 classes ONLY:***

The top deck of freestyle craft may be modified or aftermarket, providing the following:

The top deck must resemble the original top deck of the homologated watercraft with the following dimensions:

Minimum Length of 193 cm (76 in), Minimum Width of 68.5 cm (27 in), Minimum Height of 53.3 cm (21 in).

The hull may be no smaller than the minimum measurements of the top deck. These restrictions also apply to the minimum length of the hull.

The front bumper may add no more than 31.75 mm (1.25 in) to the overall length of the Top Deck for the purposes of meeting the minimum measurements.

***Freestyle judging system:***

Riders competing in USFC & EFC should draw for their starting order prior to the event.

There is a two-minute time limit. Countdown starts with first trick.

Only one person per watercraft during competition.

Only one OEM or USFC & EFC recognized watercraft may be used during competition.  
(See below list of recognized aftermarket hull manufactures by US & European Freestyle Championships)

The rider will be judged by five persons scoring on a scale of "1 to 10," with "10" being best.

The judges will award a score of at least "6" if the full two-minute freestyle routine has been completed.

If rider fails to complete one-minute routine a score of "0" points will be awarded.

Rider's freestyle routine will be judged on:

20% **variety** of tricks in the routine  
20% **difficulty** of tricks in the routine  
20% **execution** of tricks in the routine  
20% **flow** of tricks in the routine  
20% **number** (count) of tricks in the routine

There will be total of five judges , one for each criteria.

Judges must show scores using scoring cards after each rider's routine.

Scoring cards colors:

**RED** - variety of tricks  
**GREEN** - difficulty of tricks  
**YELLOW** - execution of tricks  
**FLOW** - flow of tricks  
**WHITE** - number (count) of tricks

All judges except Number of Tricks judge can not use the same scores for the two or more riders in their judging category unless necessary.

Judges use the scores to differentiate between each rider within the judging category.

Each judge presents placement/ranking of the riders based on their performance within his/hers judging category.

Whoever scores highest (on average) in all categories is the winner.

In the case of a tie for first, second or third place, each competitor in the tie will perform a one-minute routine.

In ties for all other positions, 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.

***Best Trick judging system:***

Rider has two attempts to perform his/hers best trick, if he/she is happy with first attempt there is no need to repeat the trick. If rider chooses to perform best trick one more time, judges will judge better attempt out of two.

Best Trick is judged by the panel of judges on overall impression of **originality**, **difficulty** and **execution**.

Each judge is judging on overall criteria.

Best Trick in Vintage Freestyle and Beginner Freestyle classes is limited to one single trick.

Best Trick in Freestyle 800 and Freestyle 900 classes is limited to one single trick or combination of two tricks.

Best Trick in Freestyle 1200 class is limited to one trick or combination of two or three tricks.

European & U.S. Freestyle Championships are open for competition to any participants older than 12 years of age who are not blacklisted\* or banned from the competition for serious violations of rules and regulations.

\*blacklist: non-public list of people who repeatedly or seriously violated rules or regulations of the freestyle community and competition by: repeatedly showed unsportsmanlike conduct, copying of products, use illegal drugs and doping.

**The decision of the Technical Director and/or Race Director regarding modifications will be final.**

**Any question regarding the legality of modifications should be directed to the IJSBA, FPWCA, PWCFREESTYLEUSA.com or PWCFREESTYLE.eu prior to use in competition.**

List of recognized aftermarket hull manufacturers by US & European Freestyle Championships:

**24/7**

**Air Time Products**

**Blowsion**

**Bro Hymn**

**Bun Freestyle**

**California Freestyle**

**Compositech**

**Composites Design Toulousain**

**Eric Malone Enterprises**

**Force IP5**

**FP JetSkis**

**Hurricane Industries**

**Jet Revolution**

**Krash Industries**

**Lee Stone Products**

**Lenzi**

**Light Weight**

**Max Freestyle Products**

**Momentum**

**Nitro Composites**

**Obsession**

**Overall**

**Rick Roy Products**

**RL-Composites**

**Super Freak Skis**

**Tiger Craft**

**Trinity Composites**

**Wamiltons Customs**

**Watercraft Factory**

**Waterdawg Kustomz**

**XFT**

**XScream**

If you do not see your hull manufatureur on the list please contact organizers of US & European Freestyle Championships on emails: [info@pwcfreestyleusa.com](mailto:info@pwcfreestyleusa.com) or [info@pwcfreestyle.eu](mailto:info@pwcfreestyle.eu)