



Jnr Race class regulations

The following regulations are set in place by NZJSBA and pertain to all participants in the Junior Ski Programme, at any level. Absolutely no dispensation will be granted for a Junior rider to compete in any runabout classes.

Practical Dispensation Requirement;

All participants must initially apply for dispensation for eligibility into the Jnr Development programme. The following steps **MUST** be taken and provided to NZJSBA before practical training can begin.

- Have full consultation between the Family applying and local club officials outlining how the sport operates, race day procedures, risks involved, costs and expectations.
- Have written consent from Parents and/or guardians that full permission is given willingly knowing the risks and regulations that will be set in place if dispensation is granted.
- Supply copy of proof of age documentation, birth certificate or current passport.
- Sit a boating educational course (as approved by NZJSBA). The NZJSBA currently endorse a targeted PWC course tutored by Wayne Middleton (Maritime New Zealand Safe Boating Advisor, ex CHCH).
- Carry a log book recording practise times signed off by a member of local club.
- Apply for a Jnr NZJSBA license (see licensing requirements).

The above requirements must be met and participant must be fully signed off by NZJSBA and local club **before** accessing on water assessment by an approved official.

Dispensation ONLY applies for NZJSBA affiliated club members and for racing at NZJSBA sanctioned events. All dispensations MUST be cleared with local authorities by NZJSBA (or their appointed official). Dispensation does not cover recreational riding or competing at events not covered under NZJSBA sanctioning and/or public indemnity.

Licensing;

All participants of the Junior Programme (at any level) must be licensed under the NZJSBA licensing schedule. Therefore the following licensing requirements are required;

- Junior Development 10-12years; Non competitive License (with local club approval) Apply for a NZJSBA Jnr license. Cost \$50
- Jnr Development 10-12years; Competition license. Apply for NZJSBA Jnr license. Cost \$100
- Jnr A 13-15 years; Competition license. Apply for NZJSBA Jnr License. Cost \$100
- Jnr Elite (14-15 years); Competition License. Apply for NZJSBA full license. Cost \$150

All Junior competitors that race at NZJSBA sanctioned events are required to hold a current NZJSBA Junior license, under no circumstances are Juniors allowed to race on a day license.

Classes;

Junior Development 10-12 years

It is compulsory for participants to remain in Jnr Development 10-12 year class. No exceptions. Jnr Development competitors can only enter the class after their 10th birthday and only after all criteria as set above has been met.

- All participants MUST meet dispensation requirements outlined in Practical Dispensation Information.
- Jnr Development riders will begin a beginners competency One to One based training with an experience Club/NZJSBA appointed member until they reach a level where they are deemed safe to control a PWC with other riders on a closed course.
- All Jnr Development riders must pass a practical course (Practical 1.) assessing their competency to begin racing.
- All skis must remain strictly stock to IJSBA lites Ski Stock regulations, no exceptions. This includes race day and practise.
- At sanctioned events Jnr Development class may be combined with Jnr A 13-15 yr class and/or novice however no Jnr Development class riders can cross enter into classes other than their designated class.
- Jnr Development 10-12 yr rider may start an official race in the tray on their knees with a maximum of two holders if desired, or they may choose to start as for standard ski classes (see IJSBA rule book). Riders at this level are expected to navigate their ski through the course in the standing position.

Junior A. 13-15 years

It is compulsory to race for minimum of 1 full season in this class level. Jnr A class riders may only enter the class after their 13th birthday and after all dispensation criteria have been met.

- All participants MUST meet dispensation requirements outlined in Practical Dispensation Information.
- Jnr A riders who have not completed Jnr Development requirements previously will need to have completed beginner's competency and Practical 1 requirements with an experience Club/NZJSBA appointed member until they reach a level where they are deemed safe to control a PWC with other riders on a closed course.
- All skis must remain strictly stock to IJSBA lites Ski Stock regulations, no exceptions. This includes race day and practise sessions.
- At sanctioned events Jnr A class may be combined with Jnr Development 10-12 yr class and/or novice however no Jnr A class riders can cross enter into classes other than their designated class.
- Jnr A 13-15 yr rider must start as for standard ski classes (see IJSBA rule book)

- A Jnr A class rider may, after 1 full season racing in Jnr A class, apply to NZJSBA to a Jnr Elite license to compete in Amateur Ski stock class. If permission is granted the Jnr Elite rider can only compete in Amateur Ski Stock.

Junior Elite(14+ years)

A Junior Elite rider MUST be a minimum age of 14 years. He/she MUST apply to NZJSBA for approval to compete as a Jnr Elite Rider. The Premise and Practical Assessment intent of a Junior Elite Rider, is the progression of the rider to his/hers highest competitive potential. Applicants will be rigorously competency assessed by elected officials.

For Application of Junior Elite License the prospective Jnr riders must prove they have Race Smart Skills, speed and endurance progression that is above other Jnr A riders.

The Junior rider must then place their request (approved by Parent/guardian and local club) to the NZJSBA and apply to become a Junior Elite Rider.

The NZSBA has the right to refuse Elite Licence applications if they feel the rider is not as yet competent enough to be classified as an Elite Rider.

A Junior Elite Licence allows an elite junior to race a Stock Lites Ski in Amateur Stock Ski Class only (adult/15+ years class). This is only permitted at club level, North/South Island Tour level and/or New Zealand Nationals

The following conditions must be met;

Above meeting the Elite requirements they must also;

- Demonstrate to appointed NZJSBA officials, continuous competitive riding over a period of the last 2 full seasons
- Demonstrate to appointed NZJSBA officials, continuous improvement and substantial achievement in the Junior A Class.
- Demonstrate to appointed NZJSBA officials, maturity beyond chronological years.
- There is no appeal on the decision and the Race Director cannot personally reverse a decision made by the NZJSBA. Concerns should be made in writing to NZJSBA for consideration.

Junior Class Structure

The minimum number of riders for a Junior Lites Ski Class is 3 juniors. This applies for national events.

Local NZJSBA affiliated clubs may alter their minimum numbers of Juniors in each class in the interest of progressing the sport and fostering the development of junior riders, however a Jnr rider must remain in the designated class programme unless authorised by NZJSBA.

There is to be a maximum number of 8 Junior 10-12 and 10 Junior A riders on the line separately.

Junior Classes including 10-12 yrs and 13-15yrs will only be combined with each other and/or novice however NO entrant can cross enter into another division/class. They may only receive points for their respective classes.

All effort should be made to separate age groups and/or novice riders in the interests of safety ie separate sides of the start line (where applicable), delayed starts for groups etc.

A Junior rider CANNOT begin the process of dispensation until after their 10th birthday, no exceptions.

A Junior rider will compete in a class of the age group he/she is at the beginning of the season and shall remain in that class until the completion of the season unless authorised by NZJSBA.

NZJSBA dispensation (in conjunction with Maritime NZ and local council officials) allows a Junior rider to apply for a race license and race at NZJSBA sanctioned events. A NZJSBA license is recognised internationally however local maritime regulations regarding minimum age requirements are binding. Therefore it is not a given right for Juniors to compete outside of New Zealand. Only the NZJSBA will apply for international dispensation in the country of event should it be necessary.

For racing in New Zealand, dispensation must be approved by NZJSBA in each event location. The NZJSBA office will apply to local harbourmasters for approval before each event. A minimum of 3 week's notice should be given to the office for approval.

Theory Testing;

To be eligible to begin practical training with the NZJSBA Junior development programme all participants MUST first pass a theory test/programme as set by NZJSBA.

The current preferred programme is headed by Wayne Middleton (approved maritime NZ safe boating advisor). The test includes a course involving targeted PWC knowledge and basic water safety information. A light exam may be completed after the course.

Practical testing stages

Stage 1 (beginners competency)

1. Be assessed by NZJSBA appointed official in safe PWC practises including (but not limited to)
 - Safety equipment to wear whilst riding
 - Parts of your PWC
 - Fuelling your Craft
 - Exterior safety check (bungs in, pole in good condition, sponsons, scoop grate)
 - Interior/engine safety check (zip tied fuel lines, hose clamps, battery secured, engine mounts tight)
 - Launching your PWC from Trailer
 - Starting your PWC
 - Safely entering the lake area when other PWC's present
 - Riding on knees then in standing position
 - Turning
 - Safely navigating a PWC race course
 - Safe exiting of PWC race course
 - Retrieving PWC onto trailer
 - Securing PWC to trailer

2. Meeting with Youth and Parent/Guardian and NZJSBA appointed official to discuss full understanding of dispensation regulations and how to keep training log book up to date and in correct order.

3. NZJSBA official to sign off stage 1

The above tasks will be assessed by an experienced NZJSBA official. All above tasks to be assessed 'one on one'. Once these tasks have been performed to a suitable standard the Jnr/youth will be passed.

Stage 2 (Practical 1)

Race preparation

1. Down loading the current IJSBA race regulation book & read appropriate rules, including any supplementary rules as set by NZJSBA.
2. Understanding flag meanings
3. Race starting procedures
4. What to do in an accident
 - Raise hand to signal Ok and alert other riders where you are in water
 - Check any other riders in your vicinity do not need assistance
 - Return to ski if possible
 - Check for flags by officials
 - Start your ski and safely enter race
5. Finishing a race
6. Returning to your trailer
7. Race etiquette and officials decisions
8. On course riding with other PWC racers
9. Following, Passing and taking correct race lines
10. Practise on course with other riders (beginning with experienced riders and progressing to riding with other Jnr competitors)

Once NZJSBA appointed officials are satisfied with the performance of said Youth and his/her understanding of race rules, safety procedures and ski competency they will be cleared to begin racing in set Jnr Development classes.

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Junior Development Progression Flowchart

