



## **ANNOUNCEMENT: AGE CATEGORIES**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

The Cable Wakeboard Council would like to announce the following changes to the Age Categories from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

**U19 Juniors – Will become U18 Juniors**  
**U15 Boys/Girls – Will become U14 Boys/Girls**

After many discussions regarding the age categories across our disciplines, we conducted a medical report on the differences in physical ability within the age categories, the findings showed us what we already suspected, in that the age differential from the start of the category to the end of the category was too great and gave the older competitors an advantage.

We are also consolidating the age categories across disciplines, and this will align Cable Wakeboard and the Wakeboard discipline junior categories.

We have also been asked to participate in a number of IOC projects that require slightly different age categories within the Junior sector

The council has decided that introducing the new Age categories for 2021 makes sense for the Riders due to the lack of International Events run in 2020 due to the Pandemic.

If anyone has any questions regarding this change, please direct to the Cable Wakeboard Council at: [office@cablewakeboard.net](mailto:office@cablewakeboard.net) or to [suzi@cablewakeboard.net](mailto:suzi@cablewakeboard.net)

We would be grateful if you could inform all of your local federation clubs and members of this change as soon as possible.

On the next page is the full list of Categories to be used from the 2021 Season.



## CATEGORIES / DIVISIONS

### 2021 Categories

#### **Wakeboard and Wakeskate:**

**U11:** (11yrs or Under), Minis (Girls& Boys): The last year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the year of their 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday. (For 2021, it means that the rider has to be born in 2010 or later)

*U11 Category will only be used for National level events and ranking.*

Under 11s cannot compete in an international Event. The minimum age for a competitor in an International Event is 11yrs

**U14:** (14yrs or Under), Boys & Girls: The last year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the year of their 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday. (For 2021, it means the rider has to be **born between 2007 – 2010**, but they must have reached their 11th Birthday by registration day of the competition).

**U18:** (18yrs or Under), Junior Men & Women: The last year a rider is allowed to complete in this category is the year of their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday. (For 2021, it means the rider has to be **born between 2003 – 2010**, but they must have reached their 11th Birthday by registration day of the competition).

**Open Men, Open Women:** No age restriction

**+30:** Masters Men & Women: The first year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the **year of their 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday**. (For 2021, It means the rider has to be born in 1990 or before).

**+40:** Veterans Men and Women: The first year a rider is allowed to compete in this category is the **year of their 41<sup>st</sup> Birthday**. (For 2021, it means the rider has to be born in 1980 or before).

**Seated:** Open Men & Women : No age restriction.

Kind Regards

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