

NEW ZEALAND WATER SKI RACING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
DRIVER AND OBSERVER LICENCING PROCEDURES

This document sets out the requirements to be met before a driver or observer will be issued with a NZWSRA licence to drive or observe in an Event and apply unless the Rules of a particular event (eg the Bridge to Bridge) state otherwise.

The processes for a driver and observer are almost identical. The main difference is that driver's are required to produce a medical certificate.

The Process is summarised as follows:

- 1 You must make an appointment with a Licence Tester. Licence Testers are listed on this website under the Tech Rules page.
- 2 At the appointment, you will be given a written test. The test is "closed book" and should be completed within 30 minutes. Some questions in the test must be answered correctly to be able to pass the test.
- 3 If you pass the written test, the Licence Tester will send the marked test to the Membership Coordinator for filing. If you are not a member of the Association, a Membership Application (available on this website under the Tech Rules page) should be completed and sent to the Membership Coordinator. Remember that drivers are required to supply a medical certificate per the Membership Application.
- 4 You must then email the Racing Committee (racingcommittee@skirace.co.nz) and request a practical test. Time will usually be made available at the next race meeting (normally before racing starts) for the Applicant to demonstrate the appropriate practical skills required to safely compete in NZWSRA Events. This may or may not be in the boat you expect to compete in.
- 5 If you pass the practical test, a Novice Licence will be issued. A Novice Licence enables a driver to drive any boat, but they cannot compete in a F3(MOC) or Open class race.
- 6 Holders of a Novice Licence will draw the outside lanes at the start of any race.
- 7 Holders of Novice Licences will be assessed over 5 races, and if considered appropriate, will be issued with an Open Licence.

Notes:

- (i) If you fail the written or practical test, you can arrange to be re-tested at a time and place convenient to both parties.
- (ii) The Racing Committee may, if it is satisfied that you have the appropriate practical skills required to safely compete in NZWSRA Events, waive the requirement for a practical test. The requirement is only expected to be waived where the Racing Committee has clear evidence of appropriate skill and experience.
- (iii) For River Races (eg the Bridge to Bridge and Twin Rivers) the Racing Committee may waive the restriction relating to Novice Licences providing the Committee has clear evidence of your ability to compete safely in MOC or Open per the River Racing Rules. You must write to / email the Racing Committee (at any stage of the process) requesting the restriction be waived. There is no ability to waive the restrictions for circuit races, but we note it is possible to complete 5 races at any meeting before the Open Class race.

If you have any questions relating to licences please email the Racing Committee.