



## Newsletter of the E&A Waterski Council

### Around the Buoys : No. 2 - April 2022

#### From the Chair



#### **E&A Waterski Council**

The panels for the E&A Titled events have been published but we are looking for more Officials to fill some gaps. If you are interested please take a look on this link and apply via EMS.

<https://www.waterskieurope.com/2022/04/02/2022-panels/>

#### **Calendar 2022**

This is the published calendar so far for World and E&A events. New venues are being sought for the University Championships and the E&A Open Championships.

- 24/06 – 26/06 Botaski Pro Am : Sesena, Spain
- 01/07 – 03/07 San Gervasio Pro-Am : Italy
- 08/07 – 10/07 Malibu Open Pro-Am : Lacanau, France
- 08/07 – 10/07 Kaiafas Battle ProAm : Greece
- 14/07 – 16/07 World Games : Birmingham, USA
- 15/07 – 17/07 Slastad ProAm : Norway
- 20/07 – 24/07 E&A 35+: Ioaninna, Greece
- 23/07 – 24/07 The Duel, Pro-Tour : Cirencester, UK
- 02/08 – 07/08 E&A Youth : Ioannina, Greece
- 31/08 – 03/09 E&A U21: Fischlam : Austria
- 12/09 – 18/09 World 35+: Baurech : France
- 01/10 – 02/10 Sesena, International Slalom : Spain

#### **2023**

- 05/01-08/01 2022 World U17: Chile

## **Officials Seminar 2022/2023**

The recent third online Officials Seminar was a great success with over 150 Officials from other parts of the World taking part as well as the participation from E&A. Over the two days there were sessions on Rule Changes, EMS, Trick Judging, Surepath, Safety, CJ Responsibilities and discussions on situations. Many of the presentations can be downloaded from the E&A Waterski Council Website on the following link.

<https://www.waterskieurope.com/2022-officials-seminar/>

Please let us know if there are any topics that you would like to see included in future Seminars or ways that we can improve the experience.

We want to resume physical seminars and plan to do so in 2023 with the first one being in the UK and taking place from 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March. We are looking for other Federations to host in 2024 and beyond. So, if you are interested, please get in touch.

## **World Rules**

The updates to the World Rules for 2022 are highlighted in RED in the new World Waterski Rules and were discussed during the recent E&A Officials Seminar. The main changes that affect Officials are as follows:

- Rule 5.06 Boat Added Weight and Manufacturers Equipment
- Rule 8.13e 4 Judges with Gate and Boat Video – Exceptional Circumstances
- Rule 8.15 Boat Path/End Course Video
- Rule 9.06 If a Skier Falls
- Rule 9.13 Release – Rope Release
- Rule 10.02 – Description of the Jump Ramp
- Rule 13.01 – Who may Protest and How it is Done
- Rule 14.07 – Site Familiarisation
- Rule 14.12 – Entry and Administration
- Rule 14.14 – Wild Cards
- Rule 25.08c – Survey – Jump

All Officials are encouraged to make themselves familiar with these changes and in particular Rule 8.15.

## **Safety at Events**

The IWWF are in the process of reviewing and updating the Safety Manual and expect the new version to be published before the start of the season. The Manual should be considered in conjunction with the existing Rule 4 in the World and E&A Additional Rules. A presentation about this review can be found here:

<https://www.waterskieurope.com/2022-officials-seminar/>

## **Judges Tower**



## **Resources**

National Federations have the responsibility to train and develop National Judges (J3) according to the standards set out in the E&A Additional Rules. For Judges these are:

### **Minimum Standard**

#### **a) Level 3 Judges**

Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Waterski Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules to judge at Normal homologation competitions and ability to read Tricks to a minimum standard of 1800 point passes – complete runs of 3500 minimums.

#### **b) Level 3 Judges\***

Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Waterski Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules to judge at Normal homologation competitions in the Slalom and Jump Events.

There are now six Powerpoint presentations available in the Officials section of the Council Website covering a General Introduction and Slalom, Tricks, Jump, Homologation, Judges Duties and Chief Judges Responsibilities that Federations can use and adapt as necessary for training their own officials. Download them here:

<https://www.waterskieurope.com/officials-training-material/>

## **Jump Timing Charts**

A small change to the First Segment tolerances for 51k and 54k has been made to address a specific problem that has been reviewed by the World Council.

This means that all old Jump Timing Charts need to be replaced.

An updated one can be downloaded here:

<https://www.waterskieurope.com/officials-area/official-materials/>

## **Trick Judging Training**

The videos and mastersheets that were used in the Trick Judging session of the Seminar are now available to download from the Council Website:

<https://www.waterskieurope.com/2022-tricks-training/>

## **Scorers Corner**



### **Scoring & EMS**

From an Officials point of view the IWWF Event Management System (EMS) probably affects the work of a Scorer more than anyone else. The EMS team have produced Video Tutorials and Newsletters that seek to explain the new processes and procedures. These can be accessed on the following link:

<https://ems.iwwf.sport/Home/News>

## **Drivers Pulse**



### **Surepath and End Course Monitoring**

The use of BPMS is mandatory for Record Capability and Ranking List events in 2022. World Rule 8.15 Boat Path/End Course Video has been re-written and the need to monitor Zone Deviation has been removed. Drivers need to be familiar with this Rule and to gain experience driving with these systems



- **Homologation and Technology Hub**

There are changes in the World Rules that impact on the job of Homologators so please take a look before the season gets underway.

Donal Connolly, creator of Splasheye, has been developing a new approach to trick judging using a new predictive system that should achieve very quick scores. The system is being trialled by a worldwide panel of Judges and the aim is to test it at some events later this year. A demo of the system can be seen here:

<https://www.waterskieurope.com/2022-officials-seminar/>

## **Get in Touch**



Please get in touch with us if you have any questions, observations or suggestions about this newsletter or any other matter concerned with the Waterski Council activities. Email Amanda at [secretary@waterskieurope.com](mailto:secretary@waterskieurope.com) with anything on your mind.

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