



Newsletter of the E&A Waterski Council
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The Waterski Council Members email addresses have changed:

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The Waterski Council Website has changed:

The new website can be found at : <https://www.waterskieurope.eu/>

Also look out for current news on our Facebook page :

<https://www.facebook.com/iwwfeatc>

Officials Season 2023

We would like to thank all those Officials who gave up so much of their time to work at all the Competitions held across Europe this year, especially those who came to the E&A Championships. Without you nothing would happen. There are 218 Waterski events listed on EMS for 2023.



Calendar 2024

The full calendar can be accessed on EMS here: <https://ems.iwwf.sport/>

Here are the dates and locations for the World and E&A Titled Events so far confirmed.

- 30/07 – 01/08 World U17 Championships, Calgary, Canada
- 14/08 – 18/08 E&A 35+ Championships, Botaski, Sesena, Spain

We would like to remind Competition Organisers of the rules and processes for the registration of Homologated Competitions. Rule EA4.4 applies and can be found in the E&A Additional Rules : <http://www.waterskieurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/EA-Additional-Rules-2023.pdf>

Officials Seminar 2024



The seminar will be held in Athens, Greece from 12th to 14th April.

A bulletin will be published very soon. As usual we will be inviting you all to submit items for discussion and presentation at the seminar so watch out for the email about this.

Officials Exams



The **re-exam requirements for all level 1 Officials** can be found in the Additional Rules. All level 1 Officials who have not taken their re-exam in 2023 will need to do so during 2024. Everyone affected by this will be contacted following the Waterski Council meeting to be held in Budapest in November. This follows the effective cessation of exams during the Covid years.

Anyone wishing to take exams should register on the Waterski Europe Website via this link:

<https://www.waterskieurope.eu/exam-application/>

World Rules



A few small changes to the World Rules were agreed at the recent World Waterski Council meeting in Florida which will be incorporated into the 2024 Rulebook. One change agreed was to allow 70+ skiers a second attempt if they fail to get up on their first pull. This takes away the inevitable situation of the Driver taking the blame and the skier getting a second go anyway.

Judges Tower

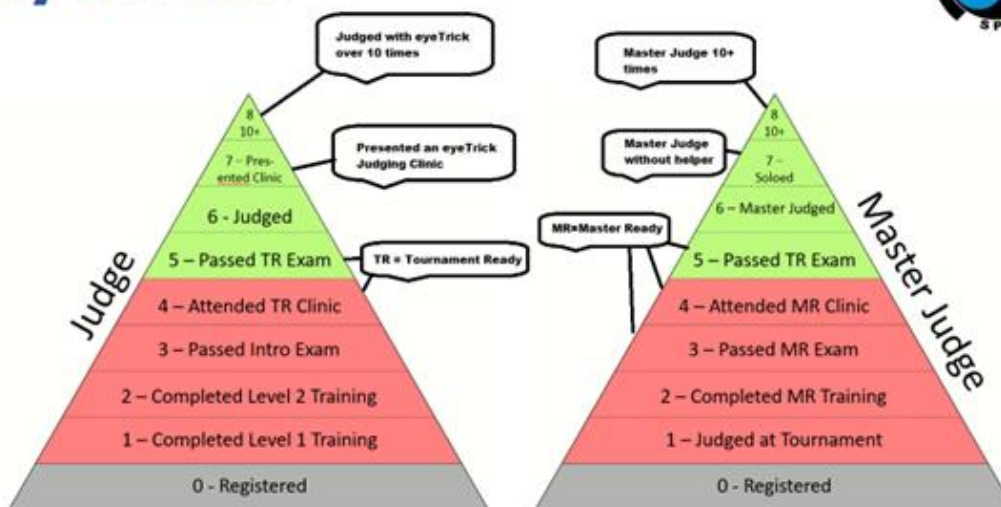


Waterski technology continues to evolve, and this year Donal Conolly has had his innovative Trick Judging system, eyeTrick, approved for use in all competitions subject to judges being adequately trained. The system provides the potential for trick scores to be given in real time after each skier has skied and uses a predictive system with uncanny accuracy.

Judges who want to train to use eyeTrick should register on <http://www.eyetrick.ski/>

Key to the success of eyeTrick will be the training of existing and new Judges to the necessary standard before they start to use it at Competitions. The following graphic shows the pathway for eyeTrick Judges. The method requires a Master Judge on each panel that will manage the Trick Judging process for the event.

eyeTrick



Donal has provided an update about the adoption of eyeTrick so far in 2023:

Over 300 people have registered on www.eyetrick.ski to start the training process and 12 different judges have used the system in 11 competitions in Europe and America. Four countries have made annual agreements to use eyeTrick in competitions without per-event licence fees.

Improvements have been made in hardware and software following this year's competition use so the system is now fully ready for use with three or five judges. WaterSki Scoring now fully supports eyeTrick so the full trick passes appear in Scoring as soon as they are finished in eyeTrick.

Australia and New Zealand are quickly training judges through online clinics and seminars for the 2023.2024 season.

A series of Northern Hemisphere online and in-person clinics will be held before the season starts in 2024. It is important that officials are comfortable using the system and the tablet before attending these clinics. **Lots of assistance is available to help officials achieve this so please get online and get training.**

Homologation and Technology Hub



Splasheye Lidar

Donal is completing the development of a new mobile jump measurement system that uses Lidar (Light Detection and Ranging), a laser-based measurement device. This is expected to be submitted for approval soon and will remove the necessity of cameras, and cable installations.

IWWF Drivers Portal

The IWWF Drivers Portal allows registered drivers to securely view and analyse their personal boat path data.

Data is available from tournaments or practice sessions whenever the driver is logged in on the rover in the boat or the drivers name is supplied from the Scoring System.

The portal will also be used - in collaboration with drivers - to provide monitoring and evaluation data to IWWF Driver Councils.

The Portal is in final beta testing and all drivers will have access to their personal data in the next weeks.

It is critical that all drivers register on www.drivers.ski and then login to the Rover in the boat using their personal PIN number when they start driving and logout when they are finished. This guarantees that their personal data is theirs and theirs alone.

More information and instructions on www.drivers.ski

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 amanda.scherer@iwwfec.onmicrosoft.com with anything on your mind, and don't forget to visit the Facebook page and website for information and news.

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Website and Admin Access

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions, observations or suggestions about our website or social media pages, or if you are interested to update our website for example with News, please contact Hannu directly, and he will contact you directly.

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