

# ***EUROPE & AFRICA CONFEDERATIONS***

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*WATERSKI ATHLETES OF THE YEAR 2025*

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## **WATERSKI ADDITIONAL RULES 2026**



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Where an Additional Rule is preceded by “EA” it does NOT exist in IWWF Rules and the rule number should not be referenced in IWWF Rules

*Example: Rule EA3.01 Responsibility*

Where an Additional Rule is NOT preceded by “EA” it DOES EXIST in IWWF Rules and the rule should be viewed in conjunction with the IWWF Rule

*Example: Rule 8.05 Boat Times*

### List of acronyms

WSC = Europe & Africa Waterski Council

“R” = Record Capability

“L” = Ranking List

“N” = Normal

## **SECTION 1 – GENERAL RULES**

These rules supersede all previous editions and addenda and shall remain in effect until an amended edition of the rules is published. These rules have been drafted in English. In the case of conflicting interpretation, only the English text shall be considered authentic. All correspondence regarding these rules should be addressed to the Chairman of the E&A Waterski Council: Mr. Candido Moz at:

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### **Rule 1 – General**

- a) The IWWF Waterski Rules and these Additional Rules apply to the Europe & Africa Championships and to all other homologated competitions in Europe & Africa, unless varied elsewhere in the Additional Rules. Where the words "World" or "IWWF" appear in the IWWF Waterski Rules these are to be read as "Europe & Africa". Where the words "Confederation" or "Confederations" appear, these are to be read as "Federation" or "Federations", where "US\$" is used, it must be considered "Euro".
- b) The Organisers of homologated competitions, other than those titled competitions where specific Additional Rules apply, may make variations from the IWWF Waterski Rules and the Additional Rules that do not affect the recorded scores of the competitors or the homologation of the competition. Examples of acceptable variations are those to entry requirements, familiarisation, method of draw, number of events or rounds, numbers in finals, method of determining event placement and/or overall and Team placement. The organising Federation is responsible for notifying the WSC of significant variations, which could affect the acceptability of the competition for the Europe & Africa Calendar or the homologation of the competition. The WSC is the sole arbiter as to whether any variations are acceptable.
- c) Organisers Technical Set Up – Organisers of an event must take charge of the technical equipment set up, such as video jump, video gates, video tricks, end course video, etc. These installations will be submitted for review to the Homologator to check, who has the responsibility for the accuracy of the technical equipment installed. It is NOT the responsibility of the Homologator to install the technical equipment. It is recommended that organisers appoint a Technical Officer to be responsible for all the equipment installations.
- d) The appointed officials for all competitions must be on site during the whole of the competition.

#### **1.04: Amendments to the Rules**

Replaces IWWF Rule 1.04

The WSC may make amendments to the Additional Rules at any time and decide on which date they become effective.

**NOTE:** See Europe & Africa Byelaws, Rules of Eligibility and List of Obligations for other relevant information and requirements.

## Rule 2 – Competition Events

### 2.03: Age Divisions

In addition to IWWF Rule 2.03

- a1. **Under 12:** The maximum age of any boys/girls entering in this division is 11 years as of December 31, preceding the competition. This means that the last year of eligibility of a skier is the year in which he has his 12th birthday.

## Rule 4 – Safety

In addition to IWWF Rule 4

### EA4.08: Medical Cover

In addition to IWWF Rule 4.08

At all waterski competitions entered on the Europe & Africa calendar there must be qualified first aid personnel present on site during the whole time of the competition. Qualifications must be valid in the country where the competition is held.

A suitably equipped medical station must be provided at the competition site.

It is Europe & Africa policy never to start a competition without medical cover.

## Rule 5 – Boats - Skis - Towlines

### 5.02: Best Jump Distance

In addition to IWWF Rule 5.02 (h)

In the Europe & Africa Individual Championships & the Europe & Africa Under 21 Championships Series 1 skiers are allowed to use the World Record distance as their best.

## SECTION 2 – THE SPORT RULES

### Rule 8 – Slalom

#### 8.02: Shortening Speeds

In addition to IWWF Rule 8.02

<b>Under 12</b>	Boys shorten @ 52 kph	Girls shorten @ 52 kph
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#### 8.05: Boat Times

Amendment to IWWF Rule 8.05

For competitions in Europe & Africa *“Recorded is defined here as being recorded in the boat or transmitted by radio .....”* shall be applied only to the last pass of the skier.

For intermediate passes “6 buoys time OK” will be enough.

In between each pass of a skier, the Boat Judge and the Boat Driver will double check themselves. The Judge will communicate to the Driver the speed and rope length. The Driver will confirm the speed and rope length. This will be announced to the Judges tower before each pass. The Tower must confirm this communication.

#### 8.15: End Course Video

In addition to IWWF Rule 8.15

For all “R” and “L” homologated events:

- 1) A Boat Path Measurement System (BPMS) must be used.
- 2) End Course Video must be recorded.

If GPS BPMS is used in conjunction with WaterskiConnect, the videos must be kept in custody by the Organisers for one year and provided to the WSC as needed.

If VIDEO BPMS is used the video must be kept in custody by the Organisers for one year and provided to the WSC as needed.

For all Record Applications the End Course Video must be submitted with the Record Application. This applies regardless of the Boat Path Measurement System in use.

The WSC reminds all Officials and Organisers of the importance of correctly implementing the rules regarding Boat Path. Officials and Organisers are reminded that all tolerances are to allow for human error and the intentional use of tolerances by competition officials to improve skier performance will not be tolerated.

- \* **WaterSkiConnect is an interface between the scoring software and Sure-Path allowing the Scorer to have the boat path deviation data on the scoring screen.**

## Rule 10 – Jump

### 10.05: Jump Speeds and Ramp Height

In addition to IWWF Rule 10.05

The Boat Speeds and Ramp Heights for the Jump event shall be chosen by the skier from those listed below up to the maximum allowed as follows:

Age		Max jump speed	Ramp height
Under 12	Girls	45 kph	1.35m or 1.50m
	Boys	45 kph	1.35m or 1.50m

### 10.11: Boat Path

In addition to IWWF Rule 10.11

For all “R” and “L” homologated events:

- 1) A Boat Path Measurement System (BPMS) must be used.
- 2) End Course Video must be recorded.

If GPS BPMS is used in conjunction with WaterskiConnect, the videos must be kept in custody by the Organisers for one year and provided to the WSC as needed.

If VIDEO BPMS is used the video must be kept in custody by the Organisers for one year and provided to the WSC as needed.

## Rule 11 – Overall Competition

In addition to IWWF Rule 11

### EA11.01: Special Rules for Under 12 Individual Overall

In addition to IWWF Rule 11.01

Qualification for Individual Overall Scoring

To qualify for overall, an Under 12 competitor must ski in all three events.

#### Individual Overall Scoring Method

Each overall competitor shall be awarded in each event a certain number of overall points according to the relationship of his score and the relative Overall Score Basis.

Overall Score Basis

Events	U-12 Boys	U-12 Girls
Slalom	2.50@52/12.00 (80.50 buoys) Buoys count from 25	5,75@52/14.25 (71.75 buoys) Buoys count from 25
Trick	6180	4800
Jump	25.0	25.0

#### Overall formulas:

For Tricks: Skiers Score X 1000 / Ranking List Overall Score Basis

For Slalom: Skiers Score X 1000 / Ranking List Overall Score Basis  
(score from 25/18,25 for Girls - score from 25/18,25 for Boys)

Jump Boys: Skiers Score X 1000 / Ranking List Overall Score Basis

Jump Girls: Skiers Score X 1000 / Ranking List Overall Score Basis

## **SECTION 3 – Europe and Africa Championships Rules**

### **Rule 14 – E&A Championships Administration Rules**

IWWF Rule 14 applies with the following amendments.

#### **14.01: Frequency of Competition**

All E&A Championships will be held annually.

#### **14.04: Chief Judge & Appointed Officials**

The Bureau of Europe & Africa will appoint the following Officials after receiving proposals from the WSC: A Chief Judge, an Assistant Chief Judge, 6 Judges, an Homologator, a Chief Scorer, a Scorer, a Chief Driver, and one Driver.

The Organisers shall appoint a Technical Officer and notify the WSC of the person so appointed.

#### **14.07: Site Familiarisation**

**After closure of the registration 45 days before the Championships, each entered competitor in the IWWF Event Management System (EMS) will be allocated Official Familiarisation time as specified above.**

**40 days before the scheduled start of the event, the Organiser (in consultation with the Chief Judge, whose decision shall be final) shall announce the Official Familiarisation schedule (including the allowed time).**

**If a Federation does not want to take part in the Official Familiarization, it must notify the Organizers and the Chief Judge as soon as possible.**

**Summary table:**

**45 days before - deadline to enter participants in the EMS as per rule 14.12.**

**40 days before - deadline for publishing familiarisation schedule by Organiser.**

**30 days before - deadline for familiarisation payment.**

**The maximum cost per hour for Official familiarisation will be € 240,00 (€ 4,00 per minute).**

#### **14.09: Numbers in Finals**

For all Championships the number of skiers qualified to ski in the Final round of an event shall be as shown in the following table:

<b>Number of skiers entered and paid to ski in the Preliminary round. (at midday the day before competition starts)</b>	<b>Number of skiers in Finals</b>
1 – 5	All
6 – 10	first 5
11 – 12	first 6
13 – 15	first 8
16 – 19	first 10
20 and more	first 12

#### **14.11: Boats**

IWWF Rule 14.11 applies with the following amendments.

For practical reasons, only one make and model of boat will normally be chosen.

#### 14.12: Entry and Administration

**Each Federation shall declare, through EMS, not later than 45 days before the scheduled start of the first event of the Championships:**

- The names of the members of its team
- The names of the competitors entered as “Individuals”
- The names of the competitors entered as Wild Cards
- The names of the Official reserves.

**For each competitor registered, the events that they will compete in together with the ramp height for Jump needs to be entered.**

**An entry is considered complete when the Skier’s name is registered in EMS and the full Entry Fee Payment has been received. The entry fee payment must follow the process described in the Official Competition Bulletin. No payment is required for Official Reserves.**

**Payments must include:**

- The event name.
- The Federation making the payment.
- The number of competitors entered.

**Payments that do not comply with these requirements will not be considered valid.**

Any skier entered as a Wild Card or Individual is also to be considered to be a TEAM reserve.

An entered skier may be replaced by a different one without penalty, provided that they have already been entered as a Reserve skier, wild card or individual.

##### **a) Fines for Late Registration.**

Any Federation not meeting the registration deadlines will not be allowed to compete until their Federation pays a fine to the IWWF Representative at the Championships. The fines are as follows:

- \* € 50 per skier if the registration is made between 44 to 30 days before the scheduled start of the first event of the Championships
- \* € 100 per skier if the registration is made between 29 to 15 days before the scheduled start of the first event of the Championships
- \* **Double the Entry Fee** per skier if the registration is made between 14 days until 12:00 (competition local time), 2 days before the scheduled start of the first event of the Championships  
Example: scheduled start of the first event of the Championships is July 31 deadline to register skier is noon 12:00 UTC of July 29.

Two days before the start of the first event the entry lists shall be closed at noon 12:00 (competition local time) and thereafter the order of competitors entered and paid will be finalised and posted.

The Scorer in consultation with the Chief Judge should post Preliminary Running Orders 7 days preceding the start of events with the orders clearly marked as “Preliminary and subject to change”. No change in this order is allowed after noon (competition local time) of the two days preceding the start of events except that a team representative may without penalty:

- 1) Withdraw a skier from the competition.
- 2) Replace an injured skier with a qualified official reserve from the same team with the authority of the Chief Judge and before the start of the first event, that is, before the first skier taking part in the first event has started.
- 3) The substitute skier shall start first in the series in which he is qualified unless the draw has not yet been completed.

##### **b) Team or individual athletes not showing up:**

**If a team or individual athletes, whose Federation has duly submitted a competition entry, fail to appear for the competition, the corresponding entry fee shall remain fully payable and no refund shall be granted.**

**14.15**

Skiers placed in the top X places (as shown below) on the different Ranking Lists

Events	1	2	3	4	5
Men Slalom	8	6	20	16	20
Women Slalom	8	6	15	12	15
Men Tricks	8	6	20	16	20
Women Tricks	8	6	15	12	15
Men Jump	8	6	20	16	20
Women Jump	8	6	15	12	15
Men Overall	5	4	10	8	10
Women Overall	5	4	10	8	10

1. Current Year E&A Ranking List.
2. Previous Year E&A Ranking List.
3. E&A skiers placed in the top X skiers from the latest November IWWF Ranking List.
4. E&A skiers placed in the top X skiers from the previous November IWWF Ranking List.
- ~~5. Europe & Africa skiers placed in the top X skiers of the Pro List 30 days prior to the Championships.~~
- ~~6. Europe & Africa skiers placed in the top X skiers of the previous year final Pro Tour leaderboard.~~
5. E&A skiers placed in the top X skiers of the Weekly List updated 60 days before the Championships.

**14.18: Ranking List to be Used**

**IWWF Rule 14.18 apply.**

~~Wherever the words “current year E&A Ranking List” appear, it relates to the last approved Ranking List which is computed annually on the 31st of October.~~

~~These lists are calculated from results achieved up until October 31st each year. There are no interim lists which can be applied.~~

**Example:**

~~The current Year Ranking List for 2023, is the list approved on 31st October 2022 and includes all scores achieved from November 1st, 2021, to October 31st, 2022.~~

## Rule 15 – Europe and Africa Open Championships Rules

IWWF Rule 15 applies with the following amendments.

### 15.02: Team Selection

Each Federation which is affiliated with Europe & Africa shall have the right to select a team of skiers to represent their Federation in the Europe & Africa Championships. The team shall consist of a maximum of six skiers, with the further limitation that no team may have more than four men or four women.

Skiers not selected for their national teams may qualify to compete in the Europe & Africa Championships as individuals only in the relevant event(s) if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Europe & Africa record holder. The performance must have been ratified by the WSC 30 days before the first day of the Europe & Africa Championships.
2. Reigning Europe & Africa Champion in any event or the overall from the previously held Europe & Africa Championships.
3. Placed as per the Placement Eligibility Chart ([14.15](#)).
4. Top 3 places in slalom, trick, jump, and overall, from the most recently held U21 E&A Championships.

All skiers qualified as individuals must be entered by their Federation.

Skiers entering as individuals shall not have their scores count toward team standings.

## Rule 16 – Europe and Africa Youth Championships Rules

IWWF Rule 16 applies with the following amendments.

### 16.01: Skiers Who May Participate

Skiers eligible for these competitions are Boys and Girls in the age categories listed in a) and b) below.

#### a. Under 14

The maximum age of any boys/girls entering in this category is 13 years as of December 31, preceding the competition. This means that the last year of eligibility of a skier is the year in which he has his 14th birthday.

#### b. Under 17

The maximum age of any boys/girls entering in this category is 16 years as of December 31, preceding the competition. This means that the last year of eligibility of a skier is the year in which he has his 17th birthday.

c. Under 14s may be entered by their Federations as Under 17s.

d. A skier shall not be entered in both Under 14 and Under 17 categories.

### 16.02: Team Selection

Each Federation may enter in the Under 14 Championships a Team composed of a maximum of 4 skiers, with a maximum of 3 of the same sex.

Each Federation may enter in the Under 17 Championships a Team composed of a maximum of 4 skiers, with a maximum of 3 of the same sex.

#### a. Individuals

ELIGIBLE Skiers placed in the top X skiers (as shown below) in the current year's Europe & Africa Ranking List may be entered as individuals by their Federation, to a MAXIMUM number of 8 individual skiers from any one country.

Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
U14 Boys 10	U14 Boys 10	U14 Boys 10	U14 Boys 10
U14 Girls 10	U14 Girls 10	U14 Girls 10	U14 Girls 10
U17 Boys 10	U17 Boys 10	U17 Boys 10	U17 Boys 10
U17 Girls 10	U17 Girls 10	U17 Girls 10	U17 Girls 10

#### b. Score conversion

1) When a skier changes his age category from Under-14 to Under 17, the following conversions will apply:

**Slalom:** If a skier does not have a score at 58 kph or 55 Kph, his slalom score will be accepted as it is, with a maximum of 6.00@55/18.25 or 6.00@52/18.25.

**Jump:** A score listed in the Under-14 Ranking List will be accepted as it is.

**Tricks:** The score will be accepted as it is.

2) When a skier has only a score in the age category above his, if needed, the following conversion will apply:

**Slalom:** Any result made at 58/55 kph becomes the same result at 55/52 kph (example 4.00@58/14.25 equal to 4.00@55/14.25).

**Jump:** No score can be accepted if not performed under the skier's actual age category rules.

**Tricks:** The score will be accepted as it is.

The scores obtained will be used to rank the skier in the age category he has entered.

### 16.03: Slalom Starting Speed:

<b>Under 14</b>		
Girls	46 kph,	shorten @ 52 kph
Boys	49 kph,	shorten @ 55 kph
<b>Under 17</b>		
Girls	49 kph,	shorten @ 55 kph
Boys	52 kph,	shorten @ 58 kph

The final round start speeds will be decided by the Appointed Judges.

**16.04: Overall and Team Competition**

**Team Scoring**

- a) The best three Team scores, Boy, or Girl for each Under 17 Team, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the Under-17 Team score.
- b) The best three Team scores, Boy, or Girl for each Under 14 Team, in each event (in the preliminaries or finals) shall be summed up to obtain the Under-14 Team score.
- c) The total of the Overall Under 17 Team score and the Overall Under 14 Team score will be used to produce a Combined Team result..

## Rule 17 – Europe and Africa Under 21 Championships Rules

IWWF Rule 17 applies with the following amendments.

### 17.02: Team Selection

#### a. Individuals

ELIGIBLE Skiers placed in the top X skiers (as shown below) in the current year's Europe & Africa Ranking List may be entered as individuals by their Federation:

Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
U21 Men 15 U21 Women 15	U21 Men 15 U21 Women 15	U21 Men 15 U21 Women 15	U21 Men 10 U21 Women 10

#### b. Score conversion

- 1) When a skier changes his age category from Under-14 or Under 17 to Under-21, if needed, the following conversions will apply:

**Slalom:** If a skier does not have a score at 58 kph, his slalom score will be accepted as it is, with a maximum of 6.00@55/18.25

**Jump:** A score listed in the U-14 or in the U-17 Ranking List will be accepted as it is.

**Tricks:** The score will be accepted as it is.

- 2) When a skier only has a score in the Open category, if needed, the following conversion will apply:

**Slalom:** The score will be accepted as it is.

**Jump:** No score can be accepted if not performed under the skier's actual age category rules regarding ramp heights.

**Tricks:** The score will be accepted as it is.

The scores obtained will be used to rank the skier in the age category he has entered.

## Rule 18 – Europe and Africa 35+ Championships Rules

IWWF Rule 18 applies with the following amendments.

### 18.02: Team Selection

#### a) Individuals

ELIGIBLE Skiers placed in the top X skiers (as shown below) in the current year's Europe & Africa Ranking List may be entered as individuals by their Federation:

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
	35+, 45+, 55+, 65+	35+, 45+, 55+, 65+	35+, 45+, 55+, 65+	35+, 45+, 55+, 65+
<b>Men</b>	15	15	15	15
<b>Women</b>	15	15	15	15

A skier qualified per the above table, may be declared as a Team member, in the event in which he is qualified, regardless of his qualification score.

Individual skiers who are qualified in two events may be entered in the third event.

#### b. Score Conversion

When a skier changes his age category or has obtained scores only in a different age category, the following conversions will apply:

**Slalom:** A score at 58, 55 or 52 is equal to a score at 55, 52 or 49. (4.00@58/11.25 equal to 4.00@55/11.25).

**Jump:** A Jump score will be accepted as it is regardless of speed/ramp height.

**Tricks:** The score will be accepted as it is.

The scores obtained will be used to rank the skier in the age category he has entered. If the converted results give him the possibility to enter in a Championship as an Individual, he can do so, in addition to the number of individual entrants specified above.

### 18.08: Who may Protest and How it is done

Protests can be made only by a skier's team manager or by the skier themselves if they are an individual skier. Protests are presented to the Chief Judge and will be considered by the Appointed Judges. All Protests must be made in writing stating the reason(s) for the protest and quoting the relevant rule number(s). They must be presented as soon as possible, but no later than 30 minutes after the results of the event are announced and the Judges scoring forms are available for inspection.

## **SECTION 4 – MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

### **Rule 23 – E&A Records**

Amendments to IWWF Rule 23

#### **23.01: General**

- a) Unless varied below the provisions of the IWWF Technical Rules apply to Europe & Africa records.
- b) Records will only be recognised for the Open Men and Open Women Divisions.
- c) Only performances at events of competitions in Europe & Africa which are granted “R” Homologation by the WSC or events in competitions in other Confederations recognised by the WSC to be of “R” level will be considered for ratification.
- d) A Europe & Africa record may not equal or exceed a World Record unless it is ratified as a World record.
- e) No Federation shall ratify a National Record if it equals or exceeds the current World or Europe & Africa Record, unless it is also ratified as a World or Europe & Africa record.

#### **23.02: Claims**

- a) The Record Application form, the Record Dossier, the Homologation Dossier, and the relevant videos must be submitted within 7 days in accordance with the instructions on the front cover of the Record Dossier.
- b) In the case of a claimed National Record the Chief Judge and the Homologator shall, on request, supply any information or documentation required by the skier's Federation.

#### **EA23.03: Europe & Africa Championships Best Performances**

The WSC will publish annually a list of the best performances (highest scores) ever set at the following Europe & Africa Championships in the Male and Female categories:

The Europe & Africa Individual Championships

The Europe & Africa Under 21 Championships

The Europe & Africa Under 17 Championships

The Europe & Africa Under 14 Championships

The Europe & Africa 35 + Championships

The Europe & Africa 45 + Championships

The Europe & Africa 55 + Championships

The Europe & Africa 65 + Championships

The Europe & Africa 70 + Championships

The Europe & Africa 75 + Championships

The Europe & Africa 80 + Championships

The Europe & Africa 85 + Championships

## Rule 24 – Ranking List

Amendments to IWWF Rule 24

### 24.1. General

- ~~a) The Europe & Africa Ranking Lists are prepared by the WSC from the performances of Europe & Africa skiers in the published results of qualifying events.~~
- ~~b) From “R” or “L” Homologated Competitions all performances will be included.~~
- a) From Normal Homologated Competitions scores, will be limited to the maximums shown in rule EA4.1.5. These are also the maximum scores that may be used for the purposes of entry qualification and seeding to the draw at a titled competition.**
- ~~d) The Open and Under 21 Lists will not be able to accommodate scores in slalom lower than 58 kph for men and 55 kph for women.~~
- b) If a performance equals or exceeds a Europe & Africa Record the WSC will decide whether it will be included or limited.**

### 24.2. Qualifying Events

Qualifying events at competitions are:

- a) Events at competitions in Europe & Africa that have been listed as homologated in the current Ranking List year to at least “N” Homologation level (see score restrictions above).**
- ~~b) Events at competitions in other Confederations of at least at “L” level provided the performances by Europe & Africa skiers have been sent to the WSC by the IWWF in enough time.~~

### 24.4. Publication & Ranking List Year

IWWF rule 24 apply.

The current year E&A Ranking List is computed annually on October 31st.

These lists are calculated from results achieved up until October 31st each year. There are no interim lists which can be applied.

#### **Example:**

~~The current Year Ranking List for 2025 is the list approved on 31st October 2024 and includes all scores achieved from November 1st, 2023, to October 31st, 2024.~~

## Rule 25 – General Homologation Guidelines

### Amending IWWF Rule 25

A homologation fee must be paid by the organising Federation to Europe & Africa prior to the checking of the dossier by the WSC. The fees are set by the Europe & Africa Admincom.

One National Championships per Federation is exempt from the fee. If this Championship is held as more than one competition only the final competition is exempt.

#### 25.01: Requirements

- a) The requirements in the Europe & Africa Homologation Dossier shall be considered as an Additional Rule and apply to all levels of homologation.
- b) Competitions of 2 or 3 events must have at least 15 competitors in total. Competitions of 1 event must have at least 8 competitors. If these numbers are not met, the homologation level for that event will be limited to “N”.
- c) For all levels of homologation, the slalom and jump courses must be checked by theodolite.
- d) For all levels of homologation, the jump set-up and measurement must be by computer. For the jump set up camera and test buoy must be checked by theodolite.
- e) If using Boettcher jump measurement, the software that must be used is the one where the co-ordinates of the camera and the buoys are calculated by the survey of the Homologator.
- f) Computer programmes for jump measurement must be tested against the benchmarks in the IWWF Waterski Rules and against any tests issued by Europe & Africa.
- g) The term “Confederation Standard” used in the IWWF Waterski Rules unless otherwise stated refers to a competent person.

#### 25.04: Record Capability and Ranking List Minimum Competition Standards

Official	World Record	Ranking List
Driver	Level 1 Driver	Level 3 Driver minimum **

**\*\* Normally a Level 3 driver is appointed to a competition to gain experience under the direct supervision of a Level 2 or a Level 1 Driver. The Level 1/Level 2 Driver is responsible for the performance of the Level 3 Driver and must take his place if the driving is not of an acceptable standard.**

**If in a Competition only a Level 3 Driver is appointed:**

- a) **The Organisers must apply for and receive permission from the Waterski Council in advance of the competition, explaining the reasons why it is necessary to appoint only a Level 3 Driver.**
- b) **The driver will be under direct responsibility of the Chief Judge, who will be responsible for their driving performances.**

#### 25.09: Minimum Competition Standards

\*3 Duplication of duties: (Chief Judge, Chief Scorer/Scorer, Homologator and Chief Driver/Driver)

In E&A, for Record Capability events, only the following duplication of duty are allowed:

- Chief Judge and Judge
- Chief Scorer/Scorer and Homologator.
- Chief Scorer/Scorer and Judge.
- Homologator and Judge.
- Chief Driver/Driver and Judge\*

\* The Chief Driver/Driver cannot have 2 roles in the Division/Event he is acting as a driver (excluding Tricks where he can be the Driver and the boat Judge).

## EA4.1 – Normal Homologation

### EA4.1.01: Jump

Jump distances can be measured by a system of meters measuring the subtended angles provided by 3-meter stations, each consisting of two meters.

To ensure accuracy, it is recommended that each meter station be no more than 70m from the point of landing.

Jump distances are to be calculated using a computer. Any computer program used for this purpose must be verified by passing the benchmark tests included in these rules.

The point of landing is defined as the centre of the inscribed circle which is tangent to all three sides of the triangle formed by the three average sightings from the meter stations. The distance is calculated from the landing point back to the ramp. The size of the triangle is defined as the diameter of that inscribed circle.

If the top and bottom sightings from any single meter station are more than 0.6 metre apart at the point of landing, then the average value and the single sighting with the smaller value will each be tried in turn, and whichever of these produces the smaller triangle will be used to derive the official distance.

If the official resolution of a particular set of sightings, according to the above rules, produces an official wide triangle, and that set of sightings included a spread in excess of the 0.6 metre test limit AT ONLY ONE of the meter stations, which yielded the smaller triangle size by using the average rather than the shorter reading alone, then the longer reading from that station may be tried alone, and used as official, if it eliminates the wide triangle.

On a given jump when the diameter of the inscribed circle obtained by the angular measuring system is greater than 0.9 metres, the contestant will have the option to either take the jump over again or accept the shortest distance measured from a corner of the triangle provided that on any of his preceding or following jumps, the measured distance does not exceed the distance to the furthest corner of the large triangle. In the case where one of the preceding or following jumps does exceed the distance to the furthest corner, the official score of the wide triangle jump will be the shortest vertex.

In the case where a competitor decides to take the jump over again, the competitor's distance on the reride may not exceed the distance measured to the furthest corner of the large triangle of the disputed jump but will not be less than the distance measured to the nearest corner of the large triangle of the disputed jump. Multiple rerides are to be resolved sequentially in the order in which they occurred.

For Normal Homologation, the tolerance of the 10 metres buoys is 10m +/- 1m.

### EA4.1.02: Tricks

Video is not mandatory for Normal Homologation.

Video timing is not mandatory for Normal Homologation.

### EA4.1.03: Slalom

#### Dual segment timing chart

Speed	1st Segment			2nd segment		
	Start Gates to Buoy 3			Buoy 3 to End Gates		
Kph	Actual	Min	Max	Actual	Min	Max
58	6.77	6.69	6.84	9.31	9.21	9.42
55	7.13	7.05	7.22	9.82	9.70	9.94
52	7.55	7.45	7.64	10.38	10.26	10.52
49	8.01	7.90	8.12	11.02	10.88	11.17
46	8.53	8.41	8.65	11.74	11.58	11.91
43	9.13	8.99	9.27	12.56	12.37	12.75

The basis of the times is + or - 0.65 kph.

#### First Segment Timing

An intermediate time for controlling boat speed will be taken on the third buoy.

If a skier's score is 2 1/2 or less on the pass, only this intermediate time taken on the third buoy will be considered.

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### Timing the Boat

An official shall ride in the boat to check speed with a stopwatch and by observing the water speed measuring devices.

Alternatively, the boat may be timed on shore by a chronometer started and stopped from shore positions at either end of the course or by other automatic timing devices approved by the WSC. If the time is taken from shore, however, it must be communicated to the boat by radio immediately after each pass.

Where the applicable speed is slower than allowable on any pass, a rerun shall be mandatory. If either time is too slow, a reride is mandatory. If the pass was not a perfect pass, the skier may not improve his score over that obtained on the slow pass, unless the speed is so slow that it is equal to or below the fast tolerance of the next slower pass. One exception to this is, if the skier scores more than 2 1/2 and the 1st segment is fast and the 2nd segment is slow, or the 1st segment is slow and the 2nd segment is fast, a reride is mandatory but the skier may improve his score. If the pass was a perfect pass (score is 6, skier to continue), the skier may choose to proceed to the next pass instead of repeating the pass. If the skier then makes a perfect pass, he receives credit for both passes. If the pass is missed, he will receive credit for the buoys made as if it were the lower, skipped pass.

If the skier's score is greater than 2 1/2 and the 1st segment time is good, but the 2nd segment is slow, he may choose to accept a score of 2 1/2 instead of the mandatory reride.

Where the speed is faster than allowable and the skier has not made a perfect pass, he shall have the option of a reride but shall not be scored less than the score obtained on the pass leading to the reride.

If the skier has an imperfect pass, the boat judge shall determine, by appropriate means, whether the skier wishes to take a rerun. If a rerun is to be taken, the boat shall immediately return through the course in an unscored pass; and the rerun shall then follow in the original direction through the course.

### Boat Times and Reride Situations

1st	2nd	2 1/2 or less	3-6 w/miss	6 no miss
OK	OK	-	-	-
OK	S	-	MR or 2 1/2+	MR, 2 1/2+, Go Up
OK	F	-	OR	-
F	OK	OR	OR	-
F	S	OR	MR* or 2 1/2+	MR, 2 1/2+, Go Up
F	F	OR	OR	-
S	OK	MR	MR	MR, Go Up
S	S	MR	MR	MR, Go Up
S	F	MR	MR*	MR, Go Up

OK=Good Time

F=Fast

S=Slow

Go Up=Skier Option to Continue

--Score Stands As it is

OR=Optional Reride, score not to decrease

MR=Mandatory Reride, refer to paragraph 4

MR\*=Mandatory Reride, score may improve

2 1/2+=Protected score of 2 1/2

## EA4.1 – Normal Homologation

### EA4.1.4: E&A Normal Competition Standards

Homologation Level	Normal (N)
Prior Announcement	No
Valid For	Inclusion of results in the Europe & Africa Ranking Lists to a maximum of the scores below
The maximum scores which may be included in the Europe & Africa Ranking List and for the purposes of entry qualification and seeding to the draw.	See art. EA4.1.5
Confederation Approved Panel	Appointed by organisers as per rules
Number of Rounds	A maximum of 4 rounds may be held.
Chief Judge	Level 2 Judge (3 or 2 events depending on events being held)
Homologator	Level 3 Homologator
Scorer	Level 3 Scorer
Driver	Level 3 Driver
Duplication	Any duplication of duties by the Chief Judges, Homologator, Scorer or Driver is limited to two functions, but this should be avoided if possible.
Speed Control	Mandatory
Video tape submission	Not required
<b>Competition files:</b>	<b>Refer to appendix "C"</b>
<b>SLALOM (N)</b>	
Course Check	2-meter survey
Slalom Course	No single centre line floating courses except of approved design see note 3
Tolerances	Normal Per Rule Book (RL x 2 except Average width)
Buoys	Measured
Timing	May be by stopwatch
End Course Video	Not mandatory
Judging Towers	both sides perfect sight – One tower may be a boat
Optional judging method (3 judges)	2 gate and scoring judges may be on a centrally located tower (between buoys 3 and 4) on one side of the lake, using gate video feeds.
Judges	5 Level 3 Judges, or if gate video installed 3 Level 3 Judges
Backup timer	Stopwatch - None needed with Speed Control
<b>TRICKS (N)</b>	
Course Check	Visual – the 50m buoys are not required.
Tolerances	Per Rule Book
Timing	semi-automatic timing 20s.
Video	Not mandatory
Judges	5 Level 3 Judges, or 3 Level 3 Judges, if immediate review is available.
Timer	Appointed by Chief judge
<b>JUMP (N)</b>	
Course Check	2-meter survey
Tolerances	Normal Per Rule Book (L x 2 except the ramp angle)
Timing	May be by stopwatch
Protractors	.25 degrees min - .25m radius
Difference on a fixed point	.2 degrees Maximum
Jump Measurement	Any approved measurement system

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Distance Calculation	Computer
Program Check	YES
Judges	3 Level 3 Judges If the video jump is used, the two shore judges may act as video judges, provided they can see the full jump course.
Backup Timer	Not needed with Speed Control

#### EA4.1.5: Maximum scores for Ranking List at Normal Homologation events.

At Normal homologated events score for the E&A Ranking List, will be limited as per the following table.

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
U-14 Boys	6.00@55/14.25	2600	23.0m
U-14 Girls	6.00@52/16.00	2600	15.0m
U-17 Boys	6.00@58/13.00	3800	35.0m
U-17 Girls	6.00@55/14.25	3100	23.0m
U-21 Men	6.00@58/13.00	4700	45.0m
U-21 Women	6.00@55/13.00	3500	30.0m
Open Men	6.00@58/13.00	4700	45.0m
Open Women	6.00@55/13.00	3500	30.0m
35 +Men	6.00@55/13.00	2000	27.5m
35+ Women	6.00@55/16.00	1700	20.0m
45 + Men	6.00@55/13.00	2000	27.5m
45 + Women	6.00@52/14.25	1700	20.0m
55 + Men	6.00@55/13.00	2000	27.5m
55 + Women	6.00@52/14.25	1700	20.0m
<b>65 + and above Men</b>	<b>6.00@52/13.00</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>27.5m</b>
<b>65 + and above Women</b>	<b>6.00@49/14.25</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>20.0m</b>

~~EA4.2 – Mediterranean Games~~

~~EA4.3 – Mediterranean Beach Games~~

## EA4.4 – Registration of Homologated Competitions

All homologated competitions must be registered in advance on the IWWF Event Management System, EMS, per the time frames shown below. Registration is via the <https://ems.iwwf.sport/> website.

Competitions may be registered by Council, Federations or Organiser. Competitions are approved automatically after submission, but either a Federation or Council can reject competition.

**Titled events and Pro events have a different registration procedure, please refer to Byelaws and to the ProTour rules.**

### EA4.4.01: Competition and Site Codes

All competitions registered in the Europe & Africa Confederation will receive a competition code and a site code allocated by the WSC.

Failure to acquire a code for any competition will mean that competition will NOT be homologated.

### EA4.4.02: Definition of Types of Competition

#### a) Titled Events

Titled events are those major events for which the IWWF or the E&A Confederation issue a Letter of Agreement and Obligations. These include all World and Europe & Africa Championships. The host Federation does not need to register these events on the Calendar as they are already placed there by the Council.

1. The WSC has the right to send an appointed person to inspect the proposed site of any titled International Competition. In this case the Organisers shall pay the costs involved.
2. The Organisers must comply with the provisions of any relevant Byelaw or List of Obligations. Should the Organisers wish to vary any of the provisions the agreement of the Administrative Committee must be obtained at the time of application for inclusion of the competition on the Calendar.
3. Homologation can be "L" or "R".

#### b) International Competition

1. A competition open to skiers of more than one Federation
2. No skier may enter an International Competition against the wishes of his Federation. It is the responsibility of his Federation to notify the organisers if a skier is NOT allowed to compete.
3. The events at International Competitions may be homologated to "N", "L" or "R" level. If it is the intention to seek "R" homologation, this must be notified at the time of entry on the Calendar and the competition will then be marked "R".
4. If any rules of the competition vary significantly from the relevant IWWF Technical Rules or the Additional Rules details must be given at the time of application for entry on the Calendar and the WSC may refuse the application if it does not approve the variation(s).
5. The Organisers shall be responsible for the cost of full board and lodging of the Appointed Officials and their transport between hotel and site. Board and lodging means from the night before an official's duties begin to and including the night of the last competition day. Any further hospitality offered by the Organisers shall apply equally to all the Appointed Officials.
6. The organiser shall provide:
  - i. A Chief Organiser.
  - ii. A Technical Officer.
  - iii. A qualified Safety Director and rescue, first aid and medical services to comply with IWWF Rules.
  - iv. A Press Officer and adequate facilities for journalists and TV personnel if applicable.
  - v. Personnel to fill ancillary positions such as secretaries, jetty marshals, video operators, timers, etc. A list of names must be handed to the Chief Judge who is responsible for the selection and allocation of ancillary positions.
  - vi. All courses, installations and equipment required by the Rules and needed for the efficient running of the competition, including video equipment, radios and other communication and timing equipment. These must be ready for checking prior to the arrival of the Homologator.
  - vii. Adequate facilities for ski storage and catering. Private working areas for the Jury and Scorers not accessible to anyone other than on official business. Rooms for other meetings.
  - viii. Adequate transport between accommodation and site.

This rule is not intended as a complete checklist but as an indication of the minimum requirements for an International Calendar Competition.

#### EA4.4.03: Time Frame for Registration

The following types of competition should be registered prior to November 6<sup>th</sup> for the following season:

- a) Titled Events
- b) Cash Prize Competitions open to skiers of more than one Federation where cash or goods to the value of a total exceeding 2,500 € or its equivalent in other currency are offered as prizes. These will be marked "CP" on the Calendar.
- c) International "R" Competitions.
- d) International "L" competitions.
- e) Competitions open to skiers of more than one Federation and containing in their title the words "Championships(s)", "Criterium", "Masters", "Classic" or other words deemed by the WSC to imply a high-level competition, regardless of the homologation level.

Competitions registered before November 6<sup>th</sup> will take priority for the date registered and the WSC will normally not allow another competition of the same type on the same date.

**NOTE:** The intention of this rule is to make sure that the Calendar includes all competitions where the expected standard of the skiers will produce results which affect the top places in the Europe & Africa or World Rankings Lists.

#### EA4.4.04: Late Registration and Changes

There is no charge made for registration of competitions up to the date of the time frame listed in rule 7.3 or listed below.

**International Competitions** cannot normally be added to the calendar after May 31<sup>st</sup>. However, Federations may apply to the WSC for special permission to add an international competition up to 30 days before the proposed start date of the competition. The WSC will decide if the competition is allowed to be added to the calendar. In the case of Cash Prize or "R" Homologation, the organiser must submit the names of their proposed jury panel at the time of the application.

If a competition is added/amended to the Calendar after the Europe & Africa Congress or after the deadline, the following fines will be levied:

a) <del>Fine for adding a competition</del>	<del>150 €</del>
<b>a) Fine for adding a CP event after Congress</b>	<b>400 €</b>
c) <del>Fine for changing dates or place of a competition after March 1<sup>st</sup></del>	<del>100 €</del>
d) <del>Fine for cancelling an international competition after March 1<sup>st</sup></del>	<del>200 €</del>
e) <del>Fine for changing a National Competition to an International Competition</del>	<del>150 €</del>
f) <del>Fine for changing Homologation Level</del>	<del>150 €</del>
<b>b) Fine for not having cancelled a competition at least 30 days before the event start</b>	<b>200 €</b>
<b>c) Fine for not uploading or not correctly uploading a competition file in EMS (*)</b>	<b>200 €</b>

**\* The deadline for uploading a competition file to EMS is 15 days. After this deadline, the sanction indicated in point (c) above will apply.**

#### EA4.4.05: Homologation Fees

Homologation fees are payable on the submission of a homologation dossier, even if the homologation or the homologation level is refused.

The fee for a "N" homologation is 120 €

The fee for a "L" or "R" homologation 220 €

**For a CP Event in addition to the above listed homologation Fees: 100 €**

One National Championships, or an equivalent name, are exempted from such a fee. When these are run in several parts only one will be exempted.

#### EA4.4.06: Appointment of Officials

For all Titled events, Cash Prize Events, and International "R" competitions.

- a) 2 Officials from other country(s) will be appointed to all "R" competitions.
- b) The WSC will select the Officials (Judges, Homologators, Scorers and Drivers).
- c) The organisers shall appoint a Technical Officer and notify the WSC of the person so appointed.

#### EA4.4 – Registration of Homologated Competitions

The number and qualification of Officials of each category for each competition will be decided by the WSC. The organising Federation may inform the WSC of the names of the Officials they would prefer to be appointed but this is not binding on the WSC. Should the WSC be unable to appoint all the necessary Officials the organising Federation shall be responsible for appointing Officials to fill the vacancies and for any expenses that this may involve.

- d) In the case of Cash Prize competitions, as defined above, the Organisers shall pay the travelling expenses of all Appointed Officials. See Europe & Africa Byelaws
- e) In cases where the Organisers are not liable to pay the travel expenses of the Appointed Officials, they shall ensure officials are given at least 2 months in advance, notice of the schedule so the officials can purchase the cheapest possible travel. See Byelaws.

For all other events the host Federation will be responsible for appointing the Officials according to the rules contained in the IWWF Technical Rules and in this Additional Rules for the level of Homologation.

##### **EA4.4.07: WSC Representative**

- a) For any “R” Competitions the WSC may appoint a representative, at the cost of the organising Federation, to attend, observe and report to the WSC on the Homologation Level of the event. The Chief Judge and the Organiser will be notified in advance of the event and full cooperation will be given to the representative.
- b) For any “L” Competitions the WSC may appoint a representative, at the cost of the WSC, to attend, observe and report to the WSC on the Homologation Level of the event. The Chief Judge and the Organiser will be notified in advance of the event and full cooperation will be given to the representative.

## EA4.5 – Medals and Titles

### EA4.5.01: General

The medals for titled events will be presented annually under the responsibility of the President of Europe & Africa.

### EA4.5.02: Europe & Africa Championships

Skier and Team Medals according to the following chart

Category	Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
Women	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
Team	G / S / B for 6 team members, 1 official and 1 Federation			

1 Gold each to Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, 6 Judges, Homologator, Chief Scorer, 1 Scorer, Chief Driver, 1 Drivers and 1 Technical Officer. Maximum 5 Gold to Organisers.

### EA4.5.03: Europe & Africa Youth Championships

Skier and Team Medals according to the following chart

Category	Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
Under 14 Boys	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
Under 14 Girls	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
Under 17 Boys	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
Under 17 Girls	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
Team Combined	G / S / B boxed for Federation			
Team Under 14	G / S / B for 4 team members and one team official and 1 Federation			
Team Under 17	G / S / B for 4 team members and one team official and 1 Federation			

1 Gold each to Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, 6 Judges, Homologator, Chief Scorer, 1 Scorer, Chief Driver, 1 Drivers and 1 Technical Officer. Maximum 5 Gold to Organisers.

### EA4.5.04: Europe & Africa Under 21 Championships

Skier and Team Medals according to the following chart

Category	Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
Under 21 Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
Under 21 Women	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
Team Under 21	G / S / B for 6 team members, 1 official and 1 Federation			

1 Gold each to Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, 6 Judges, Homologator, Chief Scorer, 1 Scorer, Chief Driver, 1 Drivers and 1 Technical Officer. Maximum 5 Gold to Organisers.

## EA4.5 – Medals and Titles

### EA4.5.05: Europe & Africa Over 35 Championships

Skier and Team Medals according to the following chart

Category	Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
35 - 44 Ladies	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
45 - 54 Ladies	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
55 - 64 Ladies	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
65 + Ladies	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
70 + Ladies	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
75 + Ladies	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	<b>G / S / B</b>
80 + Ladies	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	<b>G / S / B</b>
85 + Ladies	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	<b>G / S / B</b>
35 - 44 Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
45 - 54 Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
55 - 64 Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
65 + Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
70 + Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B
75 + Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	<b>G / S / B</b>
80 + Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	<b>G / S / B</b>
85 + Men	G / S / B	G / S / B	G / S / B	<b>G / S / B</b>
Team Combined	G / S / B for 10 team members, 1 official and 1 Federation			

1 Gold each to Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, 6 Judges, Homologator, Chief Scorer, 1 Scorer, Chief Driver, 1 Drivers and 1 Technical Officer. Maximum 5 Gold to Organisers.

## **EA4.6 – Europe & Africa Policies and Procedures**

This section is included to notify officials of Europe & Africa Policies and Procedures that are not readily contained elsewhere in these Additional Rules or the IWWF Waterski Rule Book.

### **EA4.6.01: Reports on Officials**

The Chief Judge of any Europe & Africa Calendar Competition is requested to notify the Chairman of the WSC if there are any problems with the performances or behaviour of Officials during the event.

Equally if an Official believes the Chief Judge has not acted correctly at a competition, then a report should be sent to the Chairman of the WSC.

### **EA4.6.02: Titled Events Reporting**

The Chief Judge of every Europe & Africa Titled Event is requested to send in a written report to the Chairman of the WSC at the conclusion of the competition. This report should include a brief overview of the event, site, organisation, etc. and a detailed report on any problems or incidents that occurred.

Additionally, there is an Excel spreadsheet which the Chief Judge needs to complete and return to the WSC. This spreadsheet will contain an analysis of the performance of each of the officials in their different roles during the competition. The results of this performance evaluation will stay confidential within the WSC. All Titled Events Chief Judges will be provided with the form prior to the event.

### **EA4.6.03: Officials Leave of Absence**

Any Europe & Africa Official may request a leave of absence from duty for a season. Such request should be put in writing to the Chairman of the WSC as early as possible and give reasons for the request. Such reasons may include additional workload, pregnancy, illness, family pressures, etc.

## EA4.7 – Boat Testing and Eligibility

### EA4.7.1: Boat Eligibility

#### a) For World Titled Competitions held in Europe & Africa

Only those boat models currently listed as eligible by the IWWF Waterski Council in accordance with the IWWF Towboat Policy and Procedure are eligible for use at World titled competition held in Europe & Africa.

#### b) For Europe & Africa Events

Any boat model that has been tested and approved as a competition Waterski boat in any IWWF Confederation either in the current year or previous years and has not, in the opinion of WSC, subsequently been significantly modified is normally eligible for use at Europe & Africa titled competition. However, the WSC has the right to declare ineligible any boat model tested and approved by another Confederation if it feels the boat is, for any reason, unsuitable for use at Europe & Africa titled competition.

### EA4.7.2: Europe & Africa Testing Procedure

Under the IWWF Towboat Policy and Procedure boats may only be tested in their Confederation of main manufacture. The procedure for testing in Europe & Africa is as follows:

- a) A boat manufacturer may apply to the WSC for a specific model of boat to be tested. The application must include a brochure giving full specifications and pictures.
- b) The manufacturer will propose a site where there is a slalom and jump course. This site will normally be in the country of manufacture. Provided the WSC approves the site, the manufacturer will make the necessary arrangements and make any payment required for the use of the site.
- c) The manufacturer will propose at least 2 skiers per event who must be approved by the WSC. The manufacturer will make the necessary arrangements for the skiers and pay any expenses involved.
- d) The WSC will appoint one of its members (or a Level 2 Judge) and a Level 1 Driver as the testers. All expenses of the testers will be paid by the manufacturers.
- e) A date and time, agreeable to all parties concerned, will be arranged.
- f) The boat will be tested for the criteria of performance laid down by the IWWF, following the Policies and Guidelines detailed in the E&A Towboat Approval Manual which can be found at: [https://learn.europewater.ski/pluginfile.php/2481/mod\\_folder/content/0/Rules/2021%20EA%20Towboat%20Approval%20Manual.pdf?forcedownload=1](https://learn.europewater.ski/pluginfile.php/2481/mod_folder/content/0/Rules/2021%20EA%20Towboat%20Approval%20Manual.pdf?forcedownload=1).

### EA4.7.3: Europe & Africa Approval Procedure

- a) The testers will send a full report to the WSC who will decide, at its next meeting, whether to grant preliminary approval and will notify the manufacturer.
- b) To consider definitive approval the WSC will also require reports from the Chief Judges of at least 2 homologated competitions where the specific preliminary approved model of boat has been used. At the next meeting, following receipt of the reports, the WSC will decide whether to grant definitive approval and will notify the manufacturer.
- c) Definitive approval applies only to the specific model of boat tested. Should any change(s) be made subsequently to the size, hull shape, engine power, etc., these must be reported by the manufacturer to the WSC immediately. If, in the opinion of the WSC, the change(s) are likely to have significantly altered the performance of the boat, it will be deemed to be a new model and a new application for testing must be made by the manufacturer.

### EA4.7.4: Europe & Africa Charges

The charges to the manufacturers are set by the Europe & Africa Admincom and available on request.

## SECTION 5 – Europe and Africa Officials

### EA5.1 – Officials Qualifications

The IWWF Europe & Africa Confederation sets and runs examinations for the following international qualifications for Officials.

Judge	Homologator	Scorer	Driver
Level 1 (J1)	Level 1 (H1)	Level 1 (S1)	Level 1 (D1)
Level 2 (J2)	Level 2 (H2)	Level 2 (S2)	Level 2 (D2)
Level 2* (J2*)	Level 2* (H2*)	Level 2 (S2*)	Level 2* (D2*)

(J2\*) qualified only in Slalom and Jump

(D2\*) qualified only in Slalom and Tricks

(H2\*) Permitted to work at “L” events or “R” events (only tricks) in their own country only. Not qualified for “R” Slalom and Jump competitions or for Cash Prize or Titled events. No need to speak English.

(S2\*) qualified to work at “L” or “R” competition in the event for which they are qualified.

The natural progression for officials is to upgrade from Level 3 to Level 2 and then to Level 1.

Level 1 officials are subject to periodic re-evaluation to keep their qualification. The re-evaluation may be an exam or a peer review. If a Level 1 official fails in keeping their Level 1 grade, they automatically become Level 2.

The following rules apply to all International Officials.

#### EA5.1.01: Responsibility

Europe & Africa International Officials are solely responsible to and the responsibility of the WSC.

If required by their own Federation, International Officials must be members of their National Federation.

#### EA5.1.02: Duties

- a) To carry out his duties and comply with all relevant rules with complete impartiality.
- b) To make himself available to function at least twice at Europe & Africa Calendar Competitions including at least once outside his country of residence each season.
- c) To function each season to the satisfaction of the WSC.
- d) To accept any duties, he may be given by the Chief Judge at a competition that he is attending as a spectator unless there are valid reasons against this.

#### EA5.1.03: Rights

An International Official is entitled to such rights and reimbursement of expenses as are specified in the Byelaws, Obligations and Additional Rules.

#### EA5.1.04: Cards

Cards will be issued and renewed at the discretion of the WSC and subject to any specific requirements shown under the detailed information for each Official Category. The WSC will also take into consideration the provisions of the Byelaws and Additional Rules. Should the WSC decide not to renew an International Officials card it will also decide whether to issue a card for a lower grade.

#### EA5.1.05: Appointment to panels

After passing their exam International Officials are entitled to be nominated for certain standards of competition according to their qualification. The relevant standards are shown under the detailed information for each Official category.

**Each year International Officials will be invited to apply to officiate at E&A events through the IWWF Event Management System (EMS). Applications must be registered by the deadline specified.** The WSC will then prepare a list of appointments to panels and distribute this to the Officials and the competition Organisers. The official shall also inform the WSC if he is normally unable to ride in the towboat.

**Once having been appointed to an official panel an International Official is expected to attend, except by reason of force majeure, in which case he must advise the Organisers and the Chairman of the WSC in writing as soon as possible.**

**EA5.1.06: Examinations**

- a) Exams can be taken at the European Officials Seminar, at a National Seminar and/or National Championships (provided the lecture/examiner is approved by the WSC), at a Waterski Council meeting and any Titled Event.
- b) Federations wishing to organise an exam venue in their home country may apply to the WSC. This will require a minimum of 2 candidates and all costs of Federation the travel and accommodation of the examiner are to be paid by the host. This is of course subject to a WSC member or another suitable person being available. Such exams will need early booking by the Federations.
- c) Application for the examination of a new international candidate shall be made on the official form to the WSC by the candidate's Federation. No exam will take place unless a form is completed and submitted in advance.
- d) Application for the upgrade examination of an existing international candidate shall be made on the official form. It is not necessary to be signed by the Federation.
- e) The candidate must be able to understand and make himself understood in English.
- f) Required age and prior experience requirements are shown under the detailed information for each Official category.
- g) The exam will normally be administered online on <https://learn.europewater.ski>. By agreement of the Council, it may be administered by other means.
- h) As the exams are online, the candidates must have a device capable of accessing the exam.
- i) The WSC will, after approval of the application, advise the candidate of the date and place of his examination and the name of the examiner (who will be a member of the WSC, or a suitable person appointed by the WSC).

**EA5.1.07: Results of Examinations**

- a) The WSC will notify the candidate of his exam results as soon as possible, and the appointment will become official as soon as it is approved by the WSC. If requested by the candidate as much information as possible regarding the reasons for a failure will be given.
- b) A candidate who fails any part of the examination may re-take it in the same season.

## EA5.2 – World, E&A Titled Events – Officials Qualifications

### EA5.2.01: Limitations on Appointment to Titled Events

It is the INTENTION of the WSC that only officials qualified to the following standards will be appointed to the major World and Europe & Africa Titled Events.

However, it should be noted that at the discretion of the WSC, Level 2 Judges may be also appointed.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Preferred Qualification</b>
The World Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver
The World Over 35 Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver
The World Under 21 Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver
The World Under 17 Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver
The Europe & Africa Open Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver
The Europe & Africa Under 21 Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver
The Europe & Africa Youth Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver
The Europe & Africa Over 35 Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver

## EA5.3 – Level 1 Judges (J1)

### EA5.3.01: Prior Qualification and Age

A Level 1 Judge must already be qualified as a Level 2 Judge in all 3 Events (Slalom, Tricks and Jump) for a minimum of 2 seasons. Feedback may be collected from these Competitions and used to inform the final decision.

A Level 1 Judge must be at least 21 years of age at the time of taking his exam.

### EA5.3.02: Function

A Level 1 Judge is qualified in all three events.

A Level 1 Judge is qualified to function at any level of homologated competition.

A Level 1 Judge is qualified to be nominated for Europe & Africa and World Championships at any level.

### EA5.3.03: Theoretical Examination

- a) The examination tests that the candidate can master the application and interpretation of the rules to the level necessary to judge at Europe & Africa and World Championships.
- b) The questions are written in English. No translation into any other language is provided.
- c) The pass mark is 80%.
- d) The candidate can refer to the IWWF Waterski Rules and the Europe & Africa Additional Rules.

### EA5.3.04: Practical Examination

The examination is in two parts:

- a) A test of advanced trick calling and judging.  
The trick level will be high, with a special video compiled by the WSC.  
Points will be rewarded for calling and judging the tricks performed.  
The pass mark is 80% each for writing the runs and judging the runs.
- b) **A test of slalom judging – including gate calls and buoy score.**
  1. Points will be awarded to each pass / gate being judged correctly.
  2. The pass mark is 80%.

### EA5.3.05: Level 1 Judge Re-qualification

To maintain their status, Level 1 Judges will need to attend the Officials Seminar at least every 3 years. (e.g. seminar attendance in 2022, next seminar attendance in 2025), and to take a test at least every 3 years (e.g. exam in 2022, next test in 2025). **This will be a practical test (Tricks) and may also include theoretical questions as needed.**

**EA5.4 – Level 2 Judges (J2 – J2\*)**

Qualification	Qualified in Events
Level 2 Judges (J2 – J2*)	J2 - 3 event qualification (Slalom, Tricks & Jump) J2* - 2 event qualification (Slalom & Jump)

**EA5.4.01: Prior Qualification and Age**

Level 2 Judges must already be qualified as Level 3 Judges in either Slalom & Jump or all 3 Events (Slalom, Tricks & Jump)

And have judged at least 2 times at homologated competitions and as an assistant official at least 2 times at international homologated competitions.

EXCEPT that qualified Skiers under Rule EA5.5 may be fast tracked through the special programme detailed in these rules. Level 2 Judges must be at least 18 years old at the time of their exam.

**EA5.4.02: Function**

A Level 2 Judge may function at any level of homologated competition in the events for which he is qualified.

**EA5.4.03: Theoretical Examination**

- a) The examination tests that the candidate can master the application and interpretation of the rules to the level necessary to judge at R homologation competitions.
- b) The questions are written in English. No translation into any other language is provided.
- c) The pass mark is 80%.

**EA5.4.04: Practical Examination**

The examination is in two parts:

**a) A test of advanced trick calling and judging.**

The trick call will be from a special video compiled by the WSC.

Points will be rewarded for calling and judging the tricks performed.

The pass mark is 80%.

**b) A test of slalom judging – including gate calls and buoy score.**

1. Points will be awarded to each pass / gate being judged correctly.

2. The pass mark is 70%.

**EA5.4.05: Renewal of Qualification**

All Level 2 Judges will be required to attend one seminar within the previous 3 years. (e.g. Seminar 2021 followed by Seminar 2024) to ensure they are up to date with the current rules. At the conclusion of the Seminar a short-written exam may be held to cover the latest rule issues.

By special request National Federations may take on the responsibility of ensuring their Level 2 Judges are trained and evaluated at a National Seminar under the supervision of a designated official approved by the WSC.

## EA5.5 – Skier Fast Track Option

Skiers who meet one of the following skiing standards can take the Level 2 Judge exam (either Slalom & Jump OR 3 events) without first being a Level 3 Judge.

A Europe & Africa skier who has passed their Level 2 Judge exam in any other Confederation may apply to the WSC to be added to the list of Level 2 Judges in Confederation Europe & Africa.

### EA5.5.01: Skier Standards

#### Minimum required skier's personal results:

Sex	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Male	6 @ 58kph/11.25m	6000 points	55m
Female	6 @ 55kph/12m	6000 points	40m

If skiing in a competition, a skier judge cannot judge his own category.

### ~~EA5.5.02: Exam Dates~~

~~The WSC will publish annually a list of exam venues.~~

### EA5.5.02: Seminar Attendance

Attendance at the E&A Officials Seminar is NOT mandatory for this category provided the skier is still achieving the standards shown above in competition during the previous year. Skiers who have retired from competition or have lower scores are required to attend the Seminar.

### EA5.5.03: Level 1 Judge (skiers)

After attaining the Level 1 Judges qualification, attendance at the E&A Officials Seminar and re-examination is NOT mandatory, provided the skier is still achieving the standards shown above in competition during the previous year. Skiers who have retired from competition or have lower scores are required to attend the Seminar.

## EA5.6 – Level 1 Homologator (H1)

### EA5.6.01: Prior Qualification and Age

The candidate must have been a Level 2 Homologator for at least 1 year and have functioned as the Homologator at least 2 times at 3 event homologated competitions. Feedback may be collected from these Competitions and used to inform the final decision.

Level 1 Homologators must be at least 18 years old at the time of the exam.

### EA5.6.02: Function

A Level 1 Homologator is qualified to function at any level of homologated competition.

### EA5.6.03: Theoretical Examination

- a) The examination tests the candidate's knowledge of the rules and the duties of a Homologator to the level required to homologate at "R" homologation competitions.
- b) The questions are written in English. No translation into any other language is provided.
- c) The candidate will also be required to describe in detail how a Homologator homologates a record in any event.
- d) The pass mark is 80%.

### EA5.6.04: Practical Assessment

**To be eligible for the practical assessment, the candidate must submit three homologation dossiers to the WSC, demonstrating that each event has been homologated at least once.**

**The practical assessment can be completed at any titled event prior to the theoretical exam. A national event may be used as assessment by agreement with the WSC. The assessment must be invigilated by a WSC member or H1 Homologator (appointed by the WSC).**

**The candidate is required to check the slalom and jump courses by theodolite and calculation. The candidate is also required to set up and check the jump measurement system, and BPMS using methods officially recognized by the WSC.**

**The Chief Judge and the Homologator of the competition will receive a questionnaire issued by the WSC, concerning the Homologators ability, general attitude, knowledge of homologation software, willingness of work etc. which must be completed and sent to the WSC.**

### EA5.6.05: Renewal of Qualification

To maintain their status, Level 1 Homologators will need to attend the Officials Seminar at least every 3 years. (e.g. seminar attendance in 2022, next seminar attendance in 2025) and will be reevaluated either by test or peer review every 3 years (e.g. exam in 2022, next test in 2025).

**EA5.7 – Level 2 Homologator (H2, H2\*)**

Qualification	Qualified in Events
Level 2 Homologator	“L” homologated events “R” homologated Trick events in their home country
Level 2* Homologator Doesn't need to speak English	“L” homologated events only in their home country “R” homologated Trick events in their home country

**EA5.7.01: Prior Qualification and Age**

The candidate must have been a Level 3 Homologator for at least 1 year and have functioned as assistant Homologator at least 2 times at 3 event homologated competitions.

Level 2 Homologator must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the exam.

**EA5.7.03: Function**

Level 2 Homologators are qualified to function at “L” homologated events only in their home country.

A Level 2 Homologator cannot function at any E&A or World Titled, CP1, CP2 event.

RC Slalom and Jump events are also excluded.

**EA5.7.04: Theoretical Examination**

a) The examination tests the candidate's knowledge of the rules and the duties of a Homologator to the level required to homologate at competitions.

b) The pass mark is 80%.

The test issued by the WSC must be taken under the supervision of a Level 1 Homologator or a WSC appointed person.

**EA5.7.05: Practical Assessment**

**The practical assessment can be completed at any event prior to the theoretical exam.**

**The candidate is required to check the slalom and jump courses by theodolite and calculation. They are also required to set up and check a jump measurement system and BPMS using a method officially recognized by the WSC and complete a homologation dossier including all the above. The assessment must be invigilated by a WSC member or H1/H2 Homologator (appointed by the WSC).**

**EA5.7.06: Exam Report**

The Homologator of the competition will receive a questionnaire issued by the WSC, concerning the ability, general attitude, willingness of work etc. which must be completed and sent to the WSC along with the theoretical examination paper.

**EA5.7.07: Renewal of Qualification**

All Level 2 Homologators will be required to attend one seminar within the previous 3 years (e.g. Seminar 2022 followed by Seminar 2025) to ensure they are up to date with the current rules. A peer review may be required.

By special request National Federations may take on the responsibility of ensuring their Level 2 Homologators are trained and evaluated at a National Seminar under the supervision of a designated official approved by the WSC.

## **EA5.8 – Level 1 Scorer (S1)**

### **EA5.8.01: Prior Qualification and Age**

The candidate must have been a Level 2 Scorer for at least 1 year and have functioned as the Scorers at least 2 times at 3 event homologated competitions. Feedback may be collected from these Competitions and used to inform the final decision.

Level 1 Scorers must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the exam.

### **EA5.8.02: Function**

A Level 1 Scorer is qualified to function at any level of homologated competition.

### **EA5.8.03: Theoretical Examination**

- a) The examination tests the candidate's knowledge of the rules and the duties of a Scorer to the level required to calculate at "R" homologation competitions and his ability to memorise the values of commonly performed tricks.
- b) The questions are written in English. No translation into any other language is provided.
- c) The pass mark is 80%.

### **EA5.8.04: Practical Examination**

The candidate is required to function as an assistant Scorer at the competition and to demonstrate his ability to function as the Scorer of a competition both manually and by use of a computer.

The Chief Judge and the Scorer of the competition will receive a questionnaire issued by the WSC, concerning the Scorer ability, general attitude, knowledge of scoring program, willingness of work etc. which must be completed and sent to the WSC.

### **EA5.8.05: Renewal of Qualification**

To maintain their status, Level 1 Scorers will need to attend the Officials Seminar at least every 3 years. (e.g. seminar attendance in 2022, next seminar attendance in 2025) and will be reevaluated either by test or peer review every 3 years (e.g. exam in 2022, next test in 2025).

**EA5.9 – Level 2 Scorer (S2)**

Qualification	Qualified in Events
Level 2 Scorer (S2 – S2*)	S2 - 3 event qualification (Slalom, Tricks & Jump) S2* - 2 event qualification (Slalom & Jump)

**EA5.9.01: Prior Qualification and Age**

Level 2 Scorers must already be qualified as a Level 3 Scorer in either Slalom & Jump or all 3 Events (Slalom, Tricks & Jump)

The candidate must have been a Level 3 Scorer for at least 1 year and have functioned as the Scorer at least 2 times at homologated competitions.

Level 2 Scorers must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the exam.

**EA5.9.02: Function**

A Level 2 Scorer is qualified to function at any level of homologated competition.

**EA5.9.03: Theoretical Examination**

- a) The examination tests the candidate's knowledge of the rules and the duties of a Scorer to the level required to calculate at "L" homologation competition and if a 3 events scorer, his ability to memorise the values of commonly performed tricks.
- b) The questions are written in English. No translation into any other language is provided.
- c) The pass mark is 80%.

**EA5.9.04: Practical Examination**

The candidate is required to function as an assistant Scorer at the competition and to demonstrate his ability to function as the Scorer of a competition both manually and by use of a computer.

The Chief Judge and the Scorer of the competition will receive a questionnaire issued by the WSC, concerning the Scorer ability, general attitude, knowledge of scoring program, willingness of work etc. which must be completed and sent to the WSC.

**EA5.9.06: Renewal of Qualification**

To maintain their status, Level 2 Scorers will need to attend the Officials Seminar at least every 3 years. (e.g. seminar attendance in 2022, next seminar attendance in 2025), and will be reevaluated either by test or peer review every 3 years (e.g. exam in 2022, next test in 2025).

By special request National Federations may take on the responsibility of ensuring their Level 2 Scorers are trained and evaluated at a National Seminar under the supervision of a designated official approved by the WSC.

## EA5.10 – Level 1 Drivers (D1)

### EA5.10.01: Prior Qualification and Age

The candidate must have been a Level 2 Driver for at least three years and have functioned as the Driver at a minimum of nine “L”/”R” three event competitions, in at least two countries, in the three years prior to the exam. Data and feedback from these Competitions may be collected and used to inform the final decision. Level 1 Drivers must be at least 21 years of age at the time of the exam.

### EA5.10.02: Function

A Level 1 Driver is qualified to function at any level of homologated competition.

### EA5.10.03: Theoretical Examination

To be taken at a designated exam venue as defined each year by the WSC.

- a) This examination tests the candidate's knowledge of the rules that affect drivers and their duties to the level required to drive at “R” competitions. The theoretical examination may be taken at the Officials Seminar.
- b) The questions are written in English. No translation into any other language is provided.**
- c) The pass mark is 80%.

### EA5.10.04: Practical Experience

**Evaluation process: For each event (Slalom, Tricks, Jump), data will be taken from three (3) competitions submitted by the candidate. The same competition may be used for more than one event (provided it included that event and met the requirements), or the candidate may submit different competitions for each event.**

**Each submitted competition must have at least ten (10) competitors in the relevant event, in either the Men’s or Women’s category. Within the three competitions submitted for a given event, the following minimum scores must be achieved in either the men’s or women’s category at least once:**

	Tricks	Slalom	Jump
Men	7000 points	2.00@58/10.75m	55m
Women	6000 points	4.00@55/11.25m	45m

### Slalom

- a) **Boat Path:** No single buoy deviation more than  $\pm 20$ cm from center
- b) **Boat Path – Cumulative:** No single pass out of tolerance
- c) **Driving:** Perfect alignment at pre-gate and entry gate. (95% of passes)
- d) **Other Factors:**
  1. Knowledge of Zero Off / Map slalom course
  2. Knowledge of SurePath Set up and use
  3. Ease and precision of making necessary changes between skiers at the dock.
  4. Boat path - alignment before entering course - how far ahead and how consistent.
  5. End of course - precision and consistency in dropping the skier, starting, and turning.
  6. Attention to safety at all times.
  7. Knowledge of slalom/tricks/Jump rules and related driver duties.

### Jump

- a) **Requested Boat Path:** No single pass out of tolerance
- b) **Boat Path:** Straight boat path with no more than  $\pm 30$ cm difference in deviation between NT, MT, ET  
Between NT and MT: Max deviation toward the ramp (10cm)
- c) **Other Factors**
  1. Map jump course and verify setup.
  2. Knowledge of SurePath Set up and use
  3. Boat handling/maneuvering around the dock - efficiency, consistency, coordination with dock starter.
  4. Enters correct speed and appropriate skier letter/ fast second or RTB.
  5. Boat path - alignment before entering course - how far ahead and how consistent.

6. Driver makes necessary adjustment to Power Factor and Second Segment to balance times.
7. Attention to safety at all times.
8. Knowledge of jump rules and related driver duties.

**Tricks**

**A) Boat Path In Course:** Path is consistently straight, and in the same alignment and location. Deviation is negligible.

**B) Outside Of Course:**

1. Boat path - alignment with designated path and consistency of pattern before entering course.
2. Boat handling / maneuvering around the dock - efficiency, consistency, coordination with dock starter.
3. Between passes - smoothly dropping / returning to skier, maneuvering, and proceeding with minimal delay.

**C) Other Factors:**

1. Knowledge of Zero Off and input of appropriate skier parameters.
2. How quickly and smoothly the driver engages the system without overshooting speed.
3. How quickly and smoothly requested speed adjustments are made.
4. Attention to safety at all times.
5. Attitude and response to feedback from boat crew and skiers.
6. Knowledge of trick rules and related driver duties.

**EA5.10.05: Renewal of Qualification**

To maintain their status, Level 1 Drivers will need to attend the Officials Seminar at least every 3 years. (e.g. seminar attendance in 2022, next seminar attendance in 2025), and will be reevaluated either by test or peer review every 3 years (e.g. exam in 2022, next test in 2025).

## EA5.11 – Level 2 Drivers (D2)

Qualification	Qualified in Events
Level 2 Driver (D2 – D2*)	D2 - 3 event qualification (Slalom, Tricks & Jump) D2* - 2 event qualification (Slalom & Tricks)

### EA5.11.01: Prior Qualification and Age

Level 2 Drivers must already be qualified as Level 3 Drivers in either Slalom & Tricks or all 3 Events (Slalom, Tricks & Jump)

The candidate must have been a Level 3 Driver for at least 1 year and have functioned as the Driver at least 4 times at homologated competitions.

Level 2 Drivers must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the exam.

### EA5.11.02: Function

A Level 2 Driver is qualified to function at any level of homologated competition.

### EA5.11.03: Theoretical Examination

- This examination tests the candidate's knowledge of the rules that affect drivers and their duties to the level required to drive at "L" competitions.
- The questions are written in English. No translation into any other language is provided.**
- The pass mark is 80%.

### EA5.11.04: Practical Experience

The practical examination has been replaced by a mandatory evaluation utilising the driving data stored in the driver's portal.

**Evaluation process: For each event (Slalom, Tricks, Jump), data will be taken from three (3) competitions submitted by the candidate. The same competition may be used for more than one event (provided it included that event and met the requirements), or the candidate may submit different competitions for each event.**

**Each submitted competition must have at least eight (8) competitors in the relevant event, in either the Men's or Women's category. Within the three competitions submitted for a given event, the following minimum scores must be achieved in either the men's or women's category at least once:**

	Tricks	Slalom	Jump
<b>Men</b>	4000 points	6@16m & 4@14.25m (58 kph)	43m
<b>Women</b>	3200 points	6@16m & 4@14.25m (55 kph)	31m

### Slalom

- Boat Path:** No single buoy deviation more than  $\pm 25$ cm from center
- Boat Path – Cumulative:** Max 1 pass out of tolerance per competition verified.
- Driving:** Perfect alignment at pre-gate and entry gate. (80% of passes)
- Other Factors:**
  - Knowledge of Zero Off / Map slalom course
  - Knowledge of SurePath Set up and use
  - Ease and precision of making necessary changes between skiers at the dock.
  - Boat path - alignment before entering course - how far ahead and how consistent.
  - End of course - precision and consistency in dropping the skier, starting, and turning.
  - Attention to safety at all times.
  - Knowledge of slalom/tricks/Jump rules and related driver duties.

### Jump

- Requested Boat Path:** No single pass out of tolerance
- Boat Path:** Straight boat path with no more than  $\pm 40$ cm difference in deviation between NT, MT, ET  
Between NT and MT: Max deviation toward the ramp (20cm)
- Other Factors**
  - Map jump course and verify setup.
  - Knowledge of SurePath Set up and use
  - Boat handling / maneuvering around the dock - efficiency, consistency, coordination with dock

starter.

4. Enters correct speed and appropriate skier letter/ fast second or RTB.
5. Boat path - alignment before entering course - how far ahead and how consistent.
6. Driver makes necessary adjustment to Power Factor and Second Segment to balance times.
7. Attention to safety at all times.
8. Knowledge of jump rules and related driver duties.

#### Tricks

**A) Boat Path In Course:** Path is consistently straight, and in the same alignment and location. Deviation is negligible.

**B) Outside Of Course:**

1. Boat path - alignment with designated path and consistency of pattern before entering course.
2. Boat handling / maneuvering around the dock - efficiency, consistency, coordination with dock starter.
3. Between passes - smoothly dropping / returning to skier, maneuvering, and proceeding with minimal delay.

**C) Other Factors:**

1. Knowledge of Zero Off and input of appropriate skier parameters.
2. How quickly and smoothly the driver engages the system without overshooting speed.
3. How quickly and smoothly requested speed adjustments are made.
4. Attention to safety at all times.
5. Attitude and response to feedback from boat crew and skiers.
6. Knowledge of trick rules and related driver duties.

#### EA5.11.05: Renewal of Qualification

To maintain their status, Level 1 Drivers will need to attend the Officials Seminar at least every 3 years. (e.g. seminar attendance in 2022, next seminar attendance in 2025), and will be reevaluated either by test or peer review every 3 years (e.g. exam in 2022, next test in 2025).

By special request National Federations may take on the responsibility of ensuring their Level 2 Drivers are trained and evaluated at a National Seminar under the supervision of a designated official approved by the WSC.

## EA5.12 – Officials Seminar

International Officials for the purpose of this rule are Level 1 and Level 2 Officials.

### EA5.12.01: Responsibility and Purpose

The WSC is responsible for organising an annual Officials Seminar.

The purpose of this Seminar is to provide:

1. further education in judging and scoring,
2. information on the latest rule changes and their interpretation,
3. practical trick writing, judging, and scoring,
4. a trick writing and scoring evaluation.
5. further education in homologation and driving,
6. information and demonstrations on the latest technology associated with their responsibilities.

### EA5.12.02: Attendance

- a) **Mandatory Attendance:** Any Level 1 or Level 2 Official who wishes to inscribe himself for any World or Europe & Africa titled event or Cash Prize 1 competition in any year MUST have attended one seminar within the previous 3 years (e.g. Seminar 2022 followed by Seminar 2025). If, however, an official attend the Seminar in the current year he may become eligible to officiate at titled or CP1 events in that current year if there are spaces. At the Seminar, a short-written exam will be held.
- b) All International Officials are encouraged to take part in the Officials Seminar as often as possible to increase their knowledge.
- c) Level 3 Officials are welcome to attend. If they pass their International Official exam in the same year their attendance at the Seminar is valid for 3 years.

**Note:** In order to qualify as “attended”, an official must attend most sessions during the Seminar. This will be monitored at each session.

### EA5.12.03: Exam Availability

Theoretical and Practical Exam facilities for Level 1 Judge and Level 2 Judge qualification will be made available at every Seminar.

Theoretical Exam facilities for other officials (Homologator, Driver and Scorer) will be made available at every Seminar. Practical exams will still have to be taken at events.

### EA5.12.04: Date and Venue

Federations wishing to host the Seminar should apply in writing to the WSC who will, as far as is possible, announce dates and venues at least two years in advance of each Seminar.

The venue should move around the Confederation, offering an equal chance to officials from all countries to attend. This will be considered when allocating Seminar venues. The date should be in spring or autumn of any year.

### EA5.12.05: Costs

Everyone attending the Seminar is responsible for their own costs of travel and accommodation. Confederation Europe & Africa will contribute to the cost of meeting rooms and lecture facilities.

**EA5.13 – Level 3 Officials (J3, J3\*, D3, D3\*, S3, S3\*, H3 and H3\*)**

Qualification	Qualified in events
Level 3 Judge (J3 – J3*)	J3 - 3 event qualification (Slalom, Tricks & Jump) J3* - Slalom & Jump
Level 3 Drivers (D3 – D3*)	D3 - 3 event qualification (Slalom, Tricks & Jump) D3* - Slalom & Tricks
Level 3 Scorer (S3 – S3*)	S3 – 3 event qualification (Slalom, Tricks & Jump) S3* - Slalom & Jump
Level 3 Homologator (H3)	3 event qualification only (Slalom, Tricks & Jump)

**EA5.13.01: Responsibility**

A Level 3 Official is responsible to and the responsibility of his Federation.

**EA5.13.02: Rights**

When appointed to an international competition a Level 3 Official is entitled to such rights and reimbursements of expenses as are specified in the Bye-Laws, Obligations and Additional Rules.

**EA5.13.03: Cards**

Cards will be issued and renewed at the discretion of the National Official's Federation.

**EA5.13.04: Functions**

Level 3 Officials are qualified to function only in their home country. If requested, the WSC may grant special exceptions.

- a) Level 3 Judges are qualified to function at “N” and “L” homologation competitions, in the event in which they are qualified.
- b) Level 3 Homologators are qualified to function at “N” homologation competitions.
- c) Level 3 Scorers are qualified to function at “N” and “L” homologation competitions, in the events for which they are qualified.
- d) Level 3 Drivers are qualified to function at “N” and “L” homologation competitions, in the events for which they are qualified.

**EA5.13.05: Appointment to Panels**

A Level 3 Officials may be appointed to the panel of a National or International competition by his Federation.

**EA5.13.06: Examinations**

Federations are solely responsible for the examination and appointment of Level 3 Officials.

Appendix A of the Additional Rules gives guidance on the conduct of examinations and the standards that should be required.

The WSC has developed a series of online exam papers for level 3 Officials which will be available for National Federations to use for a small fee. National Federations are not obliged to use these exams and can continue to use their own. However, their use will help achieve a common standard.

**EA5.13.07: List of National Officials**

Each Federation is responsible for reviewing and updating its own Level 3 Officials in the EMS, at the beginning of each season and to keep data updated.

**EA5.13.08: Training Resources**

The WSC has prepared a set of training resources which can be used by National Federations to train officials. These are available at <https://learn.europewater.ski>.

These include instruction in each of the three events, video trick training, etc.

## EA5.14 – Disciplinary Procedures

Applies to Judges – Scorers - Drivers - Homologators

All disciplinary procedures and actions must comply with the bylaw articles regarding ineligibility of participation, grievance, and due process. These procedures are not intended for the occasional honest mistake, only for those habitually breaking the rules.

With each step, written approval of two-thirds of the Appointed Officials is required to act against an official, and this approval must be recorded and included in the report to the WSC as specified below.

### First Offence to Be but Not Limited To:

- On-site notification and warning by the Appointed Officials with written report of action to WSC Chairman.

The record of this offence will be removed from the official's file in one year from the date of infraction provided no further offences occur.

### Second Offence to Be but Not Limited To:

- Letter of reprimand from the entire Council.
- Not to officiate at any “R” or “L” events for 6 months after the date of the letter of reprimand, with written report of action to Admincom.

Providing no further offences occur, and without removing the record of this offence from the official's file, the time limit on this offence for further discipline will end two years from the date of infraction.

### Third Offence to Be but Not Limited To:

- Letter from the Europe & Africa President.
- Downgrade mandatory with written report of action to Admincom.

Providing no further offences occur, and without removing the record of this offence from the official's file, the time limit on this offence for further discipline will end three years from the date of infraction and the official may start work from the beginning on the rating lost.

The following are examples of violations, but are not all-inclusive:

All Officials:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not following the rules to enhance skier performance or site reputation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>abusing any tolerance (IWWF Rule 1.09).</li> <li>allowing abuse of any tolerance without reporting it or taking corrective action, if appropriate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Not following the rules after having been notified of the problem.</li> <li>Knowing the rules were not followed and not reporting it.</li> <li>Engaging in verbal or physical abuse of other officials or competition personnel.</li> </ol>
Judges:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manipulating the timing in tricks to give the skier more or less than 20 seconds.</li> <li>Knowing that the speed was wrong and not reporting it.</li> <li>Knowing that the boat path was wrong and not reporting it.</li> </ol>
Scorers:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intentionally giving a skier or group of skiers a better or worse score in any event or overall.</li> <li>Manipulating the points and credits in scoring tricks to produce more or less points for a skier or group of skiers.</li> </ol>
Drivers:	Driving to enhance skier performance with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consistently slow times during a Slalom event with one or a group of skiers.</li> <li>a boat path consistently favouring or disfavouring one or a group of skiers.</li> <li>consistently fast times during a Jump event with one or a group of skiers.</li> </ul>
Homologators:	Setting up the ski site in violation of the rules to enhance skier performance by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>setting slalom courses too narrow.</li> <li>allowing the use of excessively long slalom towropes.</li> <li>allowing timing systems to be operated without prior checking.</li> <li>filling out record application forms incorrectly.</li> <li>setting up the ramp incorrectly.</li> </ul>

## Appendix A – Advice to Federations for National Officials

### 1. General

The examinations should be organised similarly to those for International Officials but require lower minimum standards as specified below. The examiners should be experienced International Officials. Applications for examination should only be accepted from candidates who have had sufficient experience as assistant officials at competitions and who the Federation believes would carry out their duties and apply the rules with complete impartiality.

### 2. 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.

#### c) Level 3 Homologator

Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Waterski Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules and Homologation Rules and Guidelines and practical experience to demonstrate that he could homologate a Normal homologation competition unsupervised.

#### d) Level 3 Scorer

Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Waterski Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules applying to calculation, memory of trick values and practical experience to demonstrate he could calculate the results of a Normal homologation competition unsupervised.

#### e) Level 3 Driver

Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Waterski Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules applying to drivers and driving experience to demonstrate he could drive all events of a Ranking List competition.

#### f) Level 3 Driver\*

Sufficient knowledge of the IWWF Waterski Rules and Europe & Africa Additional Rules applying to drivers and driving experience to demonstrate he could drive Slalom and Tricks at Ranking List competition.

## Appendix B – End Course Monitoring

### End Course Video

End-course video shall be recorded for the slalom event for all passes. A rigidly mounted video camera shall be operated from a point on the centreline on at least one end of the slalom course, adjusted to show all the boat guides in clear focus, and equipped with optical (not digital) magnification of sufficient power to display the far entrance/exit gate occupying at least 1/6th of the full width of the screen (1/3 width or larger is recommended).

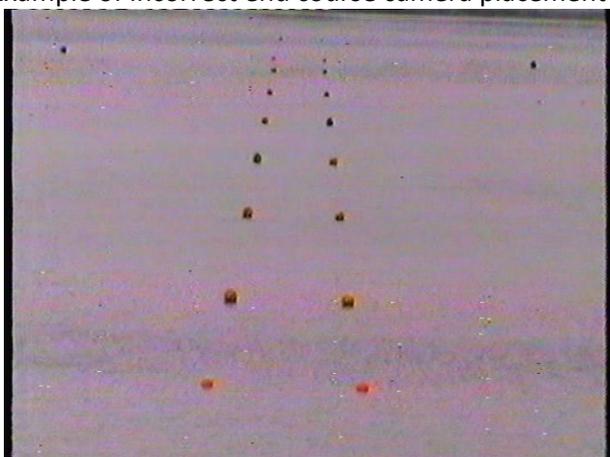
To help the Organiser and the Officials, Confederation E&A has bought the rights for SplashEyeDrive. This software allows Officials to easily verify slalom boat path in real-time.

For the proper functioning of the software the far gates must occupy a minimum 1/3 of screen width

What is needed: A computer, a USB Video capture device, and the software.

For Tutorial Videos, the computer specification, to purchase the USB Video Capture device or to download the software go to <http://www.splasheye.com/splasheyedrive>

Example of incorrect end course camera placement



Camera too high and not enough zoom



Not enough zoom and image too grainy



Not enough zoom



Not enough zoom and image too grainy

## Appendix B – End Course Monitoring

### Examples of correct end course camera placement

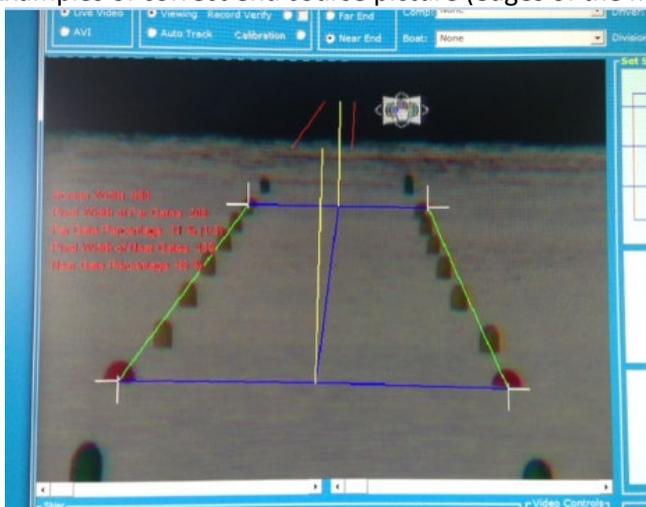


### End Course Picture

Before the start of the competition, the Homologator must take a picture of the monitor on the Jury tower where the end course is displayed. The picture must also include the edges of the monitor, so that the gate size ratio can be calculated. The picture must be emailed to [endcourse@splasheye.com](mailto:endcourse@splasheye.com) in the subject line enter the competition code.

It is the responsibility of the Homologator to physically make and send the end course picture before the start of the competition. The Homologator who fails to do so may incur in a Disciplinary Procedure.

### Examples of correct end course picture (edges of the monitor visible)



### Examples of incorrect end course picture



Edges of the monitor not visible



Edges of the monitor not visible  
camera to high

## Appendix C – Administration and Homologation reporting

<b>ATTENTION</b>	
<b>FEDERATION</b>	<b>CALCULATORS</b>
<b>HOMOLOGATORS</b>	

To ensure continued administration and homologation of our sport, the WSC requires certain data from “N”, “L” and “R” tournaments to be shared. Unfortunately, this sometimes is overlooked or incomplete. We hope that the following table will make the situation clearer.

WHAT	WHERE	BY WHO	NOTES
Registration of Competition	<a href="https://ems.iwwf.sport/Organizer/MyCompetitions">https://ems.iwwf.sport/Organizer/MyCompetitions</a>	Organiser/Federation If registered by Organiser need to be approved by Federation	Include: name, place, data, events, round etc.
Competition Data	Download from: <a href="https://ems.iwwf.sport/">https://ems.iwwf.sport/</a> ... competition name, Download file.....	Scorer	Before the event
Homologation Dossier	Upload to: <a href="http://www.iwwfed-ea.org">www.iwwfed-ea.org</a> <a href="https://ems.iwwf.sport/">https://ems.iwwf.sport/</a> ... competition name, menu Attachments, New File. File Category: select Other	Scorer Homologator	The preferred method is for the Homologator to give the homologation dossier to the calculator. Then all the files will be uploaded at once
IWWF Ranking List Scores	Upload to: <a href="https://ems.iwwf.sport/">https://ems.iwwf.sport/</a> ... competition name, menu Results, button Upload Results	Scorer	
Competition Results	Upload to: <a href="http://www.iwwfed-ea.org">www.iwwfed-ea.org</a>	Scorer	
wst and wsk files	Upload to: <a href="http://www.iwwfed-ea.org">www.iwwfed-ea.org</a>	Scorer	

All Tournaments