



INFORMATION BULLETIN

IWWF – EC Wakeboard Boat Council proudly presents

**IWWF European Wakeboard Boat Seminar
for Judges, Drivers and Scorers
to be held in Athens, Greece, March 31st – April 2nd, 2023**

IWWF European Wakeboard International Officials' Seminars have been held in the following countries to promote wakeboarding and assist with the development of officials:

- Nottingham, UK
- Nemours, France
- Frankfurt, Germany
- Barcelona, Spain
- Brussels, Belgium
- Rome, Italy
- Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Lisbon, Portugal
- Cranes Montana, Switzerland
- Antwerp, Belgium
- Paris, France
- Gothenburg, Sweden
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Dublin, Ireland
- Birmingham, UK,
- Kyiv, Ukraine
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Riga, Latvia
- Paris, France
- Belfast, Northern Ireland
- Brussels, Belgium
- Lyon, France
- Dusseldorf, Germany

This year the Hellenic Waterski and Wakeboard Federation and the European Wakeboard Boat Council welcome you in Athens, Greece!



We very much hope that you will take this opportunity to attend the International Officials seminar and to develop or update the officials from your country, to promote the development of wakeboarding.

As with most board sports, wakeboarding uses a subjective scoring system. It is therefore essential that all officials are trained to apply the rules and judging criteria consistently and are equipped with the right tools for the job. This is more important than ever as the skills of the athletes and the changes in rules require the officials to maintain and to update their knowledge to match the developing skills of the athletes.

The International Judging and Scoring program has been in place in IWWF region Europe and Africa since 1999 and all officials are required to attend the relevant course, to sit examinations and are rewarded by certification.

The seminar will be held in a relaxed informal atmosphere, with plenty of time for discussion to help learning together and the sharing of experience as well as meeting new friends and old ones within the wakeboarding community.

Discussion and debate at the seminar are particularly useful to increase learning opportunities, to continually update knowledge and to improve consistency among judges.

This is vitally important to ensure that all Officials progress their knowledge and their experience in accordance with the pace of development and skills of the athletes.

ALL International Officials, at ALL levels must continue to attend seminars after certification to ensure that your experience is shared and importantly to keep up to date with new developments in judging and scoring.

It is vital that all Federations and Officials become familiar with the new Event Management System (EMS). The EMS will be used by all Disciplines of the IWWF to manage all events and the ranking within each discipline at regional and world level. Athletes and officials will be unable to participate and officiate at any event without an understanding of the EMS and their contribution to the process.

Judging Examinations - there are 5 levels of examination:

- 1* (Assistant National Level 3)
- 2* (National Level 2)
- 3* (National Level 1 – National Chief Judge)
- 4* (International Level 2)
- 5* (International Level 1)

Each of the levels allows the judges to progress each year, gaining and building on experience along the way.



Typical events that International 5* judges are qualified to judge are:

- IWWF Europe and Africa Championships
- IWWF International Competitions/ Tour events
- IWWF Wakeboard World Championships
- World Games

The Wakeboard Judging Course:

- The rules and theory
- The use of the Event Management System (EMS)
- The role and responsibilities of Judges
- Interpretation and decision making
- Recording judging decisions
- Video analysis sessions

Scorer Examinations – there are 3 levels of examination:

- 1* (National Scorer)
- 2* (International Level 2)
- 3* (International Level 1)

The Scorer Course:

- The rules and theory
- The heat system and seeding
- The role and responsibilities of the Scorer
- Planning and scheduling the competition
- Event Management System
- Scoring software

Scoring session with the scoring program software

An essential part of the seminar for scorers will be the practical sessions on the introduction to the scoring software.

It is important for all existing scorers to attend to become familiar with the scoring software program the EMS and to practice using both systems together.

NB: Scorers MUST bring a laptop capable of running windows to access the software.

Drivers Examinations



- 1 * (National Driver)
- 2 * (International Level 2)
- 3 * (International Level 1)

The Drivers Course:

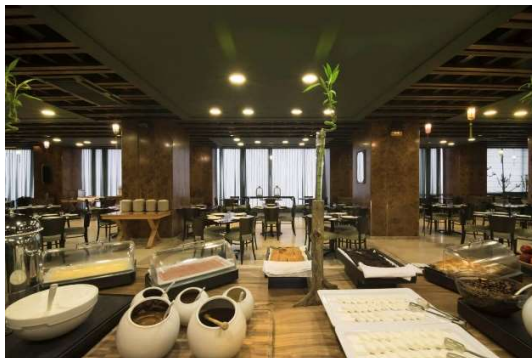
- The rules and theory
- The role and responsibilities of the Driver
- The practical management of the wakeboard course
- The practical management of the boat
- Safety
- Practical Driving assessment

THE HOTEL

President Hotel Athens

Address: Leof. Kifisias 43, Athens 115 23, Greece

Telephone +302106989000





ACCOMMODATION

Single or double standard room including breakfast – 107,00 € / day.

Single or double Deluxe room including breakfast – 117,00 € / day.

Triple standard room including breakfast – 115,00 € / day.

Room rates excluding 3,00 € tax per room per night.

Credit card details are required to guarantee all reservations.

Be advised that the reservation **deadline is March 10th 2023**

Send your reservation directly to the Hotel to reservations@president.gr

with the code, “WAKEBOARD 2023” and please copy to hwsf@waterski.org.gr

If you choose to make a reservation through any other resource than the booking form offered, **please inform** hwsf@waterski.org.gr as the Hotel has reserved a quota for the participants attending the Seminar.

LUNCHES/SOCIAL EVENTS

Lunch can be provided at the hotel with an additional cost of 30,00 €/person.

SEMINAR

The seminar will take place at the President Hotel Athens.

ARRIVING TO ATHENS

Airport: Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) is the biggest international airport in Greece.

The hotel **President Hotel Athens** is near the center of Athens

Use Google maps to calculate transportation.

<https://goo.gl/maps/JDRdsCLjUwKgeyUHA>

VISAS

Please, use link below to check if you need visa to Greece.

<https://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/visas-for-foreigners-traveling-to-greece/countries-requiring-or-not-requiring-visa.html>



SEMINAR SCHEDULE (approximate, subject to change)

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| Friday 31 st March 2023 | 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Seminar Part 1 Coffee Break Seminar Part 2 |
| Saturday 1 st April 2023 | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM | Seminar Part 3 Coffee Break Seminar Part 4 Lunch Break cost 30,00 €/person Seminar Part 5 Coffee Break Seminar Part 6 |
| Sunday 2 nd April 2023 | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Approx. 2:00 PM | Examination (theory) Coffee Break Examination (practice) End of Seminar, time to go back to reality from wonderful time spent in wakeboard company! |

Applications for the seminar

The cost in order to attend the seminar is **75,00 €** to be deposited at:

Bank: National Bank of Greece
Account name: Hellenic Water Ski Federation
IBAN: GR73 0110 0800 0000 0804 8057 551
BIC: ETHNGRAA
Ref: Name of participant/WB Seminar

If you wish to book for lunch, then you must deposit 75,00 € + 30,00 € = 105,00 € to the above account.

Please complete the attached application form and email it to **BOTH**.

HWSF: hwsf@waterski.org.gr

AND

Linda: linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

**2023 Wakeboard Boat Officials Seminar
Registration Form**

Your Name: _____

Your DOB: _____

Contact info (e-mail, phone number): _____

Federation: _____

Arrival date and time: _____

Departure date and time: _____

Course to be attended Judging Scoring Drivers

Level of exam you want to take: _____

Last seminar attended: _____

Lunch Saturday 1 April Yes No

Any special considerations?

Signature: _____

Date: _____