



IWWF Europe & Africa Championships 2023,

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11 to 16 September 2023

Beernem, Belgium

BULLETIN 1

The IWWF together with Malibu Boats are delighted to invite all Federations to participate at the 2023 IWWF Europe & Africa Championships, powered by Malibu at **Beernem in Belgium**.



Beernem is a municipality in the green outskirts of Bruges in the Belgian province of West Flanders. The municipality has around 16,000 inhabitants and it is easily accessible. In Beernem you can enjoy nature to the full. There is a varies landscape, no shortage of woods and parks, the area is characterized by stream valleys, heathland, woodland and landscapes full of typical avenues of trees. The region is dotted with splendid castles and summer country houses, mostly hidden in the greenery. This is a splendid location for the 2023 IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships, powered by Malibu.





THE OFFICIAL TOW BOAT

We are delighted that the exclusive Tow Boat for the 2023 E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships at Beernem, Belgium will be provided by our official partner Malibu Boats.

WEATHER:

The weather in September is usually around 17c to 22c and it is usually still dry!

LOCAL CURRENCY:

The local currency is Euro. Visa and MasterCard are accepted in most hotels, shops and restaurants. You may need cash at small local groceries and street markets. ATM machines can be found all over the city as well as banks.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Beernem is easily accessible by plane, by car and on public transport.

The **International airports** close to Beernem are: -
Brussels Airport.
Charleroi Airport
Lille Airport

The municipality of Beernem has a train station on the railway line Brussels–Ostend. Check out this website – <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en> for details of routes and tickets

VISAS

Holders of European passports do not need a visa to enter Belgium.

In other cases, please check if you do require a visa and if you need assistance with invitation, e-mail Wouter Deschrijver at Wouter.bouwt@wouterbouwt.be





THE OFFICIAL HOTEL:

Van Der Valk Hotel,
Brugge,
Oostkamp

+32/5083.37.80
Brugge@valk.com

This hotel is located 10 minutes from the event site.

A Double room will cost €109.00

If you choose to take breakfast at the hotel the cost is €21.50

When booking the hotel use the code **Wakers 2023**

Please book your rooms by **15th July 2023**

Many accommodation options are available in Beernem. A range of options can be found at https://www.brugseommeland.be/nl/bestemmingen/beernem#beernem_overnachten

Camping is available at the event site for **a maximum of 16**, however please note that there is no access to electricity or water on site.



INTENTION TO ENTER

Countries interested in participating should submit the attached Intention to Enter form **no later than 15th July 2023 to**

linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com AND Wouter.bouwt@wouterbouwt.be

Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until they pay a fine of €250 to the IWWF.

For each participant entered on the Intention to Enter form, the Federation must pay a deposit of €50 to the EC Council central bank account - this payment is non-refundable.

This payment will ensure the number of riders participating at the event is accurate and enable the planning of the event.

If the Federation sends the number of riders as indicated in the Intention to Enter, the payment made will be deducted from the entry fee.

If the Federation sends less riders than the number indicated on the Intention to Enter, the €50 paid for each of the riders not attending will be forfeited.

The Federation may enter up to 2 additional riders more than originally declared on the Intention to Enter form.

If more than 2 additional riders participate, then a fee of €50 per additional rider will be levied on the Federation.

IWWF LICENSE

It is essential that Federations ensure that all their Wakeboard athletes hold a valid IWWF License to enter any E&A Confederation Championship.

All participants must enter the event through their Federation on EMS.

ELIGIBILITY

A Federation may select its team as desires according to the 2022 World Wakeboard Rules. However, each team member must be a citizen or applying for citizenships of the country that the Federation represents. In case of doubt as to the nationality of a rider the Chief Judge and the Chief Scorer normally will refer to his/her passport.

ENTRY / REGISTRATION OF RIDERS





Each Federation shall register the riders through their EMS Federation Administrator **no later than 3rd September 2023** (ten days before the scheduled start of the event), through the [IWWF Event Management System \(EMS\)](#). Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays a fine of US\$10/€10 per rider per day after the 10-day deadline to the IWWF for each rider not officially entered. Late entries will only be accepted with the mutual consent of the Organiser and Chief judge.

Registration will close at **9:00 pm on September 11th 2023** (36 hours prior to the start of the competition). If a rider is not able to be at the site before the registration closes, he/she (or the Team Captain) must ensure that a digital copy of his/her passport is sent to the Chief Judge and Chief Scorer and that his/her entry fee is paid, as well as a clear indication of the division in which the rider will compete.

The registration of the rider participations in EMS can be done as follows:

1. The EMS Federation Administrator has to login to EMS
2. Go to the Competitions menu and set the *Code* "tbc" or *Country* "Belgium" and *Discipline* "Wakeboard Boat" in the Search Filters
3. Select the "IWWF Europe and Africa Wakeboard Boat Championship" competition
4. Scroll down to the Participations section and click the "New participation" button to register the Athletes
5. Enter the Name of the Athlete in the Search box and click on the loop sign to the right
6. Register the *Category in Competition*, the *Event* and the *Entry Type* if known (if not known yet select "*Individual Participant*"; **you must define the team members at the latest by 3:00 pm on September 10th 2023 – one day prior to the first day of competition.**
7. Click on the blue "+Add" button and the participant will be registered
8. Repeat the steps 5 to 7 for any additional participants
9. Any registration after the deadline of **3rd September 2023** will be put on the Waiting List to be approved by mutual consent of the Organizer and the Chief Judge
10. Entry fees and penalties will be collected on site in cash

TEAM ENTRY

A team will comprise of a maximum of 10 riders, with a maximum of 2 riders in the same category. Although it is encouraged to have a mixed participation with men and women riders within a team, it is not compulsory. Federations must nominate their team riders by 3:00 pm, one day prior to the first day of the event, after which all riders will be considered individual entries and will not contribute towards team scoring.

INDIVIDUAL RIDERS





According to the IWWF World Wakeboard Rules (rule 3.8.2) athletes who are not part of a team may compete as individuals. An individual rider's entry must be submitted through his respective Federation or Federation representative, following the same procedure.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is €260.00 per athlete for Open, Masters and Veterans, €210,00 per athlete for Junior categories. To be paid to IWWF EC Wakeboard Boat Council's account.

BANK DETAILS

NAME OF BANK: ABN-AMRO,
PO BOX 59
NL – 1180 AB AMSTERDAM
Account name: Wakeboard Boat Council
IBAN: NL03 ABNA 0843 8559 83
BIC: ABNANL2A

RULES

THE IWWF World Wakeboard Boat Rules 2022 will apply.
<http://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/IWWFWakeboardBoatRules2019.pdf>

OFFICIAL FAMILIARISATION

All riders will have equal time to familiarise themselves with the course and the wake. All riders will have the opportunity for only 1 familiarisation slot.

The number of days required for Official Familiarisation will depend on the total number of riders according to the Intention to Enter forms. Official Familiarisation will take place on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th September 2023.

15 days following the deadline for the intention to enter forms - booking will be available and slots will be allocated on a first come - first served basis. Slots booked are not changeable and are not refundable. Where required - final decisions will be made by Chief Judge and Chief Scorer

The price of 1 slot is *tbc*, payable to EC Council account.





Official Familiarisation will open for booking on 30th July 2023 at 09.00 CET. The process for the booking of Official Familiarisation will be strictly managed by first come first served - according to the date and time of the receipt of email requests to:

Booking by email to linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

When requesting official familiarisation slots, please refer to the preferred date and if morning or afternoon is also preferred. Slots will be attributed by order of preference as received by email date and time.

Payment must be made at the time of the confirmation of the booking and is not refundable. Slots cannot be changed following booking confirmation.

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THE OFFICIAL PANEL - tbc

Chief Judge -
Assistant Chief Judge –
Judge -
Judge -
Judge -
Judge -
Judge –

Chief Scorer –
Assistant Scorer –
Assistant Scorer –

Chief Driver –
Assistant Driver –





OFFICIAL OPENING and CLOSING CEREMONIES

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the event site on September 13th 2023
Details will be confirmed
The Closing Ceremony will be held at the event site on September 16th 2023.
Details will be confirmed

FLAGS

It is important that ALL Team Captains *must bring 2 flags* of their country for the Opening ceremony and for the Medals ceremony. Flags should be given to the Organizer at registration.

UNOFFICIAL TRAINING

The Organiser will provide the opportunity for unofficial training.
This will not be behind the competition boat.

This can be booked by directly contacting Wouter Deschrijver at wouter.bouwt@wouterbouwt.be
Details will be confirmed in Bulletin 2

DOPING CONTROL

In accordance with the IWWF E&A Anti-Doping Rules, doping controls will be conducted during the competition. When entering this competition all athletes must agree to be subject to doping control. Information about the anti-doping rules and links to the list of banned substances can be accessed at the following link: <http://iwwfed.com/athletes/anti-doping/>

This is the link to the WADA website where the Doping Control Process is explained:
<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/education-and-prevention/doping-control-process-forathletes>

IWWF SAFE SPORT POLICY & SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS

The IWWF takes safeguarding extremely seriously and is committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers operate in a safe environment, free from abuse and the risk of harm. It is a condition of participation that all attendees familiarise themselves and comply with the IWWF Safeguarding Regulations which are available at <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport/>





CONTACTS

Main contact – Organiser, Wouter Deschrijver - Wouter.bouwt@wouterbouwt.be

Main contact – EC Wakeboard Boat Council - Linda Johnston -
linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

The IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships 2023





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INTENTION TO ENTER FORM

The FEDERATION will attend the IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships 2023, powered by Malibu

We expect our team to consist of:

U14 Boys _____

U14 Girls _____

U18 Men _____

U18 Women _____

Open Men _____

Open Women _____

O30 Men _____

O30 Women _____

O40 Men _____

O40 Women _____

O50 Men _____

O50 Women _____

Name of Team Captain: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Team Manager: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Lead contact: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please return this form by 15th July 2023 to:

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