



## **Newsletter of the E&A Waterski Council**

### **Around the Buoys : No. 4 - April 2023**

#### **Calendar 2023**

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

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

- 12/06 – 17/06 World U21 Championships, Bocalaguna, Mexico
- 28/07 – 30/07 E&A Open Championships, San Gervasio, Italy
- 09/08 – 13/08 E&A Youth Championships: Botaski, Sesena, Spain
- 17/08 – 20/08 E&A U21 Championships, Beurech, France TBC
- 11/09 – 17/09 E&A 35+ Championships: Cazaux, France
- 08/10 – 15/10 IWWF World Open Championships, Florida
  
- **Calendar 2024**
  - 14/08 – 18/08 E&A 35+ Championships, Botaski, Sesena, Spain
  - 03/09 – 08/09 World 35+ Championships, Agrinio, Greece

#### **Officials Seminar 2023**

The Officials Seminar took place in the UK in March with 100 Officials from 20 countries attending. The numbers were very much appreciated by the Waterski Council as this was the first physical Seminar since Antwerp in 2019.

The Seminar focussed on the World Rulebook updates with a particular emphasis on the new eyeTrick Judging technology which has been approved for use by the World Waterski Council. There were also small group sessions for Trick Judging, eyeTrick, SurePath, Scorers, Disabled Drivers, and Homologation. A number of people also took their Exams. Particular thanks to Donal Connolly and James Timothy for their contribution to the Seminar.

The Waterski Council is convinced that there is much added value in meeting together rather than virtual seminars online.

## Situations

Every year we ask those attending the Officials Seminar to identify situations they are aware of that have occurred and how they were handled at a Competition. These then form the basis of a discussion session at the seminar. In future Newsletters we will select some of these issues and present them here.

But if you have any interesting situations to share or perhaps questions about the Rules, please let us know so we can share them.

## Officials Exams

The re-exam requirements for all level 1 Officials can be found in the Additional Rules. All level 1 Officials should be aware that if they do not taken their re-exam this year it will be mandatory for all in 2024. This follows the effective cessation of exams during the Covid years.

The Officials Seminar is the main place for exams, but they can also be facilitated at Titled Events and by individual Federations when an adjudicator can be appointed.

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

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

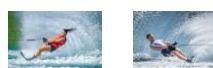
## World Rules



There are not too many changes to the World Rules this year but the most significant concern the introduction of eyeTrick. The work Donal Connolly has done over the last three years has demonstrated that judging with eyeTrick compared to traditional judging does not result in materially different results. Nevertheless, the WSC has approved 80% video speed for traditional judging where this is technically feasible.

There are also some revisions to Rule 8.15 Boat Path Monitoring that you should review.

## E&A Additional Rules



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There are few changes in the Additional Rules this year. But please note that the timetable for entries into European Championships is different than that required for World Championships.

The Combined World and E&A Additional Rules can be downloaded here:

<http://www.tournamentwaterskiing.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Combined-2023-World-and-EA-Additional-Rules.pdf>

## **Safety at Events**

Concussion is a major concern in many sports including ours. All Officials are encouraged to become familiar with the Concussion protocols as outlined in the World Rulebook.

Safety in our activities is paramount both from the point of view of avoiding accidents and dealing with them in the best possible way should they happen.

The IWWF has recently published a revised and updated Safety Manual. This is still a work in progress and covers all Disciplines with links to Discipline specific Safety considerations. You can access this new guidance here:

**[https://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/IWWF-Safety-Manual\\_rev00\\_20220815\\_final.pdf](https://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/IWWF-Safety-Manual_rev00_20220815_final.pdf)**

This document can also be found on [iwwf.sport](http://iwwf.sport) under the “Resources” section.

## **Scorers Corner**



Scorers will be affected the Trick passes itself.

by eyeTrick as the system does the scoring of However, experienced scorers will need to

be on hand to help sort out conflicts between the Judges and to manage the scoring system.

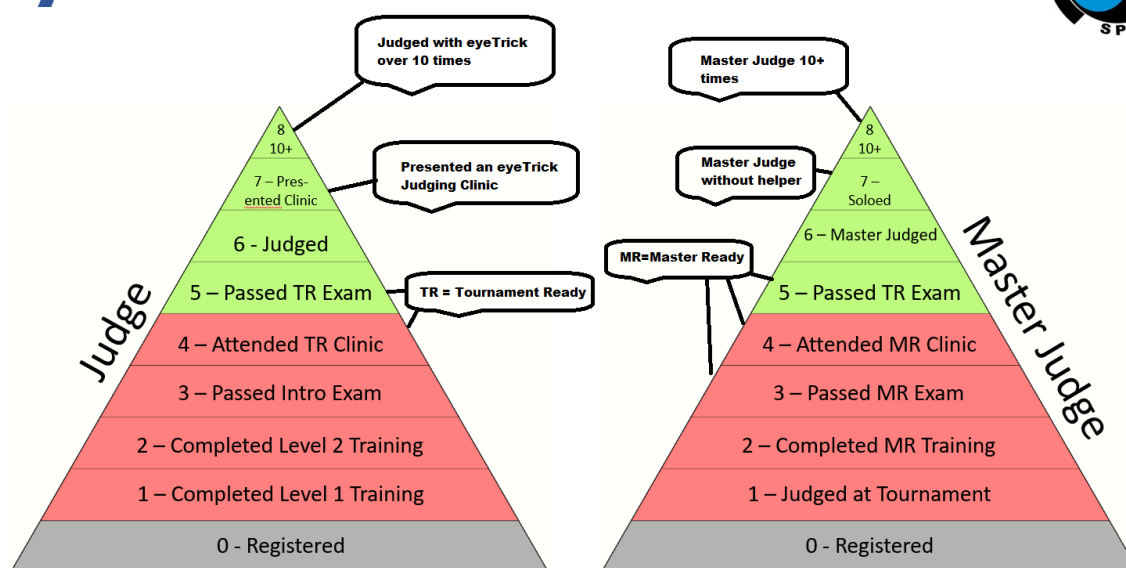
## **Judges Tower**



As has already been said the most significant development affecting Judges is the approval of eyeTrick. This technology will revolutionise Trick judging but will take time to roll out. Imagine a World or European Championships where you know the skiers Trick score within a few seconds after his run has finished. This is what eyeTrick brings to the sport. We need all Federations to encourage its adoption going forward. Judges who want to train to use eyeTrick should register on <http://www.eyetrick.ski/>

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

# eyeTrick



## Homologation and Technology Hub

There is another new innovation being developed by Donal Connolly as part of his SplashEye suite of programmes. This is a new that does away with the new for cameras. This new system uses radar to measure the distances. Donal expects to present the system to the World Waterski Council for approval in the near future.



by Donal Connolly as part of jump measurement system

## Get in Touch



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

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