

# BELGIAN RULEBOOK 2022

## CABLE WAKEBOARD & WAKESKATE



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# 1. GENERAL

## 1.1. *Subject of these regulations*

In principle, the technical regulations and the amendments made by the IWWF-E&A are always applicable, unless this rulebook explicitly states otherwise. (IWWF-E&A = Europe & Africa Confederation = The official name of the European Federation).

All the international competitions – even though they are organized in Belgium – have to follow the complete regulations of IWWF. This rulebook describes the exceptions of these IWWF-rules that are valid for national competitions.

The committee for cablewakeboarding is the subsection of KBWSF who promotes the various topics related to the practice of cablewakeboarding in Belgium. This committee is called the TC2-cable.

The cable parks represented in this TC2-cable are the cable parks affiliated to either Waterski & Wakeboard Vlaanderen (WSV) or the Fédération francophone de ski nautique et de wakeboard (FFSNW ).

## 1.2. *Exceptions to these regulations*

If the organizer wishes to deviate from the regulations below or from the IWWF regulations, the TC2-cable must be informed timely. The desired changes must be justified in order for the TC2-cable to approve them or not. The organising club is not allowed to apply exceptions to these regulations without the approval of the TC2-cable.

The organizer must inform the participants personally (e.g. by e-mail) of any changes, at least two weeks before the competition. If there are last minute changes, the competitors will be informed by publication of the changes on the signboard before the start of the competition, and in agreement with the Chief Judge.

### **1.3. *Amendments to these rules***

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Amendments to these regulations may be proposed by the TC2-cable at any time. An amendment to these regulations shall be deemed to be in force when the amendment appears in an approved item of the report of the TC2-cable meeting which approved the amendment. The amendments will be published on the websites of WSV and FFSNW – and if the amendment affects the participants, it will be send to all the riders with competition licenses.

For each amendment that enters into force, the TC2-cable will decide when it becomes applicable.

### **1.4. *Names used in this rulebook***

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Whenever the masculine is used, the same shall be construed as meaning the feminine where the context so requires.

Except where stated separately, all descriptions for wakeboard are also valid for wakeskate, except where specifically stated.

## **2. *ADMINISTRATION OF COMPETITIONS***

### **2.1. *The calendar & organizational fees***

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#### **2.1.1. *National calendar***

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Each official competition organized under the flag of the IWWF will appear on the national calendar.

It is not allowed to organise an official competition on the same day as the BC (belgian championships) or international title events.

#### **2.1.2. *Organisational fees***

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The organizing club has to pay an organizational fee at different levels:

##### **2.1.2.1. *At national level (KBWSF - TC2-cable)***

The clubs that organise competitions pay the calendar fee to their regional federation (WSV or FFSNW). The regional federations in turn pay these calendar fees to the TC2-cable



The calendar fees for the competitions to be paid to the TC2-cable are fixed as follows:

350 € for an international competition.

125 € for a "1 Star" competition.

250 € for any other type of competition.

If a club organises competitions in different divisions at the same time (during the same weekend), the fees are not added up but only the highest fee has to be paid. (for example: international competitions don't have mini-boys/mini-girls, so an organizer can organise an extra national competitions for the mini's at the same weekend).

#### *2.1.2.2. At international level (IWWF - E&A)*

Organising a competition on the international calendar implies the commitment of the organizer to reimburse to the KBWSF the fees due to the international organizations in addition to the national fees.

If IWWF charges fines because of late cancellations or changes, these will be passed on to the organising club.

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### *2.1.3. Dates*

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The organizer must specify the dates when the competition will take place when he submits his request to organise.

The IWWF determines the deadlines for requesting a competition in advance.

#### *2.1.3.1. Belgian Championship:*

For the BC, a maximum of three days are scheduled, starting on Friday (if 3 days) or Saturday (if 2 days) and ending on Sunday.

Attention: qualifiers can also take place on Friday during the day.

Nobody is allowed to skip qualifications and start later in the LCQ. Absence from the qualifications automatically means disqualification from the competition.

Any change in the organisation in terms of the date of the BC - after it has appeared on the national calendar - is only possible with the approval of the TC2-cable.

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### *2.1.4. Format*

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#### *2.1.4.1. Belgian Championship*

The format used on the BC will be freeride; with a combination of airtricks and features, each kind has min 30%. The chief judge makes the final decision in consultation with the organizer according to the possibilities and circumstances.

FYI (described in IWWF—rules): minimum 2 rounds, in each round 2 runs, of which only the best counts (only exception: in a round where everyone goes on to the final, it can be chosen that only 1 run will be ridden in the qualification).

#### *2.1.4.2. Other national competitions*

An organizer may choose the format for his competition.

Examples (not limited):

- one or two out of three runs scoring
- kicker contest
- features only
- JAM

If another format is chosen than the one used by default on the BC, this must be well communicated when announcing the competition.

If it only concerns a redistribution of the % airtricks and obstacles, an explanation to the riders in the riders meeting is sufficient.

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## **2.2. Programme**

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### *2.2.1. Training courses*

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#### *2.2.1.1. Belgian Championship*

Before the start of the race there is always at least 2 hours of official training, i.e. the track is open to all riders at no extra cost. The organizer is free to choose - in consultation with the chief judge - to organise a training session only on the first day of the competition - before the start of the BC - or to provide extra training moments between series. (note there are equal opportunities for all series).

#### *2.2.1.2. Other national competitions*

It is recommended, but the organizer is not obliged to provide a training session.

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### *2.2.2. Programme*

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The schedule will be drawn up by the chief judge in consultation with the organising club.

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### *2.2.3. Starting order*

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The chief judge, with the help of the scorer, will draw up the starting lists.

For the belgian championship it is obligatory to make the starting lists according to the iwwf regulations. For other national competitions it is advised, but not obligatory.

The start order will be posted on the signboard at least 15 minutes before the first start.

The rider is responsible for the information given on the entry form. In the event of fraud or error, the rider may be banned from the start by the Chief Judge.

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## **2.2.4.     *Prize-giving ceremony***

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### **2.2.4.1.     *Podium & prices***

A podium will be provided at the end of the competition, provided by the organizer or his sponsor.

Medals for the BC can be requested from TC2-cable. For the podium ceremony it is up to the organizing club to provide extra prizes and/or cups (but it is not obligatory).

### **2.2.4.2.     *Award ceremony***

The riders and team captains have a moral obligation to be present at the award ceremony. If they are prevented from attending, they must apologise to the Chief Judge. A rider who is absent at a prize-giving ceremony and has not apologized, will not be able to claim any rights to the mementoes and trophies attached to his classification. However, he will keep any titles linked to his classification and his results will retain their value.

The prize-giving ceremony must take place at the latest one hour after the completion of the last series of finals of that day.

### **2.2.4.3.     *Value of results***

Any result obtained by a rider who does not meet all administrative requirements has no value.

The TC2-cable will object to foreign results being internationally recognised if the rider was not in accordance with the regulations. (e.g. suspended, no competition licence, ...).

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## **2.3. Registrations and conditions of participation**

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### **2.3.1. Administrative obligations upon participation**

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#### *2.3.1.1. Competition license (regional – IWWF)*

All Belgian competitors must hold a competition licence from WSV or FFSNW for the current year and represent only the club through which they obtained their competition licence.

New (as soon as IWWF will oblige this license): The rider must also be in order with his IWWF licence in order to be able to participate in official competitions at 3\* or higher. For competitions lower than 3\* there is no IWWF license necessary. It is possible to buy a day license.

#### *2.3.1.2. Code of conduct*

See “2.3.2.3. Participation of Belgians in foreign competitions”

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### **2.3.2. Who may participate?**

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#### *2.3.2.1. Participation in the Belgian championship*

The participation and the title of "Belgian Champion" is reserved for riders who are considered to be Belgian.

#### *2.3.2.2. Participation of foreigners in Belgian competitions*

1. Foreigners are not allowed to participate in the Belgian Championship, as these competitions are reserved for Belgian riders.
2. A foreign rider who does not have a competition license from WSV or FFSNW must have an international license (IWWF- E&A). If an organizer wishes to invite foreign riders, he must consult the TC2-cable about this and strictly follow the instructions of the TC2-cable. The IWWF-E&A provides them the information about suspended riders or other restrictions.

#### *2.3.2.3. Participation of Belgians in foreign competitions*

For titled championships or the World Cup it is TC2-cable who is responsible for the confirmation of registrations and participation.

Attention: riders have to sign their code of conduct (and other official documents if applicable), otherwise the participation cannot be confirmed and the registration is invalid. Any costs resulting from this will be paid by the rider.

For titled events (such as European Championships and World Championships) TC2-cable must decide on the wildcards.



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### **2.3.3.      *Registration of the riders for competitions***

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#### **2.3.3.1.      *Method of registration***

Entries for competitions can only be made via [cablewakeboard.net](https://cablewakeboard.net) (or in the near future <https://ems.iwwf.sport/>).

After registration, the participant must keep an eye on the information via the bulletins, website and mailings in order to stay informed of any additional or changing information.

For the Belgian Championships the regular registrations close 2 weeks before the competition date. Late registrations are still possible up to 1 week before the competition date - provided that an additional fine of €25 is paid.

Definition 1 week in advance: if the competition starts on Friday 1/10, the registrations will irrevocably close on Thursday 22/09 at midnight.

(Remark for the organisers: please contact the IWWF to close the registrations manually, and note that this is done for both wakeboard and wakeskate).

For other competitions: the organizer determines the final registration date (taking into account any conditions of [cablewakeboard.net](https://cablewakeboard.net) and EMS).

#### **2.3.3.2.      *Entry fee***

The rider must pay the organizer an entry fee, determined by the organizer. The maximum amounts are fixed by IWWF.

The entry fee must be paid by all riders on the starting list 1 week before.

Apologies by means of a medical certificate will be accepted, in that case the rider will be refunded.

#### **2.3.3.3.      *Maximum number of participants***

The organizer may attach conditions of entry to his competition in order to limit the number of participants and/or to ensure a minimum technical level.

For the organisation of the Belgian Championships, these conditions of entry can only be determined by TC2-cable.

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### **2.3.4.      *Safety: wearing a life jacket and helmet***

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Wearing a life jacket and helmet is mandatory (see IWWF regulations for details).

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### **2.3.5.      *Identifying shirts (Bibs or T-shirts)***

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It is the organizer's choice whether to provide bibs or numbered T-shirts. If these are provided, the riders are obliged to wear the shirts provided by the organizer, this then becomes a compulsory participation requirement.

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### **2.3.6.      *Unsportsmanlike behaviour***

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For international competitions: see IWWF rules.

For national competitions:

The TC2-cable asks the officials to take firm action against the unsportsmanlike behaviour of riders towards the organisation, the officials, the public or other riders.

Any rider (or his representative) or official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike or whose conduct may cause discredit to the KBWSF, WSV, FFSNW or organising club, either on or off the competition site, before, during, or after the competition, may be disqualified from all or part of the competition including completed events and/or be subject to a sanction.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to: use of vulgar language in public, public tantrums, consuming excessive alcoholic beverages during the competition, ...

Possible sanctions:

- his performance will be removed from the results;
- his results will not be validated;
- his prize money and/or mementos will be withdrawn.

The sanction for the current competition will be determined by a two-thirds majority vote of the judges and will be included in the report of the Chief Judge.

The rider in question may also be suspended by the TC2-cable for the next official competition(s) in Belgium or abroad for which he has qualified and/or registered. The TC2-cable decides on an extra suspension.

## **2.4.      *Obligations of the organizer***

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### **2.4.1.      *Hospitality***

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IWWF draws up the conditions for international competitions and for international officials at national competitions. For national officials on national competitions TC2-cable imposes the following conditions:

1. All officials will be supplied with food and drink free of charge during the exercise of their duties, in proportion to weather conditions and the duration of their duties. The organizer decides the conditions.

~~2. Officials will receive either a transport allowance or an overnight stay, at the choice of the organizer (Attention: if the overnight location at the club is too crowded or loud, the organizer has to provide an other location for the overnight stay, so the jury has the chance for a good night's rest).~~

2. New: Officials receive a fee in proportion to their grade. 1 & 2 starjudges/scorers get €50/day, per extra star they get €25/day extra.

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## **2.4.2.      *The Officials***

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It is the responsibility of the organizer to provide sufficient qualified judges cfr IWWF regulations.

### **2.4.2.1.      *Belgian Championship***

It is not obligatory, but it is recommended that one international judge will be appointed as chief judge. This promotes independence. In consultation with the Chief Judge, the organising club assembles the jury team.

For the BC the advised occupation is a chief Judge, 5 regular judges and 1 scorer.

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## **2.4.3.      *Safety guidelines***

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Each organising club is responsible for safety and rescue services on the water.

It is important to comply with the following important guidelines:

- Safety on the shore: a first aid kit and someone with knowledge of first aid who is permanently present.
- safety on the water: - a lifeboat with spineboard and at least one person in charge who is permanently on stand-by during the competition, and with knowledge of rescue and resuscitation techniques (stand-by: this person may be in any position on the shore but must be able to react immediately. It may also be more than one person to alternate in order to have someone on permanent standby)

As written in 1.1: In principle, the technical regulations and the amendments made by the IWWF-E&A are always applicable, unless this rulebook explicitly states otherwise.

But to make sure that all riders are aware of the safety items from the IWWF rules, these following important safety concerns are quoted from these rules:

- **IWWF-8.10** A rider may not land an invert from the water on a feature. Doing so will result in disqualification.

**IWWF-10.11** Any tricks performed outside of the course or using the pull of the deflection pulley will NOT be scored.

## 3. CATEGORIES

### 3.1. *The age categories*

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See IWWF regulations

### 3.2. *Opening the categories*

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#### 3.2.1. *Belgian Championship*

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The Belgian Championship is organized for all categories described in the IWWF regulations on condition that there are at least 3 participants per series, for both wakeboard and wakeskate.

If there are fewer participants, the series will be merged as follows:

- Younger participants will be added to the next older series: e.g. 2 mini-girls will participate in the girls series. (and this up to the open series)
- Older participants are added to the category underneath: e.g. 1 participant master ladies is placed in the open ladies (and this until the open series).
- The open series must always continue: e.g. if there are enough junior girls but too few open ladies, then the jr girls must participate in the open ladies and the series jr girls will be removed.
- The above aggregated series apply to the official results of the BC. It is the organizer's free choice to provide unofficial podiums and result lists for these cancelled series (without them to ride separately, but on the basis of the results obtained from the combined category).
- If there are too few participants in multiple series, it is the decision of the TC2-cable to either merge series or cancel series or participants. This decision can be made after closing of the registrations.

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#### 3.2.2. *Other national competitions*

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For non-BC competitions 3 participants are needed to open a category.  
For international competitions the IWWF regulations apply.

## 4. VARIA

### 4.1. *Spraying the obstacles*

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The organizing club looks for 2 sprayers to wet the obstacles in between. These are not allowed to be participants. If there are no separate sprayers, one can choose to have a rider from a previous series spraying, but not a participant from a series that must start shortly afterwards.

## 5. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

### 5.1. *The national selections*

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Selections for titled events are made according to the IWWF regulations. Wildcards are determined by TC2-cable.

#### 5.1.1. *Teams' accounts abroad*

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If KBWSF has to vouch for a debt on behalf of a person, that person will be automatically suspended, both nationally and internationally, until those debts have been cleared.

#### 5.1.2. *Criteria required for title competitions.*

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In order to take part in a titled competition, a rider must have participated in the preceding Belgian Championship.

### 5.2. *The official delegation*

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#### 5.2.1. *Composition*

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The official delegation is composed of the following persons:

- the team captain;
- the head of delegation, if appointed;
- the riders.

Any other person accompanying the team does so in private title and has no right to interfere in the affairs of the team, nor to give orders to a member of the official delegation.

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### **5.2.2.     *The riders***

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If no team captain has been appointed by the TC2-cable, the rider appointed by the TC2-cable will perform this function.

The riders are subject to the decisions of the team captain.

Any complaint will be dealt with exclusively through the intervention of the team captain.

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### **5.2.3.     *The team captain***

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The team captain and his delegation leader are appointed by TC2-cable

The team captain and his delegation leader are the only representatives of the team to the jury. All that concerns the sporting aspect of the competition is the responsibility of the team captain.

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### **5.2.4.     *The head of delegation***

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If the TC2-cable finds it useful to separate the functions of team captain and head of delegation, then it is up to the TC2-cable to decide and appoint the head of delegation and determine his respective powers.

The head of delegation is responsible for all financial aspects (travel (if made together), accommodation, proof of payment, etc.).

The head of delegation is responsible for the attitude and conduct of all members of the official delegation.

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### **5.2.5.     *The Code of Conduct***

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Members of the national team must comply with the following code of conduct unless the delegation leader or the team captain allows exceptions:

- meals must be taken together.
- the head of delegation or team captain decides when the uniform is to be worn and what it consists of.
- each member of the team is responsible for his uniform.
- if a rider of the team must ride, all members of the team must be present.
- all team members must be present at the opening and closing ceremonies of the competition.
- at the official activities such as the final banquet, the members of the team must stay together.



- any occurrence considered by the head of delegation as a breach of the code of conduct will be mentioned in his/her report.
- Respect, courtesy, cheerfulness, sportsmanship and group spirit apply to everyone.

Riders are personally and financially responsible for any damage they cause throughout the journey.

A document of personal commitment to respect the code of conduct must be signed by the selected riders before departure and will be kept by the TC2-cable.