

INFORMATION BULLETIN

IWWF - EC Wakeboard Boat Council proudly presents

IWWF European Wakeboard Boat Seminar for judges and calculators to be held in Brussels, Belgium, April 13-15 2018

IWWF European Wakeboard International Judging Seminars and workshops 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
- Crans Montana, Switzerland
- Antwerp, Belgium
- Paris, France
- Gothenburg, Sweden
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Dublin, Ireland
- Birmingham, UK,
- Kiev, Ukraine
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Riga, Latvia
- Paris, France
- Belfast, Northern Ireland

This year the European wakeboard boat Council welcomes you to Gresham Belson Hotel in Brussels! This charming four-star hotel is ideally located between Brussels International airport and Brussels city center, only a stone's throw away from all major highways connecting Brussels to Europe and the rest of the country. Easy to reach, pleasure to work in!





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We very much hope that you will take this opportunity to attend and to develop a range of officials from your country and promote wakeboarding.

As with most board sports, wakeboarding uses a subjective scoring system. It is therefore essential that all judges and officials are trained to apply the rules and judging criteria consistently and are equipped with the right tools for the job.

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

The seminar is 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.

Judging Examinations - there are 4 levels of examination:

- Assistant Judge - National Level 2
- Judge - National Level 1
- National Chief Judge - International Level 2
- International Chief Judge - International Level 1

Each of the levels allows the judges to progress each year, gaining experience along the way. Typical events that International Level 1 judges are qualified to judge are:

- IWWF – European Championships
- IWWF – European Pro Tour
- IWWF - Wakeboard World Championships
- World Games

The Wakeboard Judges' Course:

- Introduction
- Safety
- Rules
- Protest
- Timings
- Qualification & judging levels
- The wakeboard course
- Competition Scoring
- Calculating and heat systems (see calculator examinations below).
- Obstacles
- Tricks, rotations, inverts and grabs



- Video Analysis
- Questions and answers

Video footage used is broadcast quality material, normal speed is followed by slow motion to enable discussion. Discussion and debate at the seminar is particularly useful to increase learning opportunities, to continually update knowledge and improve consistency among judges.

It is important that judges continue to attend seminars after certification to ensure that your experience is shared and to keep up to date with new developments in judging and scoring.

Calculation Examinations – there are 3 levels of examination:

- National Calculator
- International Calculator - Level 2
- International Calculator - Level 1

The Calculators' Course:

- Rules
- The heat system
- Seeding
- The role of the calculator – before, during and after the competition
- Planning and Scheduling the competition
- Competition scoring and calculation
- Scoring software

Part of the calculation session will be held with all officials present, as it is important that judges also know and understand the seeding and scoring system.

Calculation session with the calculation software

An essential part of the seminar for calculators will be the introduction of the official European Wakeboard Calculation program.

All participants should bring a laptop to the seminar but please note the software only runs on Windows systems (not Apple).

It is important for all existing calculators to attend to become familiar with the program and to learn how to use it with ease.

The Hotel

Our Seminar will be kindly hosted by Gresham Belson Hotel which is comfortably situated between Brussels Airport and the centre of the city of Brussels.

Address:

Venue des Anciens Combattants - Oudstrijderslaan 1, 1140 Brussels, Belgium

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Accommodation rates

Single room including breakfast - 85 euros

Double room including breakfast - 95 euros

Rates excluding 4,24 euros city tax room per night.

Be advised that the reservation deadline for the reduced rate is March 15th.

The cancellation deadline is 24h prior to arrival.

Please fill in the reservation form and send it directly to the Hotel with a **copy to Maria** before March 15th 2018. Reservations after this date will be accepted upon availability.

Should you choose to make your reservation through any other source rather than the Hotel form with special rate, don't forget to **inform Maria**.



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Lunches and Dinners

Taking into account the fact that the Hotel is nicely located in the city, there are plenty of restaurants and cafes nearby. The bar/ restaurant at the Hotel is open from 6pm until 11pm.

Details about the Saturday night dinner out will be announced at the end of the Friday lecture.

Arriving in Brussels

Airport: The Hotel provides a free shuttle bus service from and to the airport. Please don't forget to fill in your arrival/departure information in reservation form. Also, when you arrive call the Hotel on +32 2 708 31 00. Alternatively – you can choose to take a taxi!

Brussels Midi: go to the metro station that has access in the train station (follow “Metro” signs) and take tram 2 or 6 direction: Elisabeth until “Madou” station. This will take approximately 10 minutes / 7 stops. From Madou station follow “Bus” signs and take bus #318 or #351 or #410 direction Brussel/ Moorsel/ Leuven (NL) or Bruxelles/Moorsel/Louvain (FR) until “Evere De Paduwa” station.

This will take approximately 16 – 20 minutes / 10 stops. Walk 1 minute from Evere De Paduwa to the Hotel.

N.B.: Please, keep in mind, that public transport is limited during evenings and nights. Alternatively – you can choose to take a taxi!

Check for other directions here:

<http://www.gresham-hotels-brussels.com/directions.html>

VISAS

The non – EU residents who require visa to enter Belgium, please, contact Maria Bulgakova at maria.bulgakova@wakeboardcouncil.com to arrange your invitation.

If you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to contact Maria!!!
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SEMINAR SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday 12th of April 2018	All Day	Council Meeting Arrival of participants
Friday 13th of April 2018	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Council Meeting Arrival of participants
	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Time
	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Seminar Part 1
Saturday 14th of April 2018	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Seminar Part 2
	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Break
	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Seminar Part 3
	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break
	2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Seminar Part 4
	4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Break
	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Seminar Part 5
Sunday 15th of April 2018	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Examination (theory)
	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Break
	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Examination (practice)
	Approx. 2:00 PM	<i>End of Seminar, time to go back to reality from wonderful time spent with wakeboard company!</i>

Applications for the seminar

The cost is **€70 euros** (payment in cash only at the beginning of the Seminar).
Complete the application form below and email it to Maria at
maria.bulgakova@wakeboardcouncil.com



2018 Wakeboard Boat Judging/ Calculator Seminar Registration Form

Your Name: _____

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

Federation: _____

Arrival date and time: _____

Departure date and time: _____

Course to be attended ☐ Judging ☐ Calculation

Level of exam you want to take _____

Anything special I should take into account? _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

See you soon!