

INFORMATION BULLETIN

IWWF – EC Wakeboard Boat Council and EC Wakesurf Committee
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IWWF European Wakeboard Boat and Wakesurf Seminar for Judges, Drivers and Scorers to be held in Birmingham, Great Britain, April 4th – 6th 2025

International Officials' Seminars have been held in the following countries to promote wakeboarding and wakesurfing 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
- Castelldefels, Spain
- Athens, Greece
- Bregenz, Austria

This year British Waterski and Wakeboard Federation will host the seminar for both wakeboard and wakesurf judges, scorers and drivers in Birmingham, Great Britain.

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

As with most board sports, both wakeboarding and wakesurfing use 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 seminar will be held in a relaxed informal atmosphere, with plenty of time for discussion to learn together and share experience as well as meeting new friends and old ones within our sports community.

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 officials, especially of International level, must continue to attend seminars after certification to ensure that new experiences are shared and importantly to keep up to date with new developments in judging and scoring.

It is vital that all Federations and Officials are familiar with the IWWF 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 or to officiate at any event without registration and understanding of the EMS and their contribution to the process.

Wakesurf Judges/Scorers/Drivers levels of examination:

- National Level
- International Level 2
- International Level 1

Wakeboard Judging - levels of examination:

- 1 Star
- 2 Star
- 3 Star
- 4 Star
- 5 Star

Each level allows the judges to train, develop and to progress each year, gaining and building on experience along the way.

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

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

The 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

Wakeboard Scorer – there are 3 levels of examination:

- 3 Star
- 4 Star
- 5 Star

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 system to access the software.

Wakeboard Drivers Examinations

- 3 Star
- 4 Star
- 5 Star

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

NB: Scorer and Driver courses will be joint for wakeboard & wakesurf participants.

SEMINAR VENUE

The seminar will be held at the Lea Marston Hotel, Haunch Lane, Lea Marston, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, B76 0BY, UK

The Drivers will be transferred to the lake for the practical boat driving

ACCOMMODATION

The hotel is the Lea Marston Hotel, Haunch Lane, Lea Marston, Sutton Coldfield, B76 0BY, UK



The easiest way to book the Hotel is on Booking.com or directly on the Hotel's own website.

<https://www.booking.com>

<https://leamarstonhotel.co.uk>

HOW TO GET THERE

The closest airport is **Birmingham International Airport (BHX)**

The Hotel Lea Marston is located 15-20 minutes from the airport and the easiest way to get there is by using Uber, English black cabs are usually more expensive.

SEMINAR COST

The cost of the seminar is **GBP £80.00**

SEMINAR SCHEDULE (approximate, subject to change)

Friday 4 th April 2025	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 5 th April 2025	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 Seminar Part 5 Coffee Break Seminar Part 6
Sunday 6 st April 2025	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,

REGISTRATION

Wakeboard UK has created this website to enable you to book and to make payment for the seminar.

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***Please, keep in mind that number of places is limited, and the applications will be accepted on “first come - first served” basis by course!
The deadline to register for the Seminar is March 31st 2025.***

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