



WATERSKI OFFICIAL

How To Become An International Official

OFFICIAL PATH



LEVEL 1 - INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS

LEVEL 2 - INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS

LEVEL 3 - NATIONAL OFFICIALS

OFFICIAL CATEGORIES



- BOAT DRIVERS
- HOMOLOGATORS (TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS)
- JUDGES
- SCORERS (CALCULATORS)

BOAT DRIVERS



LEVEL 3

LEVEL 2

LEVEL 1

DRIVER 3

DRIVER 2

DRIVER 1

HOMOLOGATOR 3

HOMOLOGATOR 2

HOMOLOGATOR 1

JUDGE 3

JUDGE 2

JUDGE 1

JUDGE 3
- 2 EVENTS
- SLALOM & JUMP)

JUDGE 2
- 2 EVENTS
- SLALOM & JUMP

SCORER 3

SCORER 2

SCORER 1

OFFICIAL QUALIFIED



The IWWF Europe & Africa Confederation sets and runs examinations for the following International qualifications for Officials

Judge	Homologator	Scorer	Driver
Level 1 (J1)	Level 1 (H1)	Level 1 (S1)	Level 1 (D1)
Level 2 (J2)	Level 2 (H2)	Level 2 (S2)	Level 2 (D2)
Level 2* (J2*)			Level 2* (D2*)

OFFICIAL QUALIFIED

- Level 2* (J2*) qualify only in Slalom and Jump
- Level 2* (D2*) qualify only in Slalom and Tricks
- The natural progression for officials is to upgrade from Level 3 (national levels) to Level 2 and then to Level 1.
- Level 1 officials are subject to periodic re-evaluation in order to keep their qualification.
- The re-evaluation may be an exam or a peer review.
- If a Level 1 official does not succeed in keeping their Level 1 grade, they automatically become Level 2.
- At the start of this new system, all previous International Calculators, International Drivers and E&A Homologators became Level 1.
- The following rules apply to all International Officials.



OFFICIAL RESPONSIBIITY

- Europe & Africa International Officials are solely responsible to and the responsibility of the TC.
- If required by their own Federation, International Officials must be members of their National Federation.



OFFICIAL DUTIES

- To carry out his duties and comply with all relevant rules with complete impartiality.
- To make himself available to function at least twice at Europe & Africa Calendar Competitions including at least once outside his country of residence each season.
- To function each season to the satisfaction of the TC.
- To accept any duties, he may be given by the Chief Judge at a competition that he is attending as a spectator unless there are valid reasons against this.



OFFICIAL RIGHTS & CARDS

- An International Official is entitled to such rights and reimbursement of expenses as are specified in the Bye-Laws, Obligations and Additional Rules.
- Cards will be issued and renewed at the discretion of the TC and subject to any specific requirements shown under the detailed information for each Official Category.
- The TC will also take into consideration the provisions of the Byelaws and Additional Rules. Should the TC decide not to renew an International Officials card it will also decide whether or not to issue a card for a lower grade.



OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT TO PANELS

- After passing their exam International Officials are entitled to be nominated for certain standards of competition according to their qualification.
- The relevant standards are shown under the detailed information for each Official category.
- Each year International Officials receive a calendar list inviting them to apply to officiate. This list must be completed and returned in the time specified.
- The official shall also inform the TC if he is normally unable to ride in the towboat.
- The TC will then prepare a list of appointments to panels and distribute this to the Officials and the competition Organisers.
- Once having been appointed to an official panel an International Official is expected to attend, except by reason of force majeure, in which case he must advise the organisers and the President of the TC in writing as soon as possible.



OFFICIAL EXAMINATIONS

- a. Each year the TC publishes the dates and places where examinations will take place. These will be at the Officials Seminar, Tournament Council meetings and some international competitions.
- b. Federations wishing to organise an exam venue in their home country may apply to the Tournament Council. This will require a minimum of 2 candidates and all costs of the travel and accommodation of the examiner are to be paid by the host Federation. This is of course subject to a E&A TC member or other suitable person being available. Such exams will need early booking by the Federations.
- c. Application for the examination of a new international candidate shall be made on the official form to the TC by the candidate's Federation. No exam will take place unless a form is completed and submitted in advance.
- d. Application for the upgrade examination of an existing International candidate shall be made on the official form. It is not necessary to be signed by the Federation.



OFFICIAL EXAMINATIONS

- e. The candidate must be able to understand and make himself understood in English.
- f. Required age and prior experience requirements are shown under the detailed information for each Official category.
- g. The format of each examination is shown under the detailed information for each Official Category.
- h. Exam papers will be written in English.
- i. The TC will, after approval of the application advise the candidate of the date and place of his examination and the name of the examiner who will be a member of the TC or a suitable person appointed by the TC.



OFFICIAL EXAM RESULTS

- a. Immediately after the examination, the examiner shall send the TC a copy of the exam papers and any other relevant papers.
- b. The TC will notify the candidate of his exam results as soon as possible, and the appointment will become official as soon as it is approved by the TC.

If requested by the candidate as much information as possible regarding the reasons for a failure will be given.

- c. A candidate who fails any part of the examination may re-take it in the same season.



World, E&A Titled Events - Officials Qualifications

Limitations on appointment to titled events

- It is the INTENTION of the Tournament Council that only officials qualified to the following standards will be appointed to the major World and Europe & Africa Titled Events.
- However, it should be noted that at the discretion of the Europe & Africa TC, Level 2 Judges may be also appointed.



World, E&A Titled Events - Officials Qualifications

Event	Preferred Qualification
The World Championships The World Over 35 Championships The World Under 21 Championships The World Junior Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver
The Europe & Africa Open Championships The Europe & Africa Under 21 Championships The Europe & Africa Youth Championships The Europe & Africa Over 35 Championships	Level 1 Judge Level 1 Homologator Level 1 Scorer Level 1 Driver



NATIONAL LEVEL 3 OFFICIALS

Qualification	Qualified in events
Level 3 Judge (J3 - J3*)	J3 - 3 event qualification (Slalom, Tricks & Jump) J3* - Slalom & Jump
Level 3 Drivers (D3 - D3*)	D3 - 3 event qualification (Slalom, Tricks & Jump) D3* - Slalom & Tricks
Level 3 Scorer (S3)	3 event qualification only
Level 3 Homologator (H3)	3 event qualification only



NATIONAL LEVEL 3 OFFICIALS

Responsibility

- A Level 3 Official is responsible to and the responsibility of his Federation.

Rights

- When appointed to an International competition a Level 3 Official is entitled to such rights and reimbursements of expenses as are specified in the Bye-Laws, List Of Obligations and Additional Rules.

Cards

- Cards will be issued and renewed at the discretion of the National Official's Federation.



NATIONAL LEVEL 3 OFFICIALS

Level 3 Officials are qualified to function only in their home country. If requested, the E&A TC may grant special exceptions.

1. **Level 3 Judges** are qualified to function at Normal and Ranking List homologation competitions, in the event in which they are qualified. (ref. to E&A Additional Rules art. 19 and art. 20)
2. **Level 3 Homologators** are qualified to function at Normal homologation competitions.
3. **Level 3 Scorers** are qualified to function at Normal and Ranking List homologation competitions. (ref. to E&A Additional Rules art. 19 and art. 20)
4. **Level 3 Drivers** are qualified to function at Normal and Ranking List homologation competitions. (ref. to E&A Additional Rules art. 19 and art. 20)



NATIONAL LEVEL 3 OFFICIALS

Appointment to panels

- A Level 3 Officials may be appointed to the panel of a National or International competition by his Federation.

Examinations

- Federations are solely responsible for the examination and appointment of Level 3 Officials.
- Appendix C of the Additional Rules gives guidance on the conduct of examinations and the standards that should be required.

List of National officials

- Each Federation shall send the TC a list of its Level 3 Officials before the 1st March each year and update the list during the season. Only those Officials appearing on the list will be considered by the TC as qualified Level 3 Officials for the purpose of the homologation of competitions.



NATIONAL LEVEL 3 OFFICIALS

Training resources

- The Tournament Council has prepared a set of training resources which can be used by National Federations to train officials. These are available at <https://waterskieurope.com/officials-area> or <http://iwwfeatc.com> under the Officials tab.
- These include instruction in each of the three events, video trick training, etc.
- Also available on request are exam papers which National Federations may use if they wish. The Federation will need to contact the E&A TC for further information.

