

2026 IWWF European & African OPEN Championships **Bulletin number 1**

Dear Riders,

It is our pleasure to announce that, with the authorization of the Belgian Wakeboard and Waterski Federation (KBWSF), the Flemish Wakeboard and Waterski Federation (WSV), and the International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF), Lakeside Paradise is honored to invite you to the:

2026 IWWF European & African OPEN Championships On 30/09 – 3/10
2026 in Knokke-Heist Belgium

Cable/Location: Lakeside Paradise, Knokke-Heist, Belgium

Date: 30/09/26 – 03/10/26

These championships will be a wakeboard, wakeskate & seated wake contest.

This first bulletin should give you an overview about the upcoming event and to help you to plan your trip to Knokke-Heist, Belgium.

(Free WiFi available on Lakeside Paradise).

General information

Organizer:	IWWF and Lakeside Paradise info@cablewakeboard.net www.cablewakeboard.net
Contact Organize:	arno@lakesideparadise.be +3250 60 60 35 www.lakesideparadise.be
Cable park location:	Duinenwater 41, 8300, Knokke-Heist, Belgium https://www.lakesideparadise.be/info/ligging/ https://www.facebook.com/lakesideparadise/ https://www.instagram.com/lakeside_paradise/
Competition type:	Qualification, LCQ, Semi Finals, Finals.
Competition date:	30/09/26 – 03/10/26
Disciplines & categories:	Wakeboard Open Men & Open Women: Masters Wakeskate Open Men & Open Women Seated Open men & Open Women
Rules:	The competition will be carried out according to the rules of IWWF Cable Wakeboard World Council. Please note that you have to wear a suitable helmet and a vest during the competition.. <u>Boardwax is not allowed. All features are made by Unit-parktech and in good condition.</u>
Prizes/Ranking:	Points for world ranking

Equipment storage:

There will be a locked facility at Lakeside Paradise, where you can store your board and equipment overnight.

No liability will be accepted by the event organizers for any damage or loss of property.

Registration details:

The competition is registered as a part of CWWC World Rankings.

Riders must have IWWF license from their National federations.

Team Captains/ Federations must register all the riders in the EMS for the competition.

Please update your IWWF EMS Profile, we order competition shirts based on your profile.

Entry fee includes:

Official training + competition
Official competition bib

Accommodation options

AirBNB:

<https://www.airbnb.be/s/Knokke--Knokke~Heist/homes>

Camping: Camping site 10 minutes walking distance from the cable.

<https://www.holidayknokke.be/nl/>

Boudewijn Hotel: Hotel 15 minutes walking distance from the cable.

<https://www.hotelprinsboudewijn.be/nl/>

Ibis Hotel: A budget hotel 15 minutes by bike from the cable park.

<https://all.accor.com/booking/nl/ibis/hotels/knokke-heist-belgium>

(Free WiFi available at Lakeside Paradise)

Transport options

By Plane

Nearest airports:

Oostende-Brugge (OST) – 45 minutes drive by car to the cable park. When arrived in Oostende you can take the train to Knokke. From the train station to the cable park it is 10 minutes walking.

Brussels Zaventem (BRU) – 1h 20 minutes drive by car to the cable park. When arrived in Zaventem you can also take the train at the airport to Knokke. From the train station to the cable park it is 10 minutes walking

Brussels Charleroi (CRL) – 2h drive by car to the cable park. When arrived at the airport you can also take the train. The train station is 10 minutes by bus from the airport.

By Train

If you come by train you take the train to Knokke station. When arrived in Knokke it is a 10 minutes walk to the cable park. We can provide a shuttle service to the cable park for 5 euro.

There are also a various amount of trains that arrive in Brussels from all over Europe. All information and possibilities via NMBS:

<https://www.b-europe.com/NL>

By Car

Via Brussel / Ghent you take the E40 to Bruges. There you take the A11 to Knokke. If you come via Antwerp take the E43 to Knokke.

Cableway information

Type:	Alta... built in 2012
Overall length:	720m
Carriers:	8
Pylons:	5
Height of cable:	10,5m
Length of tow rope:	18m
Features:	21

Competition setup will be announced later.

Useful information

Belgium is a member of the European Union, Schengen agreement and Eurozone.

For other Schengen agreement member countries, the entry does not require any specific permit.

A valid EU personal ID or Passport are sufficient for travel to Belgium.

Some countries outside the European Union may be subject to visa requirements. For more information please consult the information provided by Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<https://diplomatie.belgium.be/nl>

The currency in Belgium is EURO.

Official language in Belgium are Dutch and French, English is spoken commonly for tourism.

For driving, there is zero tolerance for alcohol. Speed limits are 50 km/h in town, 70 km/h outside the town and 120 km/h on the highway.

Minimum drinking age is 18.

In case of emergency call 112.

Time zone in Belgium is Central European Time (UTC+1).

Main electricity voltage is 230V. Socket is standard Euro plug.

Weather during the competition is expected to be cold with temperatures at or around 10-15 degrees. Water temperature is expected to be around 7 degrees.

Safety

All riders must wear an approved life vest and a helmet in the course at all times. All participants ride at their own risk.

Following is the Declaration, Waiver and Release form that is required for each rider. Riders younger than 18 years are required to provide the Declaration of Parent / Guardian

Declaration, Waiver and Release Form

For, and in consideration of, the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (the IWWF) accepting my application, and permitting me, to :

participate and compete in the International registered cable wakeboard event (the International event), I, the undersigned, for and on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby irrevocably and unconditionally warrant, represent and undertake to the IWWF as follows

Any and all information provided and/or disclosed by, or on behalf of, myself to the IWWF (including any officers, employees and representatives thereof) for the purpose of considering and evaluating my application for participation and competition in the International event is true, correct and accurate;

I have fully read and understood the rules and regulations of participation and competition in the International event (a copy of which has been made available to me) and I do hereby covenant with, and undertake to, the IWWF to at all times fully comply with, and abide by, the same;

I am in good physical and mental health and I am physically capable of competing and participating, and fully competent to participate and compete, as a competitor in the International event and that I have not been certified and/or advised otherwise by any qualified medical practitioner;

I do hereby authorize any and all physicians, paramedics and other medical personnel and practitioners procured by, or on behalf of, the IWWF to administer first aid treatment or any medical treatment, surgery or transportation in the event of any illness, accident or injury suffered and/or sustained by me at any time during my participation and competition in the International event (or any part thereof) and hereby indemnify, and shall keep fully and effectively indemnified, the IWWF (including all officers, employees and representatives thereof) upon demand from and against any and all claims, liabilities, demands, costs and expenses of whatsoever nature incurred and/or suffered by the same (or any of them) and arising from, and/or in connection with, the procurement and administration of such medical treatment and transportation in relation to any such illness accident or injury suffered and/or sustained by me;

I acknowledge, agree and confirm that participating and/or competing as a competitor in the International event (or any part thereof) involves inherent risks and dangers of accidents, personal and bodily injury and property loss or damage and that by signing and completing this Declaration, Waiver and Release Form, I fully understand and have considered and evaluated the nature, scope and extent of the risks involved, and voluntarily and freely choose to assume these risks;

I hereby grant to the IWWF (including its lawful successors and assigns) the sole and exclusive right and license, in perpetuity and throughout the world and without any compensation whatsoever to me, to use, reproduce, publish and/or exploit, my name, nickname, likeness, image, logos, get- ups, initials, voice, slogan and signatures developed from time to time, reputation, graphical representation, electronic, animated or computer generated representation and any other representation (in any medium whatsoever), right of

association, biographical information and other indicia, and any other right or property in my performances, in any media whatsoever, for any purposes whatsoever relating to, and/or in connection with, the IWWF and/or the International event (or any part thereof) and I shall do all such things (including, without limitation, the execution of appropriate legal documentation) as the IWWF may, from time to time, require to give legal and binding effect to the aforementioned grant of rights;

I irrevocably acknowledge, agree and confirm that the IWWF reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to disqualify me from participation and/or competition in the International event (or any part thereof) if I am in breach of any of the warranties, representations and/or undertakings set out in this Declaration, Waiver and Release Form and/or for any reason whatsoever the IWWF considers just and proper, and in the event of any such disqualification, I shall not be entitled to any compensation of any nature whatsoever from the IWWF.

I hereby release, hold harmless, protect, indemnify and forever discharge the IWWF (including its officers, employees and representatives), the International event and all commercial partners thereof, from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or consequential, suffered and/or incurred by the IWWF (including its officers, employees and representatives), the International event and/or all commercial partners thereof and arising from, and/or in connection with:

Any breach of any of the warranties, representations and/or undertakings given by me as set out hereunder; and/or my participation and/or competition in the International event (or any part thereof).

Declaration

I, (the Competitor), do hereby declare that I have read and fully understood the terms and conditions of this Declaration, Waiver and Release Form and that I have had the opportunity to discuss the same with my parent / guardian and that I agree to be bound by the said terms and conditions of the above agreement with the IWWF.

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Declaration of Parent / Guardian

(Applicable only if the Competitor is, on the date of signing the Declaration, Waiver and Release Form, under the age of 18 years)

I, the undersigned, am the parent / guardian*
of (the Competitor) and I do hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:

1. warrant, represent and undertake to the IWWF that I have read and fully understood the terms and conditions of the Declaration, Waiver and Release Form and have discussed with, and explained such terms and conditions to, the Competitor and I agree to, and will cause the Competitor to fully abide by, and comply with, all of the terms and conditions of the Declaration, Waiver and Release Form; and
2. covenant with, and undertake to, the IWWF not to take, nor permit to be taken, any action(s) nor omit to do anything that would assist or cause the Competitor to invalidate, renounce, negate, revoke or disclaim any part of the Declaration, Waiver and Release Form, and
3. warrant, represent and undertake to the IWWF that by signing the Declaration, Waiver and Release Form, neither the Competitor and/or myself is/are in breach of any other arrangement(s) (whether contractual or otherwise) with any third party, and
4. agree to be liable for, and will indemnify the IWWF (including its officers, employees and representatives), the International event and all commercial partners thereof from and against, any and all claims, demands, liability, loss, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or consequential, suffered and/or incurred by the IWWF, the International event and all commercial partners thereof, whether direct or consequential, any arising from, and/or in connection with:

(a) any breach of any of the warranties, representations and/or undertakings given by the Competitor in the Declaration, Waiver and Release Form; and/or

(b) the Competitor's participation and/or competition in the International event (or any part thereof).

Signature

Name of Parent / Guardian*: Date:

Signed in the presence of: Witness:

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

* Delete as appropriate