

Minutes IWWF Region Europe Racing Council Meeting Online (teams) emergency meeting October 27, 2023 (start 13.00 hrs – end 14.00 hrs)

Attending

Richard Hernaez (FR)	President Admincom Representative IWWF Representative World Council
Chris Rydl (BEL)	Secretary General IWWF Substitute World Council
Franz Hebenstreit (AUT)	Treasurer
Vera Van den Bossche (BEL)	Council member IWWF Representative World Council (World Chair)
Thea Klarenbeek (NL)	Council member IWWF Representative World Council
Steve Cox (GBR)	Council member
Steve Bird (GBR)	Council member
Chris Rydl (BEL)	Athlete's representative

1. Urgent meeting to discuss possible solution for Kirkland boys (GB) entries for World Championships 23 Held at GOSFORD – NSW Australia (9-19 th NOV 2023)

- **Context** : Kirkland family moved to Australia in shortly after the 2013 worlds in Tenerife. Meanwhile both sons have started a waterski racing career and have prepped themselves for the 2023 worlds. As they are still holding a UK passport/nationality the initial plan was for them to compete under the GB flag. Unfortunately, despite the fact Darren K being an honorary member of British Waterski Racing, GB will not Support/endorse Kirklands participation under GB flag.
 - **Question** : can Kirkland boys participate under the Europe Confederation Flag ?
 - **Answer/issue** : European Confederation Waterski Racing rules do not cater for athletes to participate under the Europe Confederation Flag.
2. Rule 1.05 prohibits immediate rule amendments and stipulates that amendments become effective 60 days after they are sent to the member federations. Hence immediate amendment of rule 3.01 (entry requirements) is not possible.
 3. As it is at all times our mission to have as many skiers on the water as possible, council members unanimously agreed that due to exceptional circumstances, Kirklands can participate under the European Confederation flag. At the same time all members agreed that rule 3.01 must be amended to accommodate for cases whereby skiers are unjustly not endorsed by their home federation. Exact wording to be debated during our 2023 winter stop and amended rule to be ready/finalized by spring 2024.