

Report of the Chairman of the Cableski Council – Season 2022

November 2022

Still recovering from Covid, this year Cableski suffered from the war in Ukraine. The ban of the Russian and especially the Belarus skiers was very well seen in Cableski. Especially in the women division with more than 10% less skiers and scores in tricks and jump being a lot lower. The absence in the men division was less visible, as a lot of new skiers entered this year.

Martin Graw, the president of the World Cableski Council and a member of the EC Cableski Council, announced that he had decided to step back and resigned from both the World and EC Cableski Council. Subsequently a new President of the World Cableski Council and EB representative had to be elected. The new World Cableski President is Nigel Talamo. With his contacts in Asia, we hope to be able to grow Cableski in that area faster. At the Congress in Monaco, we had elections for the EC Cableski Council and the new elected member replacing Marting Graw is Ulf Langrock. With his experience as a Calculator Ulf will be a great asset to our council.

Many thanks to Martin for his work he did for Cableski and welcome to the new World Cableski Council President and the new EC Cableski Council member. The spring meeting was organized by Elena Kunert, thank you for the great organisation, in Slovakia near Bratislava. The Council did have the meeting face to face, but the seminar was still an on-line zoom seminar. The goal is to have a face to face seminar again in 2023, near Frankfurt.

Cableski Titled events

Due to the war, Poland had to withdraw their bid to organize the Cableski Age Categories, which was scheduled to take place early September in Szelment. It was believed that this was too close to the Belarus border. As a result the Council had to find a new organizer. With the ban on Russia and Belarus skiers, the number of participants would be less, for both the Open and the Age Categories (Belarus typically enters with over 10 athletes), the Dutch waterski federation agreed to take both the Open and the Age Categories and have them as two competitions in one weekend together. This combined event turned out to be a great success, with well over 100 athletes entered. The competition took place at the end of September, starting on Thursday lunch time, and with three more full days of competition, we had our winners. Though we would have preferred to have all countries to be allowed to enter, it was nice to see other countries excelling now.

With the great success of the Senior Men category last year, the Council had decided to split the Seniors in two age categories, the Senior 1 category (35 plus) and the Senior 2 category (50 plus). The Senior 2 category would only be opened in the championships, if there were at least 5 participants. In the men division this new Senior 2 category did indeed have its 5 participants in all 3 events, so the category was fully opened. For the Senior Women, there were not enough participants to open the Senior 2 category and so all Senior Women skied in one group.

Due to the last moment organization and by adding the Age categories to the event in Weert, the doping control costs were double, which became no longer possible for the organizers to pay. The Council and the organizers agreed to ask an extra 20 Euro entry fee towards the cost of the doping control. We believe doping control is very important, but we should find a better way to pay this. At present organizers do not want to organize titled events anymore as they cannot afford the cost of the doping control in their budget. This will be communicated to the Admincom as we are sure not only Cableski is having that problem.

The titles for the Cableski Europeans Open went to:

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
Women	Bianca Schall AUT	Laura Hillenbrand GER	Bianca Schall AUT	Laura Hillenbrand GER
Men	Aviv Levy ISR	Niklas Heinicke GER	Alexander Vasko SVK	Alexander Vasko SVK

Team Champion = Germany

The different titles for the Junior and Senior Championships went to:

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump	Overall
Junior U-15 Girls	Emilia Szumanska POL	Paula Gotz GER	Dominika Cyl POL	Clara Miserok GER
Junior U-15 Boys	Adrian Elias SVK	Adrian Elias SVK	Ronald Pokorny SVK	Adrian Elias SVK
Junior U-19 Girls	Phoenix Baumgardt GER	Gabriela Koszycka POL	Elizaveta Dobjevitch ISR	Elizaveta Dobjevitch ISR
Junior U-19 Boys	Yam Lev ISR	Ksawery Szumanska POL	Tobias Zambory SVK	Tobias Zambory SVK
Senior Women	Sigita Triggelis LTU	Susanne Klimmeck GER	Susanne Klimmeck GER	Susanne Klimmeck GER
Senior Men 1	Moshe Tzdaka ISR	Fabrice Magana FRA	Moshe Tzdaka ISR	Moshe Tzdaka ISR
Senior Men 2	Daniel Armas ESP	Jaroslav Drewiczewski POL	Joost De Leijer NED	Jaroslav Drewiczewski POL

Junior Under-15 team = Slovakia

Senior team = Germany

Junior Under-19 team = Slovakia

Many thanks to the Dutch Waterski Federation, the NWWB, and especially the team of the ENTIC in Weert, for the great organisation at the last moment. It was felt also by most of the people present, that the combined event was a great success and should be repeated.

Other competitions

In addition to the titled events, 11 more competitions took place in 6 different countries, showing some good activity ongoing, despite the political situation.

More of the other competitions are becoming international again, though traveling is not yet where it was before Covid.

RL Statistics for 2022 (without Russia and Belarus)

	Total skiers	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Women	67	63	55	33
Men	134	128	101	60

Clearly the ban of Russian and Belarus skiers impacted the number of female skiers.

Athlete of the year

Female Athlete of the Year 2022 Cableski is xxx.

Male Athlete of the Year 2022 Cableski is xxx.

Officials

We are still short of officials and are looking especially to welcoming younger officials. Unfortunately we have only one new official in the 2022 season.

	Name official	Country	Theoretical	Practical	
Operations Off.	Lena Hörnschemeyer	GER	OK	OK	OC1

At the Cableski Championships Weert it was great to see younger officials taking a leading role, with Roi Liechtman as a great Chief Judge and the Calculator team Sarah Vogt and Konrad Oborski.

Records

There were no new Open records this year but we did had some new best performances in the age categories, which show that we are continuing to improve.

Cableski in the World

Unfortunately not too much progress made this year. Asia is still too much under the ban of Covid and travelling, again due to Covid is still not straight forward.

Unsportsmanlike conduct

Unfortunately at the end of the Cableski EC Championships, one of the skiers who did not like a decision of the officials during the jump finals, asked to be given the official microphone at the end of the medals presentation. While the greater public was still there he openly blamed the officials of not being impartial in their decisions. We understand that athletes may not always agree with the judges decision but accusing them of not being impartial is not correct. What Erwin Zawadski did at the end of the medals presentation, is not at all acceptable. It is a clear act of unsportsmanlike conduct and can create a lot of harm to the sport and stops officials from wanting to continue to be an official at a competition.

A letter requesting an official appology by the end of October, was written to Erwin via the Polish federation, the council will decide on further steps after receiving the letter. The Council will also communicate this to the Admincom for eventual further actions as this should not be allowed to happen.

As every year I do want to thank the members of my Council and the skiers for the continuous positive atmosphere (with the one exception) and the good teamwork during the season. Thank you all, see you in 2023.

Marie-Anne Persoons
Chairman EC Cableski Council