

E&A Disabled Council Annual Report 2022

Various meetings

The E&A Disabled Council had 3 meetings over the year.

In February in Monaco, in March we had a ZOOM meeting and in November we had a meeting in London.

Officials

Also in 2022 the annual seminar didn't take place due to the uncertain situation of the Covid-19 pandemic but we have posted new training material, rules and exams on the platform learn.europewater.ski

Calendar

There have been 8 Disabled competitions across E&A in 2022. There were 15 events scheduled on EMS but many of these were cancelled.

The 2022 E&A Disabled Championships combined with the E&A U21 Waterski Championships took place in Fischlham, Austria, 31/08 to 03/09. The number of participants were quite low, we had 14 competitors from 9 countries inscribed in EMS but due to COVID infections and injuries we actually had 11 competitors from 7 countries attending.

Although the weather was not great we had some good performances and 1 pending E&A trick record.

It was a pity that due to a manufacturer error the inscription on all the Disabled medals was wrong. We managed to give out all the skier's medals with a sticker but resulting in the fact that the organisers and the Classification team are still waiting for their medals to receive.

Results can be found on: <http://www.iwwfed-ea.org/disabled/competitions/2022> or on EMS.

Also for 2023 we are encouraging federations and clubs to combine Waterski competitions with Disabled competitions on a national level. The homologation fee will be only levied once for such competitions. Only in EMS the creation of a Waterski competition and a Disabled competition is mandatory.

The IWWF Disabled World Championships will take place at Shortline Lake, Elk Grove, California, USA from 10 till 17 September 2023.

The 2025 IWWF Disabled Championships will be held in Australia, venue and date tbc.

2022 European Tour

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Cable Wakeboard

We will discuss with Wakeboard Cable the evolution of seated wakeboarding during the November meeting.

Website

The E&A Disabled website can be found at <http://www.waterskidisabled.eu>

Athlete of the year

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Technical Issues

Audio Slalom System:

We purchased an Audio Slalom Signal Generator (CAS) for the E&A Disabled Council. This will allow us to rent out the system for competitions others than titled events and for people to try out the system. For titled events we will provide the use of the system for free.

EMS (IWWF Event Management System) / World Ranking:

All international officials, qualified for Disabled Waterskiing, have been updated in EMS. **ATTENTION!** If in the future a Waterski competition is also open for Disabled skiers, the Organiser has to create two competitions in EMS, one for Waterski and one for Disabled under the same name. In this case, the Disabled council will not charge an extra homologation fee.

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