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# *EMS*

## *Event Management System Project Update*



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# *1. Project Team Organization*



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**Confederations**  
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## ***2. General Comments***



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## ***General comments 1/4***

- We are in stage of finishing the development of the EMS Version 1 and two countries (Australia and New Zealand) have started to test the application. According to organization chart as per page 3, the representatives of the athletes and Technical Councils have been consulted for the specification and testing of the system and their feedback has been taken into consideration.
- The EMS will be implemented in stages by Confederations between December 2019 and April 2020 for Barefoot, Cableski, Disabled, Wakeboard Boat, Wakesurf and Waterski (not all Federations cover all these disciplines).
- It is open at this stage whether the necessary requirements for Cable Wakeboard will be available by April 2020. Together with the Cable Wakeboard Council we will do our best to include Cable Wakeboard in the April 2020 implementation but it will all depend on the development capacity of our IT provider Qubiteq. More information on this subject and the decision whether Cable Wakeboard can join in April 2020 will follow by the end of 2019.



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## ***General comments 2/4***

- **A User Guideline in English** has been created and will be published on the IWWF website.
- **Hannu Rintanen** is the **IWWF EMS Administrator (ems-admin@iwwf.sport)** and will be available to answer questions.
- The system is user friendly but if necessary, short phone demonstrations will be organized for the Federation Administrator(s) to outline the features of the system. It will be decided case by case.
- **All competitions taking place before April 2020** and not registered through EMS (see Implementation plan per Confederation, pages 9 to 14) will be treated as in the past, using the appropriate Scoring System, and the registration of participants will not be handled in EMS. This will have no influence for the World Ranking Lists for which these results will still be taken into account.



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## ***General comments 3/4***

- The **Version 1** which we are implementing now includes registrations of officials, athletes, sites and competitions, registration of athletes to competitions, manage competitions (download of participants to Scoring System, publication of Live scores, upload of results from Scoring System and publication, publication of Ranking Lists, competition news, etc.).
- The **Version 2** is planned for April 2020 and will include all functions related to the order and control of the new IWWF Licence, the option of the payment of entry fees to the organizers by PayPal/Credit Card, an automated process for entries to Titled Events by Federations including invoicing of entry/training fees, additional functions for the implementation of the Cable Wakeboard discipline, etc.



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## **General comments 4/4**

- The IWWF EMS System was decided at the Congress 2017 in Paris, upon proposal of the Executive Board to provide Federations, athletes, officials, event organizers, media and sponsors a single point of contact with the IWWF. **The use of EMS is mandatory for all IWWF Federations organising IWWF Ranking Lists competitions.**
- **Exceptions must be approved by the IWWF President/Executive Board** for Federations who already have their own Event Management System. In that case, the IWWF will provide interface functions which these Federations will have to implement in their system.





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## ***3. Implementation Plan***



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## ***Oceania***

- Australia has started to get familiar with the EMS System and give feedback to the IWWF EMS Administrator for issues. New Zealand has been invited to test the system as well.
- Being on the Southern Hemisphere, Australia's Waterski & Wakeboard season has started some weeks ago and a number of events have already taken place.
- Australia has its own EMS System and discussions presently take place how best to link with the IWWF EMS System for this season 2019/2020 and how to go on from the season 2020/2021 and onward.

## **Schedule**

- **November 2019:** testing EMS
- **December 2019:** discussions how to use EMS from season 2020/2021



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## ***Europe 1/2***

- The implementation will **start from December 2019 by groups of Federations** which will be directly contacted by the EMS Team when their turn arrives. We propose to begin with 9 pilot Federations who will be supported by the following coaches:
  - Hannu Rintanen..... Finland, Great Britain, Spain
  - Morten Froulund..... Denmark, Norway, Sweden
  - Peter Frei..... France, Germany, Switzerland

followed by the other European Federations.

- Provided that by **February 2020** all planned EMS functions of Version 1 are in place and working, the training of the Federations and their preparation EMS work are finished, we will activate the function that athletes can start to register for competitions and that organizers & scorers can manage competitions through EMS.



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## Europe 2/2

- **Waterski only:** The existing process that E&A Federations report their RC/CP/Titled & RL Events by November, respectively January is still in place and must be reported through the existing system available under the European/Tournament website. The **deadline for reporting 2020 RC/CP/Titled events is December 20, 2019 and for all Ranking List competitions January 31, 2020.** These competitions will not be registered in EMS by the Federations but by the EMS Team following E&A Tournament Council approval.

### Schedule

- **November/December 2019:** proposed European pilot Federations contacted by EMS Team for implementation plan.
- **January 2020:** remaining European Federations contacted by EMS Teams for implementation plan.
- **March 2020:** athletes can register to competitions held from April 1, 2020.
- **April 1, 2020:** athletes must hold the new IWWF Licence.



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## ***PanAm (USA)***

- USA Water Ski & Wake Sports have their own EMS System which includes membership administration, events registration and events sanctioning.
- They will not use the IWWF EMS System directly but links (electronic interfaces) have been defined for the ordering of IWWF Licences and for the check that all athletes registering to an US competition hold an IWWF Licence.
- In a first step this will only apply to the Waterski discipline (AWSA), Barefoot & Waterski Adaptive Skiing may follow. Cableski, Cable Wakeboard, Wakeboard Boat and Wakesurf are not relevant for this Federation.

### **Schedule**

- **December 2019:** definition of electronic interfaces (API's).
- **January 2020:** delivery of API's to USA Waterski & Wake Sports.
- **April 1, 2020:** athletes can order an IWWF Licence through the US Event Registration System and athletes registering online to a US competition are checked for holding an IWWF Licence.



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## ***Africa, Asia & PanAm (except USA)***

- Until further notice these Confederations will manage their competitions held until March 2020 in the same manner as in the past, e.g. using their local or Lion's Scoring System and no registration of these competitions will be done in EMS.
- The Federations will be contacted by the EMS Team before January 31, 2020 regarding the implementation of EMS in their Federation.

### **Schedule**

- **January/February 2020:** discussions how to use EMS



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## *What do we expect from the Federations?*

- **Nomination of one or more EMS Federation Administrators** (see their responsibilities next page). A Federation Administrator may handle one or more disciplines. **Deadline November 30, 2019.**
- Regular information to their clubs, athletes, officials and organisers about the EMS Project, including the IWWF Licence, and the implementation plan for the respective Federation → news on their respective websites, newsletters, etc.
- Federations are needed to ensure that the EMS System is implemented in line with the implementation plan agreed with the EMS Team and that all Ranking List competitions of the Federation are registered and managed through the EMS System. As explained page 8, EMS is mandatory for all IWWF Federations organising IWWF Ranking Lists competitions. Exceptions must be approved by the IWWF President/Executive Board. The Federations must ensure that this obligation is followed in their entire organisation.



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## ***What will the Federation Administrators be responsible for?***

- **Be the contact person with the IWWF EMS Team** regarding the implementation of the EMS System in his/her Federation.
- **Act as the first level supporter for issues** (questions, problems) of their local EMS users in their own language.
- Coordinate issues with Hannu Rintanen, the IWWF EMS Administrator (in English).
- **Ensure** that all Ranking List competitions in the Federation are registered in EMS and the **competitions are fully managed through the system** (from athletes registration through to publishing of results).
- Ensure that all their Federation athletes, officials and sites are registered and kept up-to-date in EMS.
- Approve the national non-Ranking List competitions managed in EMS.





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## ***4. Most Frequently Asked Question!***



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## ***Why is the EMS development taking so much time?***

- **This project is very complex.** Each Confederation/Federation/Region and Discipline have their own peculiarities, special systems, exceptions, established procedures, long-standing habits, etc.
- **For example,** all Federations combined we have identified not less than 21 age categories for Barefoot, 12 for Cableski, 10 for Cable Wakeboard, 25 for Wakeboard Boat and 44 for Waterski!
- Our database is constituted of data coming from different sources not always compatible with each other and needed an intensive adaptation to the new system before we could start real programming.
- Last but not least, we should not forget that the persons involved in this project on the side of the IWWF are volunteers. Despite their immense dedication and professionalism, their time is limited. It would not have been possible to develop this system with an external Project Manager and a Team without extensive knowledge of our Sport.

## Thanks for your patience, your confidence and your support

