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At The Crannagh Activity Centre

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THE IWWF E&A WAKEBOARD BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS & SUPERFINAL

8th - 13th August 2016

Coleraine, Northern Ireland

Information Bulletin No.1

1. INTRODUCTION

The Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation (IrWWF) would like to extend a warm invitation to all riders from the Europe and Africa Wakeboard Federations to attend the 2016 Wakeboard Boat Championships which will be held in Coleraine, Northern Ireland from 8th to 13th August 2016. The competition is forming the cornerstone of the Waterways Ireland Riverfest 2016, an event that regularly attracts thousands of spectators to the Lower Bann.

2. THE VENUE



The event site is right in the heart of Coleraine town and is regarded as a showcase for the best in watersports. This was the site for the Qualifier for the 2015 Superfinal. You can view the video of the 2015 Qualifier by following the link : <https://vimeo.com/134923364> .The competition will take place between the two bridges in the town on a straight kilometre of the Lower Bann, the largest river in Northern Ireland. Coleraine in Irish means 'Nook of the Ferns' is located 55 miles North West of Belfast with a population of 25,000, has an attractive town centre and a marina. It is the main town of the world famous Causeway Coast, which attracts over 3 million visitors each year.

The world famous heritage site, the Giants Causeway is only a 25 minute journey by bus. The famous distillery village of Bushmills is also well served by buses from the town and in the Summer there is a steam train running from Bushmills to the Giants Causeway – a 15 minute journey. There are also numerous locations used for HBO's Game of Thrones series.

The area boasts championship golf courses, including the Royal Portrush, venue for the 2019 British Open, scenic countryside and a host of other attractions and is a major holiday destination.

The competition site is located at

Christie Park,

Strand Road,

Coleraine BT51 3AB

GPS coordinates: (Latitude, Longitude) (**55.127219700, -6.674935100**)

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Strand+Rd,+Coleraine+BT51+3AD/@55.1273428,-6.6801209,16.25z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x48603b4e816fd441:0xd4854bbad83fbacd>

3. THE WEATHER

The weather in Ireland is very changeable, even throughout the Summer months. The average temperature in August in Coleraine is a high of 18 degrees and low of 10 degrees, so come prepared for all weather!

4. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency in Coleraine, N. Ireland is pounds sterling.
ATMs are readily available, and banks are open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm and Saturday 10.00 am to 1.00pm.
Visa, Mastercard and American Express are accepted in most shops and restaurants.

5. TRANSPORT

Arriving at Belfast International Airport:

You can take a bus or a taxi from the Airport to Antrim Town Train Station, where you can get a train to Coleraine.

Belfast International Airport : <http://www.belfastairport.com/en/content/2/52/car-hire.html>

Arriving at Belfast City Airport:

You can take a bus or a taxi from the Airport to Belfast, Great Victoria Street Train Station. There is a train to Coleraine leaving every 2 hours, the journey time is 1 hour 15 mins

You can plan your journey from the airport using the Translink website: www.translink.co.uk

Belfast City Airport : <http://www.belfastcityairport.com/To-From-the-Airport/Car-Hire>

Arriving at Dublin Airport:

You can take a bus from the Airport to Belfast, Great Victoria Street Station. This is also the Train Station, where trains are available to Coleraine.

There are 2 coach companies from Dublin to Belfast.

Aircoach - located immediately outside the arrivals terminal operating on the hour.

Translink – located a short distance from the terminal and operating hourly at 20 minutes past the hour.

Both of these services are open to reservations on line.

Major **car rental** companies are available in each airport.

HAMILLS Rent-a-Car will offer 10% discount on car hire rental if you quote IWWF Europe and Africa Boat Wakeboard Championships

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Please note that transport to and from the airport to the hotels will be the responsibility of the travelling Federations and teams.

Transport from the hotels to and from the competition site will be organised on request. There may be a small charge for this transport.

Federations who will require transport should make this request along with the Intention to enter form

6. VISAS

You should check if you require a VISA to visit Northern Ireland (UK).

The following link may be useful - <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa/y>

If you should require a letter of invitation issued by the Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation, we will be happy to provide this.

7. ACCOMMODATION

There are numerous Hotels and Bed and Breakfasts offering accommodation solutions to suit all budgets. However Coleraine and the surrounding area is one of the busiest tourist destinations in Ireland, so it is advisable to book your accommodation early, as the hotels will book up very quickly for the summer months.

The Official Hotel for the event will be -

THE MAGHERABUOY HOUSE HOTEL

41 Magheraboy Road

Portrush

Coleraine BT56 8NX

Tel : Reception - +44 2870823507

www.magherabuoy.co.uk

From 6th 12th & 13th August 2016 - Single room £65 Double room £85.00

From 7th-11th August 2016 - Single room £55 Double room £75.00

Email or telephone the Hotel to make your booking

These rooms will be held subject to the terms and rates above until

15th March 2016 and will be available on a first come, first served basis for bookings quoting **RS816**.

Payment must be made in full at the time of booking and before the offer **deadline of 15th March 2016**. No refunds will be available for bookings cancelled with less than one month's notice prior to the date of arrival. Bookings cancelled giving more than one month's notice will attract a £20 administration fee.

Other Accommodation Options

THE RAMADA HOTEL

73 Main Street

Portrush

BT56 8BN

Tel : +44(0)2870826100

<http://www.ramadaportrush.com>

Info@ramadaportrush.com

THE LODGE HOTEL

Lodge Road,

Coleraine,

BT52 1NF

Tel: +442870344848

www.thelodgehotel.com

info@thelodgehotel.com

THE PREMIER INN

3 Riverside Park North

Coleraine BT51 3GE

Tel: +44 2870345300

www.premierinn.com

coleraine.pi@premierinn.com

COLERAINE UNIVERSITY

The University will offer self catering accommodation – that is individual ensuite rooms in groups of 5/ 6 rooms per block with shared kitchen and facilities

The cost is £33.60 per person per night

Contact: accommodation@ulster.ac.uk or Tel: 02870124380

<http://www.ulster.ac.uk/accommodation/on-campus/coleraine/cranagh-student-village>

Other accommodation options, including camping and hostels can be found at -

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

or

you can contact the local visitor information office on Email:

colerainevic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

or Tel: +44 7034 4723 and they can arrange accommodation for you.

Please Note that the Hotel rates provided above will only be held for bookings secured with payment made by 15th March 2016.

After this date availability and Hotel costs cannot be guaranteed

Federations should make reservations directly with the hotels.

8. FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

During the competition days there will be a food village for the riders and team captains, lunch will be provided at a cost of £5.00.

For all others there will be a food service available at the site throughout the competition.

There will be a mid week BBQ & Ceilidh: (An Irish party!) - £20 per person

9. INTENTION TO ENTER

Each Federation will be required to confirm its Intention to enter the EA Wakeboard Boat Championships 2016.

The attached Intention to Enter form must be received by the Chairman of the EA Wakeboard Boat Council and the organizing committee, not later than 60 days before the scheduled start of the first event of the E&A Championships - 9th June 2015.

***Intention to Enter form attached – due by 9th June 2016 to
linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com***

10. ENTRY

Each Federation will be required to submit entry forms (attached) to the Chairman of the EA Wakeboard Boat Council, the IWWF World Wakeboard Council and the organizing committee, not later than 15 days before the scheduled start of the first event of the E&A Championships - 24th July 2016.

All entries received after this deadline will be subject to a fine of €10.00 per rider per day after the 15 day deadline. This fine is paid to the IWWF for late entries.

The entry form must contain the full list of team members and the division entered. Independent riders and official reserves should be entered by the Team Captain/ Federation representative. There is no limit to the number of reserve riders per team.

***Entry Form attached – due by 24th July 2016 to
linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com***

11. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for the EA Wakeboard Boat Championships 2016 will be :

€140 for Junior divisions

€180 for Open and Masters divisions.

12. REGISTRATION

Registration will take place from 12.00 to 18.00 on Saturday 6th August 2016.

Any rider not present to register with his/her passport must provide prior notification to the organiser along with a scanned copy of his/her passport to confirm identity.

13. OFFICIAL COMPETITION TOWBOAT

Mastercraft will be the official towboat for the Championships.

14. UNOFFICIAL TRAINING

The practice sessions are **not official**.

Practice will take place from Friday 5th August until Sunday 7th August 2016. Each Federation will have the right to reserve **1 slot (10 minutes) for every participating athlete**.

The cost will be €40 per 10 minute slot or €240 per hour on the water.

Training slots will be allocated on a **first come first served basis**.

Training will be available on :

- Friday 5th August from 4pm to 8pm
- Saturday 6th August from 8am to 8pm
- Sunday 7th August from 8am to 8pm

Payment for the training must be made within 14 days of booking or the slots will be cancelled and released to other bookings.

Practice Booking Form attached : send to linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

15. NATIONAL FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

Each Federation Team Captain must bring 2 flags and their National Anthem, on a USB Stick.

16. EQUIPMENT STORAGE

All riders equipment can be safely stored at the site, there is 24 hour security

17. DOPING CONTROL

In accordance with the IWWF anti-doping rules, drugs testing will be conducted during the competition. By entering this competition, all athletes agree to be subject to doping control. Information about the IWWF Anti-Doping program, the Anti-Doping rules and links to the list of banned substances can be found on iwwfed.com by clicking the Anti-Doping information link at the top of the menu on the left sidebar of the homepage.

18. OFFICIALS

The Chief Judge will be Stefano Duranti (iTA)

19. BANK DETAILS

Ulster Bank
The Diamond
COLERAINE
BT521DP

BIC: ULSBIE2D
IBAN: IE86ULSB98538512325921

Please make your payment with a reference indicating Country and Practice or Entry Fee

20. PROVISIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday 5 August	Unofficial practice
Saturday 6 August	Unofficial practice Registration
Sunday 7 August	Unofficial practice.
Monday 8 August	Qualification rounds Opening Ceremony
Tuesday 9 August	Qualification rounds
Wednesday 10 August	Qualification/LCQ rounds
Thursday 11 August	Semi-Finals
Friday 12 August	E&A Superfinal Prize Giving
Saturday 13 August	Finals Individual Prize Giving Team Awards and Closing Ceremony

Mid week BBQ & Ceilidh: - £20 per person

This is a provisional timetable, subject to change at the discretion of the Chief Judge. All riders and team captains should pay attention to the notice boards.

21. CLOSING CEREMONY AND DINNER

The closing ceremony will be on Saturday 13th August 2016, the venue will be confirmed and the dinner will cost £25.00 per person

22. LIABILITY

The organising committee, the IrWWF and the IWWF will not be held liable for any loss or damage to equipment, personal property, injuries to athletes, officials, judges, official volunteers and other persons attending the event. **Athletes are required to ensure they have adequate personal accident insurance with international cover, prior to entry.** The organizer will not be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any athlete due to his/ her participation in the event.

23. CONTACTS

Linda Johnston : Linda.Johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

Florian Butty : F.Butty@wakeboardcouncil.com

Robert Skelly: rj.skelly@gmail.com



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INTENTION TO ENTER

TheFEDERATION will attend the 2016
EA Wakeboard Boat Championships

We expect our team to consist of:

Boys	_____	Junior Men	_____
Girls	_____	Junior Ladies	_____
Open Men	_____	Masters Men	_____
Open Ladies	_____	Masters Ladies	_____
Masters 2 Men	_____	Masters 2 Ladies	_____

Team Captain _____ Team Manager _____

For further information please contact _____

E-mail _____ phone _____

Date _____ signature _____

Please return this form by **June 9th 2016** to:

Organizer: Linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

EA representative: f.butty@wakeboardcouncil.com

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WAKEBOARD BOAT ENTRY FORM

COMPETITION: _____ DATE: _____

FEDERATION: _____

FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH

CATEGORY: (tick 1 box)			
BOYS		GIRLS	
JUNIOR MEN		JUNIOR WOMEN	
OPEN MEN		OPEN WOMEN	
MASTERS MEN		MASTERS WOMEN	
MASTERS 2 MEN		MASTERS 2 WOMEN	

ENTERING AS: (tick 1 box)			
Team Member		Reserve Team Member	
Individually Qualified Rider		Individual Title Holder	

Please note – only 1 rider per entry form to be accompanied by a copy of the rider's passport.

I certify that the registered rider is in possession of a wakeboard license and valid insurance to compete in the EA Wakeboard Boat Championships 2016.

Signature of Federation Official: _____

Position in Federation: _____

Name of Team Captain _____

Name of Team Manager _____

For further information please contact _____

E-mail _____ phone _____

Date _____ signature _____

Please return this form by **July 24th 2016** to:

Organizer: linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

EA representative: f.butty@wakeboardcouncil.com

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PRACTICE BOOKING FORM

TheFEDERATION will attend the 2016
EA Wakeboard Boat Championships - **Unofficial practice**

We expect our team to consist ofriders. (*1 slot per rider*)

Friday 5th August: Evening session

Saturday 6th August: Morning session / Afternoon session / Evening

Sunday 7th August: Morning session / Afternoon session / Evening

(underline or circle the session you would prefer)

Team Captain _____ Team Manager _____

For further information please contact _____

E-mail _____ phone _____

Date _____ signature _____

First come – first served. Payment must be received within 14 days of booking.

Please return this form to:

Organizer: Linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

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