### The Mediterranean Wakeboard & Wakesurf Championships **Incorporating Wakefest Lebanon** 8th & 9th September 2018

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#### 1. Welcome

The Lebanese Water Ski & Wakeboard Federation and the ATCL herewith invite all Members Federations of the IWWF Mediterranean Nations to the Mediterranean Wakeboard & Wakesurf Championships on Saturday 08 and Sunday 09 of September 2018.

#### 2. Supporting Body

International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF).

The International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) is the world governing body for all towed water sports and has 91affiliated member Federations worldwide. It was founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1946 and is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the sole authority governing all towed water sports. The IWWF is also an affiliate member of the Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF) and one of the seven founding sports of the World Games.

#### **3** Organizers

Lebanese Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (LWWF).

#### 4 Venue

Automobile and Touring Club of Lebanon (A.T.C.L.) Marina

#### 4.1. Introduction

Lebanon has always been a favourite when it comes to tourism, especially due to its beautiful natural sights, diverse environment and culinary reputation. Beirut, its capital, was also recently named best city in the world to eat in, according to a New York-based travel magazine.

**Jounieh** is a coastal city about 16 km north of Beirut, Lebanon and is part of Greater Beirut. Jounieh is known for its seaside resorts and bustling nightlife, as well as its old stone souk, ferry port, paragliding site and gondola lift (le téléphérique), which takes passengers up the mountain to the shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa. Above Jounieh, and on the way to Harissa, a small hill named Bkerké overlooking the Jounieh bay, is the seat of the Patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church. Residents of Jounieh and the surrounding towns are overwhelmingly Maronite Christians. Maameltein is a district of the city.

**The Association** called "Automobile and Touring Club of Lebanon", known by its acronym, the ATCL, was founded in 1919. Its purpose is the promotion of motor sport in particular and all sports in general, as well as the development tourism, in all its forms. In 1933, she was affiliated to the AIT (International Alliance of Tourism-Geneva) and the FIA (International Federation of the Automobile-Paris). It is located in Kaslik, near the famous bay of Jounieh.

The Automobile and Touring Club of Lebanon is the only association authorized in Lebanon to issue international customs documents, in accordance with the Geneva Agreement of  $\frac{19/9/49}{19/9/49}$  and according to the International Agreement on International Traffic.

ATCL offers many activities in the sports, aquatic, Motorsports and nautical sectors. Competitions and events are held throughout the year, with the participation of local and international amateurs and athletes.



The event will be located at the ATCL Marina. The pass is expected to be exposed to open sea and the competition course is subject to change depending on the conditions.

#### **5** GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 5.1 WEATHER

In Lebanon, the month of September is characterized by an average high temperature of 31°C and an average low temperature of 20°C.

#### 5.2 LOCAL CURRENCY

The local Currency is the Lebanese Pounds but USD is accepted. Exchange rate USD/LBP (1USD = 1507.5LBP) Visa and MasterCard are accepted in all hotels, shops and restaurants.

#### 5.3 VISAS

Only a few countries require a Visa to visit Lebanon please refer to the following link for nationalities which require an Entry Visa: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa\_policy\_of\_Lebanon</u>

#### 7. Official Towboat:

Wakeboard:	Nautique
Wakesurf :	Nautique

### 8. Tentative Competition Schedule Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Wakeboard: Qualification & Last Chance Qualifier Round @8.00 am until 12;00 all categories Semi-Finals @01:30 pm until 3:30 pm Wakesurf: Qualification @04:00 pm until 6:30 pm Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Wakeboard Finals:

Wakeboard Finals: @12.00 pm Under 18 @04:00 pm Open Women @05:00 pm Open Men

> Wakesurf Finals: @06:45 pm @08:00 pm Awards Ceremony

#### 9. Ceremony

Friday 7th of September Opening Ceremony @ A.T.C.L. Amiral restaurant 08:00 pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of September Awards Ceremony @ A.T.C.L. Jetty Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of September Closing Ceremony @ A.T.C.L. Jetty

#### 10. Entry Fee

The Entry Fee per rider is USD 100.00 and must be finalized through wire transfer with a deadline by 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Below the bank account details if transfers are to be made (Federations are requested to pay all bank service fees or these will be payable at registration):

#### Account Number / Branch : 875043-702-09 Jounieh IBAN : LB44005600087504370200200709 Swift Code : AUDBLBBX

#### 11. Rules – General

The competition will be conducted according to IWWF / IWWF Asia Wakefest Series Technical Rules:

#### Wakeboard: http://iwwfed.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/IWWF WWC World Rules 2018.pdf

Wakeboard Heat System

http://iwwfed.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/IWWF\_WWC\_Heat\_System\_2018.pdf

Wakesurf:

http://asia.iwsf.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-IWWF-Asia-Wakefest-Wakesurf-Rules.pdf

### 12. Age Categories

The age categories will be according to 2018.

Teams should select their teams based on the following age categories:

- U14 Born from 2003 on
- U18 Born from 1999 on
- OPEN Born from 1988 on (any rider regardless of their age can choose to participate in OPEN) MASTERS – Born in 1987 and before
- VETERANS Born in 1977 and before

#### 13. National Flags & Anthems

Each team must bring 2 flags of its country. The flag should be no smaller than 70/100cm. All teams should bring or send via e-mail their National Anthem.

#### 14. Eligibility

A Federation may select its team in any manner it desires (according to the 2018 IWWF Wakeboard Rules). However, each team member must be a citizen or applying for citizenship of the country that the Federation represents. In case of doubt as to the nationality of a competitor, the Chief Judge and Chief Calculator normally will refer to his/her passport. If a rider does not have a passport from the country he/she is representing, he/she must prove residence in the country for at least five years and membership in an affiliated club of the Federation. Each Federation shall certify that all members of its team meet these qualifications. Prior to competing, a competitor must sign a participation contract and understand the nature of the sport and its special risks, particularly in the format. It is the responsibility of the competitor to register with the designated registration person and show proof of Federation membership before riding. Competitors must disclose to the event organizer any special medical conditions, including but not limited to, injuries in the past or present or other pre-existing medical conditions.

For all riders: Each rider must complete a release of liability form and hand it at accreditation. Failure to do so will prevent the rider from participating. For minor riders only: a parental authorization is needed to participate in the competition. The federation of the rider will attest and be fully accountable that the authorization is official and genuine. Please read

#### 15. Airports

Athletes should make travel arrangements to arrive at the main International Airport Beirut–Rafic Hariri International Airport (BEY).

#### 16. Transportation

The organising committee will arrange transportation for teams and officials from Beirut Airport to the Official Hotel, which is a 40 Minute drive away.

Send your reservation to info@lebwwf.com (Marie Rose +961 76 515 759)

17. Hotel Accommodation		
Bel Azur Hotel & Resort	Room Rates:	
+961 9 930 621	Single room:	USD 78.00
Jounieh – Port entrance	Double room:	USD 100.00
www.belazur.com	Triple room:	USD 123.00
The official hotel is a 10 minutes walk to ATCL.		
For booking: info@lebwwf.com (Marie Rose +96)	1 76 515 759)	

#### **18. Unofficial Practice**

The Lebanese Waterski & Wakeboard Federation will manage Unofficial Practice as follows for nominated riders only and booked by respective team managers on a first come first served basis. For booking: info@lebwwf.com (Marie Rose +961 76 515 759)

#### **19.** Liability

The Lebanese Waterski & Wakeboard Federation, the IWWF World Wakeboard Council and the organizing committee of the WAKEFEST 2018, do not accept any liability for damage to persons, materials or property against competitors, technical officers, judges, official helpers and other persons. All competitors take part at their own risk in every respect even if they are engaged out of the competition, e.g. in any additional program. With their entry in the competition they give up any claim for instances of loss of any kind arising indirectly or directly during this event. Participants should take out private accident insurance besides their health insurance. Damage to third parties (e.g. spectators) is insured only within

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#### **OFFICIAL HASHTAG FOR THE EVENT #IWWF**

#### **INTENTION TO ENTER**

We expect our team to consist of:

U14 Boys	U18 Men
U14 Girls	U18 Ladies
Open Men	O30 Men
Open Ladies	O30 Ladies
O40 Men	O40 Ladies

Please note to open a division a minimum number of 3 countries represented are required.

Team Captain	Team Manager	
E-mail	Phone	
Date	_ Signature	
To be filled by the Federation:		

Bib #:

Please pay attention to the deadline for entries.

Send a copy of the Entry form + a valid ID to the following addresses: LWWF Secretary General Wadih Zeilah | E-mail: woody@lebwwf.com LWWF President Alain Nohra | E-mail: alain@lebwwf.com