

# Bulletin 1: IWWF World Championships



2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Royal Belgian Water Ski Federation, the Flemish Water Ski Federation and the Organizing Committee, we warmly welcome all competitors, coaches, managers, officials, moms, dads and all family members to enjoy the 2025 IWWF World Water Ski Racing Championships in Flanders.

Indeed, the four races will take place in Flanders, a region of Belgium well known for its hospitality, unique burgundy lifestyle with lots of good food and even better drinks!

In 1995 Belgium hosted the IWWF Racing Worlds in Antwerp, Cheratte, Blankenberge and Viersel. In 2009 they hosted the IWWF Racing Worlds in Gent, Genk and Viersel. For the 2025 the host cities will be Viersel and Hasselt, which will also be the base camp.

For 2025 IWWF Worlds are major and important event to the whole of the Waterskiing community in our country. We thank the IWWF and the IWWF Racing Council for trusting us to organize this competition for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in Belgium.

The experience of the steering committee, the strong commitment from the Flemish Community, the local towns and authorities will ensure the success of this event.

We therefore ask for your trust also, and we would like to assure you that every effort will be undertaken to meet that trust.

On behalf of the WC 2025 Organizing Committee,

Michel Fobelets

President WC 2025



Information

Hasselt, March 2025

Dear all,

It is with great pleasure that we share with you the first information bulletin for the:

***23rd IWWF World Waterski Racing Championships – Hosted in Belgium***

**Bulletin 1**, is a preliminary guide to help you familiarize yourself with the various venues.

Shortly, we will release the second bulletin, which will include essential details regarding:

- Entry procedures
- Travel and directions
- Car rental options
- The home base at Royal Yachting Hasselt Waterski Club
- Technical information about the championship sites

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming you all to Belgium!

Kind regards,  
On behalf of the Organizing Committee

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Secretary

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# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (provisional)

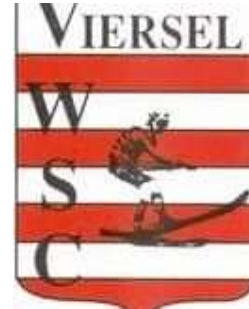
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## Friday August 22, 2025

- Arrival and registration (Hasselt)
- Scrutineering (Hasselt)

## Saturday August 23, 2025

- Jury meeting (Viersel)
- Team Captains meeting (Viersel)
- Official Opening Ceremony (Viersel)



## Sunday August 24, 2025

- First races in Viersel Waterski
- Prize giving presentations

## Monday August 25, 2025

- Free day
- Sightseeing opportunities
- Team Captains meeting

## Tuesday August 26, 2025

- Second races Hasselt Yachting
- Prize giving presentations

## Wednesday August 27, 2025

- Free day
- Sightseeing opportunities
- IWWF Competitors meeting

## Thursday August 28, 2025

- Third races in Hasselt
- Prize giving presentations



**Friday August 29, 2025**

- Free day
- Sightseeing opportunities
- Team Captains meeting



**Saturday August 30, 2025**

- Fourth and final races in Hasselt
- Prize giving presentation.

**Sunday August 31, 2025**

- Final dinner & overall trophy presentations

Dates are confirmed but official time tables will be communicated in due time.

Royal Hasselt Yachting Club will be «the home base» for these events, secretary's office, paddock for boats - secured at night, camping area, etc...  
Further information will follow shortly.

If further info is required, please contact secretary's office :

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# Welcome to Hasselt

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Limburg can boast of an excellent infrastructure. Three major arteries traverse the region; the E313 (Antwerp – Liege) and E314 (Brussels/Louvain-Aachen) motorways and the Albert canal.

Hasselt will be the ‘home base’ for the IWWF World Championships. Hasselt is the capital and largest city of the province of Limburg in the Flemish region of Belgium.

Hasselt is known as the ‘Capital of Good Taste’, where fashion and gastronomy are reason enough to make you want to visit the city. It’s a city that’s elevated seeing and being seen to an art form. Hasselt also exemplifies quality care, pioneering research, knowledge and innovation.

Another thing you maybe would like to know: Hasselt is the Jenever city par excellence in Belgium.

Hasselt’s cosy streets and lanes are home to over 80 works of art by international artists. You can book a guiding tour to discover some of them, there is also a Fashion Museum and exhibitions.

The city center of Hasselt is teeming with welcoming squares and places to relax, there is a shopping center and a lot of nice restaurants to eat. You also have a lot of nature close to the city center like the Japanese Garden for example.

Hasselt can be discovered by car, bus, bicycle or on foot. All the nice places are on walking/biking distance from the race course.

Hasselt would love to welcome all of you as home base and for the last three races of the IWWF Worlds Championships.

# Welcome to Viersel

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Viersel is part of the municipality of Zandhoven and situated approximately 25 km from Antwerp, it is situated approximately 60km from Hasselt. You can drive easily from Hasselt to Viersel taking the motorway E313.

Viersel outgrewed itself in our waterski-mids, thanks to the Viersel Waterski Club by organizing the world-famous “Viersel Diamond Race”. They will now take care of opening ceremony and the first race of these IWWF World Championships Waterski Racing 2025.

The different small villages of the municipality of Zandhoven are very picturesque places « where live is good ! ». The village-center of Zandhoven is very attractive. You can find the oldest bell of Western Europe in the handsome renovated Church of Sint Petrus and Paulus. She is called “Maria” and was founded in 1309. The possibilities for walks are legion in this area with a lot of historical monuments. Despite its small size, Viersel offers a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Viersel Waterski Club will welcome you more than warmly and will make sure we will have a pleasant stay for the first race of the IWWF worlds.



# Official Hotel for the IWWF Worlds 2025 – Belgium

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## The Holiday Inn Hasselt\*\*\*\*



Holiday Inn is situated near the Hasselt ring road, offering easy access to Brussels, Liege, Antwerp, Germany and the Netherlands. The hotel has plenty of rooms and five meeting rooms.

The guest rooms are all refurbished and offer all the comfort you could ask for (Satellite TV, High speed Wireless internet, Large working desk, Minibar, Trouser press, Hairdryer, ...).

Special conditions have been obtained for the duration of the IWWF World Racing Championships (22th- 31th of August 2025).

There are different room types available when making the booking.

All rates are per room/night, Large breakfast Buffet included. The rates are excluded from city taxes.

They have a restaurant called 'De Boulevard' this is open on a daily basis.

You can park close to the hotel in the public parking or take a little walk from the pit area to the hotel.

**Please check out for further information [www.hihasselt.com](http://www.hihasselt.com)**

**Use code: WK2025**

For the best rates and advantages

## Other Hotels in Hasselt

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Although the **Holiday Inn is the official Hotel** for these Championships, there is a variety of Hotels in Hasselt.

Please always book through the official sites of the hotels, you will get the best offers. Most of the hotels accept American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa. Some asked for credit card details when booking.

Please find herewith some alternatives:

### **HasHotel\*\*\*\***

Beautiful hotel in the city center of Hasselt with a nice restaurant Bragoût.



Website: [www.hashotel.be](http://www.hashotel.be)  
Use code: **WK2025**

Discover our refurbished rooms, furnished tastefully down to the very last detail. There is no better starting point for discovering Hasselt than our city hotel. Step outside your comfortable room and right into the city centre, where you'll find museums and lots more to explore within walking distance. Want to get the most out of your stay? Our receptionists are all locals and happy to share their best tips and help you navigate the Capital of Taste.

Book a stay in one of our 56 luxury rooms

## Radisson Blu Hotel Hasselt\*\*\*\*



Website: [www.radissonbluhotelhasselt.com](http://www.radissonbluhotelhasselt.com)

Use code: **WC2025**

When booking you can choose by "special rates" the option "promotional code" type WC2025

Radisson Blu Hotel, Hasselt is the tallest hotel in the city and our comfortable location, located right near the market and Dusartplein offers a great prospect about the city center. The Fashion Museum is within walking distance of the hotel and you can easily visit Europe's largest Japanese garden just 2km away. In addition to the excellent location, our 126 rooms and suites are finely decorated and they offer many thoughtful amenities.

## Holiday Inn Express\*\*\*

Website:

[www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/hasselt/hstl/hoteldetail?msocid=37533ed7410461f32f892aa0404c600c](http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/hasselt/hstl/hoteldetail?msocid=37533ed7410461f32f892aa0404c600c)

Use code: **WK2025**



Just off the Hasselt ring road, Holiday Inn Express Hasselt is located a 10 minutes' walk from Hasselt station, a hub for local and regional trains. Head to the Modemuseum Hasselt, five minutes' walk from the hotel, to admire an extensive fashion collection. The hotel is a three-minute walk from a public car park. In the smart, welcoming guest rooms, make yourself a tea or coffee and relax with a movie on the flat screen TV. Wake up to the free continental Express Start Breakfast buffet.

## Hotel The Century\*\*\*

Smaller authentic hotel in the city center of Hasselt with a nice restaurant.



Website: [www.thecentury.be](http://www.thecentury.be)

Use Code: **WK2025**

A fresh, trendy breeze blows through our establishment. That's why all our hotel rooms are comfortably equipped with an eye for detail.

*Please note: this hotel is not equipped with a lift. Unfortunately, we cannot welcome wheelchair-users at this location.*

10 rooms: compact, essential & stylish

Choose between the 7 double rooms or one of the 3 single rooms. The rooms are recently renovated & each room features a private bathroom with a shower. Room facilities: Air Conditioning, Desk, Shower, Hairdryer, Toilet, Bathroom, TV, Telephone

## Park Inn by Radisson Hasselt\*\*\*

Website: [www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-hasselt](http://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-hasselt)

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With a prime location in the city center, the Park Inn by Radisson Hasselt stands adjacent to the Radisson Blu Hotel. These high-rise hotels in Hasselt are the city's 2 tallest buildings. Enjoy outstanding views of the city skyline, as well as proximity to top attractions like Trixxo Arena and the beautiful Japanese Garden. The Park Inn Hasselt is also near a number of local transportation options, giving you easy access to many other popular destinations.

## Woodz-Lodges



Website: [www.woodz-lodges.be](http://www.woodz-lodges.be)

Use code: **WK2025**



Looking for an overnight stay in nature, but with a touch of luxury and comfort? Then Woodz-Lodges is the right place for you!

Our prime location in Central Limburg is not only surrounded by ponds and forests but also serves as an ideal starting point for various beautiful cycling and hiking routes. How about relaxing in our hot tub after a day of physical activity?

## **Entry Fee**

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The Entry Fee will 950 Euros per Competitor (Skier / Driver / Observer) and includes the final dinner, insurance and rescue.

## **Travel Insurance**

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The IWWF By-Law 16.1 states that it is the responsibility of each Federation when entering competitors for an IWWF World Titled Event to ensure that its competitors are adequately insured for personal accident, permanent disabilities, death and medical expenses.

## **IWWF Safe Sport Policy and IWWF Safeguarding Regulations**

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We take safeguarding extremely seriously and are committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers are able to operate in a safe environment, free from abuse and the risk of harm. It is a condition of participation that all attendees familiarize themselves and comply with the IWWF Safeguarding Regulations which are available <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport-information/>

## **Doping Control**

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In accordance with the IWWF Anti-Doping Rules, doping controls 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 current IWWF AD Rules and links to the list of banned substances can be accessed on the following link: [Anti Doping Information – IWWF](#)

## **Airport & Venue Transfers**

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More information will follow soon in bulletin 2.

## **Official Functions**

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The Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony, and Final Night Banquet are offered to Athletes, Team Officials, Technical Officials, IWWF Discipline Council Members and IWWF Executive Board Members

## Flags and Anthems

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Each team must bring an additional flag of their country. (Size approximately 100x150cm).  
All teams should send a MP3 of their national anthem or confirm the Anthem is on Spotify.  
If not on Spotify please email MP3 to [secretary@wcracing2025belgium.be](mailto:secretary@wcracing2025belgium.be) (Subject line, Your Country/ Anthem).

# Technical information

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All races will be held according to the rules of the IWWF

Although K.B.W.S.F. Belgium has to stipulate the following special rules:



## 1) Launching boats

Please note for safety reasons: Nobody is allowed in the boat during launching!

## 2) Hoisting Belts

At races during the IWWF World Racing Championships, boats will be launched in the water with the help of a crane only in Hasselt where there is also a slipway.

Therefore, each boat must have its own hoisting belts or straps to launch and lift the boat with use of a crane.

All hoisting ties, belts and ropes are the personal equipment and responsibility of the owner of the boat and must have the boat number.

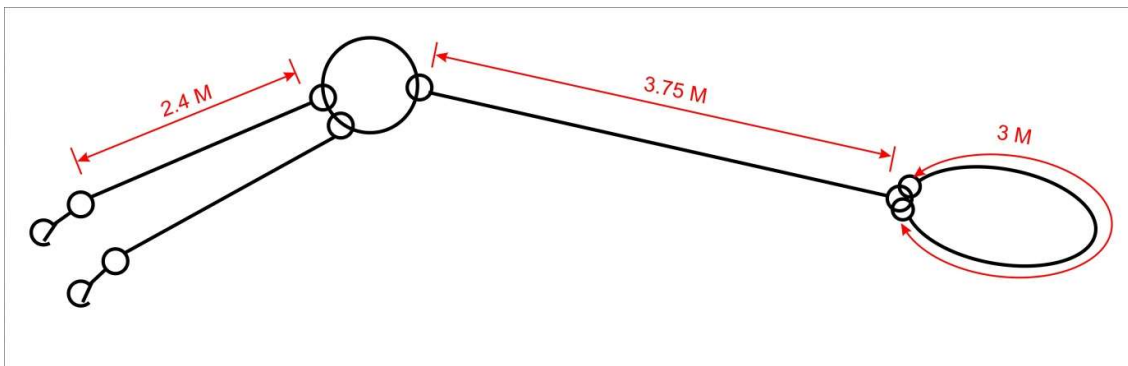
They have to be fastened to the boat with sound hooks and closures. The use thereof is the personal responsibility of the boat owner.

All lifting accessories together with the suspension link and eye hooks with safety valve have to be inspected and approved, at least every two years, by an authorized inspection organization (such as a member of Kiwa Group, Vinçoitte or other organizations), through a safety label showing VGS year and authorized lifting limit.

The weight of the boat, multiplied by 1.5, may not surpass the hoisting load. For lengths with three parts (triangles), the top angle between the parties is max. 120.



The participants are obligated to spontaneously show their hoisting equipment to the Chief Scrutineer. Anyone who makes changes to his hoisting equipment, between two racing days or between two races, should inform the Chief Scrutineer before they participate again



**Remark:** Please note that this diagram is informative only and used for a standard boat with standard measurements – always check the advice given above – weight and length are decisive for triangle measurement

### 3) Fuel

Fuel used must be "unleaded" premium grade pump fuel as commercially available in the Host Country. Unleaded fuel (95 up to 98 Octane) is available on all gas-stations.

### 4) Noise level

The maximum noise level for waterski racing in Belgium is 98 Decibels. However, on advice of the K.B.W.S.F., the maximum tolerated noise level for the Worlds will be 105 Decibels at a distance of 30 metres.

### 5) Ski tow line

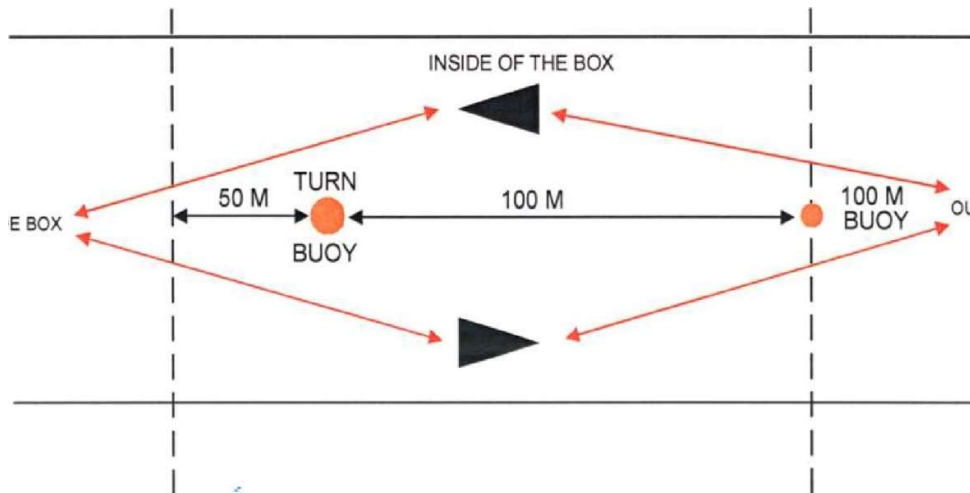
Length of ski tow line to be limited and governed by safety and venue. Races on Canals, Rivers and circuits with tight corners the ski rope length, including handle will be a maximum length of 60 metres (193 ft).

6) Turn boys – Box system - VERY IMPORTANT

For races on tight Canals E&A developed a "Box system" which is obligatory to be followed by ALL COMPETITORS.

Please find herewith the explanation of the system:

(a) If the course turns are considered tight such as on a Canal a Box System (an imaginary line drawn across the Canal dissecting the 100m buoy and an imaginary line drawn across the Canal at 50m past the Turn Buoy) should be used. All skiers falling in this area must be picked up and taken to the SAFEST POSITION outside of the box. You can resume in either area outside the box. The ski line must be retrieved before picking up the skier .



# Federation Intention To Enter Form

*Federation*

*Address*


Total expected number of competitors (reserve included):

*Men's open*

*F2 Men*

*Ladies open*

*F2 Ladies*

*Junior boys*

*Junior Girls*

How many boats do you intend to bring to the event:

*Open inboard*

*Open outboard*

*F2*

Please list your team officials:

*Team Captain:*

*Name:*

*Phone:*

*E-mail:*

*Team Manager:*

*Name:*

*Phone:*

*E-mail:*

To assist the organizers in their planning, would all Team Captains please complete and return this form to Chris Rydl : [secretary@wcracing2025belgium.be](mailto:secretary@wcracing2025belgium.be)

