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Cable Wakeboard European Cup Finals will return after 18 to the Seepark Niederweimar by Marburg in the North of Frankfurt in Germany.

After an 18-year hiatus, the European Cup Final in wakeboarding returns to Lake Park Niederweimar. From October 2 to 5, 2024, Europe's top wakeboarders will gather for the inauguration of new event spaces, competing for a prize of 3,600 Euros and crucial points for the world rankings. These points are essential for qualifying for the 2025 World Games in China, where cable wakeboarding will make a comeback after 20 years.

Lake Park Niederweimar, a popular destination for water sports enthusiasts for over 45 years, has had a wakeboarding facility for 25 years. Under the management of the Gerkau Family and the local club, the Allgemeine Deutsche Wakeboardclub Marburg-Niederweimar e.V. (ADW), it has developed into a training ground for elite athletes. Numerous German, European, and World champions have come from this successful facility.

"With our international competition, we aim to further promote competitive sports and plan to host the European Championship in the coming years," said Reiner Kahle, the first chairman of ADW. The club has already successfully organized national and international competitions in the past. The return of the European Cup Final aims to build on past successes and motivate the next generation.

A regional highlight of this year's event is not only the European Cup Final but also the 25th edition of the annual "Hesssische Meisterschaft", taking place on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6. Here, both up-and-coming talents and amateur athletes can compete. "We are excited to welcome not only Europe's top wakeboarders but also many enthusiastic wakeboarders from the region and across Germany," said Lucien Gerkau, a representative of the Gerkau family. "It will be an exciting weekend, and we hope many spectators will make their way to Lake Park."

The five-day event kicks off on Wednesday, October 2, with training at the cablepark. Thursday, Germany's national holiday, will feature the qualifications and a communal dinner for riders, volunteers and their friends. On Friday, the competitions and "small finals" take center stage, culminating in an awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Saturday starts with a VIP and sponsor breakfast in the new event space, followed by the grand final and awards ceremony at 1.00 p.m. The day will also feature a junior competition as part of the Hessische Meisterschaft and a riders' party at the beach bar. The final competitions of the Hessische Meisterschaft will be held on Sunday at 4:30 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony.

For the athletes' recovery, a mini sauna and an ice bath will be available. Alex Kalinger will be offering advice and support, leading a workshop on ice bathing on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The competition promises thrilling duels, with 80 to 100 riders from around the world participating in previous tour stops. Among them are local heroes Marina Buchholz and Jürgen Zepp from Germany, as well as Danylo Kleshchar from Ukraine who is living with his family since last year in Niederweimar. Other participants comming from Israel, Belgium, Poland, Spain, Croatia, and Serbia.

The event is supported by volunteers from ADW and members of the Hot Sport Wakeboard Friends Circle. The cable system will be provided free of charge by Hot Sport Sportschulen GmbH, and the







Lake Park restaurant will host and sponsor the riders' dinner. The Gerkau and Polat families look forward to a successful collaboration with the club.

Lake Park Niederweimar boasts an impressive history and, with this top-tier competition, once again provides a stage for elite performances in wakeboarding. All spectators are warmly invited to experience the event live and with no admission fee.

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