



*International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation*

## **BULLETIN #2**

**2023 IWWF Pan American Senior  
Waterski Championships**

**September 21 - 24, 2023**

**Skyview Lake Waterski Club  
Harmony North Carolina 28634, USA**

## **ORGANIZERS**

### **Host Federation – USA Waterski and Wakesports**

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### **Organizing Committee**

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## **THE SITE**

Is a man-made lake in the heart of North Carolina's country, it boasts all modern ski technologies to hold a high-end event and in fact has hosted countless competitions such as North Carolina's State Championships, CAN-AM Challenge and the Collegiate All Stars to name just a few. The site runs East – West with one island and slalom/ jump courses are deep water (2.5 - 7.5m)

The Venue is located just outside Harmony, NC <https://goo.gl/maps/CbuAAZaNKK2MvkTy6> with numerous restaurants, shopping and site seeing venues in the area. Officials will be housed at the Hilton Garden Inn & Comfort Inn in Statesville, NC.



## **ACCOMMODATION**

Working with the Statesville Convention & Visitors Bureau we have secured two HQ hotels. The Hilton Garden Inn & Comfort Inn. Special rates will run from Sept 18 through Sept 24. Both hotels have blocks of rooms set aside for our guests.

At \$124.00 plus tax, the Hilton Garden Inn provides guest rooms with one king bed or two queen beds featuring Suite Dreams by Serta bed which provides the perfect balance between comfort and support. All rooms have microwaves and mini fridges along with a desk area with ergonomic desk chair. Our indoor pool and fitness facility helps guests maintain their fitness routine or just relax while on the road. The Garden Grille restaurant serves breakfast and dinner. Wi-Fi is complimentary. Parking is self-parking, no charge. Relax and unwind in the evenings with a beverage from our full-service bar. As part of the Hilton family, guests earn Hilton Honors Points for each stay.

For the Hilton Garden Inn, book use this link. <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=SVHSRGI&groupCode=SPA&arrivaldate=2023-09-18&departuredat=2023-09-24&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

At \$94.00 plus tax, the Comfort Inn & Suites provides guest rooms with one king bed or two queen beds featuring pillow-top mattresses. All rooms have microwaves and mini fridges along with a desk area. Complimentary hot breakfast and complimentary Wi-Fi are included in the rate. The indoor pool and fitness facility helps guests continue their fitness program while away from home. Parking is self-parking, no charge. As part of the Choice family, guests earn Choice Privilege points for each stay.

For the Comfort Inn book under: Group Name: Sr Pan Am Championships – International Water Ski Championship  
Group Number: FW98K5

There are 20 motorhome accommodations with water and 50-amp hook ups for those who wish to be on site. We are currently working on reservation codes.

## **AIRPORTS**

Charlotte Douglas or Piedmont Triad (NC) within 60 miles. Charlotte is the larger of the two.

## **IWWF LICENSE**

Following an agreement by the IWWF World Congress held in 2019, the IWWF Executive Board approved the establishment of an IWWF License fee from 2021 where athletes wishing to compete in Ranking List (L) or Record capability (R) competitions of the IWWF are required to hold an IWWF License. It is requested that Federations ensure that all their athletes hold a valid [IWWF License](#) in order to participate in the 2023 IWWF Pan American Senior Waterski Championships.

## **ENTRY & ADMINISTRATION**

Each Federation shall certify to the Chair of the IWWF Pan Am Waterski Council and the LOC, no later than July 8, 2023 it's intent to compete via the following emails: addresses: [danagarciawaterski@gmail.com](mailto:danagarciawaterski@gmail.com). and [cut2dramp@gmail.com](mailto:cut2dramp@gmail.com)

Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to complete until they have payed a find of US \$200 to the IWWF Pan Am Confederation. To be accepted, the "intention to Enter" must be accompanied by a deposit amount of US \$50 for each athlete entered on the form. Each US \$50 will be deducted from the entry fee to be paid at a later date for each athlete. If a Federation subsequently enters less athletes than declared on the ITE, the fee of US \$50 paid at the time is forfeited for each missing athlete. The payment must follow the process described below.

Any Federation may enter up to two more athletes than originally declared on the "Intention to Enter" form with no penalty, and for which the full entry fee is required. If more than two additional athletes participate, then a levy of US \$50 per additional athlete will be payable in addition to the full entry fee.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### **+35, +45, +55, +65, +70, +75, +80, +85 Divisions**

- a) [Rules identical to those used for the World 35+ Championships \(IWWF rulebook\)](#)
- b) Six skiers total from each Age Category, Four maximum of any one gender.
- c) The best three scores from each Age Category to count towards each Age Category team score. For example, one country could win the +35 Age Division and another country could win the +45 Age Division.
- d) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length.
- e) Finals will be one half of the total skiers entered and paid to ski in the preliminary round as posted at noon before the competition starts, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a maximum of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers.
- f) The first 5 of the Pan Am Ranking List in a discipline in any divisions may ski as an Individual Skier.
- g) Slalom (2023 Exception using Last chance Qualifier method)
  1. Round One Slalom shall consist of all eligible skiers who are seeded according to the current rules. The top finalists minus one, shall proceed to the Slalom Finals. If the event has 4 or few skiers then all skiers qualify for the finals and an LCQ is not held. If more than 6 skiers are eligible for the finals then the top finalists of round one, minus two skiers, shall proceed to the Slalom Finals, and the two additional skiers will qualify from the LCQ round. For example if finals are comprised of 6 skiers per rule e. then the top 5 skiers are qualified for the finals from round one and one finalist will qualify in the LCQ round. If the finals are comprised of 7 skiers per rule e. then the top 5 skiers are qualified for the finals from round one and two additional skiers will qualify from the LCQ round.
  2. Round Two Slalom (LCQ) shall consist **only** of those skiers from the round one preliminary event who did **not** qualify for the slalom final round. The best slalom score(s), from this round shall proceed to the finals as the last seeded skier(s) in the finals.
  3. Slalom Finals shall be seeded by Round One Slalom Scores followed by the LCQ skier(s) seeded last.
  4. Tie breaks per IWWF World Rules.
- h) No Skier can be part of two divisions.

## **OFFICIAL ENTRY**

The deadline for each Federation to declare, through the EMS, the names of the members of its team the events each will enter, the ratings of each skier, as well as the names of the official reserves is [August 14, 2023](#). An entry is considered complete when the Skier's name is registered in the EMS and the full Entry Fee Payment has been received. The entry fee payment must follow the process as described below. Any skier entered as an Individual is also to be considered as a TEAM reserve.

Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays a fine to the Pan American Representative at the Championships, of US \$10 per skier per day after the [August 14, 2023](#) deadline for each skier not officially entered.

### ***Team or individual athletes not attending:***

In the event a Team or Individual Athletes (for whom their Federation has submitted a competition entry), fail to show up for a competition, their entry fee shall still be payable in full, unless a valid written excuse is received by 12 noon of 2 days the day before the start of the competition. A valid excuse may include a sickness certificate or a certificated injury and should be considered and agreed as valid by the Pan American Representative at the Championships.

The Entry Fee for the event will be **\$300.00 (US) per participant**, the payment must be made **as per the deadline in the following table**. This Entry Fee includes a levy of \$30.00 (US) to assist Technical Officials with their travel costs. Payment must be made by bank transfer to the following account:

## **DEADLINES, BANK DETAILS / CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

### **All bank charges are the responsibility of the paying party.**

Intent to Enter notified of	—	<b>July 8, 2023</b>	Chair of WS Council and Chair of LOC must be any athletes that intend to enter
Official Entry	—	<b>August 14, 2023</b>	(All participants (Team Member and Individuals) must be in the EMS by this time
Beginning of Competition	—	<b>September 21, 2023</b>	

### **Note:**

**To be accepted, the ITE and the Entry must be accompanied with the relative Fee. After the deadlines set out above, the fines set out above will be applied.**

***All fines must be paid on-site to the IWWF Pan American Representative at the Championships. No skiers will be allowed to start if any due fine is not paid.***

## **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS (WATERSKI ATHLETES) IN EMS**

The registration of the skier participations in EMS must be done by an EMS Federation Administrator as follows:

1. EMS Federation Administrator has to login to EMS
2. Go to the Competitions menu and set the Competition Code 23USAXX and the Country "USA" in the Search Filters

3. Select the Code **23USAXX** competition “2023 IWWF Pan American Senior Waterski Championships”
  4. Scroll down to the Participations section and click the “New participation” button to register the Athletes.
  5. Enter the Name of the Athlete in the Search box and click on the loop sign to the right.
  6. Register the Category in Competition, the Event “and the Entry Type.
  7. Click on the blue “+Add” button and the participant will be registered.
- Repeat Steps 5 to 7 for any additional participants.**

## **OFFICIAL FAMILIARIZATION**

Site familiarization will run 3 days from Monday [September 18, 2023](#) starting at 8:00 am till [Wednesday September 20, 2023](#) at 3:00 pm\*\*\*. - this will be updated with the next Bulletin - depending on the number of entries, there may be a need to begin the competition on [Wednesday, September 20, 2023](#) with Slalom.

Slalom skiers will receive – 4 passes or 6 minutes whichever is less. Trick skiers will receive – 2 passes or 5 minutes whichever is less. Jump skier will receive – 3 passes or 6 minutes whichever is less

After closure of the registration on [August 14, 2023](#), each entered competitor in the IWWF Event Management System (EMS) will be allocated Official familiarization time as specified above.

The Organizer (in consultation with the Chief Judge, whose decision shall be final) shall announce the Official Familiarization schedule (including the allowed time) by [August 28, 2023](#).

If a Federation does not want to take part in the Official familiarization, it must notify the Organizers and the Chief Judge as soon as possible.

The order for familiarization will be based on the team results from the previous IWWF Pan Am Championships with the last placed team athletes going first, and shall be grouped by event, i.e., slalom familiarization, trick familiarization and jump familiarization (by jump height) will be grouped together. Any athlete whose time has not been paid by [September 5, 2023](#), or who is not ready to ski in accordance with the schedule, will lose their official familiarization time.

### **Summary Table:**

Intent to Enter	July 8, 2023	Deadline for intent to enter
Official Entry	August 14, 2023	Deadline to enter participants (Team Member and Individual) in the <b>EMS</b>
Familiarization Schedule	August 28, 2023	Deadline for publishing familiarization schedule by Organizer.
Familiarization Payment	September 5, 2023	Deadline for familiarization payment.
Beginning of Familiarization	September 18, 2023	Beginning at 8:00am

Beginning of Competition	September 21, 2023	The slalom competition may be started on Wednesday, September 20th depending on the number of entries. ***
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The Chief Judge shall have the discretion to change the start time of team's familiarization based on extraordinary circumstances. During the Official familiarization period, the Chief Judge may allocate any available site familiarization times, but only to skiers who have not already used it or do not have time allocated. Official familiarization cost is \$350.00 (US) per hour.

Payment should be made to the following:

### **BANK DETAILS**

All bank charges are the responsibility of the paying party

### **UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE**

There will be no unofficial practice held preceding the event.  
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### **TOW BOATS**

- \* Malibu Response TXi
- \* MasterCraft ProStar

Towboat Speed Control System: Zero Off

### **TOW ROPES**

Masterline ropes will be used during the event

- \* Option 1: Optimized
- \* Option 2: Pro

### **DOPING CONTROL**

In accordance with IWWF anti-Doping Rules, drug testing may be conducted during the competition. For additional information follow the link <https://iwwf.sport/anti-doping-information/>

### **IWWF SAFE SPORT POLICY AND IWWF SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS**

We take safeguarding extremely seriously and are committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers can 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 at <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport-information/>

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

The IWWF Bye-Law 16.1 states:

It is the responsibility of each Federation when entering competitors for a World Titled Event to ensure that its competitors are adequately insured for persons for accident, permanent disabilities, death, and medical expenses.

## **FLAGS AND ANTHEMS**

Each team must bring 3 flags of their country. (Size approximately 100x150cm) All teams should send (MP3) of their national anthem or confirm the Anthem is on Spotify. If not on Spotify please email MP3 to [cut2dramp@gmail.com](mailto:cut2dramp@gmail.com) (Subject line, Your Country/ Anthem).

## **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) Charlotte, NC <https://www.cltairport.com>

Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO) Greensboro, NC <https://flyfrompti.com>

Raleigh Durham International Airport (RDU) Raleigh, NC <https://www.rdu.com/>

## **VISAS**

All participants should check in order to know if they require need a VISA to enter The United States of America. If a VISA is required, the USA Waterski and Wakesports can provide an invitation letter for the Championships. Alternative, participants can also obtain a letter from their own Federation confirming that they are a member of their country's National Team. It should be noted that the VISA must be obtained at the Embassy or US Consulate before the participant leaves their country. We advise that the participant allows plenty of time prior to their expected departure to obtain this document.

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

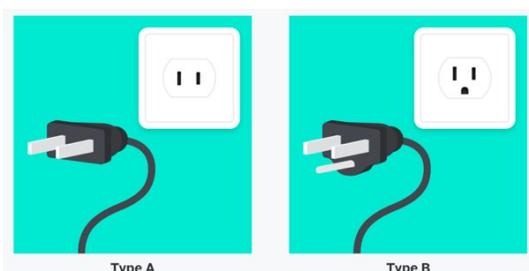
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## **POWER PLUGS & SOCKETS**

The standard electricity supply is 110 volts 60 hertz.





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## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

The Opening Ceremonies will be held at the venue on [Wednesday, September 20, 2023](#) after the Team Captains Meeting. Teams should be dressed in team tracksuits and be assembled by 5:30 pm EST. There will be a reception after the Opening Ceremony with free admission for Athletes, Team Officials, Technical Officials and IWWF Pan American Executive Board Members.

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES & FINAL NIGHT BANQUET**

The Closing Ceremonies and Final Night Banquet will be held on [Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 8:00pm](#). Admission to the Closing Ceremony & Final Night Banquet will be free for Athletes, one Team Official per Team (or two Team Officials for Teams of 8 or more athletes). Technical Officials and Pan American Executive Board Members. The cost for all others to attend will be per person. Tickets will be available for purchase on site, subject to availability. Deadline for purchase will be announced in the next Bulletin. Equally, Team Officials need to confirm the exact numbers attending to Organizers by this date.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

[Wednesday, September 20, 2023](#)

Opening Ceremonies. 5:30pm (tentative)

[Thursday – September 21, 2023](#)

All Women Slalom prelim

All Men Slalom prelim

All Women Trick semifinal

All Men Trick semifinal

[Friday – September 22, 2023](#)

All Women Slalom semifinal (LCQ)

All Men Slalom semifinal (LCQ)

All Women Jump semifinal

All Men Jump semifinal

[Saturday – September 23, 2023](#)

All Women Slalom final

All Men Slalom final

All Women Tricks final

All Men Tricks final

[Sunday – Sept 24, 2023](#)

All Women Jump final

All Men Jump final

Closing Ceremonies & Banquet 8:00pm

## **TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING**

A Team Captain meeting will be held at the event site on [Wednesday, September 20, 2023](#) at 4:00pm EST (*Subject to Change*)

## **TECHNICAL OFFICIALS - TBD**

## **LIVE STREAM BROADCAST**

No live stream broadcast is being planned at this time.