



IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships



BULLETIN 3

**ATTENTION DATE
CHANGE**

October 16-18, 2024

Auburndale, FL, USA



USA Water Ski & Wake Sports and the IWWF Pan American Confederation are pleased to invite all federations and their members to the 2024 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships presented by Visit Central Florida to be held in Auburndale, Florida USA from **October 16-18, 2024** at Champions Lake at Lake Myrtle under the supervision and rules of the IWWF.

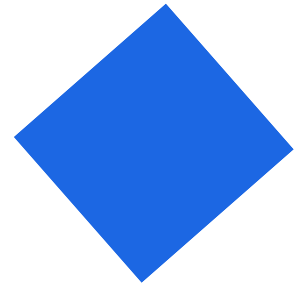


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LOCATION / PLACE OF COMPETITION

Champions Lake at Lake Myrtle

Located in Auburndale, FL Champions Lake is one of the newest lakes in the country built specifically to host towed water sport events.

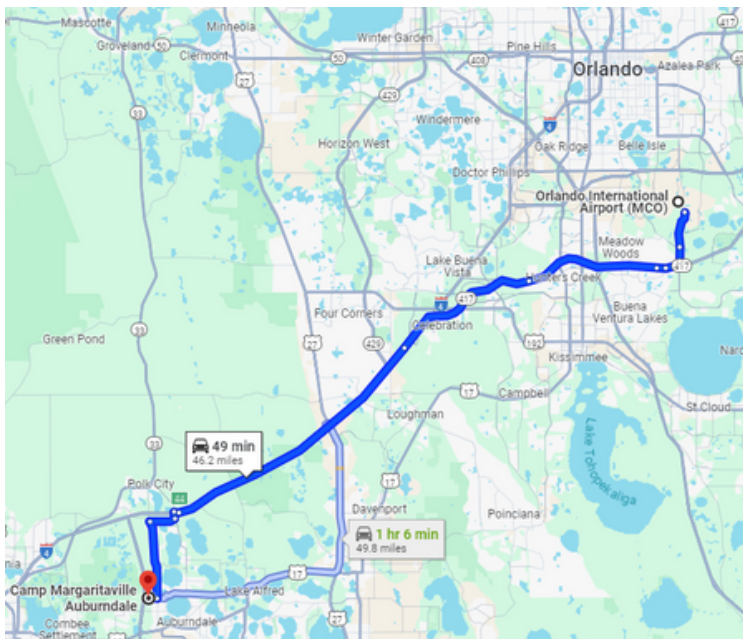
Airport - Athletes can make travel arrangements to arrive at Orlando International Airport (MCO) or Tampa International Airport (TPA).

Teams must organize transportation to lodging accommodation sites. As reference ride share services cost around \$65.

Rent-A-Car - Alternatively, participants may choose to use any of the major rent-a-car companies that are available in either Orlando International Airport or Tampa International Airport.

Lodging Transfer to Competition Site - Transportation is not necessary for athletes staying in the Athlete Village as accommodations are next to the competition site.

MAP





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WEATHER

In Auburndale, the month of October is characterized by an average high temperature of 85°F and an average low temperature of 68°F.

CURRENCY

The currency is the U.S. Dollar (USD)

Visa, American Express, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted almost everywhere.

VISAS

While some people enjoy visa-free travel to the United States, most of the world's population requires a visa before traveling to the United States.

Many Western countries and developed nations are part of the Visa Waiver Program. If you're one of 38 countries on the Visa Waiver Program list, then you do not need a visa to visit the United States in most situations; instead, you can apply for an [Electronic System for Travel Authorization \(ESTA\)](#). Your ESTA can be completed online in minutes and requires much less work than a visa.

For more information about which countries require a VISA to travel to the United States as well as the process for applying for a VISA, [click here](#).

Please email Chris Zukas at czukas@usawaterski.org for VISA Invitation Letter needs.



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INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

According to the IWWF Rulebook Federations must send a letter of **“Intent to Participate”** to Chris Zukas at czukas@usawaterski.org before **June 16, 2024**.

A model/example of this letter can be found at the end of this bulletin.



OFFICIAL TOWBOAT

CENTURION R1230

JUDGES & OFFICIALS

DANIEL GARCIA (BRA) CHIEF JUDGE

JUDGES :

OLIVIER DEROME (CAN)

CHAD LOWE (USA)

WALTER DITSCH (ARG)

NATALIE PEREZ (COL)

LUCIANO CHEDRESE (ARG)

ANGELICA CIFUENTES (COL)

DRIVERS :

JORGE GARIZURIETA (MEX)

CATHY WILLIAMS (USA)

SCORERS :

DIEGO RESTREPO (COL)

OMAR TORRES (MEX)





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TENTATIVE EVENT PROGRAM

Date	Time	Detail
Monday Oct 14	8:30 am- 6:30pm	Official Training Day
Tuesday Oct 15	8:30 am- 6:30pm	Official Training Day
Wednesday Oct 16	8:00AM-5:00pm	First Day of Competition
		(Qualification Rounds)
	TBA	Opening Ceremony
Thursday Oct 17	8:00AM - 6:30PM	Second Day of Competition
		(LCQs and Semi-Finals)
Friday, October 18	8:00am-noon	Finals
	1:00-5:00	U21 Pan Am Qualifier
	6:30PM	Medals / Closing Banquet
Saturday October 19	7pm	Departure of Delegations

We strongly suggest that the athletes nominated to ride in the U21 qualifying round, make travel plans for the evening 19th due the close gap between finals and the U21 Pan Am Qualifiers on October 18th.



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ACCOMMODATION

Booking discount included in the address links below

Best Western Auburndale Inn & Suites
1008 US HWY 92 W Auburndale, fla 33823
P: 863.551.3400 F: 863.551.3437

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4
4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland FL, 33809
P: 863.595.4500 F: 863.595.1700

Camp Margaritaville RV Resort &
Cabana Cabins Auburndale
361 Denton Avenue
Aburndale, Fla. 33823
p:863.455.7335

It is strongly advised to stay in the local area of Auburndale, Lakeland area. Traffic from Orlando through the Disney/ Kissimmee areas have been very congested as long as 2 hours. Please allow time for travel if you stay in Orlando.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND TEAM NOMINATIONS



It is the sole responsibility of IWWF-affiliated National Federations to select and enter their riders. Individual entries will be accepted, but they must be submitted by the Federation.

Each Federation may select its team in any manner it desires. However, each team member must be a citizen or applying for citizenship of the country that the Federation represents and a member of good standing of their home Federation. 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.

TEAM SCORING: Please refer to points 2.7.6, 3.8 and 3.9 of the 2022 IWWF World Wakeboard Rules.

LIABILITY

The organizer Committee, the host hotel and IWWF Pan American Confederation will not be liable for any loss or damage to equipment or personal property, and injuries to athletes, officials, judges, official volunteers, and other persons attending official or unofficial programmers during the event.

Athletes are required to purchase and show proof of personal accident insurance prior to entry. The insurance policy must provide coverage internationally. The organizer will not be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any athlete from his participation in these events.

Adequate personal medical insurance coverage is necessary. Certificate of medical insurance coverage/full payment is required before medical treatment/hospitalization takes place.

All riders have to sign a liability form, and riders under 18 need their parents to sign as well. Each Team Captain has to give Liability forms of all his athletes at the Registration.



EVENT CATEGORIES

U9- 9 AND UNDER (BOYS) if you are 9years or under on December 31st in the current year of the event is held.

U9- 9 AND UNDER (GIRLS) if you are 9years or under on December 31st in the current year of the event is held.

U14 - 14 AND UNDER (BOYS)

14 years old and under - if you are 14 years or under on December 31st in the current year the event is held

U14 - 14 AND UNDER (GIRLS)

14 years old and under - if you are 14 years or under on December 31st in the current year the event is held

U18 - 18 YEARS AND UNDER (JUNIOR MEN)

18 years and under – if you are 18 years or under on December 31st in the current year the event is held

U18 - 18 YEARS AND UNDER (JUNIOR WOMEN)

18 years and under – if you are 18 years or under on December 31st in the current year the event is held

O30 - 30 YEARS AND OVER (MASTER MEN)

30 years or older on December 31st in the current year the event is held

O30 - 30 YEARS AND OVER (MASTER WOMEN)

30 years or older on December 31st in the current year the event is held

O40 - 40 YEARS AND OVER (VETERAN MEN)

40 years or older on December 31st in the current year the event is held

O40 - 40 YEARS AND OVER (VETERAN WOMEN)

40 years or older on December 31st in the current year the event is held

O50 - 50 YEARS AND OVER

50 years or older on December 31st in the current year the event is held

OPEN DIVISION (OPEN MEN)

No age restriction

OPEN DIVISION (OPEN WOMEN)

No age restriction



RULES

According to the IWWF Wakeboard Rules can be found [here](#).

DOPING CONTROL

In accordance with the IWWF Anti-Doping Rules, doping controls may 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:

<https://iwwf.sport/anti-doping-information/>

All riders must have their passports with them at any time during the competition. Please note, if you are randomly chosen for drug testing, and fail to identify yourself with your passport, or fail to take the test for any other reason, it will result with an immediate disqualification

IWWF SAFE SPORT POLICY

The IWWF takes safeguarding extremely seriously and is 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 at <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport-information/>



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 / 3 to 6 Star competitions (including IWWF World titled events) in each Sports Division 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 2024 IWWF Open, U23 & Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.



REGISTRATION OF RIDERS

Each Federation shall register their riders through their Federation's EMS Administrator no later than October 1, 2024, through the [IWWF Event Management System \(EMS\)](#). Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays a fine of US\$10 per rider per day after the deadline to the IWWF for each rider not officially entered. Late entries will only be accepted with the mutual consent of the Organizer and Chief judge. Registration will close on **October 13th** at 12:00 a.m. If a rider is not able to be on site before the registration closes, he/she (or the Team Captain) must ensure that a digital copy of his/her passport is sent to the Chief Judge and Chief Calculator and that his/her entry fee is paid, as well as a clear indication of the category the rider will compete in.

The registration of the rider's participation in EMS needs to be done as follows:

1. Each Federation's EMS Administrator should login to EMS
2. Go to the Competitions menu and set the Code to "[24PANA04](#)" and the Country to "USA" in the Search Filters.
3. Select the [24PANA04](#) "[IWWF Pan Am Wakeboard Championships 2024](#)" competition
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 if known (if not known yet select "Individual Participant"; you must define the Team Members latest by October 15, 2024 at 12:00 a.m. prior to the first day of the Event on site)
7. Click on the blue "Add" button and the participant will be registered
8. Repeat the steps 5 to 7 for any additional participants
9. **Entry fees / Official Practice fees and penalties will be collected on site in cash or card. We will have Paypal processing link available.**



ATHLETE INFORMATION FOR COMMENTATOR



Please request your athletes to log into IWWF's EMS (<https://ems.iwwf.sport/>) to fill in / update their profiles (accomplishments, sponsors, social media handles, other interesting information in the optional fields, etc.) so the event commentator has information available to communicate to spectators present at the event venue and online via live stream. They should also upload photos for media use. Athletes should contact their respective Federations if they are not active / confirmed EMS users.



INTENTION TO ENTER

The _____ Federation will attend the 2024 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships in Auburndale, Florida.

We expect our team to consist of:

U9 Boys/Girls _____

U14 Boys _____

U14 Girls _____

Open Men _____

Open Women _____

O40 Men _____

U18 Jr. Men _____

U18 Jr. Women _____

O30 Men _____

O30 Women _____

O40 Women _____

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

Team Captain _____

Team Manager / Coach _____

For further information please contact _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Please return this form no later than June 16, 2024

Appendix A



U 21 PAN AM QUALIFIER

Junior Panam Games Qualifier Event:

This event will take place in Auburndale, Fl on the 18 th of October directly after finals of the 2024 IWWF Wakeboard Panam Championships.

The age division for this competition will be for U21 athletes between the ages of 11 and 20yrs old. (The year of the U21 Pan Am Games a rider can be 21 years of age)

ENTRY FEE will be \$250.00

]Wakeboard Classification Criteria

In this qualifying event, each country may enter up to two men and two women for a total of 4 athletes per country.

1. Countries that place 1st to 8th in men and women's , will be qualified to allow 1 athlete per gender to ride in the U21 Junior Pan Am Games.

2.If Paraguay ranks among the first 8 best-ranked countries, the quota will be granted to the next country ranked between 1st and 8th.

If necessary, IWWF Panam Confederation will reallocate unused places to the next highest-placed NOC that has not yet qualified by January 20, 2025.

NOCs that have received reallocated places must confirm their participation no later than February 20, 2025.

