POLK CITY, Fla. – U.S. Pan American Water Ski Team members Taylor Garcia (Winter Garden, Fla.), Regina Jaquess (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.), Erika Lang (Gilbert, Ariz.) and Adam Pickos (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.) each advanced to the finals in respective events on Sunday as preliminary-round action in water skiing (tricks and jumping) continued at the XVIII Pan American Games at Laguna Bujama in Lima, Peru.

Garcia advanced to the finals of men’s jumping, earning the top seed for Monday’s finals with a distance of 214 feet. Jaquess advanced to Monday’s finals of women’s jumping (173 feet) and tricks (8,340 points). She earned the top seed for the finals of jumping and the fourth seed in tricks. Lang earned the top seed in women’s tricks, scoring a Pan American Games’ record 9,240 points. She set the previous record of 8,590 points at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Pickos advanced to the finals of men’s tricks, also to be held on Monday, earning the No. 2 seed with a score of 10,720 points.

Other finals to be held on Monday include men’s and women’s slalom as well as women’s wakeboarding. Mary Morgan Howell (Dothan, Ala.) advanced to the finals of women’s wakeboarding on Saturday, scoring 71.22 points to earn the No. 2 seed. Jaquess and Lang also each advanced to the finals of women’s slalom – Jaquess scored 1 buoy at 41 feet off to earn the top seed, while Lang earned the No. 6 seed with a score of 5 buoys at 35 feet off. Garcia advanced to the finals of men’s slalom, earning the No. 3 seed with a score of 3-1/2 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off. Andrew Adkison (Chipley, Fla.) advanced to the finals of men’s wakeboarding, earning the No. 5 seed for the finals after working his way
through the Last Chance Qualifier. The men’s wakeboarding finals will take place Tuesday along with the water ski overall event for men and women.


Jay Bennett (Zachary, La.) is the water ski coach, Cathy Williams (Orlando, Fla.) is the wakeboard coach, Scott Greenwood (Little Rock, Ark.) is serving as team leader, and Dr. Brad Harman (Alvarado, Texas) is the team physician.

The United States has won the medal count at two Pan American Games (1999 and 2003). It tied with Canada for the high count in 1995, while Canada has won the high count in 2007, 2011 and 2015.

The Pan American Games take place every four years, in the year preceding the Olympic Games and is the third-largest multi-sport event in the world behind the Summer Olympic and Winter Olympic Games.

### Water Ski Schedule (Subject to Change)

**Monday, July 29**

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Women’s Slalom Finals (Top 6 From Preliminary Round)
- 10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Men’s Slalom Finals (Top 8 From Preliminary Round)
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. Women’s Tricks Finals (Top 6 From Preliminary Round)
- 12:40 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Men’s Tricks Finals (Top 8 From Preliminary Round)
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. Women’s Jump Finals (Top 6 From Preliminary Round)
- 2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Men’s Jump Finals (Top 8 From Preliminary Round)
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Women’s Wakeboard Finals (Top 6 From Preliminary Round)

**Tuesday, July 30**

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Women’s Overall Slalom
- 10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Men’s Overall Slalom
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. Women’s Overall Tricks
- 12:40 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Men’s Overall Tricks
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. Women’s Overall Jump
- 2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Men’s Overall Jump
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Men’s Wakeboard Finals (Top 6 From Preliminary Round)
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