Ten Athletes Win Titles On Opening Day Of 77th GOODE Water Ski National Championships

World’s largest 3-event tournament continues Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

POLK CITY, Fla. – The 77th annual GOODE Water Ski National Championships kicked off Tuesday at Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach, Fla., with 10 athletes winning national titles in respective divisions and events. Nearly 700 water ski athletes from across the United States are competing for national titles in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall in respective age divisions and two Open divisions during the five-day tournament that culminates Saturday. Tuesday’s action was interrupted by a more than 90-minute weather delay. As a result, the Girls 1 slalom and Men 6 slalom divisions were unable to finish. The remaining competitors will ski beginning at 7:30 a.m. (Girls 1 followed by Men 6) on Wednesday.

Advancement to the world’s largest three-event water ski tournament is primarily earned through placement on the national rankings list. Athletes also can qualify by placing in the top-five in the previous year’s event or at respective 2019 regional championships.

The American Water Ski Association, a sport discipline organization of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports, and the Ski Club of the Palm Beaches are hosting the tournament.

Tuesday’s (Day 1) National Champions

Boys 2 Slalom: Jennifer Stabel (Chico, Calif.), 2 buoys at 35 feet off; Boys 1 Slalom: Ty Robbins (Wexford, Pa.), 4-1/2 buoys at 32 feet off; Girls 2 Slalom: Alexis Mishler (Milford, Ind.), 4 buoys at 35 feet off; Girls 2 Tricks: Alana Jones (Church Point, La.), 3,740 points; Girls 1 Tricks: Alexia Abelson (Holderness, N.H.), 3,000 points; Open Women Tricks: Anna Gay (Winter Garden, Fla.), 10,310 points; Open Men Tricks: Kevin Jack (Winter Haven, Fla.), 8,160 points; Boys 3 Tricks: Ryan Gay (Winter Garden, Fla.), 5,720 points; Boys 3 Jumping: Jonathan Leutz (Jacksonville, Ill.), 175 feet; and Boys 2 Jumping: Brendan Schultz (Dow, Ill.), 104 feet.

Competition continues Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. with the completion of Girls 1 slalom and Men 6 slalom, followed by the regularly-scheduled events at 8:00 a.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend. For complete results, running orders and more information, visit www.waterskinationals.com. Also on Wednesday, some of the United States’ top water ski athletes will compete for respective tiles and cash prizes in the second annual America’s Cup Invitational. The tournament will feature competition in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and will take place on the North-South Slalom Lake at Okeeheelee Park. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend.

The first national championships was held in 1939 at Jones Beach in Long Island, N.Y. Except for three years during World War II (1942-1944), the Nationals has been held every year since 1939.

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