

Date: August 8, 2016  
TO: WSDA Members

FROM: The Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program (ASAP)  
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Skyview Lake- Jeff and Allison Blair

CC: Appointed Officials  
Water Skiers with Disabilities Association BOD  
USA Water Ski Competition & Events Coordinator

Subject: Skier Registration Packet for the 2016 Disabled Nationals

We are proud to announce that the Water Skiers with Disabilities Association (WSDA) has accepted our proposal to host the 24th U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championships. This event is being made possible by the generous support of Skyview Lake, Skyview Lake Waterski Association, The Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program(ASAP), Carolinas HealthCare System, and the North Carolina Waterski Association.

The results from this tournament will be used to select the members of the 2017 U.S. Disabled Water Ski Team that will compete in the 2017 Disabled Water Ski World Championships. The U.S. team has won the last four consecutive Worlds and will attempt to be the first team in history to win five consecutive world titles.

We may have as many as 10 skiers representing Canada and Australia skiing in the tournament this year. In order to accommodate these skiers, we will continue with the idea for the "USA vs World– Disabled Water Ski Challenge". In short, all foreign skiers will be grouped into "the World Team" and all USA skiers will be grouped into the USA team. We will take the top four scores from each team in each event. The highest combined score will determine the winning team.

Enclosed please find the following:

- 1 Tournament Information Sheet
- 2 Provisional Schedule of Events
- 3 List of Officials
- 4 WSDA U.S. Team Selection Procedures

Please use this information to complete your entry form and plan your trip to North Carolina. Please be aware of the September 23rd deadline for entry.

On behalf of the LOC, officials, and volunteers, we very much look forward to hosting this event and we wish you good luck in the competition.

Jennifer Moore, Robbie Parks, Bob Archambeau, Jeff and Allison Blair

## **Tournament Information Sheet**

**Event Name**- 24<sup>th</sup> US Disabled Water Ski National Championships

**Date** – October 12-15, 2016

**Location**- Skyview Lake, Harmony NC 28634. Skyview Lake is a waterski community about an hour north of Charlotte, NC and 20 minutes North of Statesville, NC.

**Lodging** – There are 2 hotels together in Statesville that have blocked rooms for a discounted price from October 12-16, 2016. Both of these are about 25mns from the ski site.

They are:

**Courtyard Marriott Statesville**: \$134/night (bistro)

Group Name: CAROLINA HEALTH CARE--WATER SKIING COMPETITION

Check-in: 12-OCT-2016

Check-out: 16-OCT-2016

Hotel Name: Courtyard Marriot

Hotel Address: 1508 Cinema Drive  
Statesville, North Carolina  
28625

Phone Number: 704-768-2400

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=CAROLINA%20HEALTHCARD%20WATER%20SKIING%20COMPETITION%5EHKYSB%60CHCCHCA%7CCHCCHCB%60134%60USD%60false%604%6010/12/16%6010/16/16%609/18/16&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=CAROLINA%20HEALTHCARD%20WATER%20SKIING%20COMPETITION%5EHKYSB%60CHCCHCA%7CCHCCHCB%60134%60USD%60false%604%6010/12/16%6010/16/16%609/18/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

**Hampton Inn Statesville** \$139/night (complimentary breakfast)

Group Name: CAROLINA HEALTH CARE--WATER SKIING COMPETITION

Group Code: CHC

Check-in: 12-OCT-2016

Check-out: 16-OCT-2016

Hotel Name: [Hampton Inn Statesville](#)

Hotel Address: 1508 Cinema Drive  
Statesville, North Carolina  
28625

Phone Number: [704-883-8381](tel:704-883-8381)

[http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/SVHHHX-CHC-20161012/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/SVHHHX-CHC-20161012/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

There is also a Days Inn in Mocksville (about 15miles from the ski site). Rooms are not blocked for this hotel but may be available.

Days Inn Mocksville  
629 Madison Road  
Mocksville, NC 27028 US  
Phone: 1-336-751-5966  
Fax: 1-336-753-1872

**Air Travel** – The best option for air travel is Charlotte Douglas International Airport. This airport is 63 miles from the ski lake and 45 miles to the Statesville hotels. Piedmont Triad Airport in Greensboro may be an option. This airport is 56 miles from the ski site and 65 miles to the Statesville hotels.

**Event Registration/Check In** -In order to compete in the 24th U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championships, all contestants must register online to confirm their eligibility to compete in the events submitted on the Official Tournament Entry Form and verify that all forms have been completed. Onsite registration will take place at Skyview Lake on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Banquet** – The informal awards banquet will be held Saturday evening following the tournament. Each entry fee includes one banquet ticket. Additional banquet tickets can be purchased while at the tournament. Event and additional ticket costs will be determined.

**Site Familiarization (SF)** – Site Familiarization will take place on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 between 8 am and 4 pm. Preference in the running order will be given to WSDA BOD members who must be present in the BOD meeting at 2pm. The SF order of events will be Slalom (less Vision impaired), Trick and Jump and, finally, Vision Impaired Slalom.

Skiers will register in person for SF at the ski site on Wednesday morning, paying their SF fee at the time that their names are added to the running order. The fee per set is \$15. Please note, we have limited time for SF. Skiers will be allotted one slot and asked to sign up and ski in only one event during SF. Skiers must pick their one event when registering. If there is extra time after every signed up skier has had one set, skiers will be allowed a second set, one per skier, until 4 PM, following the order of their original sign up time, in other words, first come, first served. Skiers would be asked to pay for this second set after having skied the second time.

A set consists of 4 slalom passes, 4 trick passes, 2 jumps, or a max of 10 minutes. **Jumpers please note - the ramp can only be set to 4.5' and 5'. Due to liability concerns no first time jumpers can be allowed for SF or the actual event (proof may be requested).** If skiers are not ready to ski when their names are called, they will be bypassed. Once there are no SF skiers in line and ready to ski in a particular event, SF in the next scheduled event will begin with no backtracking for those who missed their SF opportunity. The LOC will provide notice of SF skiers' running order and the impending close of SF in any event before moving to the next skier or event. **SLALOM SKIERS MUST BE AWARE THAT THEY ARE FIRST OFF THE DOCK AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**

**Classification** – The tournament will identify skiers in the disability categories recognized by the International Water Ski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF). These categories are:

A1/2	Arm Disability
L	Leg Amputee
LP	Leg Amputee with Prosthesis
A/L1	Arm and Leg Disability
A/L2	Arm and Leg Disability
MP1	Multiple Plegics
MP2	Multiple Plegics
MP3	Multiple Plegics
MP4	Multiple Plegics
MP5	Multiple Plegics
V1	Totally Blind
V2/3	Partially Sighted

**Testing** – Testing for classification will be by appointment only. MP and A/L Testing will take place on Wednesday. If you need to be classified, we will let you know of the day and time. VI Skiers must also come to the Medical Tent at the date and time listed above to present statements from an ophthalmologist as to their visual acuity and field cuts per the 2016 IWWF Water Ski for the Disabled Competition Handbook. All Skiers should refer to the 2016 Technical Rules for Water Ski for the Disabled to determine the need for classification and the necessary information to be provided to the classification team. The rules can be found at:

<http://www.usawaterski.org/pages/divisions/WSDA/IWWFDisabledHandbook.pdf>

Any questions regarding classification, scheduled testing times, and/or requirements should be sent, in advance, to [jennifer.moore@carolinas.org](mailto:jennifer.moore@carolinas.org)

### Entry

To submit an entry for the 24<sup>th</sup> U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championships, it is important to return all of the following items to the event registrar:

1. Proof of USA Water Ski Membership
2. Completed Official Tournament Entry Form
3. Entry Fee -Pay online
4. Signed Event Waiver Form
5. Proof of Performance
6. Carefully Completed Skier Biography

All participants must be active members of USA Water Ski. You can join USA-WS or update an existing membership at <https://www.usawaterski.org/join>

Please enter your USA Water Ski membership number in the space provided on the official tournament entry form. Skiers from outside the USA who are active members of a foreign federation may join USA-WS for event purposes. This covers the cost of insurance while participating in a USA-WS sanctioned event. Foreign federation members must provide proof of their active federation membership.

Minimum Qualification Standards -The following performance must be verified in writing by an IWWF or USA Water Ski official, coach or individual and submitted w/entry form for registration to be complete. Skiers may qualify through October 12,2016 and show proof of qualification at Event Registration & Check In. This means that a skier may qualify up to and during Site Familiarization held on October 12, 2016. The performance standards for each event are as follows:

- Jump: Successful jump on any ramp height. **Please note -the ramp can only be set to 4.5' and 5'.**
- Tricks: Skis: Minimum of 100 points; Board: Minimum of 25 points.
- Slalom: Completed pass at the minimum allowable speed.

A skier qualified in one event may compete in a second event (unqualified) with valid documentation showing, he/she has met the above listed criteria in that one event. A skier **MUST** qualify in jump, no first time jumpers.

A skier qualified in two events may compete in a third event (unqualified) with valid documentation showing he/she has met the above listed criteria in two events. A skier **MUST** qualify in jump, no first time jumpers.

Jump ramp heights can be different between qualification and Nationals competition, but skiers are encouraged to qualify and compete at the same ramp height.

Proof of Performance- A Water Ski Athlete Performance Record Card (available from USA Water Ski at no charge) or a copy of the official scorebook will serve as proof of rating. Proof of rating should be submitted with the official tournament entry form. However, a skier may qualify up to October 12, 2016 or at site familiarization and present proof of qualification at the tournament Event Registration & Check In tent.

Entry Fee – The applicable entry fee (includes 1 banquet ticket) must accompany the entry form to be accepted. For those who fail to qualify, the entry fee minus a \$20 administration and processing fee will be returned. The fee for participants is as follows:

1 Event = \$150, 2 events or more = \$175

Entry Deadline – 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, September 23, 2016. All entries must be on the Official Tournament Entry Form for the 24<sup>th</sup> U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championships and must be received by the event registrar by 5:00pm EST, September 23, 2016. No other form of entry will be accepted.

Late Entries – The official tournament entry form will be accepted after the September 23, 2016 deadline provided the contestant pays a late fee of \$10.00 per 24-hour period payable with your entry form. The deadline for late entries is October 3, 2016 5:00pm EST, **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME.**

Online Entry Process – Complete your forms online, upload documents if needed, and pay your entry fee using the PayPal account [paypal.me/ASAP1062](https://www.paypal.me/ASAP1062)

1. Complete the Official Tournament Entry Form and pay online with a credit card.
2. Carefully complete a Skier Biography Form
3. Upload your signed Event Waiver Form and written proof of performance.

If you have electronic versions of these documents then use the link below to upload them to the event registrar. Signed event waiver forms and proof of performance will also be accepted in person at the Event Registration/Check In tent.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**24<sup>th</sup> U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championships**

**October 12-15, 2016**

**Skyview Lake**

**Skyview Lake Rd, Harmony, NC 28634**

**October 12**

08:00 am to 04:00 pm Site Familiarization Skyview Lake

8:00 am to 02:00 pm Event Registration/Check In Food Tent, Skyview Lake

12pm Medical Classification Medical Tent, Skyview Lake

12:00 pm to 04:00 pm Scorer Setup + Running Order Officials Pavilion, Skyview Lake

3:30 pm to 05:00 pm WSDA BOD Meeting, Skyview Lake

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Officials Meeting Officials Pavilion, Skyview Lake

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Skiers Meeting, Skyview Lake

**Thursday, 10/13/2016**

08:00 am to close Round 1 Slalom, Round 1 Trick Skyview Lake

**Friday, 10/14/2016**

8:00 am to close Round 2 Slalom, Round 1 Jump Skyview Lake

**Saturday, 10/15/2016**

08:00 am to close Round 2 Trick, Round 2 Jump Skyview Lake

06:00 pm to close Awards Banquet, TBD

- This is a provisional schedule of events for planning purposes only. Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. The final version schedule will be available at the event registration on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

# U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championships – *Skyview Lake, Harmony, NC*

October 12-15, 2016

List of Officials

## **Chief Judge**

- Dan Van Dyk

## **Judges**

- Jerry Hargis
- Bill Bowness
- Rhonda Van Dyk
- Walter Fulp
- Larry Downes

## **Chief Scorer**

- Terry Roer
  - Scorer - Jim Grew

## **Chief Driver**

- Johnny Thomas

## **Tech Controller**

- Bob Harris

## **Safety Director**

- Bob Archambeau

## **Classification**

- Dr. Keith Barbour
- Denise Bowness

## **Announcer**

- Jerry Hargis



## WATER SKIERS WITH DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION

### UNITED STATES TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

#### 2017 World Championships

Statement of Principle: A team of a maximum of 14 skiers will be selected to represent the United States at the 2017 World Disabled Championships. The goal of the U.S. Disabled Water Ski Team is to win the team title. To achieve that goal, a team will be chosen that can score the highest possible overall event scores in Slalom, Tricks, and Jumping, with a minimum of six scores per event.

#### Procedures

1 The team will consist of a maximum of 14 skiers with no more than four per category per gender (Category refers to MP1, MP2, etc. and not the newly established divisions of seated, standing and vision impaired).

2 The best result of each contestant in each event at the Trials will be scored according to D.5.01:

Skier's Score x 1000 Minimum Score for Setting or Equaling World Record

Examples in tricks with World Record of 2000 points:

3000 pts x 1000 = 1200 overall\* 1000 pts x 1000 = 500

1000 pts 2000 pts

1 The skiers with the five best scores in each event will be chosen regardless of gender or category. There could be more than one person from one category. Winning an event in a category may not place the skier in the top six when scored against the World Record.

2 Preference will be given in order to those with one of the six highest scores (1) in all three events, (2) in two events, (3) in one event. Even if a skier has the highest score in one event, that skier may not be chosen if other skiers have top six scores in each of the three events or even in two events.

3 If there is a tie for the last position, females will be given preference over males.

4 If there is still a tie, preference will be given to the athlete with the most national and international experience.

5 At any time, in the best interests of the team, exceptions may be made to these rules. Also, prior performance at both nationals and worlds and prior experience at those events may be taken into account.

6 Alternates may be chosen.

\* An individual's overall point total per event may not exceed 1200 points (Rule 5.03).

## WATER SKIERS WITH DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION

### USA vs. the World - Disabled Water Ski Challenge

#### Statement of Principle:

This international team competition will be conducted at the 24th U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championships held Oct 12-15, 2016 at Skyview Lake, Harmony, NC.

The goal of this competition is to encourage international participation in the US Disabled Nationals in a way that fosters sportsmanship, fellowship, and new skier development. To achieve that goal, we intend to group all international skiers, regardless of country, into one team, "The World Team". The World Team will compete head to head against "Team USA" which will be comprised of all USA skiers. The top 4 scores from each team in each event, regardless of category and gender, will be combined to determine the total team score. The team with the highest combined score will be declared the winner. The idea behind this format is to try and motivate all international skiers to participate, regardless of the number of skiers that come from any one country. If a country sends only one skier, he or she will have the same chance to contribute points to the World Team as the skier that comes from a country with many skiers.

#### Procedures:

1. All International skiers must be members of USA Water Ski. You can join USA-WS or update an existing membership at <https://www.usawaterski.org/join> . An international skier who is an active member of a foreign federation may join USA-WS at a reduced rate (\$50). This covers the cost of insurance while participating in a USA-WS sanctioned event. International skiers must include proof of membership in USA-WS and the foreign federation with the official tournament entry form. If an international skier is not a member of a foreign federation then he must join USA-WS as an active member (\$80).
2. All international skiers must use the official tournament entry form and process for the 24th U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championships.
3. International skiers are not eligible to medal in any event at the 24th U.S. Disabled Water Ski National Championship. Nor can they establish a USA National Record.
4. International skiers can establish a world record.
5. No special registration will be required to compete in the USA vs. the World - Disabled Water Ski Challenge. Our team of scorers will automatically group all international skiers who have completed the official entry process for the US Disabled Nationals onto the World team and all USA skiers onto the USA team. This will happen automatically with no separate action required by a coach or skiers.
6. We will use Rule D.5 – MEDALS, EVENT SCORING, OVERALL, TEAM COMPETITION from the IWWF 2016 Technical Rules for Water Ski for the Disabled for this competition and modify as needed. The modified rules are listed below.
7. The winning team will be decided according to D.5.05-Team Overall, only we will use the top 4 scores not top 5.
8. We will not present awards for individual performances by event, category, gender, or overall. However, we will recognize all scoring members of each team.