



2026 Nautique Last Chance Qualifier Event Rules:

Slalom Starting Speeds and Line Lengths:

- Junior Men Slalom - 55kph/16.00 meters
- Junior Women's Slalom is 52kph/18.25 meters
- Pro Men is 58kph/13 meters
- Pro Women is 55kph/14.25 meters

Jump Ramp Heights:

- Pro Men jump at 6'
- Pro Women jump at 5.5'
- Junior Men may jump at 5' or 5.5' (*all 5' jumpers must go first off the dock and forfeit seeding)
- Junior Women jump at 5'

Rounds:

- The Last Chance Qualifier Event will have 2 rounds of slalom, 2 rounds of trick and 2 rounds of jump. Overall will be calculated utilizing the scores from all 3 events **within the same round only**. The highest single score from either round will determine event placement.

Ties: For all 3 events, slalom, trick and jump, there will be one traditional run-off attempt before moving to a "sudden death" run-off format.

- In the traditional run-off attempt, skiers will run-off in random draw order. For slalom, skiers will start one line-length below the pass where the tie occurred. Skiers with the highest score in the run-off will advance. Jump skiers will have 2 jumps and trick skiers will have one single (1) trick pass.
- If, after the single traditional run-off, ties still exist then skiers will run-off again using the "sudden death" format. For the purposes of seeding for the sudden death run-off only, the tied skiers' back up scores from this event shall determine the seeding. If a tie still exists, the seeding for the sudden death run-off will be broken by the MQS

ranking list. The higher seeded skier will choose to ski first or second off the dock. The second skier off the dock must beat the first skier off the dock to win. Should the second skier off the dock tie the first skier off the dock, the first skier off the dock will be pronounced the winner.

Protests: There will be no protests allowed at the Nautique Last Chance Qualifier Tournament. If there is disagreement between the officials on the score, video review rules will be adhered to by the officiating team and the final call made. Athletes may not challenge the video review calls.

Code of Conduct: All athletes must sign the Masters Qualifying Series Code of Conduct Agreement prior to competing at the Last Chance Qualifier event. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in penalty and/or disqualification from the Last Chance Qualifier, the Masters Water Ski Tournament, and other Nautique Series events.

Seeding for MQS Series Events: For all 3 events, slalom, trick and jump, athletes will be seeded for round 1 of the Last Chance Qualifier utilizing the applicable 2025 qualification score into the series. (*See Qualifications below.) These scores will produce a Masters Qualification Ranking List. The Masters Qualification Ranking List will break ties utilizing the next highest produced 2025 qualification score. We will continue to the next highest 2025 score until the tie is broken. If a tie still exists after the top five (5) 2025 scores are reviewed, the tie will be broken by random draw on the list. Round 2 of each qualifying series tournament will be seeded from Round 1 scores. If a tie exists after Round 1, the tie will be broken by the Masters Qualification Ranking List.

Qualifications: Skiers may only compete in the individual events that said skier qualified for per the Masters' criteria posted on masterswaterski.com/news. Scores must have been achieved in a Class R or L event during the 2025 season no later than **February 1, 2025**.

Seeding from the Nautique Last Chance Qualifier Tournament into the 2025 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament: The defending 2025 Junior Masters and Masters Champions will ski top seed in each discipline. All other Junior and Masters skiers will be seeded into the 2026 Masters based on the 2025 Masters Qualifying Series Ranking List.