

2026 Masters Water Ski Criteria

There will be a maximum of eight (8) competitors in each discipline.

- 1. A maximum of 5 competitors will automatically earn 2026 invitations from the below tournaments:
 - 2025 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament
 - 2025 Botaski Pro Am
 - 2025 California Pro Am
 - 2025 World Water Ski Championships
 - 2026 Moomba Masters International Invitational
- 2. Champions of each individual tournament will receive an invitation. Upon qualifying for an invitation, repeat champions will not block additional invitation positions. Therefore, if a tournament has a repeat champion, the next highest finisher, not already invited to the 2026 Masters, will earn the position. *Only podium positions, 1st 3^{rd,} are eligible for additional invitations. If all podium finishers from an event are already invited to the 2026 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard tournament, the open position will become available at the Masters LCQ.
- 3. The current World Record Holder as of March 15, 2026 will be invited, provided said World Record Holder has competed in one of the above mentioned five tournaments in the 2025 season. If the current World Record Holder won one of the above tournaments, the next highest finisher at the event the World Record Holder won will earn the position.
- 4. The remaining 2026 invitations will be determined by the Last Chance Masters Qualifier Tournament.

Athletes will qualify for invitation according to the following criteria, in the order listed below, until eight positions are filled.

1. Defending Open Men and Open Women Champions of the 2025 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard tournament in slalom, trick and jump.

Men's Slalom: Frederick WinterWomen's Slalom: Allie Nicholson

Men's Trick: Jake Abelson

Women's Trick: Erika LangMen's Jump: Joel Poland

o Women's Jump: Hanna Straltsova

2. Defending Open Men and Open Women Champions of the 2025 Botaski Pro Am in slalom and trick.

Men's Slalom: William Asher (*Frederick Winter repeat winner)

o Women's Slalom: Jaimee Bull

Men's Trick: Patricio Font (*Jake Abelson repeat winner)

Women's Trick: Neilly Ross

3. Defending Open Men and Open Women Champions of the 2025 California Waterski Pro Am in slalom and jump.

Men's Slalom: Nate Smith

Women's Slalom: Regina Jaquess

- Men's Jump: Ryan Dodd (*Joel Poland repeat winner)
- Women's Jump: Aliaksandra Danisheuskaya (*Hanna Straltsova repeat winner)
- 4. Defending Open Men and Open Women Champions of the 2025 World Water Ski Championships.
 - Men's Slalom: Charlie Ross (*Nate Smith repeat winner)
 - Women's Slalom: additional LCQ postion (*Jaimee Bull, Regina Jaquess, Allie Nicholson repeat winners and all podium finishers)
 - Men's Trick: Matias Gonzalez
 - Women's Trick: Anna Hunter (*Neilly Ross, Erika Lang repeat winners)
 - Men's Jump: Dorien Llewellyn (*Joel Poland, Ryan Dodd repeat winners)
 - Women's Jump: Brittany Wharton (*Hanna Straltsova repeat winner)
- 5. 2026 Moomba Masters International Invitational Champions in Open Men and Open Women slalom, trick and jump. (Note: There will be no minimum benchmark scores required. Additionally, all invited champions to date do not count for placement purposes for Masters invitations, however only podium position finishers are eligible for replacement positions.)

Men's Slalom: TBD
 Women's Slalom: TBD
 Men's Trick: TBD
 Women's Trick: TBD
 Men's Jump: TBD

o Women's Jump: TBD

- 6. The current approved World Record Holder as of March 15, 2026:
 - Men's Slalom: TBD

Women's Slalom: TBD

Men's Trick: TBD
 Women's Trick: TBD
 Men's Jump: TBD
 Women's Jump: TBD

7. All remaining positions shall qualify from the Nautique Last Chance Qualfier, held May 8-10, 2025 at a location to be determined and announced shortly.

**In order to be eligible to compete at the Masters Last Chance Qualifier, open skiers must meet the following minimum scores achieved at a Class R or L tournament from January 1, 2025 – February 1, 2026. The score achieved must be a 2 score average and not a single performance.

Men's Slalom: 3 @ 10.25 metersWomen's Slalom: 2 @ 10.75 meters

Men's Trick: 10,500 points
Women's Trick: 7,100 points
Men's Jump: 63.5 meters
Women's Jump: 46.0 meters

^{*}The tournament organizer reserves the right to adjust the qualifying threshold based upon extenuating circumstances.