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**NAUTIQUE WATER SKI
WORLD SERIES**

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The 2026-2027 Nautique Water Ski World Series is a 5 stop, 3-event water ski series that awards points for placement at each individual tournament and serves as the primary qualifying series for invitation to the sport's most illustrious event: The Nautique Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament, presented by GM Marine, May 28-30, 2027.

Nautique Boat Company is committed to actively shaping the future of 3-event waterskiing inclusive of Junior, Pro and Senior competitors. The Junior division will now include athletes under the age of 21, allowing a wider range of young skiers to compete on the world stage. The Senior division will be exclusive to slalom in the ProAm events, with the Senior Men's division open to athletes aged 35 and older, and the Senior Women's division including athletes aged 45 and older. These modernizations provide greater access and recognition across generations, ensuring the sport's growth for years to come.

PRO DIVISION CRITERIA:

2027 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament®

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

Champions of the below 6 tournaments will automatically earn invitations to the 2027 Masters Water Ski Tournament:

- 2026 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament | May 22-24, 2026
- 2026 Botaski ProAm | June 25 - June 28, 2026
- 2026 Rocky Mountain ProAm | July 30 - August 2, 2026
- 2026 California ProAm | August 28 - 30, 2026
- 2027 Moomba Masters International Invitational | March 4 - 8, 2027
- 2027 Masters LCQ | May 14 - 16, 2027

The remaining positions will be filled from the Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List. The Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List is a point system, which awards points for placements for each event in the series, excluding Masters LCQ. The point system chart is included below:

PLACEMENT	POINTS	PLACEMENT	POINTS
1st	100	19th	18
2nd	90	20th	17
3rd	80	21st	16
4th	75	22nd	15
5th	70	23rd	14
6th	65	24th	13
7th	60	25th	12
8th	55	26th	11
9th	51	27th	10
10th	47	28th	9
11th	43	29th	8
12th	39	30th	7
13th	35	31st	6
14th	31	32nd	5
15th	27	33rd	4
16th	23	34th	3
17th	20	35th	2
18th	19	36th	1

PRO DIVISION COMPETITION STRUCTURE:

The “PRO” division will have 2 preliminary rounds of competition, followed by an 8-skier final. The single highest eight (8) individual scores produced from either preliminary round will qualify for the finals. Each final round will be comprised of 8 competitors and all 8 competitors are paid with the new pay-out structure. Points are awarded to all competing athletes at each event in the series per the Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List, excluding the Masters LCQ. Moomba Masters International Invitational will continue to run their own format. The Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament will continue to have 4 competitors in the pro finals. The 2026 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament champions will be automatically invited to the 2027 Masters, but no points will be awarded. Points, however, will be awarded at the 2027 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament as it is the culminating event of the series.

PRO TIE RULES:

2026-2027 Nautique Water Ski World Series

Stop #1 Tie Breaker Rule:

- 1. If a tie exists in the final round for first place, the tie will be run off.
- 2. All other ties will be broken first by the highest score from either preliminary round.
- 3. If a tie still exists, the second preliminary round score will be used to break the tie.
- 4. Finally, if a tie still exists, the skiers will each receive the points for the placement they are tied for.

Stop #2 and beyond Tie Breaker Rules:

- 1. All ties for first place will be run off.
- 2. All other ties will be broken first by the 2026-2027 Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List – the skier with the highest placement in the most recent event receives the higher placement points.
- 3. If a tie still exists, the tie will be broken first by the highest score from either preliminary round.
- 4. Next, the second preliminary round score will be used to break the tie.
- 5. Finally, if a tie still exists, the skiers will each receive the points for the placement they are tied for.

Series Championship Tie Breaker Rule - The season series championship for the Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List will be determined by combining all points from all the events in the series. In case of a tie for the first place:

- 1. The first tiebreaker is the skier who took home the most 1st place finishes.
- 2. The second tiebreaker is the skier who has the most 2nd place finishes.
- 3. The third tie breaker is the skier that finishes highest at the final event, the 2027 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard tournament.

PRO DIVISION SERIES PAY-OUT:

ProAm Events: \$15,000.00 USD in each discipline, men and women, slalom, trick, and jump

1st - \$6,000.00	5th - \$650.00
2nd - \$4,000.00	6th - \$500.00
3rd - \$2,200.00	7th - \$400.00
4th - \$1,000.00	8th - \$250.00

2027 Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament: \$18,000.00 USD in each discipline, men and women, slalom, trick, and jump

1st - \$7,000.00	5th - \$750.00
2nd - \$4,000.00	6th - \$550.00
3rd - \$3,000.00	7th - \$400.00
4th - \$2,000.00	8th - \$300.00

2027 Moomba Masters International Invitational prize purse will be announced shortly.

PRO DIVISION QUALIFICATIONS:

To compete in the 3 Pro-Am events, these scores must be achieved at least once in a 2025 Class R or L tournament (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025). The Masters Last Chance Qualifier will have its own set of qualification criteria posted on www.masterwaterski.com with the 2026 and 2027 Masters information. Additionally, the Masters Last Chance Qualifier will continue to take the best score of either of the two qualifying rounds as the highest score in the tournament to advance to the Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament.

Pro Men Slalom: 4 @ 10.75 meters	Pro Women Slalom: 3 @ 11.25 meters
Pro Men Trick: 8,000 points	Pro Women Trick: 6,000 points
Pro Men Jump: 58.0 meters	Pro Women Jump: 37.0 meters

PRO DIVISION COMPETITOR CAPS:

To ensure equity, all 3 ProAm events will offer the same number of positions available in each discipline.

Pro Men Slalom: 20	Pro Women Slalom: 15
Pro Men Trick: 15	Pro Women Trick: 15
Pro Men Jump: 15	Pro Women Jump: 10

PRO WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS PAY-OUT:

An additional \$50,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to the Nautique Water Ski World Series Pro Champions, highlighting the Series’ dedication to rewarding excellence at the highest level. *The breakdown will be announced shortly.*

