



2026 PRO MASTERS WATERSKI & WAKEBOARD ATHLETE FAQ

1. What is the Mandatory Schedule of Events for the 2026 Pro Masters?

Friday, May 22, 2026:

5:30pm – 6:00pm: Mandatory Pro Athlete Check-in/Registration

6:00pm – 6:30pm: Mandatory Pro Athlete Meeting

*both events located at the Lodge and Spa hotel, Loblolly Ballroom; failure to register or attend the meeting will result in immediate disqualification

Saturday, May 23, 2026:

8:00am – 5:30pm: Pro Masters Semi-final Rounds

Sunday, May 24, 2026:

9:30am - 9:45am: Finalist Check-in & Parade of Champions Opening Ceremony (*located onsite at slalom start dock)

10 am – 4 pm: Pro Masters Final Rounds

6:30 – 8:30 pm Awards Ceremony Banquet

*Join us in celebrating the 2026 Masters Champions at the Longleaf Ballroom in the Lodge and Spa hotel. This is a ticketed event. Attendance is mandatory for all pro event discipline finalists. Failure to attend will result in a forfeit of prize money. All athletes receive their own complimentary banquet ticket for their own personal attendance. Additional tickets may be purchased at www.masterswaterski.com/tickets. **Banquet tickets will only be for sale through Monday, May 18, 2026.**

2. As part of my registration fee, what tickets will I receive for the 2026 Masters?

- *Competitor Band (1) and Coach Band (1)*: Allows gate clearance and access to the athlete staging areas, start docks and pavilion for athlete and 1 coach.

- *Pavilion Pass*: One 3-day pavilion pass allows seating and gate clearance for an additional member of your family. Purchase additional pavilion tickets here: www.masterswaterski.com/tickets

- *Lunch*: One per competitor per day of competition.

- *West Beach Parking Pass (1)*: Allows access to the West Beach Parking Area.

- *Banquet Ticket*: 1 per competitor; **Reminder, banquet tickets will NOT be sold on site.**

Tickets may only be pre-purchased here: www.masterswaterski.com/tickets THE LAST DAY to purchase tickets is Monday, May 18, 2026. Banquet tickets will NOT be mailed

directly to you. You will pick-up your banquet tickets at the banquet check-in, just outside the Longleaf Ballroom. Check-in begins at 6 pm, and dinner will start promptly at 6:30 pm.

3. For the slalom event, what ropes will be used?

The skier will be allowed to choose which slalom rope he/she prefers. For each slalom event discipline, there will be one Mastersline Optimized rope and one Masterline Proline to choose from.

4. Where can I find the rules for my particular events?

The rules for the Masters Waterski and Masters Wakeboard events are posted on our website at www.masterswaterski.com All athletes will be expected to follow the executed Code of Conduct signed in the registration packet. Here is an overview of the rules.

PRO WATER SKI TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION:

Record capable, cash prize tournament. Closed event by invitation only.

FORMAT AND RULES:

- *Divisions:* Open Men and Women.
- *Individual Events:* Slalom/Trick/Jump. Skiers can only compete in the individual events that they qualified for per the Masters Qualifying Series criteria posted on masterswaterski.com/news.
- *Multi-Round Tournament:* Elimination style tournament. There will be two rounds of competition; one semifinal round on Saturday, May 23 and one final round on Sunday, May 24. Skiers wishing to waive additional starting passes may do so by advising the boat judge.
- *Semifinal Round:* The semifinal round running order will be seeded based on the Masters' Qualifying Series Ranking List. The top seed position will be awarded to the defending 2025 Masters Champion in each event. Only the top four (4) skiers will advance to the final round.
- *Final Round:* The final round running order will be seeded off of the semi-final round in reverse order of their placement.
- *Minimum Speeds and Line Lengths:* Mens Slalom - 58 kph/13m, Womens Slalom - 55 kph/14.25m
- *Jump Ramp Heights:* Mens Jump - 6', Womens Jump - 5.5'
- *Ties:* A tie in the semifinal round for fourth place in any event will have a run-off. Only ties for first place in the finals will be run off. In the finals, the higher seeded skier from the preliminary round will choose to go first or second off the dock; if still tied, the higher seeded skier per the Qualifying Series Events tie rules (used in the event selection criteria) will choose to go first or second off the dock; if still tied, the skier winning a random draw will choose to go first or second off the dock. A run-off skier must achieve a higher score than earlier skiers in the run off in order to win, e.g., if the first slalom skier achieves a score of 3 @ 10.75, the next skier must achieve a score of 3.25 or higher @ 10.75 in order to win. (if the second skier ties the first skier, the first skier wins). Ties for second - fourth place will be broken by preliminary round scores. If still tied, ties

will be broken per the applicable Qualifying Series Event rules (used in event selection criteria).

- *Parade of Champions*: Failure to attend if competing in the finals on Sunday, May 24 will result in immediate disqualification. Check-in is at 9:30am at the competition site.

WAKEBOARD TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION:

Cash prize tournament. Closed event by invitation only.

FORMAT AND RULES:

- *Pro Men and Pro Women Wakeboard Semifinal Round Seeding*: The semifinal round running order will be seeded based first on the 2026 WWA World Series Ranking List, second on the 2025 WWA World Series Rankings, third on the WWA World Rankings, and fourth on random selection.
- The top 4 riders will advance to the final round.(top 2 from each heat)
- *Final Round Seeding*: The final round running order will be based off your finish in the semifinals.
- The final round for pro men wakeboard will conclude with a double-up trick in the direction of the rider's choice after the second pass.
- The final round for pro women wakeboard will conclude with a bonus trick on the way back to the start dock after their second pass.
- *Scoring*: There will be three judges and a chief judge. Riders will be judged on overall impression.

- *Parade of Champions*: Failure to attend if competing in the finals on Sunday, May 24th will result in immediate disqualification. Check-in is at 9:30am at the competition site.