



# 2014

## ***IWWF BAREFOOT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM***

### Nomination Information

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### IWWF Barefoot Athlete of the Year Nominee

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# Resume

## World Records Set in 2014:

Ashleigh set all three World Records at the 2014 World Championships (Tricks, Jump and equaled the Slalom). Ashleigh then went on to fully break the Slalom World Record at the 2014 AO Championships later in 2014.

- Open Women's Trick World Record 10,100 pts
- Open Women's Jump World Record 21.7 m
- Open Women's Slalom World Record 17.0 (Co-Held)
- Open Women's Slalom World Record 17.2

## World Championship Performance (top 5 only):

### 2014 World Championship, Mulwala NSW

- 1<sup>st</sup> Open Women's Overall (3000 Overall points)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Open Women's Slalom
- 1<sup>st</sup> Open Women's Jump
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Women's Tricks

## Confederation Championship Performance (top 5 only):

### 2014 AO Championship, Perth WA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Open Women's Overall (3000 Overall points)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Open Women's Slalom
- 1<sup>st</sup> Open Women's Jump
- 1<sup>st</sup> Open Women's Tricks

## World Cup Final Standing (top 5 only):

Not applicable

## World Cup Performance (top 5 only):

Not applicable

## Major International event performance (top 5 only):

- 2014 NZ Waikato Barefoot Championships (Overall, Slalom, Jump, Tricks)

## World Games, Continental Games, and other Major Multisport Games (top 5 only):

Not applicable

## World Ranking List Placement (top ten only):

- No. 1 Open Women's – Overall
- No. 1 Open Women's – Tricks
- No. 1 Open Women's – Slalom
- No. 1 Open Women's – Jump

## Number of Tournaments Skied in the Past Year:

- 5

## 2014 Personal Best Performances:

- Tricks – 10,450 pts
- Slalom – 17.7
- Jump – 21.7 m

## Number of International Tournaments Skied in the Past Year:

3 International Tournaments (2014 World Championships, 2014 Asian Oceanic Championships & 2014 NZ Regional's)





### Confederation Ranking:

Ranked No. 1 in Open Women's Trick, Slalom, Jump and Overall.

### Confederation Records Set in 2014:

- AO Open Women's Trick Record 10,100 pts
- AO Open Women's Slalom Record 17.2
- AO Open Women's Jump Record 21.7 m

### National Ranking:

Ranked No. 1 in Open Women's Trick, Slalom, Jump and Overall

### National Records Set in 2014:

- Australian Open Women's Trick Record 10,100 pts
- Australian Open Women's Slalom Record 17.2
- Australian Open Women's Jump Record 21.7 m

### Other Notable Information:

In the 2014 season Ashleigh become the first female to push the World Trick Record over the 9,000 & 10,000-point marks. There have been fewer than 10 people (male or female) to ever trick over 10,000 pts in the sport of barefoot waterskiing. Ashleigh has shown over the past 2 years, particularly that she is capable of achievements that were previously unheard of from a female competitor in our sport. After breaking the World Record in the Open Women's Trick event, Ashleigh has since doubled that score 2 years later.

At the 2014 World Championships, Ashleigh set new World Records over all three events. It is very possible that she is the first ever, or one of very few athletes (male or female) to have ever done this in the history of Waterskiing and most certainly the only one of "modern times" to have achieved this. In every round of the slalom event at the Worlds, Ashleigh broke the World Record. The Slalom World Record of 17.0 was set 13 years ago, in 2001, by Nadine De Villiers of South Africa. Recently at the 2014 AO Championship, Ashleigh went on to officially break this record to 17.2. The Women's World Slalom Record was the longest standing 3-event record in Barefooting history.

Ashleigh is one of the most incredible athletes and her accomplishments in the sport of barefoot waterskiing make her one of the greatest female barefoot waterskiers of all time. At the age of twenty-two, she already holds all current World Records. Holding all of the World records at the same time is a huge accomplishment; even more impressive is her desire to push these limits even further. Ash strives to change the opinions of the girls and women in the sport of barefoot waterskiing about exactly what is achievable.

At the 2014 Australian National Championships, Ashleigh won the Open Women's Division for her 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year; she also produced the highest trick score, outperforming the Open Men's Competitors. Aside from skiing, Ashleigh is a very competent Judge and Scorer, judging and scoring at regional, state and national levels.

Ashleigh Stebbeings is also an accredited coach and coaches' barefoot waterskiing in both Australia and America. She was recently appointed as the **Australian Junior Team Coach**. Ashleigh has successfully run training clinics across Australia as well as running "come and try" days for her local club. She is a highly respected member of our barefooting community, constantly improving on her achievements while assisting others in achieving theirs.

Ashleigh has emerged into a fine young woman and an exceptional sports person and role model. Ashleigh truly is a student of the sport, she is dedicated, passionate, and she has a work ethic second to none. She is an outstanding ambassador for both her sport and her country.

Ashleigh is a lifetime member of the Queensland Barefoot Club.

