



# 2022 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Water Ski Championships

September 26 - October 1, 2022.

**Bulletin #1.**



## Host Organization

The Tournament Local Organizing Committee is comprised mainly of members of the Austin, Texas Barefoot Club. With the assistance of members of the American Barefoot Club elsewhere in the USA. Volunteers from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe are also supporting this tournament.

Texas has an active and diverse barefooting community, a substantial number of whom are active barefooters well into their senior years. This is also true of neighboring states. The Austin Texas Barefoot Club is also very active, regularly holding barefoot tournaments each year, including hosting the US National Barefoot Tournament in 2021 and 2022. Many Texas and Southwest skiers are quite enthusiastic about holding the World Masters Barefoot Championships event in Texas, and have pledged their time, talent and treasure to make the event highly successful.

## The Site

The site is located on in San Marcos, Texas which is between Austin and San Antonio, Texas. The site is ideally located approximately 10 miles off Interstate 35 as it runs through San Marcos.

San Marcos is a vibrant community along Interstate 35 about halfway between Austin and San Antonio Airports. There are several dedicated ski lakes in the area; the community has a history of supporting water ski tournaments, albeit not barefoot tournaments. We are in contact with San Marcos Convention and Visitors Bureau, and they are very supportive. See the following link for information about the San Marcos area: <https://www.visitsanmarcos.com/>.

The site is also less than an hour from Austin and San Antonio, Texas, two large metropolitan areas with much to offer. Austin, among its many other positive attributes bills itself as the live music capital of the World: <https://www.austintexas.org/>.

San Antonio ; a city rich in history, bursting with culture, and booming with modern attractions, provides its own kind of charm.: <https://www.visitsanantonio.com/>.

The ski site is approximately 35 minutes from the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) <https://www.austintexas.gov/airport> and 55 minutes from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT): <https://flysanantonio.com/>.

The Houston, Airport (IAH) is less than 3 hours away and Dallas, Texas Airport (DFW) is about 3.5 hours away.

*Clubhouse and site jump area*



## Program of Events

A Draft Program is detailed below -

- **SITE HIRE:** Wednesday September 21 - Saturday September 24
- **SITE FAMILIARIZATION:** Sunday September 25 and Monday, September 26
- **OFFICIAL'S CLINIC AND HOMOLOGATION:** Monday September 26
- **OPENING CEREMONIES:** Monday evening September 26
- **TOURNAMENT:** Tuesday September 27 to Saturday October 1
- **X GAMES:** Saturday October 1
- **CLOSING CEREMONIES/DINNER:** Saturday October 1
- **PROVISIONAL EXTRA DAY FOR SKIING:** Sunday October 2

## Typical San Marcos Weather late September

The weather in San Marcos in late September typically ranges from 67°F to 86°F and is rarely below 57°F or above 93°F.

## Officials

Chief Judge	Lyn Blaauw
Assistant Chief Judge	Ashley Stebbeings
Chief Scorer	Andy Harris
Assistant Chief Scorer	
Homologator	Paul Adams
Chief Driver	Ben Groen
Chief Video	
Tournament Director	Jimmy Tauras
Safety Director	Char Portman

## Travel – Airports

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There is no official airline for the tournament.

## Transportation – Airport to Site and Accommodations.

All 4 airports are home to every major rental car companies. Please book directly with them.

For Austin, see the following website for transportation options: [https://www.shuttlefare.com/austin\\_airport\\_shuttle\\_aus](https://www.shuttlefare.com/austin_airport_shuttle_aus)

For San Antonio here is some transportation information:

<https://www.blacklane.com/en/cities-san-antonio/>

<https://gowithus.com/>

[https://www.shuttlefare.com/san\\_antonio\\_airport\\_shuttle\\_sat](https://www.shuttlefare.com/san_antonio_airport_shuttle_sat)

Similar options are available at the Houston and Dallas airports which can be access via a google search.

Transportation from the Austin airport and or site to the official hotel is provided free of charge to Officials, IWWF Discipline Council Members, IWWF Executive Board Members.

## Map of San Marcos Area

See the following link.

<https://www.mapquest.com/us/texas/san-marcos-tx-282023358>

## Accommodation

The site has several accommodation options nearby. Our Officials will be accommodated at the Holiday Inn Convention Center which is the host hotel and where the Presentation Dinner will also be held.

The LOC has negotiated discounted room rates three hotels, including the host hotel. Please follow the booking procedure to be eligible for special event rates and mention the 2022 IWWF World Barefoot Water Ski Championships with all inquiries for accommodation.

1. Holiday Inn Convention Center
2. Holiday Inn Express San Marcos (Overflow Hotel)
3. Embassy Suites – San Marcos (Limited Block)

Here are ways that the IWWF World Barefoot Waterski Championship attendees can now book their reservations:

### **HOLIDAY INN SAN MARCOS CONVENTION CENTER (HOST HOTEL)**



- 1) Call the hotel front desk at [512-805-1000](tel:512-805-1000) and mention that you are with the **World Barefoot Waterski Championship** or group code **WBW** and the front desk will book your reservations.
- 2) BOOK ONLINE! Click the **World Barefoot Waterski Championship Group Booking Link**. It will take you to our website with the pre-selected dates and you can book your reservation online.

#### **SHAREABLE URL LINK:**

[https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/hotel/rooms?qDest=105%20Bintu%20Drive,%20San%20Marcos,%20TX,%20US&qCiMy=82022&qCiD=25&qCoMy=92022&qCoD=2&qAdlt=1&qChld=0&qRms=1&qRtP=6CBARC&qIta=99801505&qGrpCd=WMB&qSIH=SMMHI&qAkamaiCC=US&qSrt=sBR&qBrs=re.ic.in.vn.cp.vx.hi.ex.rs.cv.sb.cw.ma.ul.ki.va.ii.sp.nd.ct.sx.w.e.lx&qWch=0&qSmP=1&setPMCookies=true&qRad=30&qRdU=mi&srb\\_u=1&qSHBrC=HI&icdv=99801505](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/hotel/rooms?qDest=105%20Bintu%20Drive,%20San%20Marcos,%20TX,%20US&qCiMy=82022&qCiD=25&qCoMy=92022&qCoD=2&qAdlt=1&qChld=0&qRms=1&qRtP=6CBARC&qIta=99801505&qGrpCd=WMB&qSIH=SMMHI&qAkamaiCC=US&qSrt=sBR&qBrs=re.ic.in.vn.cp.vx.hi.ex.rs.cv.sb.cw.ma.ul.ki.va.ii.sp.nd.ct.sx.w.e.lx&qWch=0&qSmP=1&setPMCookies=true&qRad=30&qRdU=mi&srb_u=1&qSHBrC=HI&icdv=99801505)

## **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SAN MARCOS (OVERFLOW HOTEL)**



1) Call the hotel front desk at [512-392-6355](tel:512-392-6355) and mention that you are with the **World Barefoot Waterski Championship** or group code **WBW** and the front desk will book your reservations.

2) BOOK ONLINE! Click the **World Barefoot Waterski Championship Group Booking Link**. It will take you to our website with the pre-selected dates and you can book your reservation online.

### **SHAREABLE URL LINK:**

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=AUSMR&checkInDate=25&checkInMonthYear=082022&checkOutDate=02&checkOutMonthYear=092022&PMID=99801505&GPC=WBM&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

### **EMBASSY SUITES SAN MARCOS**

Rooms will be available on a first come, first served basis until August 26, 2022. Please call the hotel at 512-392-6450 or through the hotel's web link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=SNMESES&groupCode=CESWMB&arrivaldate=2022-09-25&departuredate=2022-10-02&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Please note that room rates for each hotel are valid until August 26, 2022 or until the block is filled.

## **Welcoming & Presentation Functions**

Formal Welcoming and Presentation functions have been scheduled as part of the 2020 IWWF World Barefoot Water Ski Championships. The process for booking seats will be advised in subsequent Bulletins.

**Welcoming Reception:** Monday September 25, 2022 at the site

**Presentation Dinner:** Saturday, October 1, Holiday Inn Convention Center.

## Skier Entry Fees

Costs for entries are expressed in **US Dollars**.

- One event \$250
- Two Events \$300
- Three Events \$350
- Remitting parties are responsible for all bank charges on both ends.

## Intent to Enter

Federations intending to enter skiers in the 2022 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Water Ski Championships shall advise the World Barefoot Council and the LOC of its intent to compete and the Federations estimated entries on the Intent to Enter Form, contained in Appendix A of this Bulletin, prior to **July 5, 2022**.

Any Federation not meeting this requirement shall not be allowed to compete until they pay a fine of US \$300 to the World Barefoot Council as per Rule 2005 (A)(1).

## Team Officials

Each Federation may designate a Team Official (Manager or Coach) for each Federation.

## Doping Control

In accordance with the IWWF Anti-Doping Rules, Doping controls will be conducted during the competition. By entering this competition, all athletes agree to be subject to doping control. Information about the IWWF Anti-Doping program, the current IWWF AD Rules and links to the list of banned substances can be accessed on the following link:

<https://iwwf.sport/athletes/anti-doping/>

## Safe Sport

### **IWWF Safe Sport**

The IWWF takes safeguarding extremely seriously and is committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers are able to operate in a safe environment, free from abuse and the risk of harm. It is a condition of participation that all attendees familiarise themselves and comply with the IWWF Safeguarding Regulations which are available at <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport/>

### **USA WATER SKI & WAKE SPORTS (USA-WSWS) Safe Sport Policy**

As a USA Water Ski & Wake Sports (USA-WSWS) sanctioned competition held in the U.S., all event participants must acknowledge that they have read and will follow the [Safe Sport Handbook](#), adhere to the [MAAPP \(Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies\)](#) protocol found in the USA-WSWS Safe Sport Handbook, and report any suspected or alleged MAAPP violations. No event participant, under any circumstance, should be currently listed on the USA-WSWS [Suspended Members List](#). All participating IWWF-affiliated National Federations must assist the local organizing committee (LOC) in being compliant with the [Safe Sport Sanctioned Event Expectations](#).

Insurance

### **USA WATER SKI & WAKE SPORTS INSURANCE**

All athletes are required to sign up as members of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports before they are permitted to compete in the 2022 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Water Ski Championships. Membership is required for insurance coverage during the event. For non-U.S. skiers, a guest membership will be required. There will be NO cost for the membership. A link to sign up for the membership will be provided in a further bulletin and Federations should ensure their athletes are signed up before official familiarization begins.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

The IWWF Bye-Law 16.1 states:

It is the responsibility of each Federation when entering competitors for a World Titled Event to ensure that its competitors are adequately insured for personal accident, permanent disabilities, death and medical expenses.

### **ATHLETE INFORMATION FOR COMMENTATORS**

Please request your athletes to log into IWWF's EMS to fill in / update their profiles (accomplishments, sponsors, social media handles, other interesting information in the "optional fields", etc.) so the event commentator has information available to communicate to spectators present at the event venue and online via live stream. They should also upload photos for media use. Athletes should contact their respective Federations if they are not active / confirmed EMS users.

### **IWWF LICENSE**

Following agreement by the IWWF World Congress held in 2019, the IWWF Executive Board approved the establishment of an IWWF Licence fee for 2022 where competitors in Ranking List and Record Capability competitions in

each Sports Division of the IWWF would be required to hold the IWWF Licence. Based on the above decision, a skier without a valid IWWF license will not be permitted to compete in IWWF World Masters Barefoot Championships. It is requested that Federations ensure that all their athletes hold a valid IWWF License.

## Official Towboats

We will have 3 fully equipped Sanger Barefooter towboats with fly-high attachment points available for the tournament.

## Official Towrope and Handles

Masterline will provide all ropes and handles for the tournament.

## Site Hire

Site hire will be is US \$250 per hour in time, paid in advance to secure a booking. Credit for site familiarization will be given to skiers who book site hire.

For bookings and inquiries contact email Jimmy Tauras at [jimmyski@austin.rr.com](mailto:jimmyski@austin.rr.com).

## Starting Dock

A floating starting dock and tower will be provided for the event at ONE end of the course.

## Information Technology

### **General Communications**

The site has reliable 4G data coverage.

The event will be supported via the event web page and Facebook page.

## Visa Entry Requirements into USA

See the following information

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visitor.html>

## Social activities during the Championships

We intend this to be both a competitive and a very social tournament. There will be interesting and fun social events each evening for skiers, officials, families and friends. We intend to obtain sponsorships for these events.

Further details will be provided closer to the event.

## Follow Up On Tourist Event(S):

There will be opportunities for skiers to sign up for some type of tour or cruise after completion of the tournament. We are working with a travel agent to make arrangements.

## Information about San Marcos and Surrounding Area

### **Commemorative Air Force Exhibit**

**1841 Airport Dr. (off Hwy 21) | 512-396-1943**

**centexwing.com**

Located in a 1943 vintage wooden hangar, the CenTex Wing preserves a collection of combat aircraft flown by Allies during World War II and a display dedicated to the Doolittle Raiders. These historical aircraft are still flown by the Yellow Rose Squadron at various air shows.

### **Glass Bottom Boat Tours**

**951 Aquarena Springs Dr. | 512-245-7570**

**aquarena.txstate.edu**

1,000 springs bubble to the surface and form the headwaters of the San Marcos River. Walk the Wetlands Boardwalk on a self-guided tour or take a historic glass bottom boat ride to get an underwater look at aquatic flora and fauna.

### **LBJ Museum of San Marcos**

**131 N. Guadalupe St. | 512-353-3300**

**lbjmuseum.com**

The LBJ museum preserves the legacy of U.S. President Lyndon Baines Johnson by focusing on his formative years as a college student. LBJ attended what is now Texas State University where he honed his political skills and developed a strong commitment to education and civil rights.

### **Hike and Bike Trails**

**Various locations | 512-393-5930**

Explore expanded hiking and biking trails along our scenic parks and natural areas. Choose from half-mile ADA accessible trails with information kiosks and benches, to miles-long natural trails to satisfy the more adventurous.

### **Mermaids and Murals**

**Various locations | 512-393-5930**

The best part about San Marcos' vibrant, colorful, and quirky nature is the mermaid statues and murals scattered around town. Start in the downtown square for the most concentrated area of public art. From small paintings to wall-sized murals to larger-than-life-sized mermaids sculptures, downtown San Marcos offers visitors color around every corner.

### **Outlet Shopping Malls**

**3939 - 4015 IH-35 South, Exit 200**

**San Marcos Premium Outlets: 512-396-2200**

**[sanmarcospremiumoutlets.com](http://sanmarcospremiumoutlets.com)**

**Tanger Outlet Center: 512-396-7446**

**[tangeroutlet.com/sanmarcos](http://tangeroutlet.com/sanmarcos)**

San Marcos is home to the largest outlet shopping center in the United States and features more than 240 shops. With amazing discounts, up to 65% off retail, the prices at the Tanger Outlet Center and Premium Outlets-San Marcos are hard to resist.

### **Wimberley Glass Works**

**6469 Ranch Road 12 | 512-393-3316**

**[wgw.com](http://wgw.com)**

Known worldwide for beautiful hand-blown art glass and lighting pieces, visitors can watch daily demonstrations to experience first-hand the unique craftsmanship of a skilled team of artisans using centuries-old techniques.

### **The Wittliff Collections**

**TXST University, Alkek Library, 7th Floor**

**512-245-2313 | [thewittliffcollections](http://thewittliffcollections)**

This literary/photographic center inspires visitors with changing exhibitions related to Southwestern writers and photography of the Southwest and Mexico, plus readings, book signings, artist talks, and more. Seven large gallery spaces include a permanent display of costumes, props, set pieces, and other memorabilia from Lonesome Dove.

### **Wonder World Park**

**1000 Prospect St. | 512-392-3760**

**[wonderworldpark.com](http://wonderworldpark.com)**

Go deep underground at the nation's only true example of an earthquake-formed cave. Exit by the "Stratavator" and ride high into the sky to the Tejas Observation Tower. Be amazed by the topsy-turvy world of the Anti-Gravity House where even water flows uphill.

## AFTER HOURS

### **Breweries**

Four local breweries with two located downtown  
[visitsanmarcos.com/restaurants/breweries](https://visitsanmarcos.com/restaurants/breweries)

### **Downtown Square**

512-393-8430 | Boutiques, restaurants, nightlife, art and more  
[DowntownSMTX.com](https://DowntownSMTX.com)

### **EVO: Movies, Bowling, Pub**

1180 Thorpe Ln. #130 | 512-210-8600  
[evo-entertainment.com](https://evo-entertainment.com)

### **Cheatham Street Warehouse**

119 Cheatham St. | 512-353-3777  
[cheathamstreet.com](https://cheathamstreet.com)

### **Glow Clear Kayak**

[paddlesmtx.com](https://paddlesmtx.com)

## More Information About Shopping and Dining

Please check out the Visit San Marcos blog which is regularly updated.

<https://www.visitsanmarcos.com/blog/>

See the following website

<https://www.visitsanmarcos.com/things-to-do/>

For shopping try the outlet mall

<https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/san-marcos>

More about shopping:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g56618-Activities-c26-San\\_Marcos\\_Texas.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g56618-Activities-c26-San_Marcos_Texas.html)

For Dining try these two lists:

<https://www.visitsanmarcos.com/restaurants/>

<https://familydestinationsguide.com/best-restaurants-in-san-marcos-tx/>

## On-site Car Parking

There will be on site level car parking. Camping and RV parking is not allowed onsite. There are camping and RV facilities nearby.

San Marcos Spring RV Park

<http://www.sanmarcossprings.com/>

Pecan Park Riverside RV Park

<https://www.pecanpark.com/>

## Banking

San Marcos and the Austin area host a wide array of Regional, National and International Banks

## Tips

Tipping in the USA is customary practice. The norm is 15%, for good service and 20% for very good service.

## Health Certificate

None required.

**LOC Contact Info** - Inquiries please contact [markshank34@gmail.com](mailto:markshank34@gmail.com) or [jimmyski@austin.rr.com](mailto:jimmyski@austin.rr.com).



## INTENTION TO COMPETE



### 2022 IWWF Masters World Barefoot Water Ski Championships

presented by

**Austin, Texas Barefoot Club**

**26th September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

We intend to enter the following skiers to the above World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.

Federation:					
	Male	Female	Slalom	Trick	Jump
<b>35-44</b>					
<b>45-54</b>					
<b>55-64</b>					
<b>65+</b>					

Please return this form as soon as possible or prior to the deadline of July 8, 2022 to the following people.

**LOC Contact:** Teri Larson Jones **Email:** [terilarsonjones@gmail.com](mailto:terilarsonjones@gmail.com)

CC: Mark A. Shank / **Email:** [Markshank34@gmail.com](mailto:Markshank34@gmail.com)

**Chairman WBC:** Geoff Blaauw / **Email:** [worldbarefoot@gmail.com](mailto:worldbarefoot@gmail.com)

Any Federation not meeting this requirement shall not be allowed to compete until they pay a fine of \$300 USD to the World Barefoot Council.

\*Skiers entering multiple Divisions need to be expressed on the Form for each Division.