



IWWF Barefoot Athlete of the Year

Nomination Form 2016

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2016 tournament bests:

14,050 – Tricks

20.3 – Slalom

28.2m – Jump

All time Personal bests achieved in 2016:

14,050 – Tricks

20.3 – Slalom

2016 Achievements:

Men's International U.S National Champion.

Open Men's World Champion in Tricks, Jump, and Overall.

Set pending trick records of 12,850, 13,150, 13,300, 13,300 and 14,050.



Broke the World Trick Record at 12,500.

Additional notes:

David had an absolutely phenomenal ski season this year, breaking new boundaries not only for himself, but once again for the sport of barefoot waterskiing. At the U.S Nationals he became the first barefooter to ever break the 14,000 mark in tricks, and joined a select handful of elite skiers to slalom into the 20s; not only doing it once, but three times between the Worlds and Nationals. At the World Championships this year, he had an outstanding competition, winning his fourth *consecutive* Overall World title, bringing his total overall world titles up to six adding to the record he already owns. His total number of Gold medals earned over his barefooting career is now at 16; another record-breaking milestone, eclipsing Ron Scarpa's long term record of 14 golds. Between tricks, slalom, jump and overall, he also won 3 gold medals at the Worlds this year - only the sixth World Championship since 1978 that has seen an athlete in our sport do this, and it was his second time accomplishing such a feat.