

Georgia Groen

Oceania Barefoot Athlete of the Year Award

Nomination form

2016



IWWF Barefoot Athlete of the Year Nominee

Nominee: Georgia Groen

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Nomination Information

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Nominee Resume

Number of Tournaments skied in the past year:

Total 42 New Zealand

1 Canada

1 USA (worlds)

Number of international tournaments skied in the past year: 2

World Ranking: Open Woman's 2nd Overall - Current as of 2016 October ranking list.

Number of Medals earned at this years world

Championships: 5; Gold in Overall (First New Zealander to win a Gold Open overall medal), Gold in Tricks (3rd trick title in a row), Silver in Slalom, Silver in Jump and Bronze in Open time overall.

Confederation Ranking: Ranked 2nd Oceania Open Woman's

National Ranking: Ranked 1st in Open Woman's

New National Records:

Open Woman's Jump: 21.1

New Personal Bests:

Tricks: 8450

Slalom: 16.8

Jump: 21.1

Contributions and support to their national team:

Georgia is a highly experienced and respected member of the NZ team, always encouraging and supporting other

team members. Georgia is frequently found at the starting dock offering support. Georgia worked closely with several members of the NZ team to prepare them for the 2016 World Championships. Georgia has a very approachable and fun personality that really contributes to the outstanding culture of Barefoot Waterskiing.

World Participation in the sport:

New Zealand team member from 2008 – 2016. Junior from 2008 to 2012, Open from 2010 to 2016 (Georgia skied in both Open & Junior in the 2010 and 2012 worlds). Georgia often completes in

events in outside of New Zealand, frequently in Australia and recently at the Canadian Nationals.

Promotion of the sport:

Georgia is inspirational Barefoot Waterskier; in local areas Georgia Groen is synonymous with Barefoot Waterskiing. Georgia is frequently articulated in local and regional newspapers promoting the sport. Georgia is often involved with training camps to help introduce new skiers to the sport and nurture the up and coming skiers.

Other important information:

Georgia is a very dedicated young woman, she is currently completing a bachelor's degree at Canterbury University flying home to Otaki every other week to train. During term breaks Georgia lives at Otaki skiing three times per day on a purpose built Barefoot Waterskiing Lake. Georgia has recently been awarded 2016 Canterbury University Sportsperson of the year, for her outstanding achievement of winning the 2016 World Championships



“First New Zealander to win an Open Overall World Championship”