



2022 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Water Ski Championships

September 26 - October 1, 2022.

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New / Updated Information in **Green**



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 IWWF 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 at Utopia Ski Ranch 8263 FM 621, Martindale Texas near San Marcos, 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

The Program is detailed below -

- **SITE HIRE:** Wednesday, September 21 – Saturday September 24 (Morning)
- **SITE FAMILIARIZATION:** Saturday, September 24 (afternoon), Sunday, September 25 and Monday, September 26 until 10.00 a.m.
- **OFFICIAL'S CLINIC AND HOMOLOGATION:** Monday, September 26
- **OPENING CEREMONIES:** Monday evening, September 26
- **TOURNAMENT:** Monday, September 26 at 1.00 p.m. through Saturday, October 1
- **CLOSING CEREMONIES/DINNER:** Saturday, October 1

Tentative Social Events

Monday, September 26: Opening ceremonies and dinner onsite.
Dress is very casual.

Tuesday, September 27: Dinner at the Roughhouse Brewery.
<https://www.roughhousebrewing.com/> Ticketed event.

Wednesday, September 28: dinner on your own in San Marcos. Our hospitality committee will provide suggested venues. Ticketed dinner for Officials and LOC.

Thursday, September 29: Dinner at Hays County BBQ. (<http://www.hayscobbq.com/>).
Ticketed event.
Dress is casual – western wear optional. Country music band included.

Friday, September 30: Dinner on your own.

Saturday, October 1: Closing ceremonies at the Holiday Inn San Marcos Convention Center (host hotel). Ticketed event.
Dress is sporty casual – Team colors.

Social Media

Please refer to the Tournament Website: <http://2022mastersbarefoot.com/> and the Tournament Facebook page IWWF World Masters Barefoot Championships
#barefootmasters #IWWFbarefootmasters@usaws @american_barefoot_club.

These will be your best sources of accurate information about the Tournament.

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.

Lead Officials

Chief Judge	Lyn Blaauw
Assistant Chief Judge	Ashleigh Stebbeings
Chief Scorer	Andy Harris
Homologator	Peter Franks
Chief Driver	Ben Groen
Judge	Ludo Vrancx
Judge	Lauren Ehlers
Chief Video	Kelly Blank
Safety Director	Char Portman

Judges:

Andrea Formella
Dale Stevens
Lee Stone
Mike Molepske
Peter Franks
Rob Groen
Jodie Duncan

Reserve Judge:

Geoff Blaauw

Drivers:

Tim Pellaton
Landen Ehlers
Danny Gathercole
Ian Tresidder
Lee Stone

Scorers:

Jodie Duncan
Claire Mowday
Brian Price

Other Tournament Officials

WBC Chair	Geoff Blaauw
Tournament/LOC Chair	Mark Shank
Tournament Director	Jimmy Taurus
Registrar	Teri Larson Jones
Hospitality	Dee Ehlers
Officials Liaison	Mike Molepske
Protocol	Richard Gray

Facilities/Construction
Merchandising
Site Hire/Familiarization

Blake Ehlers
Paul Stokes
Jimmy Taurus/Lee Stone

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 _

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 _

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 and mention that you are with the **IWWF World Masters Barefoot Waterski Championship** or group code **WMB** 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

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SAN MARCOS (OVERFLOW HOTEL)



- 1) Call the hotel front desk at 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®ionCode=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.

Registration

Registration is completed. There is a waiting list, first come, first served.

For any questions about registration, please contact Teri Larson Jones terilarsonjones@gmail.com.

Team Representatives

Each federation should designate a representative for purposes of receipt of information about and at the tournament.

Merchandise

Official merchandise will be available for pre-order. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity because there will be limited availability at the tournament. Information about merchandise will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

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 \(Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Polices\)](#) 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](#).

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 By-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. Please see the website under "register" for a suggested form bio.

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 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.

There are still some very limited site hire opportunities.

For bookings and inquiries contact email Jimmy Tauras at jimmyski@austin.rr.com.

Starting Dock

A 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 is 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>

Tourist Event(s)

The LOC has arranged for discount tickets on a fabulous Caribbean cruise after the Tournament. Please see the website for details. For more information about this or for any travel needs you may have please contact the official travel agent for the Tournament: Christen Marsh +1 972-792-3612 Christen.Marsh@altour.com.

Golf

Some of our skiers attending are considering a golf outing prior to the start of the tournament at Kissing Tree Golf Club. <https://kissingtreegolfclub.com/>. Please contact Paul Stokes at paulwstokes@gmail.com if you are interested.

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

Tanger Outlet Center: 512-396-7446

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

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

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

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**

Downtown Square

512-393-8430 | Boutiques, restaurants, nightlife, art and more

DowntownSMTX.com

EVO: Movies, Bowling, Pub

1180 Thorpe Ln. #130 | 512-210-8600

evo-entertainment.com

Cheatham Street Warehouse

119 Cheatham St. | 512-353-3777

cheathamstreet.com

Glow Clear Kayak
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

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.

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 subject to COVID requirements.

LOC Contact Info - Inquiries please contact markshank34@gmail.com or jimmyski@austin.rr.com