

## NOMINATION INFORMATION

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## IWWF BAREFOOT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEE 2013

**Nominee:** Kenneth Derry

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## RESUME

**World Records Set:**

None set in 2013

**World Championship Performance (top 5 only):**

None held in 2013

**Confederation Championship Performance (top 5 only):**

No Confederation Championships held during 2013

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

Not applicable

**World Cup Performance (top 5 only):**

Not applicable

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

None held

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

2013 Australian National Barefoot Championships

Open Mens

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall
- 1<sup>st</sup> Slalom
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tricks

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

- Number 1 Open Mens - Slalom
- Number 1 Snr Mens - Overall
- Number 1 Snr Mens - Slalom
- Number 2 Snr Mens - Jump
- Number 7 Snr Mens - Tricks

**Number of Tournaments Skied in the Past Year: 9**

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

2012 World Championships, Waco TEXAS .

**Confederation Ranking:**

- Ranked No. 1 in Snr Men Overall.
- Ranked No. 1 in Snr Men Slalom.
- Ranked No. 1 in Open Men Slalom.

**Confederation Records:**

None in 2013

**National Ranking:**

Ranked No. 1 in Open Mens Slalom

**National Records:**

None in 2013

**2013 Personal Best Performances:**

- Tricks – 5980pts
- Slalom – 20.4
- Jump – 25.5m



## Other notable information:

At the age of 42 Ken still chooses to compete in the Open division of all local, state, National and International tournaments. This is a credit to him and to his dedication to remain at the elite level in the sport of Barefoot Waterskiing.

Ken Derry is an accredited coach and coaches barefoot waterskiing in NSW, Australia. Ken has successfully run "come and try" days for this sport and is passionate about taking our sport forward in the future. He has recently been appointed as **Open Coach for the Australian team**, and has organized and coached at several Australian Squad training schools. Ken has been the **NSW Barefoot Waterski Club President** for the past 2 years and he has been successful in achieving his goal of introducing as many new people as he can to our sport.

Ken still competes at all grass root level tournaments and is always around the dock to encourage and help our Sub Junior, Junior and entry level skiers . If he isn't on the dock he will be found in the drivers seat, again sharing his knowledge and driving for all divisions.

Ken is a very humble person, with the accomplishments throughout his time in the sport. From **2004 – 2011** Ken was ranked **#3 in the World in Open Mens slalom** and **from 2012** was **ranked #1**. This is a massive achievement to be ranked so high for the past 10 years.

Ken has competed at 9 World Championships:

1988 – Melbourne, AUS

1990 – Jacksonville, USA

1992 – Lakeside, UK

1994 – Sydney, AUS (3<sup>rd</sup> Slalom Open Mens)

1996 – Fergus Falls, USA

1998 – Sydney ,AUS (3<sup>rd</sup> Slalom Open Mens)

2004 - Muwala, AUS (2<sup>nd</sup> Slalom Open Mens)

2010 – Brandenburg, GER (3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Snr Mens, 1<sup>st</sup> Slalom Snr Mens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Slalom Open Mens)

2012 – Waco Texas, USA (1<sup>st</sup> Overall Snr Mens, 1<sup>st</sup> Slalom Snr Mens , 1<sup>st</sup> Jump Snr Mens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Slalom Open Mens)

Ken is the **current World Record Holder** for Snr Mens Slalom with a score of 18.6 which was set at the World Championships in Brandenburg, Germany 2010.

Ken currently holds the **Australian records** in Senior Mens Slalom 18.6 and Snr Mens Jump 24.4m.

Ken has also been an **Australian Champion** in Sub-Jnr boys 1985 ,Junior Boys 1987 & 1988, Open Men 1999.