



2015 Disabled World Water Ski Championships

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Bulletin #1

Event:

The 2015 Disabled World Water Ski Championships will be held at Shortline Lake, Elk Grove Ca. (www.dwwsc.org) on September 20-27. This 3 event site offers ideal skiing conditions and excellent accessibility for everyone. The lake is 2400 ft. (730 m) in length with turn-around islands at both ends. There is ample time for skier set up entering the slalom course and one of the nicest jump ramps west of the Mississippi. We are very excited for the tournament and wish everyone the best of luck.

Title Sponsor:

The Barbara Bolding/ Jim Grew Fund has graciously pledged to be the title sponsor for the 2015 World Championships. Barbara, Jim's fiancée at the time of her death, was a huge fan of disabled water skiing. To celebrate her life and love of our sport, the BB/JG Fund was established.

Accommodations:

The Embassy Suites Riverfront will be the host hotel (www.embassysuites.com - once on the website, search for Sacramento Riverfront Promenade). The Embassy is just 20 minutes from the Sacramento airport (www.sacramento.aero/smf) and 35 minutes from Shortline Lake (www.dwwsc.org). The Embassy offers large spacious rooms at \$149 US/night (up to 3 per room) and includes a full breakfast every morning and a complementary Happy Hour from 5-7 every evening. The hotel is within walking and wheeling distance from great dining, shopping and nightlife. The Sacramento Riverfront Promenade site will provide tourist info. **Special note: The LOC is hoping that all teams will stay at the host hotel. For a family type atmosphere and ease of transportation, the opening ceremonies and meetings will be held at Embassy Suites as well.**

The Holiday Inn Express in Elk Grove Ca. is also available. Although it is not the host hotel, it is only 5 minutes from the tournament site. Room rates are \$99/night/person. This does include breakfast (www.hiexpress.com/elkgrove). Use the 2015 Disabled Water Ski World Championships to receive the special rate.

***** All Major Credit cards are accepted*****

Transportation:

Embassy Suites will provide transportation from the Sacramento Airport to the Suites and back to the airport. Upon registration at the Embassy Suites, teams should confirm their travel itineraries with the hotel. No other hotel in the Sacramento area provides transportation to and from the airport. If special accommodations need to be made, please contact Matt Oberholtz via email (listed below).

Transportation from the host hotel to the site and back is being confirmed. An update will be posted on the official website (www.dwwsc.org).

Those flying into San Francisco (SFO) should make their own arrangements for transportation. The rental car code should work at either airport.

Official Towboat:

Master Craft is the official towboat of the 2015 Disabled Water Ski World Championships (www.mastercraft.com) [2014 MasterCraft ProStar | "MISSION 04: HISTORY IS HISTORY"](#) The video is filmed at Shortline Lake. Video credit goes to Mastercraft and Marcus Brown.

Entry Fees:

The entry fee will be \$250.00 per skier (224 EUR). Please fill out the attached **Intent to Enter Form**, read the Anti-Doping clause and send the form back to Matt Oberholtz at obeskischool@yahoo.com. The due date for the Intent to Enter form is May 31, 2015. Some fields are required before it can be sent in. Teams will be able to register for the tournament online at www.dwwsc.org. Registration will be available by March 30, 2015.

Room and Board – Appointed Officials and Council Members:

All appointed officials and council members will receive free admission to the final banquet on Sunday, September 27, 2015 and a lunch voucher or stipend during the tournament as set out below:

- Jury (Judges & Scorers), 4 days and 5 nights ***.
- Chief Driver and Drivers, 6 days and 7 nights.
- Chief Calculator, 5 days and 6 nights.
- Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, Homologator and Assistant Homologator, 8 days and 9 nights.
- Classification Team Members not on participating teams, 7 days and 8 nights.
- Classification Team Members on participating teams, 3 days and 4 nights, lunches on site during the competition and a banquet ticket.
- Council Members not on participating teams, 6 days and 7 nights.
- Council Members on participating teams, 6 days and 1 night.

*** This period for the jury starts on the day preceding the Official start of the Competition with dinner and concludes with breakfast the morning after the Competition has ended.

If appointed officials are bringing a significant other, they should contact Matt Oberholtz to make the necessary arrangements.

Banquet and Lunches – Team Skiers and Staff:

All team skiers and staff as outlined below will receive free admission to the final banquet on Sunday, September 27, 2015 and a lunch voucher or stipend during the six official tournament days (September 22-27), i.e., two days of official familiarization, four days of tournament.

Each team with four skiers or less is allowed to have one team staff member. Teams of over four are allowed two team staff members

Car Rental:

Hertz Rental Car and Avis/Budget have both agreed to provide car rental discounts for all participants/family members at the 2015 Disabled World Water Ski Championships.

The link for Hertz Rental car is www.hertz.com with **CV# 022Q7379**.

Avis/Budget will provide a CV# at a later date.

Both companies are allowing the special rate 1 week before tournament and 1 week post tournament.

US Visas:

Most countries will be required to get a US visa for entry into The United States. Please check with your local consulate to determine if a visa is necessary. One applies at (www.usvisas.state.gov). Please allow ample time to get your visa.

Training Sites:

There are many private lakes within the Sacramento/Northern California area. If you have personal contacts out here in California, please try that avenue. A request has been relayed to the Western Region of the American Water Ski Association for additional training sites. As of now, there are no commitments. With that said, Matt Oberholtz, as tournament director, will continue to seek places for teams to train.

Official Airline:

There is no official airline at this time.

Worlds Website:

A temporary site is to be found at www.2015disabledworlds.org and contains some of the necessary info as well as pictures of the tournament site.

The Official Website is www.dwwsc.org (Disabled Water Ski World Championships).

As tournament director, I thank you all for your participation in the upcoming event; and, if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is best, but I will be available by phone if needed.

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