

# JUNIOR CRITERIA 26/27



**NAUTIQUE WATER SKI  
WORLD SERIES**

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The 2026-2027 Nautique Water Ski World Series is a 5 stop, 3-event water ski series that awards points for placement at each individual tournament and serves as the primary qualifying series for invitation to the sport's most illustrious event: The Nautique Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament, presented by GM Marine, May 28-30, 2027.

Nautique Boat Company is committed to actively shaping the future of 3-event waterskiing inclusive of Junior, Pro and Senior competitors. The Junior division will now include athletes under the age of 21, allowing a wider range of young skiers to compete on the world stage. The Senior division will be exclusive to slalom in the ProAm events, with the Senior Men's division open to athletes aged 35 and older, and the Senior Women's division including athletes aged 45 and older. These modernizations provide greater access and recognition across generations, ensuring the sport's growth for years to come.

## **JUNIOR DIVISION CRITERIA:**

***NEW FOR 2026-2027 NAUTIQUE WATER SKI WORLD SERIES AND THE 2027 JUNIOR MASTERS WATER SKI & WAKEBOARD TOURNAMENT, THE JUNIOR EVENT WILL NOW BE DEFINED AS UNDER 21. Skiers must be 21 years or younger on December 31, 2026, to compete in the 2027 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament.***

### ***2027 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament®***

For the 2027 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament, there will be a maximum of nine (9) junior competitors in each individual discipline. These positions will be comprised of a maximum of six (6) single event competitors in junior men and junior women slalom, trick and jump and the top three (3) overall competitors. NOTE: Overlap of overall competitors and single event selections: single event positions earned by overall skiers will NOT result in the selection of (an) additionally single event skier(s).

### **Champions of the below 6 tournaments in slalom, trick and jump will automatically earn 2027 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament invitations:**

- 2026 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament | May 22-24, 2026
- 2026 Junior Botaski ProAm | June 25 - June 28, 2026
- 2026 Junior Rocky Mountain ProAm | July 30 - August 2, 2026
- 2026 Junior California ProAm | August 28 - 30, 2026
- 2027 Junior Moomba Masters International Invitational | March 4 - 8, 2027
- 2027 Masters LCQ | May 14 - 16, 2027

The remaining single event positions will be filled from the Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List. The Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List is a point system, which awards points for placements for each event in the series, excluding the Masters LCQ, and is included below.

For overall, the three highest junior men and junior women overall points leaders from the Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List, after combining the best 4 of 6 total Nautique World Series tournaments, will earn invitations to the Masters.

| PLACEMENT | POINTS | PLACEMENT | POINTS |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 1st       | 100    | 19th      | 18     |
| 2nd       | 90     | 20th      | 17     |
| 3rd       | 80     | 21st      | 16     |
| 4th       | 75     | 22nd      | 15     |
| 5th       | 70     | 23rd      | 14     |
| 6th       | 65     | 24th      | 13     |
| 7th       | 60     | 25th      | 12     |
| 8th       | 55     | 26th      | 11     |
| 9th       | 51     | 27th      | 10     |
| 10th      | 47     | 28th      | 9      |
| 11th      | 43     | 29th      | 8      |
| 12th      | 39     | 30th      | 7      |
| 13th      | 35     | 31st      | 6      |
| 14th      | 31     | 32nd      | 5      |
| 15th      | 27     | 33rd      | 4      |
| 16th      | 23     | 34th      | 3      |
| 17th      | 20     | 35th      | 2      |
| 18th      | 19     | 36th      | 1      |

## **JUNIOR DIVISION COMPETITION STRUCTURE:**

The Junior division will have 2 rounds of competition for all competitors. Round 2 will be re-seeded using Round 1 scores. The final placements will be awarded to the highest performances in Round 2, which will be scored as the final round. The 2026 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament champions will be automatically invited to the 2027 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament, but no points will be awarded. Points, however, will be awarded at the 2027 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament as it is the culminating event of the series.

## **JUNIOR TIE RULES:**

### **2026-2027 Nautique Water Ski World Series**

#### **Stop #1 Tie Breaker Rule:**

1. If a tie exists in the final round for first place, the tie will be run off.
2. All other ties in the final round will be broken by the highest score from the first round.
3. If a tie still exists, the skiers will each receive the points for the placement they are tied for.

#### **Stop #2 and beyond Tie Breaker Rules:**

1. All ties for first place will be run off.
2. All other ties will be broken first by the 2026-2027 Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List – the skier with the highest placement in the most recent event receives the higher placement points.
3. If a tie still exists, the tie will be broken first by the highest score from the first round.
4. Finally, if a tie still exists, the skiers will each receive the points for the placement they are tied for.

### **Series Championship Tie Breaker Rule - The season series championship for the Nautique Water Ski World Series Ranking List will be determined by combining all points from all the events in the series. In case of a tie for the first place:**

1. The first tiebreaker is the skier who took home the most 1st place finishes.
2. The second tiebreaker is the skier who has the most 2nd place finishes.
3. The third tie breaker is the skier that finishes highest at the final event, the 2027 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard tournament.

## JUNIOR DIVISION QUALIFICATIONS:

To compete in the 3 Pro-Am events, these scores must be achieved at least once in a 2025 Class R or L tournament. \*\*The Masters Last Chance Qualifier will have its own set of qualification criteria posted on [www.masterswaterski.com](http://www.masterswaterski.com) with the 2026 and 2027 Masters information. Additionally, the Masters Last Chance Qualifier will continue to take the best score of either of the two qualifying rounds as the highest score in the tournament to advance to the Masters.

## JUNIOR NOW UNDER 21:

Jr. Men Slalom: 4 @ 11.25 meters

Jr. Women Slalom: 1 @ 12 meters

Jr. Men Trick: 6,800 points

Jr. Women Trick: 4,200 points

Jr. Men Jump: 45 meters

Jr. Women Jump: 30.5 meters

*If, after the entry period is closed, positions remain available in any Junior event, the tournament director may fill the positions with skiers who have failed to meet the qualifying scores.*

## JUNIOR DIVISION COMPETITOR CAPS:

All Junior Events - Slalom, Trick and Jump: 12 each (overall scores will be calculated from the highest individual score in each of the 3 events; there will not be a separate overall round).

## JUNIOR WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS PAY-OUT:

The Junior Series Champions will receive valuable scholarships as well as waived entry fees in the succeeding 2027 Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament to further nurture the next generation of talent.



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