

2016 World Barefoot Water Ski Championships  
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Bulletin 2



The Heller Family and the Minnesota Barefooters Association are excited to be hosting the 2016 Barefoot World Championships at [The Blue Moo](#) in Alma Center, Wisconsin.

Opening Ceremonies will take place Saturday August 13th at 5:00 p.m. CDT at the Blue Moo in Hixton, Wisconsin. Competition will begin 8:00 a.m. Sunday, August 14. Friday night August 19 there will be a formal banquet held at the Metropolis to present awards. Entry to the Banquet and Opening ceremony meal tickets are included for all Skiers, Officials, World Barefoot Council members, IWWF dignitaries and entry for up to 3 Coaches per Federation. Additional banquet tickets for \$75.00 and Opening ceremony tickets for \$30.00 will be available for purchase at [www.barefootworlds.org](http://www.barefootworlds.org) or at the Blue Moo. Finals will be held Saturday August 20 with the final event Jump, to be held under the lights. Live entertainment performed by [Mark Croft](#) Saturday night before and after Jump Finals. The LOC will be offering free bus service from the Metropolis to Blue Moo and back to Metropolis on Saturday. There will be at least 2 different departure times Saturday from Metropolis and 2 or 3 departure times from the Blue Moo to Metropolis after competition on Saturday. We want everyone to be safe after a long day and celebrating the conclusion of Worlds. If you wish to use this free service please send email to [info@barefootworlds.org](mailto:info@barefootworlds.org) and just mention free bus service and # of people on your party. This is to insure we have an adequate number of buses available.

## **Website**

The official web site for the 2016 Worlds can be found at [www.barefootworlds.org](http://www.barefootworlds.org)  
The web site contains google map links for directions from MSP airport to the Metropolis and Metropolis to the Blue Moo. All competition forms can be found on this site along with a wealth of other information.



## Weather

The average high temperature is 79 degrees fahrenheit. Average low temperature is 58 degrees fahrenheit. Sunrise is 6:05 CDT and Sunset is 8:13 CDT



## The Blue Moo

[The Blue Moo](#) in Alma Center Wisconsin was built in 2006 by Blake Heller for the sole purpose of barefoot water skiing. This not only created great water for barefooters but the high banks create an unobstructed view of a skier's entire pass.

Free parking is available on-site. Web site map will show parking locations.

The Blue Moo is located 40 minutes southeast of [Eau Claire](#) and 10 minutes northwest of [Black River Falls](#), Wisconsin.

## Visa Requirements

Select the following web link for details. <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit.html>

## **Health Certificate requirements**

CDC Travelers' Health provides information and health recommendations for US residents traveling internationally. If you live outside the United States and plan to travel here, please check resources in your own country for travel health information. There are no vaccination requirements for visitors to the United States. For information on US-based infectious disease outbreaks currently being reported by CDC, please see the CDC [Current Outbreak List](#). Reference:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/united-states>

## **Air Transportation**

The [Minneapolis/Saint Paul International airport \(MSP\)](#) is the closest international airport to the host hotel and ski site. All major airlines service this airport. Please note there are two terminals at MSP. Terminal 1 (Lindbergh) and Terminal 2 (Humphrey) are connected via light rail which also serves the [Mall of America](#).

## **Currency Exchange**

MSP Airport offers currency exchange at both Terminals. Click [here](#) for more information.

[Higgins Travel Leaders](#) is located 3 minutes from Metropolis and offers currency exchange.

## **Departure Tax**

The United States does not charge a "Departure Tax" when leaving the United States.

## **Rental Cars**

The following link is for rental cars out of MSP airport: [Car rental link](#)



## Host Hotel

[Metropolis Resort | Hotel & Indoor Water Park](#) in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The Metropolis offers many [room options](#) including The Locker Room that sleeps 21. Reservations can be made [online by clicking here](#). Reservations also can be made by calling 715-852-6000 and using promo code: "**Barefoot16**".

Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express credit cards are accepted.

Parking is free at the Metropolis.

The Metropolis has a full range of [dining options](#), [attractions](#) and located 1.5 hours from the [Minneapolis/Saint Paul International airport \(MSP\)](#) and 35 minutes from [The Blue Moo](#).

Room rates are as follow:

King Studio \$124.00 (Single King bed)

Standard Flat \$139.00 (2 Queen beds)

Two Bedroom \$279.00

Locker Room \$399.00

Deluxe Bunk \$279.00

## Camping

[KOA campground](#) is located across the road from [The Blue Moo](#).

N 9657 WI-95, Alma Center, WI 54611

(715) 964-2508



## Towboat

[Sanger inboard DXII](#) will be the exclusive towboat used. Both small block and big block variations will be used. Boats will be fitted with ProFlight Swoop towers and Barefoot International Tower extensions (Super Fly High's). Exact boat year and engine configurations will follow in future bulletins.



## Masterline: Official Rope and Handle

The official rope and handle is Masterline. Masterline was the official rope and handle for the 2015 US Barefoot Nationals. All handles and ropes performed flawlessly.

## Tower starts

There will be a tower on the starting dock for tower starts. Tower height is ~3 meters.

## Site Familiarization

Practice at The Blue Moo will be available from Sunday August 7 through Saturday August 13. Each team and independent skier will be assigned a practice time per rule 1906 (A) and (B) per the 2016 edition of the Technical rule book (page 62).

Additional practice will be available for purchase.

Thursday August 11 at 8:30 PM has been set aside for Night Jump practice. You must pre register for all practice time. Information on how to sign up and available time slots for site familiarization can be found at

<http://barefootworlds.org/index.php/site-familiarization>.



## Skier Entry Fee

All fees are in US dollars and must be paid by July 23 or a late fee of 10 per day per skier will be imposed.

Team skiers 300

Independent skiers: one event 225  
two events 275  
three events 300

Dual division skiers add for second division:

one event 225  
two events 275  
three events 300

Dual division skiers will be given 2nd Opening ceremony ticket and 2nd Awards/Banquet ticket to do as they wish.

Email [info@barefootworlds.org](mailto:info@barefootworlds.org) barefootworlds.org for payment arrangements. Payment options will be PayPal, wire transfer or check.

## All Federations

The LOC is asking all Federations to send an email to [info@mnbarefooters.org](mailto:info@mnbarefooters.org) with team contact person and email address as soon as possible.

## Intention to Compete

All competitors wishing to compete in the World Championships must inform their Federation of their intent to compete. Every Federation must then fill out "[Intention To Compete Form](#)" and return to [info@mnbarefooters.org](mailto:info@mnbarefooters.org) no later than **June 18, 2016**.

From there you will find directions on how to fill out the form and submit.

If you have any questions about the form or how to proceed please send an email to: [info@mnbarefooters.org](mailto:info@mnbarefooters.org)

## Definitive Entry form

The Definitive entry form can be found [here](#) and must be submitted no later than July 17th.

## Link to: IWWF Barefoot Water-Ski Technical Rules-2016

Go here: <http://www.worldbarefootcouncil.com/rules.php> for links to the IWWF World Barefoot Council 2016 Technical Rules, 2016 Points Table and the current PPG.

## **Officials transportation**

All officials transportation questions will be handled by email. Transportation from the Airport - Hotel - Airport will be provided free of charge to all Jury, WBC members and IWWF dignitaries. All officials are asked to email their flight itinerary to [info@barefootworlds.org](mailto:info@barefootworlds.org) as soon as they have been confirmed.

## **Officials (Jury)**

Chief Judge - Geoff Blaauw AUS  
Assistant Chief Judge - Mike Molepske USA

Chief Scorer - Claire Mowday NZL  
Assistant Chief Scorer - Brian Price AUS

Chief Video - Rich Kaufman and Vicky Kaufman USA

Chief Driver - Mike Schoenke USA

Homologator - Peter Franks AUS

Tournament Director - Paul Adams USA

Appointed Judges - Dale Stevens (USA), John Boyd (USA), Al Moynes (CAN), Lyn Blaauw (AUS), Kathy O'Donnell (NZL), Sue Russo (AUS), Ludo Vrancx (BEL), Peter Nordberg (SWE), Michael Soderquist (SWE)

Appointed Scorer - Sharon Strydom (RSA)

Appointed Drivers - Peter Knaggs (AUS), Daryn Bauser (RSA)

Safety Director - Jim Babcock

## **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 found on [iwwfed.com](http://iwwfed.com) by clicking the Anti-Doping Information link at the top of the menu on the left sidebar of the homepage.



## Timeline of Events

Sunday August 7th to Saturday August 13th, Site familiarization

Thursday August 11th, 8:30 PM Night jump practice

Friday August 12th, 6:30 PM Officials welcoming dinner at the [Metropolis](#)

Saturday August 13th, 5:00 PM Opening Ceremony at the Blue Moo with dinner at 6:00 PM.

Sunday August 14th, 8:00 AM **\*1st round, Elimination round** Tricks, Slalom and Jump

Monday August 15th, 8:00 AM **\*1st round, Elimination round** Tricks, Slalom and Jump

Tuesday August 16th, 8:00 AM **\*1st round, Elimination round** Tricks, Slalom and Jump

Wednesday August 17th, 8:00 AM **\*1st round, Elimination round** Tricks, Slalom and Jump

Thursday August 18th, 8:00 AM Slalom & Trick Finals for Juniors and Seniors, Open Slalom round 2

Friday August 19th, 8:00 AM Jump Finals for Juniors and Seniors, Open Tricks round 2

Friday August 19th, 7:30 PM Formal awards banquet at the [Metropolis](#)

Saturday August 20th, 4:00PM Slalom and Trick Open Finals with awards following each event.

Food and Live music performed by [Mark Croft music](#) following Slalom and Trick finals

9:00 PM Open Jump Finals

[Mark Croft music](#) follows Jump Finals

Skiing is scheduled to end between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM Sunday through Friday. All skiers should remain on site in case of changes to the schedule.

**\*The first round is a combined elimination round. This means that all skiers, regardless of whether they are seniors, juniors or opens, will be split into gender divisions (male & female) and ski once in their seeded order. This may result in a low seeded senior skiing in the same event as a low seeded junior, or a high seeded opens skier skiing in the same event as an equally high seeded junior. This round will determine which skiers qualify for the second round. This is in accordance with rule 1908 of the 2016 Barefoot Water Ski Technical Rules.**

## General questions

For all general inquires please send email to [info@barefootworlds.org](mailto:info@barefootworlds.org)  
Questions regarding registration please contact Doug Bohn,  
[registrar@mnbarefooters.org](mailto:registrar@mnbarefooters.org)

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