

2016 World Barefoot Water Ski Championships
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Bulletin 1



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 6:00pm CDT at the [Metropolis Resort | Hotel & Indoor Water Park](#) in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Competition will begin Sunday August 14. Friday night August 19 there will be a formal banquet held at the Metropolis to present the Team awards. Entry to the Banquet is included for all skiers, officials, WBC and IWWF dignitaries, and entry for up to 3 Coaches per Federation. Additional banquet tickets will be available for purchase at www.barefootworlds.org. Finals will be held Saturday August 20 with the final event, Jump, to be held under the lights. Live entertainment will be on site Saturday night.

Website

The official web site for the 2016 Worlds can be found at www.barefootworlds.org



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 CD



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](#).

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:

Standard Flat \$139.00

King Studio \$124.00

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.

Official Rope and Handle

The official rope and handle has not been determined at this time. This will be posted on the World Championships web site as soon as it is determined and included in Bulletin 2

Tower starts

There will be a tower on the starting dock for tower starts.

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 2015 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 for site familiarization can be found at www.barefootworlds.org.

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@mnbarefooters.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 with contact person and email address at earliest convenience.

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 no later than June 18, 2016. Clicking [here](#) will bring you to the Intention to Compete form on the Worlds web site. 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

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 by clicking the Anti-Doping Information link at the top of the menu on the left sidebar of the homepage.

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. LOC will contact Officials with details. Transportation from the Airport - Hotel - Airport will be provided free of charge to all Jury, WBC members and IWWF dignitaries.

Lead Officials

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 and Vicky Kaufman USA

Chief Driver - Mike Schoenke USA

Homologator - Peter Franks AUS

Tournament Director - Paul Adams USA

General questions

For all general inquires please send email to info@mnbarefooters.org

Questions regarding registration please contact Doug Bohn,
registrar@mnbarefooters.org.

Items that will be covered in future Bulletins

Google map links for directions from MSP Airport to Host Hotel, The Blue Moo and other points of Interest.

Official Rope and Handle announcement

Recreational opportunities in the surrounding area.

Request for skier picture and bio form
and more...

Sponsors

We are proud to announce “Bank First” will be the Title sponsor.



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