

2017 MALIBU OPEN --POLICY AND TOURNAMENT RULES 2017

NOTE: Several changes made for 2017, please review (payout, skiers meeting, slalom event for semifinal and final round, and ties for slalom and jump).

POLICY

- 1) **OBJECTIVE:** To display water skiing to the public local and via Webcast (Athletes, Malibu Boats, sponsors). Provide a complete site/location for the Elite Skiers to display their talents and to allow the public to interact with the athletes. It is the responsibility of all skiers and members of The Pro Ski Tour to be professional and to show hospitality to all on site. It also takes each of the skiers support and sponsors to make these events successful.
- 2) **ENTRY limited** to first come, first serve, PAID entries. A waiting list will be maintained manually after online registration is full. (
 - Slalom OM/OW -Total of 45 (split 29/16) (May change based on number in each div)
 - Jump OM/OW – Total of 29 (split 15/14) (May change based on number in each div)
 - U21 & U17 Girls / Boys Jump and Slalom will be invitation only
 - Waitlist entries (entry form, waiver, entry fee) should be sent to: The Pro Ski Tour Attn: Registration, 254 Bohler Dr., Evans/Augusta, GA 30809 or to the address in the invitation package/email.
- 3) **SEEDING**
Seeding will be from the IWWF Elite List at the time the running order is issued (No later than Tuesday prior to the tourn) If a skier is not ranked on the Elite List, they will be seeded below all Elite Ranked Skiers based on the IWSF Dynamic list at the time the running order is issued.
- 4) **PRIZE MONEY:** This may change based on the money raised/expense and number of skiers in the division as determined by The Pro Ski Tourn.
ELITE Slalom/Jump: 1st -\$6000, 2nd \$4000, 3rd \$2500, 4th \$1500, 5th \$1000, 6th \$750, 7th \$500, 8th \$335
Overall 1st \$1500, 2nd \$1000, 3rd \$500
(Total **\$72,340.00**)
Jrs: 1st \$500 (total \$4000.00)
TOTAL PAYOUT = \$76,340.00
- 5) **JUNIORS**
 - a. **U21** - The maximum age of any skier participating is 20 years as of December 31 2016. Specifically, this means that for the Jr. Malibu Open Festival competition in 2017, anyone born in 1996 or later is eligible.
 - b. **U17** - The maximum age of any skier participating is 16 years as of December 31 2016. Specifically, this means that for the Jr. Malibu Open Festival competition in 2017, anyone born in 2000 or later is eligible.
 - c. **JUNIOR Invitations** will be awarded to the top-3 eligible U21 and top-3 eligible U17 skiers as per May 2017 IWWF Ranking List (updated April 2017) www.iwsftournament.com. Unfilled slots will be extended to next available skier on the list.
- 6) **CANCELLATION**
 - a. Cancellations (and potential refunds) will be issued based upon the ability to fill the slot and timing of notification to Tournament Registration via email notification to theproskitour@gmail.com as described below:
 - b. Greater than 45 days prior to the event = If the position for the event can be filled (after maximum entries for the event), 100% refund. A \$25 cancellation fee will be retained in all cases for refund (online fees, etc).
 - c. Less than 45 days NO refund will be given.

- 7) **SKIERS MEETING:**
Thursday Skiers Meeting: There will be a briefing Thursday evening (time will be posted on Web) attendants is NOT REQUIRED.
Qualifying Round 2 Skiers: A must attend skiers meeting will be held **Friday** Evening (apprx 30 min after Friday Tourn, excluding any night events) for all the skiers in Qualifying (2nd Rd).
Skier's representative: it other than you the skier, notify the Pro Ski Event to ensure the representative is on the Skier Representative List (available at the Thursday/Friday).
- 8) **TAX NUMBER EVERY SKIER WHO MAKES THE FINALS (who receives prize money) IS REQUIRED TO TURN IN THEIR TAX NUMBER AND SIGN A TAX FORM BEFORE SKIING.**
- IF LLC or S-corporation EIN number is required, not your SSN
 - Acquiring an ITIN may take up to 6-8 weeks; therefore foreign skiers should start this process as soon as possible:
US Skiers: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>
Foreign Skiers: <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/General-ITIN-Information>
 - All numbers must be legible.

GENERAL RULES:

- Administrative Rules** will be per AWSA Rules, all others per IWWF and the following:
- Bibs** must be worn during competition and returned after skiing. If a skier skis without a bib, the skier will be fined \$200, or scored a 0.
- Slalom Handles** = Handles will be checked after each skiers round. If a handle is out of tolerance, the skier will be scored 0 (per AWSA). There will be no 1 hour delay and rechecked per IWWF.
- Jump Handles / Lines** = Jump lines will be checked prior to each skiers round.
- Official measurement** is metric. Therefore, the official jump distances will be metric.
- Re-rides** (slalom, jump) = Re-rides for weather related issues (wind, rain, etc.) or potential small lagoon obstacles (rollers, ducks, minor trash such as bottles, etc.) will not be given, unless requested by the official before the next contestant starts.
- Tournament stoppage** will only occur if conditions either put the safety of spectators, skiers or officials at risk (e.g. lightning or as directed by safety personnel) or as otherwise directed by The Pro Ski Tour LLC. (Reference Contingency Plan)
- Protests** must be registered by the skier or skier's representative (listed on the skier's representative list) within 15 minutes of occurrence and must be submitted with appropriate IWWF rule and \$250 protest fee. Skier's representatives may not include sponsor / vendor representatives or selected Malibu Open Festival officials. Skier Representative must be listed on the Skier Representative List List at the Skiers Meeting.
- Injuries** If skier is injured during qualifying and cannot continue to next round, the next skier with the highest score will ski in place of the injured qualifier skier.
In Head-to-Head if injured and cannot proceed, the next skier with the highest score will ski in the Head-to-Head; The Pro Ski Tour LLC will provide the detail guidelines to maintain integrity to the skiers and tournament (example prize money, etc) prior to continuing.
- Run Offs** Run Off guidelines that are outlined in the remaining rules will supersede the IWSF standard.

SLALOM: QUALIFYING ROUNDS, SEMI FINAL, AND FINAL (HEAD-TO-HEAD) (ELITE)

SLALOM Qualifying Round 1 (ELITE)

- 1) **Seeding for Round 1** will be from the IWWF Elite List at the time the running order is issued (See Section 3 above)
- 2) **Minimum starting length:** OM=13m, OW=14.25m
- 3) **Boats:** Two (2) Boats **will** be utilized in qualifying rounds as determined CJ/CD. Boats will be designated as "Boat #1 or Boat #2" and will be the same throughout the tourn.
- 4) **Qualifying to Round 2:** (16) Open Men & (8) Open Women will advance to Qualifying Round 2
- 5) **Ties for Advance to Round 2:** If a tie exists within the top positions, ties will be broken based upon seeding established for Round 1 (IWWF Elite Ranking List) (NO RUN OFF).
- 6) **Placement:** Final Placement for skiers which do not make it beyond Qualifying Round 1 will remain as scored/placed in round 1. Any ties will remain as ties.

Qualifying Round 2 (ELITE) (16- Open Men & 8 Open Women)

- 7) **Seeding for Round 2** will be based upon best score from Qualifying Rd1. Ties in the Qualifying Round 1 will be broken based on the seeding established in Round 1 (IWWF Elite Ranking List).
- 8) **Minimum starting length:** OM=13m, OW=14.25m (Ref Contingency Plan if any delays)
- 9) **Boats:** Two (2) Boats **will** be utilized in qualifying round 2. Boats will be designated as "Boat #1 or Boat #2" and will be the same as described in Round 1.
- 10) **Advancing to Semi Finals:** 8- Open Men & 4 Open Women will advance to the Semi-Finals competition
- 11) **Ties:** If a tie exists after Round 2 within the top positions, ties will be broken based upon seeding for Round 2 (NO RUN OFF).
- 12) **Placement:** Final Placement for skiers which do not make it to Semi-finals will remain as scored/placed in Round 2. Ties in Round 2 will be broken by the preceding round (backup score). If a tie still exist (scored the same in both rounds) the tie will be broken based on seeding into the event for money, but will be turned into IWWF as tie for Elite points.

Semi Finals (Elite 8 Men & 4 Women)

- 13) **Seeding for Semi Final:** Seeding will be based upon best score from Qualifying Rd 2. Ties in the Qualifying Round 2 will be broken based on the seeding for Round 2.
- 14) **Minimum starting length:** Starting rope length for semi-final: OM=12m, OW=13m.
- 15) **Boat:** O N E (1) Boat **will** be utilized in Semi Final. Boat used will be determined by the CD (Boat #1 or Boat #2). (this could change based on any delays).
- 16) **Advancing to Finals:** 2 Open Men, 2 Open Women
- 17) **Ties for Advancing to Final** If a tie exists within the top positions, ties will be broken based upon seeding established for Semi-Final (NO RUN OFF). If a tie still exist for final position, a run off will occur.

Finals (Head to Head Competition) (Elite 2 Men & 2 Women)

- 18) **Minimum starting length:** Starting rope length for final: OM=12m, OW=13m.
- 19) **Skier's Choice:** The higher seed will have choice of skiing 1st or 2nd. Boats will be designated as "Boat #1 or Boat #2" and will maintain the boat order throughout the event.
- 20) **Scoring-Finals** : there will be no additional ties, the 2nd skier must beat the 1st skier's score to win.

JUMP (ELITE):

JUMP QUALIFYINGROUND (Elite)

- 1) **Number to advance:** (8) Open Men & (6) Open Women will advance to Jump Finals (which will take place on Day 2 – Saturday)
- 2) **Skier selection:** Skier selection and Finals seeding will be based upon best jump.
- 3) **Ties in position:** If a tie exists within the top positions (e.g. slots 1-7 for OM, slots 1-5 for OW), ties will be broken based upon the furthest back-up jump (using all three jumps. If ties still exist, ties will be broken based upon seeding into the event, but will be turned in to IWWF IWWF Elite Ranking List for money, but will be turned in to IWWF as tie for Elite points.
- 4) **Ties in last qualifying position:** If a tie exists for the final slot (e.g. slot 8 for OM, slot 6 for OW), the tie will be broken based upon the furthest back-up jump (use of all three jumps). If the tie cannot be broken using all three jump scores, a one-jump “jump-off” will occur. (The Elite Ranking/World Ranking List will not be used for this position, but will be used for seeding/run off).
- 5) **Final Placement:** Final Placement for skiers which do not make it to finals will remain as scored/placed in Qualifying Round. Any ties will be broken based upon the furthest backup jump (using all three jumps), if the tie cannot be broken using all three jumps, the tie will remain as is.

Jump Finals (Elite) (8 OM & 6 Open Women)

- 6) **Seeding:** Seeding will be based upon best single score from Qualifying Round
- 7) **Tie/s for 1st:** If a tie exists for 1st place after all skiers have competed, a one jump run-off will occur.
Tie/s for other positions: If a tie exists within the other top positions (e.g. slots 2-8 for OM, slots 2-6 for OW), ties will be broken based upon the furthest back-up jump (using all three jumps). If ties still exist, ties will be broken based upon the qualifying round score. If the tie still cannot be broken, ties will be broken based on seeding coming into the event which is IWWF Elite Ranking List for money, but will be turned in to IWWF as tie for Elite points.

OVERALL (New 2017)

- 8) **Skier selection:** Skier selection is based on the TOP 4 Women and Top 5 Men Overall IWWF Ranking List as June 2017 (May ranking list).
- 9) Round 1 for Slalom and Jump will be used in the calculation for Overall
- 10) Tricks will include one round (2 passes).
- 11) Elite points will be accepted by IWWF.
- 12) Payout will only be top three (3) Overall winners (Not trick placement).

JUNIOR EVENTS – GENERAL SLALOM / JUMP (U21 & U17)

Slalom (Single Round Event)

- 1) **Minimum starting line lengths:** 16m for Girls and 14.25m for Boys
- 2) **Tie/s for 1st:** If a tie exists for the championship slot, a run-off will occur. Seeding for run-off will be based upon the original seeding order

Jump (Single Round Event)

- 3) **Ties:** will be broken based upon back-up jump (e.g. using all three jumps). If ties still exist, ties will be broken based upon most up-to-date IWWF Junior Rankings (seeding order)

CONTINGENCY PLAN

If weather event or other conditions occur during the event, schedule change will be implemented at the discretion of the CJ and The Pro Ski Tour LLC, the following is a guideline that may be used.

DAY 1:

- <1 hour delay – No change.
- 1-2 hour delay – OW Jump will be moved to 07:30 am start on Saturday (Day 2) and OM Jump Rd 1 will commence immediately after OM Slalom Rd 1.
- 2-3 hour delay – OW & OM Jump will be moved to 07:30 am start on Saturday (Day 2). Starting rope lengths for Round 2 Open Slalom divisions (on Saturday) will be changed to OW = 13m, OM = 12m.
- >3 hour delay - If qualifying Round from Open Slalom and Jump cannot be completed on Friday, alternative format will be implemented as determined by the CJ and The Pro Ski Tour LL at that time, pending on further weather conditions.

DAY 2: Prior to completing Rd 2 Slalom (prior to 2:30 pm)

- <1 hour delay – Starting line lengths for Rd 2 slalom will be OM=12m, OW=13m
- 1-2 hour delay – SLALOM: Finals tiebreak criteria will be changed to prevent run-offs for final spot. Tiebreak criteria will become (1) back-up-score from the QRd-1, (2) IWWF Elite Ranking List, (3) IWWF Ranking list, including use of all 5 scores on IWWF ranking list.
- 2-3 hour delay (occurring during Slalom Round 2) – Round 2 will be called and scores not used for seeding. Finals selection based upon Round 1 score.

DAY 2: Slalom Head to Head & Jump Finals – (after 2:30 pm)

- <1 hour delay – No change
- 1-2 hour delay – Slalom Head to Head (semi / finals) is changed to single round of 4, champion based upon top score. Jump finals (OM, OW) reduced to two jumps
- >2 hour delay – Event will be called. Cash placements will be determined based upon:
 - Slalom – best single score of the top 4 finals skiers from either of qualifying rounds.
 - Jump – best single score of the finals skiers from qualifying round 1.