

2026 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships



From June 4 to 7, 2026

BULLETIN No. 2

CLUB BOCA LAGUNA, CHAPALA, JALISCO–MEXICO



WELCOME:

The Mexican Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (FEMEW) and the IWWF Pan American Confederation (IWWF PAN AM) are pleased to invite all federations and their members to the **2026 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships**, to be held from June 4 – 7, 2026 at Club Boca laguna, Chapala, Jalisco – Mexico under the supervision and rules of IWWF PAN AM.

VENUE:

The championship will take place at Club Bocalaguna, a world-class designed artificial lake. Boca laguna has hosted the 2009 IWWF Under 21 World Championships, the 2011 Pan American Games, the 2012 IWWF Over 35 World Waterski Championships, the 2014 Latin American Waterski Championships, the 2015 IWWF World Waterski Championships, the 2016 IWWF Pan American Waterski Championships, the 2018 Latin American Wakeboard Championships, the 2018 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships, the 2020 and 2021 IWWF Pan American Waterski Championships, the 2023 IWWF Under 21 World Waterski Championships, the 2025 IWWF Latin American Wakeboard Championships, as well as numerous Mexican National Tournaments.

Boca laguna, located in Chapala, Jalisco. Is situated approximately 25 km south of Guadalajara International Airport, Jalisco (GDL). This airport offers connections from Mexico City, Panama City, and many other international destinations.

GPS coordinates: 20°18'38.5"N, 103°08'59.1"W

- Exit Guadalajara International Airport (GDL) and turn right toward Chapala.
- Upon arriving in Chapala, you will reach the first traffic light. Make a U-turn and take the first street on the right, Av. Pepe Guízar. Continue until the street ends.
- Turn left onto the Chapala–Mezcala highway (González Gallo) and continue for 4 km.
- The lake will be on the right-hand side.

VISAS:

All participants in the 2026 Pan American Tournament who come from countries that require a visa to enter Mexico (please consult the list of countries and visa requirements at: <https://www.inm.gob.mx/gobmx/word/index.php/paises-requieren-visa-para-mexico/>).

They may obtain an invitation letter issued by the Mexican Waterski and Wakeboard Federation or by their own national federation, stating that they are part of their country's official representative team.

It is important to note that the visa must be obtained at a Mexican embassy or consulate BEFORE departing from the country of residence, therefore it is strongly recommended to complete this process well in advance.

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE:

Federations intending to participate must submit a "Letter of Intent to Participate" (found at the end of this Bulletin) to Omar Torres at otorres@femew.mx no later than **April 5, 2026**.



ENTRY FEES:

The entry fee is ~~USD 300 per participant~~ according to the LAO, at a cost of **USD 350 per participant**, which includes competition entry, lunches for riders and officials, and the awards banquet dinner. A percentage of the registrations will be allocated to the judges' fund as indicated by the LAO.

The registration of the final list of riders who will participate must be completed by the EMS Administrator of each National Federation in the IWWF EMS System **no later than May 5, 2026**. After this date, a late entry penalty of **USD 10.00 per rider** per day will apply. The registration of rider participations in the EMS can be completed as follows:

1. The EMS Administrator of each Federation must log in to the IWWF EMS System at <https://ems.iwwf.sport/>
2. Go to the "Competitions" menu and, under "Filters", select the "Wakeboard Boat" discipline and the country "Mexico", where the event will be held.
3. Select the competition "2026 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships."
4. Scroll down to the "Participations" section and click the "New Participation" button to register the athletes.
5. Enter the Name of the Athlete in the Search box and click on the loop sign to the right.
6. Register the Category in Competition, the Event "and the Entry Type if known (if not known yet select "Individual Participant"; you must nominate their team riders by 3:00 p.m., one day before the first day of the event).
7. Click on the blue "Add" button and the participant will be registered.
8. Repeat the steps 5 to 7 for any additional participants.
9. Any registration submitted after the **May 5, 2026** deadline will be placed on a waiting list pending approval by the scorer.
10. Entry fees and penalties will be collected on site in cash.

After registering the Final Nominal List of athletes who will participate in the "2026 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships," please send the proof of payment of the entry fees to the following email addresses: contacto@bocalaguna.com y otorres@femew.mx.

Entry fees must be paid to the following bank account or in cash at the venue:

CITY BANK

Carlos Roberto Lamadrid Sahagún

Account number: 42034157182

CITIBANK ABA NUMBER: 322271724

CITIBANK ADDRESS: 145 BROADWAY San Diego, CALIFORNIA 92101

FOR INTERNATIONAL WIRE TRANSFERS; SWIFT CODE: CITI US 33



For cash payments at the venue, please note the following considerations: **old-series USD 100 bills and bills of lower denominations will NOT be accepted.**



Valid banknote

Nominal registration deadline: May 5, 2026

IWWF LICENSE:

Following an agreement by the IWWF World Congress held in 2019, the IWWF Executive Board approved the establishment of an IWWF License fee from 2021 where athletes wishing to compete in Ranking List / 3 to 6 Star competitions (including IWWF World titled events) in each Sports Division of the IWWF are required to hold an IWWF License. It is requested that Federations ensure that all their athletes hold a valid IWWF License in order to participate in the 2026 IWWF Open, U23 & Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.

TRAINING:

Unofficial practice sessions will be available at the venue from **May 15 to June 3, 2026** at a cost of ~~USD 300 per hour~~ (USD 50 per 10 minutes) according to the LAO, at a cost of **USD 350 per hour** (USD 58 per 10 minutes) and must be paid in cash before the start of the training session, directly at Club Bocalaguna. The date and time for training must be requested by email to Álvaro Lamadrid Hernández at (contacto@bocalaguna.com) and will be confirmed through the same means. These time slots will be subject to availability as determined by the club.

Official practice sessions will take place on June 3, 2026 at a cost of ~~USD 300 per hour~~ (USD 50 per 10 minutes) according to the LAO, at a cost of **USD 350 per hour** (USD 58 per 10 minutes), practice time will be allocated equitably and according to the number of participants per country, in accordance with the 2025 Rules, Chapter 3.7.



The training date must be requested by email to Álvaro Lamadrid Hernández at (contacto@bocalaguna.com), who will confirm the assigned time and the amount to be paid via the same means. Time slots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis until fully booked.

ACCOMMODATION:



Hotel located 5 minutes from downtown Chapala and 10 minutes from Boca Laguna. It offers various room categories, a restaurant, and room service until 11:00 PM. Parking, a pool, and meeting rooms are available and Wifi.

HOTEL & VILLAS	TARIFA ESPECIAL CON DESAYUNO AMERICANO INCLUIDO					
	TIPO DE HABITACION	SENCILLA	DOBLE	TRIPLE	CUADRUPLE	TIPO DE CAMA
MEMORA CHAPALA	ESTADAR	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,758	\$ 3,266	2 MATRIMONIALES
	JR SUITE	\$ 2,618	\$ 2,618	N/A	N/A	1 MATRIMONIAL
	MASTER SUITE	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900	N/A	N/A	1 KING SIZE

- Rates in Mexican pesos.
- Taxes included (16% VAT and 5% ISH).
- Includes American breakfast.
- Your reservation must be guaranteed with 50% of your total stay.
- The exchange rate is approximately \$20 Mexican pesos per dollar, but it may fluctuate.



BANK DETAILS

BENEFICIARY: HOTEL SI ZAPOPAN SA DE CV

BANK: BAJIO

ACCOUNT: 4863 4117 0201

CLABE: 0307 3090 0045 5068 02

RFC: HSM191101CV8

***For reservations, please contact reception via WhatsApp: +52 33 4676 8477**

<https://memorahoteles.com/>

There will also be rental houses available on site, for further information, please contact Álvaro Lamadrid at +52 333 570 6718 and/or by email at contacto@bocalaguna.com

OFFICIAL TOWBOAT:

It will be announced in Bulletin No. 3

TENTATIVE EVENT PROGRAM:

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| Monday, June 1 | - <i>Arrival of Delegations</i> |
| Tuesday, June 2 | - <i>Arrival of Delegations</i> |
| Wednesday, June 3 | - <i>Arrival of Delegations</i> |
| Thursday, June 4 | - <i>Official Training</i>
- <i>Judges Meeting</i>
- <i>Team Captains Meeting</i> |
| Friday, June 5 | - <i>First Day of Competition</i>
- <i>Opening Ceremony</i> |
| Saturday, June 6 | - <i>Second Day of Competition</i>
- <i>Medals / Closing Banquet</i> |
| Sunday, June 7 | - <i>Third Day of Competition (If necessary)</i> |

TECHNICAL ANNEX:

Categories

U9 – 9 years old and under - if you are 9 years or under on December 31st in the current year the event is held (This category does not count toward the team standings).



U14 – 14 years old and under - if you are 14 years or under on December 31st in the current year the event is held.

U18 – 18 years and under – if you are 18 years or under on December 31st in the current year the event is held.

O30 – 30 years or older on December 31st in the current year the event is held.

O40 – 40 years or older on December 31st in the current year the event is held.

O50 – 50 years or older on December 31st in the current year the event is held.

Open - No age restriction.

Note: A category will be opened only if there are at least three (3) participants in that category.

Pan American Games 2027 Qualifier Event

This event will serve as a qualifier for the Pan American Games, Lima 2027. Six places will be awarded in this championship, and only the results from the open category will be considered. Allocation is by country, not by athlete.

NATIONAL TEAMS:

A team will consist of a maximum of 10 riders, with a maximum of 2 riders in the same category. Athletes who are not part of a team may compete as individual participants, and their entry must be submitted through their respective National Federation. Each country may register a maximum of 20 riders, including both team riders and individual riders.

Federations must nominate their team riders by 3:00 p.m. on the day before the first day of the event. After this deadline, any riders not included in the nomination will be considered individual riders and will not score points for the team.

In the event of an injured rider, the team captain may replace them, but only within the same category. Replacements are not permitted once the event has begun.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND TEAM NOMINATIONS:

It is the sole responsibility of IWWF-affiliated National Federations to select and enter their riders.

Individual entries will be accepted, but they must be submitted by the Federation.

Each Federation may select its team in any manner it desires. However, each team member must be a citizen or applying for citizenship of the country that the Federation represents and a member of good standing of their home Federation. In case of doubt as to the nationality of a competitor, the Chief Judge and Chief Calculator normally will refer to his/her passport.

If a rider does not have a passport from the country he/she is representing, he/she must prove residence in the country for at least five years and membership in an affiliated club of the Federation. Each Federation shall certify that all members of its team meet these qualifications.

Prior to competing, a competitor must sign a participation contract and understand the nature of the sport and its special risks, particularly in the format. It is the responsibility of the competitor to register with the designated



registration person and show proof of Federation membership before riding. Competitors must disclose to the event organizer any special medical conditions, including but not limited to, injuries in the past or present or other pre-existing medical conditions.

TEAM SCORING: Please refer to points 2.13.6, 3.9 and 3.10 of the 2025 IWWF World Wakeboard Rules.

LIABILITY:

The organizer Committee, the host hotel and IWWF Pan American Confederation will not be liable for any loss or damage to equipment or personal property, and injuries to athletes, officials, judges, official volunteers, and other persons attending official or unofficial programmers during the event.

Athletes are required to purchase and show proof of personal accident insurance prior to entry.

The insurance policy must provide coverage internationally. The organizer will not be responsible for any injury sustained, at any time, by any athlete from his participation in these events.

Adequate personal medical insurance coverage is necessary.

Certificate of medical insurance coverage/full payment is required before medical treatment/hospitalization takes place.

All riders have to sign a liability form, and riders under 18 need their parents to sign as well. Each Team Captain has to give Liability forms of all his athletes at the Registration.

DOPING CONTROL:

In accordance with the IWWF Anti-Doping Rules, doping controls may 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 accessed on the following link: <https://iwwf.sport/anti-doping-information/>

All riders must have their passports with them at any time during the competition. Please note, if you are randomly chosen for drug testing, and fail to identify yourself with your passport, or fail to take the test for any other reason, it will result with an immediate disqualification

RULES:

In accordance with the IWWF Wakeboard Boat Rules 2025. Por favor léalo cuidadosamente: <https://iwwf.sport/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/2025-I-WWF-Wakeboard-Boat-Rules-FINAL.pdf>

IWWF SAFE SPORT POLICY:

The IWWF takes safeguarding extremely seriously and is committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers are able to operate in a safe environment, free from abuse and the risk of harm. It is a condition of participation that all attendees familiarize themselves and comply with the IWWF Safeguarding Regulations which are available at <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport/>



ACCREDITATION:

It is mandatory to submit a photograph of each member of the delegation (delegate, captain, coach, and athletes); otherwise, they will not receive their official event accreditation. The photographs must meet the following requirements:

Passport-style photo: portrait format — head and shoulders only, light background, no hats, and no sunglasses or tinted glasses.

Please ensure that the photos comply with the required parameters and refer to the following images for specifications.



(300 dpi resolution, minimum 300 × 400 pixels, JPG or JPEG format.)

Attach the photo with the name and position held within the country's delegation.

Note: If you are unable to edit a photograph to EXACTLY meet the above requirements, please send a large, high-resolution photograph (at least 300 dpi) in JPG format, and we will take care of it.



INTENTION TO ENTER

The _____ Federation will attend the 2026 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championships, to be held from June 4 to 7, 2026, in Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico.

We expect our team to consist of:

U9 Girls _____	Open Men _____
U9 Boys _____	O30 Women _____
U14 Girls _____	O30 Men _____
U14 Boys _____	O40 Women _____
U18 Jr. Women _____	O40 Men _____
U18 Jr. Men _____	O50 Women _____
Open Women _____	O50 Men _____

Please note to open a division, a number of 3 countries represented are required.

Team Captain _____

Team Manager / Coach _____

For further information please contact _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Please return this form no later than April 5, 2026.

