

2025 IWWF Pan American Senior Waterski Championships - Bulletin #1

We have the pleasure to invite all Federations to the 2025 IWWF Senior Pan Am Championships to be held by Pickos Ski School October 1-5, 2025. Pickos Ski School is looking forward to seeing you here and receiving your intention to participate as soon as possible. Official details will be updated via www.skipickos.com as well as in Bulletin #2.

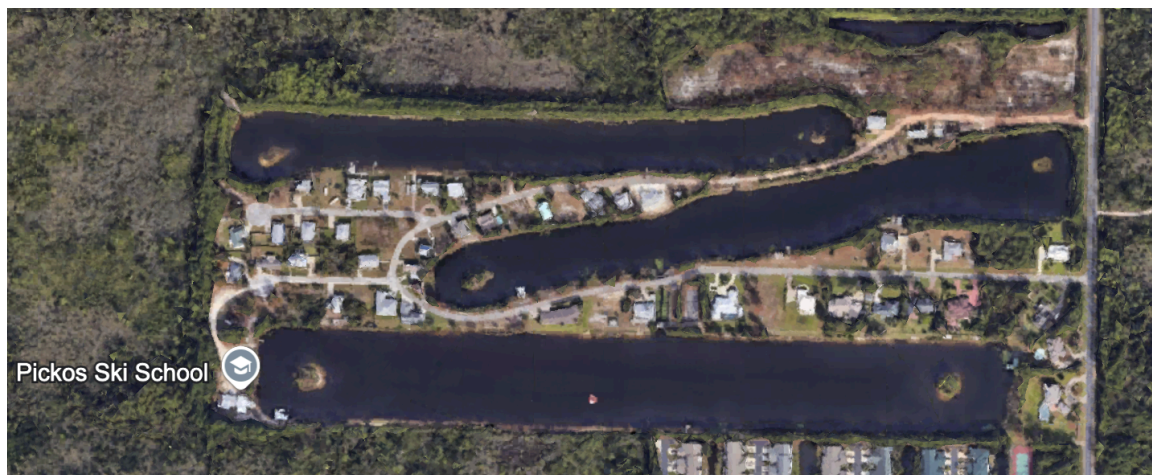
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1.1 THE SITE

Pickos Ski School is a two man-made (2 southernmost lakes) lakes water ski community located in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. Surrounded by Florida State Forests and a quick 15 minute walk / 5 minute drive from some of the world's most beautiful beaches.



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1.2 WHAT TO DO IN THE AREA

Considered “The Luckiest Fishing Village” and “The Emerald Coast”, make sure to enjoy the beach, fantastic live music at local restaurants, and shopping while here. A few great sites to check to see what is happening around us:

[Visitsouthwalton.com](https://visitsouthwalton.com/), 30a.com, <https://grandboulevard.com/>



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1.3 ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

Fishing - Fresh Water, Gulf of Mexico and Deepwater. Charters available!

Beach: Enjoy the white sand beaches where the sand squeaks beneath your feet and the water is a beautiful emerald color. Check out these beach cams to see the conditions!

<https://www.livebeaches.com/city/santa-rosa-beach-fl/>

Shopping: This outdoor shopping center is home to over 110 designer and name brand outlet stores, anything you need! <https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/silver-sands/about>
Luxury shopping center closest to site: <https://grandboulevard.com/>

Golf: South Walton is home to some of Florida's top rated golf courses, check them out here, <https://30a.com/golf/>

Parks: 40% of the land in South Walton is preserved for nature and we are home to amazing inlet lakes and beautiful sand dunes. Check out the parks near us here, <https://www.visitsouthwalton.com/discover-our-parks/>

1.4 OFFICIAL TOWBOAT

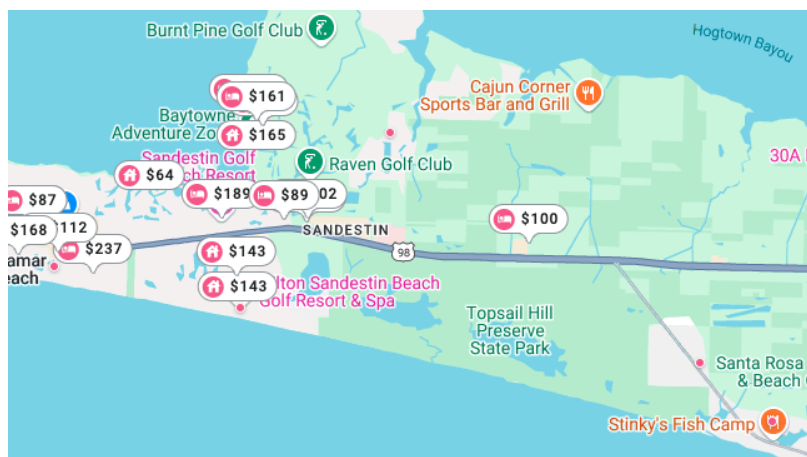
All official practice and tournament events will be pulled behind the **Ski Nautique** equipped with the latest version of **Zero Off speed control**.



1.5 SUGGESTED HOTELS (OFFICIAL HOTEL TO BE POSTED IN BULLETIN #2)

Official hotel will be within 10 miles of site - multiple 3 and 4-star accommodation options as well as 20+ Airbnb's within 2 miles.

- [Homes2 by Hilton](#); 3 miles, 7 minutes from site
- [Hyatt Place](#); 5 miles, 10 minutes from site
- [Courtyard by Marriott](#); 5 miles, 10 minutes from site



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1.6 AIRPORT

Option #1: Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP), which is about a 45-55 minute drive to/from the official hotel. All major car rental companies are represented at the airport.

Option #2: Destin-Ft. Walton Beach Airport (VPS) is about 45-50 minute drive to/from the official hotel. All major car rental companies are represented at the airport.

Taxi and shuttle from the airports to the site or official hotel should cost around \$60-\$120 depending on the size of the car.

1.7 UNOFFICIAL TRAINING

Unofficial practice will be TBD but at least 3 days prior optional.

-LAKE 1 will be the tournament lake for **Tricks and Jump**.

-LAKE 2 will be the tournament lake of **Slalom**.

1.8 FAMILIARIZATION

Official familiarization will be offered on Lake 1 and 2.

1.9 DATES TO KNOW

- Unofficial Practice: September 22-27
- Familiarization: September 28-30 (dependent on number of entries)
- Tournament: October 1-5

1.10 QUALIFICATIONS:

+35, +45, +55, +65, +70, +75, +80, +85 Divisions

- a) Rules identical to those used for the World 35+ Championships (IWWF rulebook)
- b) Six skiers total from each Age Category, Four maximum of any one gender.
- c) The best three scores from each Age Category to count towards each Age Category team score. For example, one country could win the +35 Age Division and another country could win the +45 Age Division.
- d) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length.
- e) Finals will be one half of the total skiers entered and paid to ski in the preliminary round as posted at noon before the competition starts, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a maximum of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers.
- f) The first 5 of the Pan Am Ranking List in a discipline in any division may ski as an Individual Skier.



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1.11 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 (L) or Record capability (R) competitions 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 2025 IWWF Pan American Senior Waterski Championship.

1.12 ENTRY FORM / ENTRY FEE

Each Federation shall certify to the Chair of the IWWF Pan Am Waterski Council and the LOC, no later than July 15, 2025 its intent to compete via the following emails: addresses: danagarciawaterski@gmail.com and caitmccginty@gmail.com. Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until they have paid a fine of US \$200 to the IWWF Pan Am Confederation.

1.13 OFFICIAL ENTRY

The deadline for each Federation to declare, through the EMS, the names of the members of its team the events each will enter, the ratings of each skier, as well as the names of the official reserves is July 15, 2025 (75 days before the event). An entry is considered complete when the Skier's name is registered in the EMS and the full Entry Fee Payment has been received. The entry fee payment must follow the process as described below. Any skier entered as an Individual is also to be considered as a TEAM reserve. Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays a fine to the Pan American Representative at the Championships, of US \$10 per skier per day after the July 15, 2025 deadline for each skier not officially entered. Team or individual athletes not attending: In the event a Team or Individual Athletes (for whom their Federation has submitted a competition entry), fail to show up for a competition, their entry fee shall still be payable in full, unless a valid written excuse is received by 12 noon of 2 days the day before the start of the competition. A valid excuse may include a sickness certificate or a certificated injury and should be considered and agreed as valid by the Pan American Representative at the Championships. The Entry Fee for the event will be \$330.00 (US) per participant, the payment must be made as per the deadline in the following table. This Entry Fee includes a levy of \$30.00 (US) to assist Technical Officials with their travel costs.

Entry Deadline Rule Exception for 2025 +35 Event:

- a. Complete Entries (names, team members, events) are due 75 days before the start of the event. This includes entry fee payment.
 - i. This rule eliminates IWWF Rule 14.12, Intent to Enter required 90 days before the event with a \$50.00 deposit per skier
 - ii. This rule eliminates IWWF Rule 14.12, Official Entry required 60 days before the event.



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b. Any Entry, aside from a replacement of a team member with a reserve shall result in a \$10/day fee made payable to the Pan Am Region to benefit youth development.

c. All entered skiers not initially declared "Team Members" will be considered "Alternate Team Members" for replacement purposes.

d. Official Reserves, not entered to ski, must be declared on this deadline.

1.13 UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE

Unofficial practice will be available between August 14th and August 19th at a cost of **US\$300.00 per hour**, and with a **minimum booking of 15 minutes**. Training should be paid by bank transfer or credit card via Paypal (+5%).

More information on unofficial practice deadline, submission process, etc will be provided in Bulletin #2. A schedule will be posted 30 days before unofficial practice begins.

1.14 DOPING CONTROL

In accordance with IWWF anti-Doping Rules, drug testing may be conducted during the competition. For additional information follow the link <https://iwwf.sport/anti-doping-information/>

1.15 LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the USD. At most local stores and restaurants you can pay with all major credit cards and cash.

1.16 CEREMONIES

The Opening Ceremonies will be held at the venue on Wednesday, October 1st, after the Team Captains Meeting. There will be a reception after the Opening Ceremony with free admission for Athletes, Team Officials, Technical Officials and IWWF Pan American Executive Board Members.

The Closing Ceremonies and Final Night Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 5th. Admission to the Closing Ceremony & Final Night Banquet will be free for Athletes, one Team Official per Team (or two Team Officials for Teams of 8 or more athletes). Technical Officials and Pan American Executive Board Members. The cost for all others to attend will be per person. Tickets will be available for purchase on site, subject to availability. Deadline for purchase will be announced in the next Bulletin. Equally, Team Officials need to confirm the exact numbers attending to Organizers by this date.

1.17 FLAGS & ANTHEMS

Each team must bring 3 flags of their country. (Size approximately 100x150cm) All teams should send (MP3) of their national anthem or confirm the Anthem is on Spotify. If not on Spotify please email MP3 to caitmccginty@gmail.com (Subject line, Your Country/ Anthem).



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1.18 PT & MASSAGE

Local Physical Therapist and Masseuse will be available. Booking in advance will be recommended. More info to Follow in Bulletin 2.

1.19 TRANSPORTATION

Highly recommend rental cars via airport. Turo is also available for rental cars. Uber is available in the area as well.

1.20 SKI STORAGE

Pickos Ski School will supply storage for competitors' equipment on-site. Pickos Ski School is not responsible for equipment that is lost or damaged. More info to follow in Bulletin 2.

1.21 MEALS

Meals will be provided for the competitors and 1 team official at no cost. Food and Beverage will be available onsite. More info to follow in Bulletin #2.

1.22 BOATS AND ROPES

Official Boats: Ski Nautique

Towboat Speed Control System: Zero Off

Ropes: Masterline Non-Optimized (confirmed in Bulletin #2)

1.23 SPONSORSHIP INTEREST

In order to hold an incredible event with the best site conditions, accommodations, provisions, and an unforgettable final ceremony, we are seeking sponsorships to help make this possible. Please reach out to caitmccginty@gmail.com for more information. More details on sponsorship opportunities will be provided in Bulletin #2.

