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## 2024 IWWF

Open, U23 & Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships

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## Welcome to the Water Ski Capital of the World!

On behalf of Visit Central Florida, I look forward to welcoming you to the undisputed Water Ski Capital of the World.

The history of water skiing is intertwined with the history of the Central Florida. While others promoted the sport, water skiing only reached the masses thanks to Dick Pope Sr., who saw the colorful and athletic sport as a perfect promotional vehicle. Utilizing then cutting-edge technology – color film – Pope single handedly changed the image of not just Central Florida but of the state itself, while creating the Sunshine State's first theme park, Cypress Gardens.

As the park's notoriety grew, so did the profile of water skiing. Soon, athletes from around the world came to Cypress Gardens to ply their trade on the greatest stage possible. This influx of talent led to greater competition and higher stakes. The end result is that more records have been broken, inventions created and innovations birthed (including Barefoot Water Skiing) in the sport of water skiing on Polk County waters than anywhere else in the world.

While Cypress Gardens in its original form may have changed, it is far from

forgotten. The botanical gardens are still part of the LEGOLAND Florida Resort, as is the water ski show. Our theme park tradition recently grew with the opening of the Peppa Pig Theme Park, the first park in the world dedicated to the preschooler. The Cypress Gardens Water Ski Team, a mix of theme park veterans and amateur skiers, remains an integral part of our community. Their shows are attended by adoring fans who make the pilgrimage to our water ski mecca from around the nation, helping feed our thriving hospitality industry. The lake they perform on, Lake Silver, was also host to the 2022 Show Ski World Championships.

We hope you will enjoy your October visit to The Water Ski Capital of the World. We are more than honored to be part of it. We hope that your stay here not only inspires your return but inspires others to get involved in the best sport on water, water skiing.

As you can see, we have accomplished so much over the first 100+ years of the sport. We are actively planning for the World's to be a corner stone of the next 100 years of history. See you soon!

## **NEAL DUNCAN**



## Latest Updates

## **NEW LAKE IS COMPLETE**

Spring already? Time is flying by. Slow down and come check out Championship Lake in Auburndale! Many thanks to the City of Auburndale Parks and Recreation along with with Visit Central Florida on the new venue for the 2024 IWWF Open, U23 and Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships!



## NEW! TRAVEL GUIDE



Visit Central Florida's new Travel Guide is a comprehensive guide full of valuable resources about the area's attractions, hotels and vacation rental homes, restaurants, boutique shops and more.

### We'll Mail You a Travel Guide - For Free!

Yes, we will send you a hard copy of our Travel Guide for free! Dog-ear pages, make notes and bring it with you on your trip.

https://visitcentralflorida.org/travelguide/

## CLOSING CEREMONY BANQUET TO INCLUDE HOF

A couple individuals will be honored as part of the IWWF International Hall of Fame! Congrats to athlete David Small and official Brian Price who will be honored during closing ceremony banquet on Saturday, October 12th.



## **WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA**

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE:** 2024BarefootWorlds.com **FACEBOOK:** Facebook.com/2024BarefootWorlds

INSTAGRAM: @2024BarefootWorldsssss

HASHTAGS: #2024BarefootWorlds #VisitCentralFL

## COMPETITORS

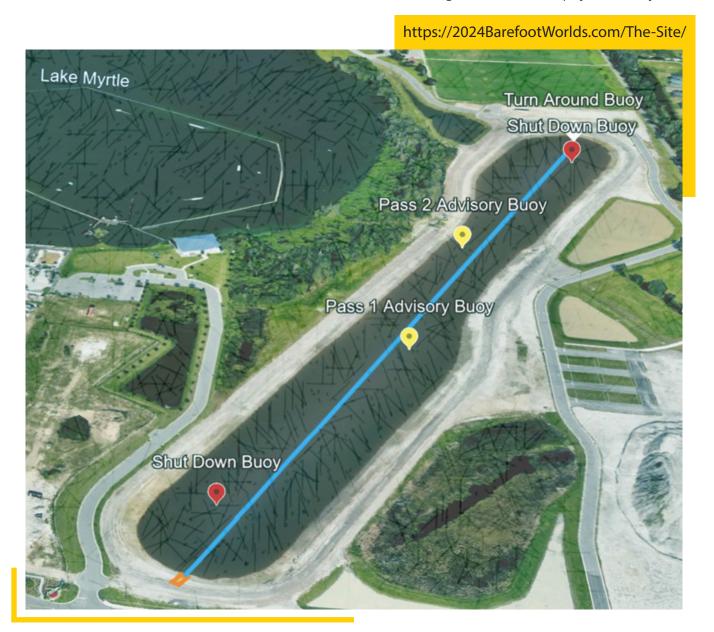
## **UPDATES**

## CHAMPIONSHIP LAKE, AUBURNDALE

THE 2024 IWWF OPEN, U23 AND JUNIOR BAREFOOT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE THE LARGEST TOURNAMENT TO DATE ON THE NEWLY BUILT CHAMPIONSHIP LAKE IN AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA!

Championship Lake is a freshwater lake located within Lake Myrtle Sports Park. The lake is 2300ft long (701m), 300ft wide (91m) with a depth of 8-12ft (2-3.5m) in the middle. It is a private lake that stretches north to south with one point of entry at a private boat ramp.

The complete document, 2024 IWWF Barefoot Rulebook, that includes specific details related to the Competition Site can be found on the event website. Please visit the website to view our Google Earth link that displays the site layout.



# Jump Course Dimensions 1601 25m/82' 75m/246' Entrance Gate 4m/13' 6.75m/22' Entrance gate, minimum 2.75m/9' Minimum Water Length: 375m Tolerance: Length 1m, Width 20cm



## **EVENT PHOTOS**

Teams and Individuals will have opportunity to view event photos from our offiical event photographer, Greg Adams, on our offiical Facebook Page. Digital photos will be available at our designated Media Center on site.



## **SERVICES**

Visit Central Florida can assist with preparing your Central Florida
Vacation! Looking for fun activities and local events in the area? Do you need attraction tickets for theme parks and more? We have it! Get in touch with Shauna@vcfsports.com for assistance.



## **PRACTICE**

Unofficial Training at Championship Lake: 9/23 - 10/1

Contact: jmcscornish@gmail.com

Official Familiarization Championship Lake: 10/3 - 10/5 Secondary Lake: 10/5



## SITE ENTRY

Entry to Lake Myrtle Sports Park is free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase on event days for spectators with local food trucks. Alcohol is not permitted in the park.



## **ANTI-DOPING**

Doping controls will be conducted during the competition. By entering the event, all athletes agree to be subject to doping control. Visit https://IWWF.

Sport/Athletes/Anti-Doping/



## **TEAM TENTS**

Tents will be on site for teams and individuals. UV rays are most intense between 10am and 4pm (even on cloudy days). Cover up with light-weight clothing, a hat, use sunscreen and lip balm containing at least an SPF of 15.

## ENTRY FORMS

Athletes must be entered by their respective Federations no later than **September 2**, which is 4 weeks prior to the event. Any Federation not meeting this deadline will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays to the WBC a fine of \$20 (USD) per skier per day for each skier not entered by the deadline, until such skier is entered. Federations must enter their athletes electronically via the EMS system (https://ems.iwwf.sport/). Payment should be made at time of entry via Paypal or credit card. Detailed instructions as to what information will be needed and how to enter using the EMS system will be sent separately via email to Federation Representatives.



### PASSPORT REMINDER

Passports must be valid for six months beyond the date the traveler will exit the United States. Please visit our website with updated travel information for countries requiring a Visa Waiver Program (VWP), (ESTA) and B2 Visa.

### ATHLETE INFORMATION

All competitive teams and individual competitors will have a dedicated country page for photos on the event website. A team bio /athlete information webcast form will be included in our Team Manager Welcome Packet.

## **CERTIFY ENTRYS**

Chairman of the WBC: worldbarefoot@gmail.com
Chief Scorer, Mark Shank: markshank34@gmail.com
Rulth Molford, Registrar: struth81@hotmail.com
LOC Chair, John Cornish: jmcscornish@gmail.com

## CURRENCY EXCHANGE

All currency exchange should take place at the International Airport you arrive at or depart from. Smaller Regional airports will not be able to facilitate a transfer. Local Banks will have limited facilities to exchange moneys. \*Please Note: Camp

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### **WORLD TEAM SKIERS**

\$ 425 USD

INCLUDES: Transportation to secondary lake and Opening Ceremony. Admission to all receptions and banquets.

### WORLD INDEPENDENT SKIERS

INCLUDES: Transportation to secondary lake and Opening Ceremony. Admission to all receptions and banquets.

1 Event \$325 USD 2 Events \$375 USD 3 Events \$425 USD

## **DUAL EVENT**

Entry Fee for the second entry.

1 Event \$225 USD 2 Events \$275 USD

3 Events \$325 USD

LATE FEE \$20 USD

Any Federation not meeting the requirements won't be allowed to compete until the Federation pays to the WBC a fine of \$20 (USD) per skier per day after the four-week deadline, for each skier not officially entered. Late Fees payments will be collected at check in (cash or card).

## ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID IN US\$ ONLY.

### **PAYMENT INFORMATION FOR BANK WIRE TRANSFERS**

## **ADDRESS:**

## BANK FIRST, N.A.

402 N 8th Street

Manitowoc, WI 54221-0010



## **BANK INFO:**

**Beneficiary Bank:** Bank First, N.A.

Bank Address: 402 N. 8th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220 USA

**BIC/SWIFT:** FRNIUS44

ABA: 075901134

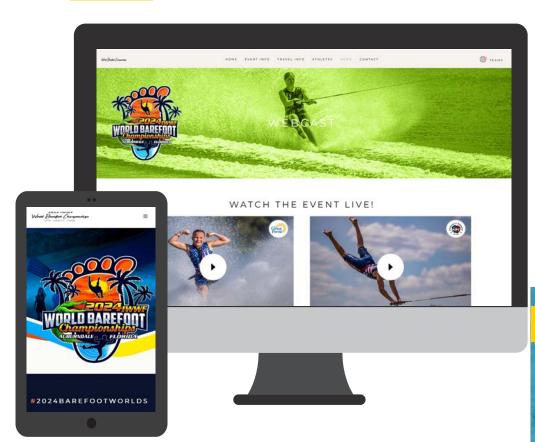
Benificiary Name: USA Water Ski & Wake Sports

Benificiary Address: 2701 Lake Myrtle Park Rd. Auburndale, FL 33823 USA

**Account Number:** Contact RyanGilman@gmail.com **Reference:** 2024 IWWF Barefoot Worlds Entry Fee

## WEBCAST

TWO WEBCAST PRODUCTIONS WILL BE LINKED TO OUR EVENT WEBSITE. ONE PRODUCED BY JOHN GARRITY AND THE OTHER (FINALS DAYS ONLY) PRODUCED BY ALL SPORT WEB PRODUCTIONS.



We would like to highlight your Team's Story on the webcast prior to your performance at the event.

### **▼ VIDEO CLIPS**

This summer we will be contacting each team to gather short video clips that describe the following: team practice location, team training, highlight team sponsors and your journey to worlds. We would like to share your team and your story.

### **▼ WEBSITE INFORMATION**

Each team has their own page on the event website that provide fans your information and history. More requested information will be found in our event welcome packet for team managers. We plan to link all team socials, sponsors, videos and any information your team would like to share on the official event website.





## **O1** TRAVEL INSURANCE

The IWWF Bye-Law 16.1 states: It is the responsibily of each Federation when entering competitors for a World Titled Event to ensure that its competitors are adequately insured for personal accident, permanent disabilities, death and medical expenses.

## **02** INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Make sure you have the right documentation before you travel internationally. If your country is part of the 40 countries that participate in the Visa Waiver Program, you are allowed to travel to the United States for business or tourism for stays of up to 90 days without a visa. If your country is not part of the 40 countries listed, then you will need to fill out an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) form before travelling internatinoally. More information and links can be found on our event webste. https://2024barefootworlds.com/travel-requirements/ PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID 6 MONTHS BEYOND THE DATE THE TRAVELER WILL EXIT THE UNITED STATES.

## 03 EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

The event or LOC will provide emergency personnel certified in water rescue, recovery and transport during practice and competition. We will have certified paramedic and USA Water Ski and Wake Sports certified water safety personnel that will be available during practice and competition. Each team will be expected to receive and adhere to safety regulations set forth by the IWWF Safety Rules and Chief Safety Director.

## 1WWF SAFE SPORT POLICY & SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS

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

## **USA WATER SKI & WAKE SPORTS INSURANCE**

All athletes are required to sign up as members of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports for insurance purposes before they are permitted to compete in the 2024 IWWF Open, U23 and Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships. There will be NO cost for the membership. A link to sign up for the membership will be provided and Federations should ensure their athletes are signed up before official familiaraisation begins.





## 2024 BAREFOOT WORLDS ONLINE STORE GOING LIVE SOON!

Be sure to check out the new World Barefoot Water Ski Championships Store to find apparel, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, along with other merchandise and gear.

International fans will have the opportunity to order items online and pick up at our Welcome Information Center (official check in location for teams, individuals and officials).





## **CAMP MARGARITAVILLE STORE**

Snacks, drinks, camp supplies, Florida merchandise and many souvenirs! Check out all they have in store. Open daily at 8:00 am Please Note: Camp Margaritaville is a **CASHLESS FACILITY** - Major Credit Cards accepted only.





## **ON SITE EVENT MERCHANDISE**

The ABC will have an Official Event Merchandiser on site at the 2024 IWWF Open, U23 and Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.











## OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

## 5TH

## **OPENING CEREMONY - LEGOLAND FLORIDA**

The Opening Ceremony will include a parade of athletes, welcome speeches, live music and skiing demonstrations from the Cypress Gardens Water Ski Team. VIP Reception for officials and dignitaries will be in the Garden Center before the event. Enjoy this warm welcoming event from the Water Ski Captial of the World!

Location: Lake Silver, Winter Haven



EVENT TICKETS FOUND ONLINE



## **EVENING PAVILLION SOCIAL EVENTS**

OCTOBER 6: Ryan Gilman & Scott Gray performance with Brad Henderson

book signing.

OCTOBER 7: DJ Davie OCTOBER 8: Trivia Night

OCOBER 9: Karaoke OCTOBER 11: Cornhole Tourney

**Location: Camp Margaritaville, Auburndale** 

## **10TH**

## **NIGHT WITH THE LEGENDS**

Join us at Camp Margaritaville's Pavilion by the lake for a Night with the Legends! Come meet and mingle with some of our sports best! Entry is free and food/beverage available for purchase.

Location: Camp Margaritaville, Auburndale

## **12TH**

### **CLOSING CEREMONY**

The Award Ceremony at the lake will follow and the Closing Ceremony Banquet will conclude the event. Join us as we induct a new IWWF Hall of Fame member!

Location: Camp Margaritaville, Auburndale



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WATERS & BE PART
OF OUR HISTORY!



THURSDAY 10/3	FRIDAY 10/4	SATURDAY 10/5
OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAY 1	OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAY 2 🜟	OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAY 3 🌟
	WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL MEETING	OFFICIALS CLINIC
		OPENING CEREMONY

SUNDAY 10/6	MONDAY 10/7		TUESDAY 10/8	
LAKE 1	LAKE 1	LAKE 2	LAKE 1	LAKE 2
JR GIRLS: TRICKS R1	JR BOYS: TRICKS R1	U23 WOMEN: JUMP R1	U23 WOMEN: SLALOM R1	MENS: JUMP R1
JR BOYS: SLALOM R1	MENS: SLALOM R1	WOMENS: JUMP R1	WOMENS: TRICKS R1	U23 MENS: JUMP R1
U23 MENS: TRICKS R1	U23 MENS: SLALOM R1	JR GIRLS: JUMP R1	JR GIRLS: SLALOM R1	
U23 WOMEN: TRICKS R1			WOMENS: SLALOM R1	
			JR BOYS: JUMP R1	

The official running order for the competition will be posted online and our social channels. Tickets and additional information for official functions can be found on our event website.

WEDNESDAY 10/9	THURSDAY 10/10	FRIDAY 10/11	SATURDAY 10/12
LAKE 1	LAKE 1	LAKE 1	LAKE 1
MENS: TRICKS R1	U23 WOMEN: TRICKS FINAL	U23 MENS: JUMP FINAL	WOMENS: SLALOM FINAL
U23 MENS: SLALOM FINAL	JR GIRLS: SLALOM FINAL	U23 WOMEN: JUMP FINAL	MENS: SLALOM FINAL
JR GIRLS: JUMP FINAL	JR BOYS: SLALOM FINAL	JR BOYS: TRICKS FINAL	WOMENS: TRICKS FINAL
JR BOYS: JUMP FINAL	WOMENS: TRICKS R2	JR GIRLS: TRICKS FINAL	MENS: TRICKS FINAL
U23 WOMEN: SLALOM FINAL	MENS: TRICKS R2	U23 MENS: TRICKS FINAL	WOMENS: JUMP FINAL
WOMENS: SLALOM R2	WOMENS: JUMP R2	MENS: JUMP R2	MENS: JUMP FINAL
MENS: SLALOM R2	NIGHT WITH THE LEGENDS EVENT		CLOSING AWARDS BANQUET



ROBBIE GROEN (NZL)



Tournament Director

LYN BLAAUW (AUS)



**Chief Judge** 

MARK SHANK (USA)

**Chief Scorer** 

RICHARD GRAY (CAN)



**Chief Driver** 

H FRY (USA)



**Chief Safety** 

ANDREA FORMELLA (USA)



Assistant Chief Judge

RUTH MOLFORD (AUS)



Assistant Chief Scorer

CHUCK BENDER (USA)



Assistant Safety Director

PAUL TURNER (GBR)



Homologator

JODIE KELLY (NZL)



Scorer

GARY KEEN (AUS)



**Driver** 

RON MEEKS (USA)



**Driver** 

**DANNY**GATHERCOLE (AUS)



Driver

JIM FORSTER (USA)



**Reserve Driver** 

GEOFF RIESEN (AUS)



**Reserve Driver** 

ANDY HARRIS (GBR)



Judge

LUDO VRANCX (BEL)



Judge

JOE KNAPP (USA)



Judge

LEE STONE (USA)



Judge

GERDY BONGAERTS (BEL)



Judge

JODIE DUNCAN (AUS)



Judge

PETER FRANKS (AUS)



Judge

MOLEPSKE (USA)



Judge

STUART BALL (AUS)



Judge



## ANNOUNCERS & MANAGERS

The American Barefoot Club has selected the official Master of Ceremonies for the 2024 IWWF Open, U23 and Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.

Swampy Bouchard of Winter Haven, Florida has been a coach/manager of many barefoot water skiers and World Championship barefoot teams.



## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCERS**

LOGAN WALTER
PAUL STOKES
KEITH ST. ONGE
JOHN CORNISH
WILLIAM FARRELL

## **SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE MANAGERS**

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## **Betsy Gilman**

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### Betsy.anderson.gilman@gmail.com



**Betsy Gilman** 

## FLY HERE. STAY HERE

## **OFFICIAL AIRLINES & ACCOMODATIONS**



## ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL C

An ode to the region, the new terminal is an architectural depiction of everything that attracts tourists to central Florida. The terminal's design captures the elements of water, foliage and sky with expansive glass skylights, terrazzo artist interpretations of natural springs and incredibly life-like artificial palm and bald cypress trees. The design is highlighted by massive electronic media entertainment features that display iconic scenes of central Florida fauna, flora and attractions that more than 50 million guests a year come to Orlando to see.

Terminal C not only provides a positive and welcoming experience, but also maximizes the safety, security and efficiency of the travel process. The project incorporates many industry firsts, such as:

- 100% total virtual ramp control for airline ground operations
- 100% automated public screening lanes at the TSA checkpoint
- 100% facial recognition "e-gates" for international arrival and departures

- "Bags First" design in Customs and Border Protections Arrivals
- 100% trackable baggage handling system
- Fully integrated, multimodal airport terminal with direct highspeed rail connectivity
- A design targeting LEED®v4 campus-wide certification



## ACCOMMODATIONS

MANAGEMENT OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS OF THE COMPETITORS, OFFICIALS AND **DIGNITARIES.** 

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### **SPECTATORS**

**Camp Margaritaville RV Resort** Address: 361 Denton Ave, Auburndale, FL 33823

Camp Margaritaville Auburndale is Florida's newest RV and cabin resort boasting scenic Lake Myrtle views and the largest RV sites to accommodate your home away from home. Located in Auburndale off the Polk Parkway, you will be at the center of all Florida's most sought after attractions. They offer oversized roadways and pull-through and back-in sites, so your big rig is welcome! From all your necessities to a calendar filled with resort activities, you'll have everything you need to maximize your Florida vacation right on site. They also offer beautifully designed cabins as a better than hotel alternative to keep your family of up to 6 people\* in a 5-star hotel resort style. Long-term stay options available. (\*Some models sleep up to 4). PLEASE CALL THE FRONT DESK TO RESERVE FROM OUR OFFICIAL ROOM BLOCK.





(863) 455-7335

## **ADDITIONAL AREA HOTELS**

Near Championship Lake, Auburndale

Download our Visit Central Florida App. Be sure to sign up for our Polk Savings Pass on our App for Central Florida Discounts!



Where to stay in Polk County, including resorts, hotels, motels, cabins, RV sites, campsites and more can be found on VisitCentralFlorida.org



## OPENING CEREMONY



## **SCHEDULE** (TENTATIVE)

4:00 - 5:00 VIP RECEPTION 4:30 - 5:30 ATHLETE LINE UP

5:30 OPENING CEREMONY START 6:30 OPENING CEREMONY END

## **CLOSING CEREMONY**

Tickets will be available soon for purchase on the event website. Dinner tickets are \$110USD.

**Menu for the Evening:** Penne marinara grilled chicken with lemon and capers. Oven roasted salmon with dill butter, sauteed green beans, scallop potatoes fresh greens salad, fresh berries with fruit and bourbon pecan pie.



## SPONSORS

## **MEET SOME OF OUR PARTNERS!**



















Jack and Colleen Schumann

Jack and Sarah VandeVisse Ed & Lisa Talerico
Julie McCauley

Glenn Kinnear

SKG Containment Scott Dunn

Bethel Park PA



Sanger Boats are the official towboats for the 2024 IWWF Open, U23 and Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.

## SIGN UP LINKS

## **BE A PART OF OUR EVENT!**

## EVENT VOLUNTEER

Contact: Betsy Gilman Betsybarefoots@aol.com



## **EVENT VENDOR**

https://2024barefootworlds.com/vendor-area/



## **CONTACT US FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



It is important to be an active partner in the 2024 IWWF Open, U23 & Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships. We aim to provide unique touchpoints and experiences during the event.

## **Eric Croyer**

**SPONSORSHIP SALES** 

Email: ericcoryer@gmail.com

## HELPFUL DEADLINES TO REMEMBER





## **CONTACT US**

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## SANCTIONING BODY IWWF

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Executive Director- Paul Fong
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Chairman, LOC - John Cornish