



2025 IWWF WORLD *masters* BAREFOOT CHAMPIONSHIPS BULLETIN N°1

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The **French Waterski and Wakeboard Federation** is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the honour of hosting the **2025 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Championships**.

The event will take place on the **private lake of Saint Prest**, also known as "**Étang du Gorget**," situated near the city of **Chartres**. This lake has previously hosted numerous French National Barefoot Championships, as well as the 2011 and 2022 European Barefoot Championships.



48°29'00.5"N 1°30'13.2"E

Spanning **1080 meters in length**, the lake offers excellent wind protection, thanks to the surrounding trees that provide a natural barrier on nearly all sides.

EVENTS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There will be **three events**: slalom, tricks, and jump. Each event will consist of **two rounds**, with the exception of the **jump event for Divisions II-IV**, which will feature only a **final round**. **No jump event** will be held for **Division V**.

The competition is open to both **men and women** in the following divisions. Skiers must compete in their respective divisions. Age eligibility is determined by the skier's age on **December 31st** of the year preceding the Masters Championships.

Please note that **jump scores** for **Divisions II-IV** will not be included in the **individual or team overall standings**.



Division	Age	Individual & team overall
I	35-44	Slalom, tricks & jump
II	45-54	Slalom & tricks
III	55-64	Slalom & tricks
IV	65-74	Slalom & tricks
V	75+	Slalom & tricks

BOATS

The main tow boat for the events will be the **Ski Brendella Barefooter**, equipped with a **250HP Suzuki outboard engine, tower and super fly high**.

Two **Flightcraft** back-up boats will also be available on-site. Further details will be provided in Bulletin 2.



SKIERS ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for the competition are as follows:

- **Three events:** €400
- **Two events:** €350
- **One event:** €300



TRAINING

Training will be available on the competition lake in the days leading up to the championships, with the event's boat. The cost is **€240 per hour**, including the driver.



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 accessed on the following link [HERE](#)

IWWF SAFE SPORT POLICY & IWWF SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS

We take safeguarding extremely seriously and are committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers can operate in a safe environment, free from abuse and the risk of harm. It is a condition of participation that all attendees familiarise themselves and comply with the **IWWF Safeguarding Regulations** which are available [HERE](#)

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 / 1 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 2025 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Championships

INTENT TO ENTER

Federations wishing to register skiers for the 2025 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Championships must notify the World Barefoot Council and the LOC of their intention to compete, along with an **estimated number of entries**. This should be submitted using the **Intent to Enter Form**, found in **Appendix A** of this bulletin, no later than **May 18, 2025**.

The deadline for each Federation to declare, **through EMS**, the names of the members of its team, the events each will enter, as well as the names of the official reserves is **four weeks before** the scheduled start of the first event of the IWWF World Championships. An entry is considered complete when the Skier's name is registered in EMS and the full Entry Fee Payment has been received.

Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays the WBC a fine of **\$20 (USD) per skier per day** after the four-week deadline, for each skier not officially entered.

May 18, 2025	Deadline for submitting the Intention to Enter Form
August 10, 2025	Deadline to enter participants (Team members / Individuals) in the EMS

All fines must be **paid on-site** to the IWWF Representative at the Championships. No skiers will be allowed to start if any due fine is not paid.

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 IWWF Representative at the Championships.

Payment of the Entry Fee for the event must be made **as per the deadline in the above table**. Payment will be made via **bank transfer**, with details to be provided in Info Bulletin 2.

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS IN EMS

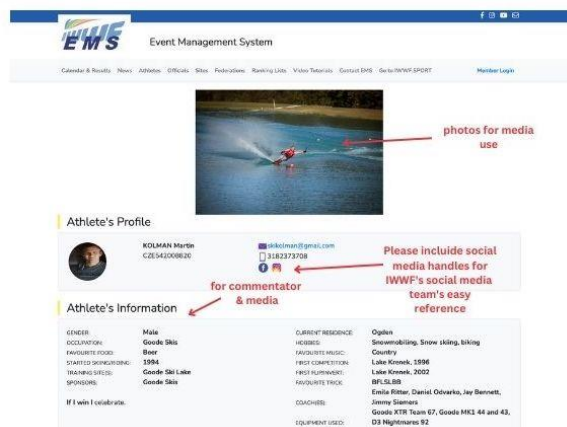
The registration of the skier participation and jury members in EMS must be done by an **EMS Federation Administrator** as follows:

- ① EMS Federation Administrator has to login to EMS
- ② Go to Competitions menu and enter Competition Code 25IWWF05 in the search filters.
- ③ Select the competition listed "**2025 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Championships**".
- ④ Select Participations tab and click "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 Events, and the Entry Type.
- ⑦ Click on the blue "Add" button and the participant will be registered.

Repeat Steps 5 to 7 for any additional participants.

ATHLETE INFORMATION FOR COMMENTATOR & MEDIA

Kindly ask your athletes to log into the IWWF's EMS to update or complete their profiles. This includes details such as accomplishments, sponsors, social media handles, and any other relevant information in the optional fields. This will help ensure that the **event commentator** has easy access to key details to share with both the live audience and viewers online. Additionally, athletes should upload their photos for media coverage.



IMPORTANT: To be able to complete/populate their profiles, the Athletes must be **EMS USERS**, i.e. they must be invited by their respective Federations to become EMS users and have accepted this invitation. Athletes should contact their respective Federations if they are not active / confirmed EMS users.


TRANSPORT

 Chartres is about 88 km from Paris (1 hour drive). Key routes include:

- A6 highway (Paris to Bordeaux), A10, A11
- Local roads: RN10, D923, RN154

 There are around 33 daily trains from Paris-Montparnasse (approx. 1 hour).

- Connections are available to other cities like Le Mans and regions in Brittany.
- More information: snCF-connect.com

 Paris airports are easily accessible:

- **Orly:** 75 km (45 minutes by car)
- **Charles de Gaulle:** 120 km (80 minutes)
- **Complimentary transport** will be provided for all **Technical Officials** between the airport and the official hotel. Athletes and coaches are responsible for arranging their **own transportation**.

For on-site transportation, there are local options to explore the city.

For more details on travel options, visit: [Chartres Tourism - Transport Info](#)

Venue transfers will be provided for all Technical Officials, IWWF Barefoot Council Members, and IWWF Executive Board Members from the official hotel.

ACCOMMODATION

The official hotel for the competition is **Campanile Hotel**, located 9km from the event site.

HOTEL CAMPANILE***

1 Allée Prométhée, 28000 Chartres

Phone: +33 2 37 90 76 00

Website: chartres.campanile.com

Discounted prices:

- Single room with breakfast: **€90**
- Double room with breakfast: **€100**

To make a reservation, please contact:

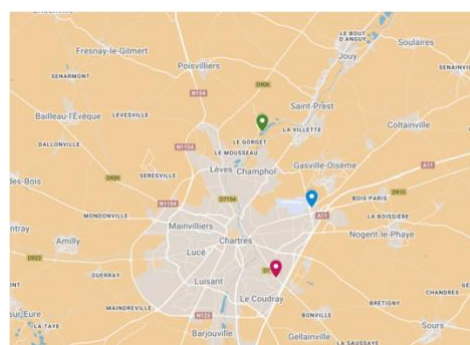
Madame Gessinn Morgane

Email: Manager.chartres@campanile.fr

Code: MASTERS BAREFOOT

The rooms for event officials are already booked. Additional rooms for skiers and their families can be reserved from **February 17th to April 17th**.

After this date, unreserved rooms will be released and availability cannot be guaranteed.



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Secondary hotel option:

ACE HOTEL***

Rue de la Maladrerie, 28630 Le Coudray, France

Phone: +33 2 37 90 33 66

Website: ace-hotel.com

Discounted prices:

- Single room with breakfast: **€75**
- Double room with breakfast: **€84**

Reservations are only possible via **phone or email**:

Madame Thuillier Marine

Email: chartres@ace-hotel.com

Code: MASTERS BAREFOOT



For additional accommodation options, you may explore other hotels, B&Bs, or Airbnb options near the two listed hotels or closer to the Chartres city center. More information on hotels can also be found on the **Chartres Tourism website**: chartres-tourisme.com

There is also an option to **camp next to the site**. To make arrangements, it is recommended to **contact the organizer**, Alain Gautier, in advance.

CEREMONIES AND BANQUET

The **Opening Ceremony**, **Closing Ceremony**, and **Final Night Banquet** will be **free of charge** for all athletes, one team official, technical officials, IWWF Barefoot Council members, and IWWF Executive Board members.

Families and friends wishing to attend the Closing Ceremony and Final Night Banquet can **purchase tickets**. Further details are available in Bulletin 2.

VISA INFORMATION

Schengen Visa: France is part of the Schengen Area, so a Schengen visa allows travel within most European countries for up to 90 days. This is for short stays (tourism, business, etc.).

Long-Stay Visa: If someone plans to stay longer than 90 days in France, they need a long-stay visa, which is required for work, study, or extended stays.

Who Needs a Visa?

- **EU/EER Citizens:** No visa required, just a valid ID or passport.
- **Non-EU Citizens:** Most people from outside the EU/EER need a visa to enter France unless their country has a visa waiver agreement for short stays.

Application Process: Applications must be submitted to the French consulate or embassy in the home country. Required documents typically include:

- Completed visa application form
- Valid passport (at least 3 months beyond the planned departure date)
- Proof of purpose (e.g., event invitation)
- Financial proof
- Travel insurance

France Visa Website: france-visas.gouv.fr

CHARTRES

Chartres, located **80km southwest of Paris**, is best known for its stunning **Notre-Dame cathedral**, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture. Built between 1194 and 1260, it's renowned for its impressive stained-glass windows and intricate stonework. The cathedral's geometry, Renaissance choir screen, and original 12th- and 13th-century windows make it a must-see. Visitors can also admire the **13th-century labyrinth** on the nave floor, a fascinating detail which is also subtly incorporated into the **competition logo**.





Aside from the cathedral, explore the Musée des Beaux Arts, featuring tapestries and works by Vlaminck and Zurbaran. The medieval town, with charming old houses and the Romanesque St-André church, offers further sightseeing opportunities.

EXTRAS

- A **food truck** will be available on-site throughout the week during **lunchtime**, offering a variety of meals. **Beverages** will also be sold on-site. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided at no cost to the Technical Officials by the organizing committee.
- Each team must bring **2 flags** of their country (approximately 100x150 cm or 100x200 cm). The flags will be returned on or before the conclusion of the Final Banquet.
- All teams should send an **MP3** of their **national anthem** or confirm the anthem is on Spotify.
- **Official merchandise** will be available for purchase. You can either order online before the competition or buy items directly at the venue.
- Payments at the lake can be made in **cash or by card** using SumUp. Please note that the currency used in France is the **Euro**. There will also be an option to withdraw cash at nearby ATMs, but please be aware of any **potential additional fees**.
- **Two evening activities** will be organized to give everyone the opportunity to explore the city and make the experience unforgettable.
- **Fun fact:** All action photos included in this bulletin were taken by the official photographer for the Masters.

Further details will be provided in the **second bulletin**, which will be released at the **beginning of April**. Stay tuned!

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LOC Contact Info

For inquiries, please contact: [**hbsgautier@aol.com**](mailto:hbsgautier@aol.com) AND [**ludo.vrancx@skynet.be**](mailto:ludo.vrancx@skynet.be)



INTENTION TO ENTER



2025 IWWF World Masters Barefoot Championships

Presented by
French Waterski and Wakeboard Federation
7th to 14th September 2025

We intend to enter the following skiers* to the above World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.

Federation	Male	Female	Slalom	Trick	Jump
35-44					
45-54					
55-64					
65-74					
75+					NA

Please return this as soon as possible or prior to the deadline of **May 18th, 2025** to the following people:

- **LOC contact:** Alain Gautier / Email: hbsgautier@aol.com
- **CC:** Ludo Vrancx / Email: ludo.vrancx@skynet.be
- **Chairman WBC:** Geoff Blaauw / Email: geoff.blaauw@icloud.com

Any federation not meeting this requirement shall not be allowed to compete until they pay a fine of **\$300 USD** to the World Barefoot Council.

*Skiers entering multiple Divisions need to be expressed on the Form for each Division.