

## FORMAT B:

# 8 PERSON 'HEAD-TO-HEAD FINAL' FORMAT RULES

### QUALIFYING ROUNDS:

**Rounds:**

There will be two qualifying rounds in which skiers attempt to qualify for the 8 person final. Each skier will ski both rounds.

**Initial Seeding:**

The first round will be seeded based on the most recent Pro Leaderboard (found at [waterskiprotour.com/leaderboard](http://waterskiprotour.com/leaderboard)). If a skier does not have any current year points, or it is the first event of the season, the previous years Pro Ranking will be used. Any skiers without Pro Points in the current or previous year will be seeded based on the most recent IWWF Dynamic Ranking List.

**Reseeding:**

The second round will be reseeded according to the first round scores. If there are ties in the first round, seeding for the second round will be determined by initial seeding of tied skiers.

**Qualifying Method:**

The final will be made up of the skiers with the top 8 scores from either of the 2 qualifying rounds.

**Ties:**

If two or more skiers are tied for best score, the superior backup score from the other round will be used to organise seeding or, for non-finalists, final position.

**Perfect Ties for Finalists:**

If two or more skiers who qualify for finals are tied in both rounds, seeding for the final will be determined according to initial seeding of tied skiers.

**Perfect Tie For Last Spot(s) in Finals:**

If a perfect tie exists for the last finals spot(s) there will be a run-off between all tied skiers. The order for the run-off will be determined by drawing lots on the dock with all affected skiers present. Each skier will leave the dock on the last completed line length and ski until they fall or miss. In the event of a tie in the run-off there will be a second run off with the skiers continuing in the same order and starting at the most recent (uncompleted) pass. Skiers will run off in this manner until there is a clear winner.

**More Than Two Skiers in Run Off:**

If there are more than two skiers running off for multiple spots in the final, the skiers who achieve the superior scores in the run-off will advance to the final. The qualifying skier with the best score in the run-off will be seeded higher than the qualifying skier with the second best score, and so on down the order. If there is a tie for two or more skiers who qualify for the final, seeding for the final will be determined according to the 1<sup>st</sup> round starting list. The final placement of any tied skiers who do not qualify for the final will be determined by their scores in the run-off.

**Ropes:**

Two ropes may be rotated during qualifying to save time but it is critical they are the same length.

**Drivers Must Stay in One Boat:**

Each driver shall drive one boat and not change throughout the event qualifying and finals.

**HEAD-TO-HEAD FINALS:**

**Head-to-Head Order (for Men and Women events):**

- Women's 8-skier bracket (min. start: 14.25m)
- Men's 8-skier bracket (min. start: 13m)
- Women's 4-skier bracket (min. start: 13m)
- Men's 4-skier bracket (min. start: 12m)
- Women's 2-skier bracket (min. start: 13m)
- Men's 2-skier bracket (min. start: 12m)

**Head-to-Head Table and Order of Pairings**



**Skiers' Choice of Order or Boat**

The higher seeded skier in each pair will get to choose either to ski first/ second or driver/boat. The lower seeded skier will have the choice that the higher seeded skier did not decide upon.

Eg. Higher seeded skier chooses to go first, lower seeded skier must choose the boat they want to ski behind.

**2nd Must Beat 1st Skier to Advance in Quarter and Semi Final Head to Head Rounds:**

The skier starting second off the dock will have to beat the score of the first skier in order to beat them and qualify for the next head-to-head round.

**Placements 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place:**

Positions 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> will be determined by best losing score in the first and second head-to-head bracket respectively. A tie for best losing score in either the Last 8 or Semi Final will be broken with regards to seeding going into the Head-to-Head (best score out of round 1 and 2. In the semi final scores in the Head-to-Head round will not count as back up scores). If there is a perfect tie between skiers (ties during losing Head-to-Head round and both qualifying rounds) the Pro Points and the prize money will be equally split.

**HEAD-TO-HEAD FINAL PAIR:**

**Skiers' Choice of Order or Boat:**

Top seeded skier gets to pick to ski first/second or driver/boat.

**One Skier Must Beat The Other To Win:**

The skier with the superior score in the Final will win the event. Only a superior score can win the event with ties resulting in skiers skiing again. In the event of a tie, skiers will be taken back to the same end of the lake and will enter the course at the most recent uncompleted pass. The skiers will ski until there is a clear winner from a superior score being achieved.