

## 2025 Waterski Pro Tour Ski Brand Leaderboard

### Ski Brand Leaderboard Eligibility

The 2025 Ski Brand Leaderboard will include any manufacturers of slalom waterskis (Ski Brand) that choose to participate. The one provision is that Athletes must compete in Tour Events using skis manufactured by the Ski Brand.

### Team Selection

Each Ski Brand nominates up to three Athletes to make up their Team for the year. Each Team Athlete must be competing on a ski manufactured by the Ski Brand. Any athletes competing on skis not manufactured by the Ski Brand (potentially with Ski Brand stickers on the ski to disguise it) will be ineligible for Team Point contribution.

In each team of multiple athletes, there must be at least one of each sex. As each Athlete can score points for the Team, it is in the best interests of the Ski Brand to form a complete team of maximum three athletes.

Each Ski Brand must confirm their Team by nominating their skiers with Waterski Pro Tour in writing. This must be done no later than 25th April, in advance of the first slalom event of the season (Lake 38 Pro - May 31st).

### Team Substitutions

Once a Team is set prior to the season, it will remain the same throughout the whole season. There can be no substitutions except for two reasons:

- Athlete switches to a new Ski Brand
- Athlete injury

Any substitution must be communicated as early as possible in writing to Waterski Pro Tour.

If a Team Athlete switches to a new Ski Brand, a new Athlete can be nominated and substituted in. This Athlete can be of the same sex or different, so long as the Team still consists of one of each gender (in a Team of two or more). The points of the leaving Athlete stay with the Team's Point Total. If the Athlete that was substituted out competes on the ski of the same Ski Brand in the following Event(s), their score will be taken instead of the Athlete that was attempted to be subbed in. This will carry on until they switch Ski Brands.

If a Team Athlete sustains an injury, a new Athlete can be nominated and substituted in. The same conditions apply as above regarding the makeup of the Team regarding genders.

Additionally, once an athlete has been substituted out, they cannot be substituted back into the same Team for the rest of the season (so this choice must be considered strategically). If the Athlete that is registered as injured to allow for a substitution competes in the following Tour Event(s) no points will be available to the Team for either of the substituted athletes for that Event or any later Event. While injuries are not always obvious or easily confirmable, it is expected that Ski Brands use their best efforts to not use injury substitutions gratuitously so that a fair playing field can be achieved. Waterski Pro Tour reserves the right to cancel Points for unfair use of injury substitutions at its own discretion.

### Team Points per Event

A Team scores points by adding up the total Pro Points of its nominated skiers from each Event. All competing Team Athletes can contribute Points. Points are gained according to the following table:

Prize Purse (\$1000s)	24	21	18	15	12	10	7.5	5
Rating	5 Star	4 Star	3 Star	2 Star	1 Star	Intro 3	Intro 2	Intro 1
<b>Placement</b>	<b>Points</b>							
1st	80	70	60	50	40	34	25	16
2nd	64	56	48	40	32	27	20	12
3rd	54	47	40	33	26	22	16	9
4th	40	35	30	25	20	17	12	7
5th	32	28	24	20	16	13	9	5
6th	25	22	18	15	12	9	6	3
7th	19	16	13	10	8	5	3	2
8th	14	12	9	7	5	2	1	1
9th	10	8	6	4	3			
10th	7	6	4	3	2			
11th	5	4	2	2	1			
12th	3	2	1	1	1			
Best Score	2	2	2	2	2			

(N.B. When both divisions of the same sex are present at an event and the prize purse for each is within \$3000 of each other and \$12,000+, both divisions are bumped up a Star rating so Pro Points increase.)

If a nominated Team Athlete does not compete, that Athlete will not contribute Points but the remaining participating member(s) of the Team can do so. Any Team members that finish outside of the Points do not contribute for that Event.

Best Score Points also contribute to the Team Total.

Eg.

At Event 1 (\$12,000 prize purse for both disciplines), for Team I, Athlete X finishes 1st (50 Pro Points) with the Best Score (2 Points), Athlete Y finishes 3rd (33 Pro Points) and Athlete Z finishes 13th (0 Points) for a Team Point Total of 85 Points.

In the same Event, For Team II, Athlete A finishes 2nd (40 Pro Points), Athlete B finishes 4th (35 Pro Points) and Athlete C finishes 5th (20 Points) for a Team Point Total of 95 Points.

Team II would be above Team I in the Ski Brand Leaderboard after Event 1 with 95 Points vs 85.

### Team Point Total

The Team Point Total takes the combined Team score from multiple events, though not all of them. Similarly to the Waterski Pro Tour Leaderboard for individual skiers, The number of events that contribute to Team Point Total will be determined by the following table:

Confirmed Number of \$12,000+ Events (per division) prior to April 30th	Number of Events that Contribute to Team Total
1	1
2 or 3	2
4 or 5	3
6 or 7	4
8 or 9	5
10 or 11	6
12 or 13	7
14 or 15	8
Etc	

If there are more \$12,000+ Events for one sex than the other, the greater number will be used for calculation. In this instance the Points from the other Division from the same Event will also be used despite it being below \$12,000.

Eg. If there are 10 Men's Slalom Events with prize purses of \$12,000+ on April 30th but only 9 for Women's Slalom, 6 events will be used to calculate Team Point Total.

In the likely event that a Ski Brand's Team competes in more events than the minimum number of contributing Events, only the Team's highest scoring Events will be taken into account with the remainder left as throwaways.

The Leaderboard is recalculated after each Event with additional Team Points added.

#### Ties on Leaderboard

In the event of a tie on the Ski Brand Leaderboard during the season, ties will remain.

In the event of a tie after the last Event of the season, ties will be broken by the following with regards to Highest Event Team Total. If there is still a tie then ties will be broken as regards to the following in descending order:

- Second highest Event Team Total
- Third highest Event Team Total
- etc.

#### Glossary

Athlete - A competitor in Pro Tour Events

Pro Points - Points awarded for competitive placement at Tour Events

Ski Brand - A manufacturer of slalom waterskis

Team - The official team of a Ski Brand made up of a maximum of three Athletes with at least one of each gender if the team is bigger than one Athlete

Team Points - The total of the Ski Brand's Team members at an Event

Team Point Total - The running total of Ski Brand's Team Points that places them on the Ski Brand Leaderboard

Tour Events - Professional waterski events registered with Waterski Pro Tour in which Athletes can score Pro Points