

2024 Inaugural Season for the North Carolina Slalom Tour (NCST)

What are we doing? The 2024 NCST will link North Carolina Waterskiing tournaments into a season-long competition culminating at a season championship event (see calendar below) where champions will be crowned in 2 categories (Juniors and Adults) and prizes awarded to the top 3 finishers in each. NOPS scoring will be used at each tour stop to level the playing field while all Juniors ski against each other in one division and all Adults ski against each other (no more showing up to a tournament with no one to compete against!). The season points total will be used to set the field for the Championship tournament which will ultimately decide the Tour winners.

NCST Competitive Divisions

NCST Division	AWSA Division
Juniors	B1 through B5, G1 through G5
Adults	M1 through M11, W1 through W11

Format – Skiers compete in in a season long competition that rewards high-performance and consistency across the calendar year. Each skier’s top 4 point scores (skiers may compete in more than 4 events from which the top 4 scores are pulled) from the calendar of events listed below are added together to determine their qualifying score for the NCST championship event. **Skiers must compete in at least 4 events in order to qualify for the NCST championship event.**

2024 Calendar of Qualifying Events for the NCST

June 8/9 – Skyview Lake
June 15/16 – Beaver Lake
June 22/23 – Clear Lake
June 29/30 – Lake Magnolia Night Slalom
July 13/14 - NC State Championship – Beaver Lake
July 24-27 - Southern Regionals
August 4-7 – Nationals
August 17 – Gresham’s Lake
September 7/8 – Skyview
September 14/15 – Little Mountain
September 21/22 – NCST Championship at Lake Magnolia

NCST Championship Awards

The top three finishers in both the Junior and the Adult category will receive awards as follows:
First – Slalom ski, vest and gloves
Second – Vest, gloves and rope
Third – Gloves and rope

Entry Fees

“Pay as you go” - competitors can register for NCST competition at each individual stop of the season they want to have a NCST qualifying score considered (\$25 NCST entry fee). “Pay as you go” competitors will pay a Championship tournament entry fee as well (\$100).

Pre-paid season fee (must be received NLT 08 June)– competitors can pay a single entry fee that covers the entire season (ski in as many events as desired) and the championship tournament (\$160 total which is a \$40 savings).

Mail (please provide a note with name of skier and event entered):

David Harris
332 Lake Magnolia Way
Smithfield, NC 27577

Zelle (please provide a note with name of skier and event entered):

919-457-2317

Scoring

Qualifying NCST Tour Stop Events – at each NCST stop, the first round of slalom competition scheduled will be the only round that counts toward the NCST season championship points total. Each skier’s score for the first round at each stop will be converted to NOPS (2024 NOPS calculator can be found here - <https://www.usawaterski.org/slalom-tricks-jump-rankings-scores>) and then ranked in their NCST category (either Junior or Adult) using their NOPS score. NCST series points are then awarded based upon a skier’s placement in their category. For example, if there were 20 Juniors at a NCST Tour Stop, then the first place skier is awarded 20 points and the last place skier is awarded 1 point.

The highest 4 scores from qualifying NCST tournaments will be added together to determine a competitor’s total score that will be used to set the seeding and baseline scores for the NCST Championship event.

NCST Championship – The NCST Championship event will be an invitation-only (only skiers who have a minimum of 4 scores from qualifying NCST events), 3 round tournament that will decide the overall champion for each division of the NCST. Every skier will compete in the first round. The second round will be comprised of the top 4 skiers in each division determined by their NOPS score from the first round. The final round will be a head-to-head format for the top 2 skiers from each division determined by their NOPS score from the second round. In the final round, each skier must start 2 passes back from their best score in either the first or second round. The winner of each category will be the skier that scores the highest raw buoy count. The winner of the final round for each division will be the tournament champion. However, the NCST season championship placement will be determined by accumulated points totals

calculated by adding any points scored by a skier during the Championship event to the skier's qualifying baseline points (see the example scoring chart below).

Example NCST Scoring Chart

The following chart is a fictional NCST season of scores for the Juniors category of the NCST championship. The top of the chart illustrates how scoring works for each of the regular season events. "Skier E" does not qualify for the season championship as this skier only has 3 scores (1 each for States and Regionals and 1 score for Clear Lake). Regular season points totals are calculated based upon the top 4 scores for each skier. Seeding for the Championship event is based upon their season total. Each skier's points total is reset to a baseline for the Championship event that is based upon their seeding (7 skiers, the number 1 seed's baseline is the number of skiers in the division multiplied by 2 = 14, for the example).

Example NCST Season Scoring for Juniors								
NCST Event:	Skier A	Skier B	Skier C	Skier D	Skier E	Skier F	Skier G	Skier H
Skyview	4	3	6	5	DNS	1	2	DNS
Beaver	6	3	5	4	DNS	2	1	DNS
Clear	5	DNS	3	6	4	1	2	DNS
Magnolia	6	2	4	5	DNS	3	1	7
States	7	3	5	8	6	2	1	4
Regionals	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	8	DNS	DNS	6
Nationals	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	12
Gresham	5	1	6	4	DNS	2	3	DNS
Skyview	4	DNS	3	5	DNS	1	2	DNS
Little Mountain	5	3	1	6	DNS	4	2	DNS
Regular Season Point Total	24	12	22	25	DNQ	11	9	29
NCST Seeding	3	5	4	2		6	7	1
NCST Qualifying Points Awarded for Season Performance	8	10	6	12		4	2	14
NCST Round 1	3	5	7	4		1	2	6
NCST Round 2		3	1	2				4
NCST Round 3		2						1
NCST Tournament Placement	5	1	4	3		7	6	2
Overall NCST Point Total	11	20	14	18		5	4	25
NCST Season Placement	5	2	4	3		6	7	1