



The Competitive Wake Surf Association, together with CWSA Japan, is pleased to announce the criteria to qualify to be invited to compete in the

2026 CWSA World Championship

This event is invitation only

Event Dates

- October 6-10, 2026
 - Live Venue Skill Levels^{**}: All.
 - Check-in and Riders Meeting: October TBD
 - Opening Ceremony: TBD.

Event Venue and Location

- Tokyo, Japan**

Event Travel and Lodging Info

- Airports:
 - HND [Haneda](#)
 - NRT [Narita](#)

Visa Information

- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan](#)

Invitation Criteria Invited athletes must be in the top WRS Ranked range in a below listed Division^{*} as of the Qualification Cutoff Date, and must meet the event participation requirement below:

- All Skill Levels**
 - Top CWSA World Ranking System (WRS) ranking as set forth in the table below^{*}.
 - Event Participation requirement: Participation in at least three CWSA sanctioned events (CWSA WRS Qualified or CWSA World Tour) during the 2026 competitive season.
 - The event participation requirement may be met in any Skill Level during the 2026 season.
 - If an athlete meets the event participation requirement for one Division in any Skill Level, the requirement will be met for the other Division in the Skill Level.
 - If an athlete has participated in at least one other CWSA sanctioned event (CWSA WRS Qualified or CWSA World Tour) during the 2026 competitive season, and is a CWSA Continental Championship podium winner, they may be invited if that invitation will not displace an otherwise qualified invitee.

CWSA World Ranking System (WRS)

- Ranking in the CWSA World Ranking System can be achieved by participation in CWSA WRS Qualified events (Bronze and Silver event levels) and/or by participating in CWSA World Tour events (Gold, Platinum, and Diamond event levels) in any configuration (Live, Hybrid, Modules, Online) during the 2026 competition season.
- WRS rank is determined by your top point values earned at each event during the competitive season. The CWSA World Ranking System (WRS) is NOT a point chase system. Your ranking is determined by WHO you compete against, not simply by participating in an event.
- To understand how your WRS rank is calculated, please see the video at this link: <https://youtu.be/Cykf2EpCi7U> (English) or <https://youtu.be/hEGFmyaYCKY> (Русский)

Qualification Cutoff Date: September 14, 2026

Invitations Send Date: September 16, 2026

Skill Level/Sex	Number of Top Ranked Skim	Number of Top Ranked Surf
Pro Male	10	10
Pro Female	10	10
Outlaw Male	8	8
Outlaw Female	8	8
Amateur Male	10	10
Amateur Female	10	10
Masters Male	8	8
Masters Female	8	8
Juniors Male	6	(combined Skim & Surf)
Juniors Female	6	(combined Skim & Surf)

Declined Invitations

^{*}If an invitation is declined for any reason, including a failure to timely register and pay the registration fee, or is not extended due to a failure to meet the event participation requirement:

- The CWSA may, but is not required to, offer that invitation to the next ranked and otherwise qualified competitor in the Division in which the invitation was declined or was not extended; or
- The CWSA may, but is not required to, allocate any declined or was not extended invitation to any other Division, and invite the next ranked and otherwise qualified competitor in that Division.

Please Note

^{**}Due to continuing dynamic uncertainty of domestic and international travel, and other restrictions, the Invitation Criteria, including the event participation requirement and the form of the event (Live, Hybrid, Modules, Online) for each skill level may be subject to change.