

What is “Show Skiing”

In competitive show skiing, each club has one hour to present a theatrical performance on water skis. Judges score acts by awarding points based on originality, presentation and execution. Elaborate costumes and staging intermix with music and fast action on the water as an announcer leads the audience through the show. The team rosters in the Australian Show Ski Championships can number upwards of 50 total members, including skiers, boat drivers, announcers and show directors. Each team will perform two shows over the two days, with the highest-scoring performance determining the champion team.

In March 2020 Australia will host the “World Show water Ski Championships” an event held every two years. Australia has finished 2nd to the USA team for the last 3 events. The home advantage in 2020 will hopefully see Australia put on a winning performance over the two days of competition with teams from the USA, Canada, Belgium, Germany, China, New Zealand and Mexico expected to attend. Each team will consist of 35 competing members plus an additional support staff and family. The event will be held at the Mulwala Water Ski Club facility in NSW.

This link takes you to a promotional video showing highlights from the recent World Water Show Ski championships held in Canada where Australia placed second. It will provide some idea what a show ski tournament includes and why it attracts families from around the world.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ssJOhm0R3wuhdWHPpKTsOj6oSRloPyGj/view>

