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WATER SKI CRITERIA AND INVITEES TO 47TH MASTERS ANNOUNCED

ORLANDO, FLA (February 24, 2006) —The Masters Steering Committee has released the water ski invitation criteria for the 47th Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament, [®] sponsored by Correct Craft, to be held at Callaway in Pine Mountain, Georgia, May 26-28, 2006.

The Masters is the world's oldest, most prestigious, water ski and wakeboard tournament. The Masters Committee meets annually to discuss the invitation criteria for the upcoming year's event due to the ever-changing environment of professional watersports. The committee has developed a comprehensive list of criteria to ensure that the world's very best athletes are invited to the 47th Masters.

A complete list of criteria for invitation to the 47th Masters Water Ski Tournament follows:

- 1. 2005 Defending Masters Event Champion.
- 2. Official IWSF World Record Holder as of March 1, 2006.
- 3. 2005 IWSF Water Ski Worlds Event Champions.
- 4. Top 10 on the final IWSF Elite Ranking Lists for Slalom, top 8 for Jump and Tricks.
- Winner of any Masters Approved IWSF Elite List Tournament (2006 Masters Approved: events with a minimum prize purse in Women Slalom & Jump: US \$10,000; Women Tricks: US \$7,500; Men Slalom and Jump: US \$15,000; and Men Tricks: US \$12,000).

The following changes were also established for the 47th Masters Water Ski Tournament:

❖ If a competitor who was qualified to compete in the previous year's Masters missed competing during the 2005 qualifying season due to having suffered a broken bone, undergone surgery, or taken maternity leave, can show that they have come back to a comparable level of competition, then the Committee may consider them for invitation to the upcoming Masters upon the athlete's submission of a written request to the committee:

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- ❖ Changes to the invitation letter and Information Sheet will be modified to require an RSVP/Entry and Fee due by April 14. A late fee will be applicable to Entry Fees received after April 14th. If Entry and Fee have not been received by April 28th, the invitation is rescinded.
- ❖ It has been decided that there will be NO PRACTICE at the 2006 Masters.

In accordance with the above criteria, the following international field of elite skiers is invited:

Men Slalom: William Asher, Jamie Beauchesne, Marcus Brown, Glenn Campbell, Wade Cox, Jodi Fisher, Matteo Ianni, Chris Parrish, Jeff Rodgers and Drew Ross.

Men Jump: Ryan Dodd, Kyle Eade, Ryan Green, Freddy Krueger, Mark Lane, Jaret Llewellyn, Jason Seels and Jimmy Siemers.

Men Tricks: Russell Gay, Ryan Green, Javier Julio, Nicolas LeForestier, Jaret, Llewellyn, Cory Pickos, Jimmy Siemers and Aliaksei Zharnasek.

<u>Women Slalom</u>: Sarah Green, Natalie Hamrick, Geraldine Jamin, Regina Jaquess, Lori Krueger, Emma Sheers, Michelle Simpson and Karen Truelove.

<u>Women Trick</u>: Angeliki Andriopoulou, Danyelle Bennett, Michale Briant, Brandi Hunt, Regina Jaquess, Brigitte Lethem, Clementine Lucine and Mandy Nightingale.

<u>Women Jump</u>: Angeliki Andriopoulou, June Fladborg, Brandi Hunt, Jakalyn Hunter, Regina Jaquess, Clementine Lucine, Emma Sheers and Maria Vibranietsova.

Watch for the Masters website at www.masterswaterski.com to be live by March 17.