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## 60<sup>th</sup> Lumberjack World Championships Announces Final 2019 Schedule

***LWC to be Broadcast Live on ESPN3 by Go Live Sports Cast.***

**Hayward, Wis. (July 24, 2019)** – For 60 years, Hayward, Wisconsin, has been home to the greatest and most prestigious lumberjack competition worldwide, the Lumberjack World Championships (LWC), a three-day celebration of timber sports. This year, from August 1-3, 2019, 123 competitors from around the globe will compete for a purse of over \$68,000 in a variety of timber sports disciplines.

Lumberjack World Championships athletes compete in 24 events, including, logrolling, boom running, sawing, chopping, axe throwing, and speed climbing. Information on each unique timber sports discipline is available at [LumberjackWorldChampionships.com](http://LumberjackWorldChampionships.com). Each day's competition will culminate with a crowd favorite, the Team Relay, combining speed climbing, boom running, single-buck sawing, underhand chopping, and standing block chopping. LWC quarterfinal competitions begin on Thursday, August 1, semifinal competitions on Friday, August 2, and main competitions nightly at 6:00pm. The 60<sup>th</sup> Lumberjack World Championships final competition will take place on Saturday, August 3 at 6:00pm in historic Lumberjack Bowl, Hayward, WI.

The August 1-3 competitions - quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals - will be broadcast live for the first time on ESPN3 by Go Live Sports Cast. Viewers can tune in using the ESPN app if they are unable to attend in person. The link to each broadcast can be accessed at <http://golivesportscast.com/2019/07/live-on-espn3-lumberjack-world-championships>.

"We're looking forward to working with the LJWC this year and in the future," stated Frank Mazzella of Go Live Sports Cast. "We are very excited to introduce this event to the ESPN audience."

Each year, an estimated 12,000 spectators and fans flock to the LWC to witness not only the fierce competition but to experience the celebration of timber sports on the festival grounds. Gates open at 11:30am daily, for ticket holders. Spectators can try their hand (or feet!) at logrolling and other interactive and demonstration activities. From food vendors and entertainment, to the Swinging Axe Beer Garden, there is plenty of lumberjack action for families and friends, alike. The LWC is three-days of hearty, international competition wrapped up in good, old, north woods fun. Competitions begin daily at 11:30am with the main evening competitions beginning at 6:00pm (Opening Ceremonies at 5:50pm each evening).

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- **Thursday, August 1 – LWC Family Night!** Starting at 4pm, the first 250 kids 12 & under will receive a free Smokey the Bear hat and neck buff, plus, they're invited to Smokey's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at 5:00pm.
- **Friday, August 2 – LWC Live Music & Happy Hour!** From 3:30pm to 5:30pm, visitors to the Swinging Axe Beer Garden will hear the music of Steve Beguhn, American Idol finalist. During Happy Hour, 3:30pm to 5:30pm, the first 250 adults, age 21 and over, will receive a free can hugger, courtesy of Shiner Bock®.
- **Saturday, August 3 – LWC Live Music & Happy Hour!** From 3:30pm to 5:30pm, in the Swinging Axe Beer Garden, visitors will hear the music of Molly & the Danger Band. Molly Otis is a former Warner recording artist. Adults aged 21+ will receive a free can hugger, courtesy of Samuel Adams®.

The full daily schedule is available at [www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com](http://www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com).

The tradition of competition between lumberjacks began in the 1890's. In keeping with the timber sports tradition, the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Lumberjack World Championships will once again be held in beautiful and historic Lumberjack Bowl on the shores of Lake Hayward. In days gone by, Lumberjack Bowl was once a holding pond for log drives down the Namekagon River and has recently been named to the National Historic Register. While timber sports were born over a century ago, they continue to grow in worldwide popularity today.

The 61<sup>st</sup> Lumberjack World Championships will be held on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2020 in Hayward, WI.

### **Tickets**

Visitors are encouraged to purchase their Lumberjack World Championships tickets in advance at [www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com](http://www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com). There is a \$5 price increase for tickets purchased at the gate. Information about the Lumberjack World Championships, as well as reserved and general admission tickets, are available by visiting [www.Lumberjackworldchampionships.com](http://www.Lumberjackworldchampionships.com).

### **Lumberjack Run 5K Run/Walk**

On Saturday, August 3, 2019, in conjunction with Lumberjack World Championships, everyone is invited to channel their flannel at the Lumberjack 5K Run/Walk. The Lumberjack Run starts and finishes at Lumberjack Bowl on the shores of Lake Hayward. Lumberjack Bowl is the home to the Lumberjack World Championships and the original start area of the first-ever American Birkebeiner cross-country ski race in 1973. The Lumberjack Run is sponsored by the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation. Participants will receive a lumberjack worthy t-shirt (while supplies last), a free ticket to Thursday night's Lumberjack World Championships competition, and more fun that you can shake your axe at! Ages 18 and over: \$30 through July 30; \$35 July 31 through August 2; \$40 August 3 (race day). Ages 17 & under are \$10 through race day. Interested runners and walkers are encouraged to register at [Birkie.com](http://Birkie.com) to learn more about the August 3, 2019 run/walk.

### **Darn Fine Sponsors**

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### **About the Lumberjack World Championships Foundation, Inc.**

The Lumberjack World Championships (LWC) began in 1960 to acknowledge the rich history of the logging industry across the United States. Work day skills that were perfected in the forests of the nation became a past-time and soon grew into an exciting and growing sporting event. Now in its 59<sup>th</sup> year, the LWC is a three-day festival of timber sports held in Hayward, WI each summer. [www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com](http://www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com)



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Historic Lumberjack Bowl – Hayward, WI

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