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APSP Design Award Categories – Region 2

A. Classes for Swimming Pool Entries

1. Residential Concrete

2. Residential Vinyl Liner

3. Lap/Exercise Pools

4. Above/Onground Pools

For all aboveground swimming pools fifteen (15) feet in diameter and over for all onground pools.

5. Residential Pool Restorations

Any type of construction. Before and after photographs should be submitted with views marked on the back of the pictures.

6. Commercial/Semi-Public Pools

a. Commercial – under 2,000 sf

b. Commercial – over 2,000 sf

c. Commercial Restorations

Any municipal, county or state pool, community pool, school pool, institutional pool and all other pools to which the public is admitted is considered commercial. Included are country club, cabana, beach clubs, and hotel, motel and apartment pools.

7. Fiberglass/Other

B. Classes for Hot Tub/Water Feature

(Not connected to, or part of, a swimming pool)

1. Hot tub / spa / water feature – concrete interior or exterior

2. Hot tub / spa / water feature – portable or manufactured spa

3. Residential or commercial water feature – Non-bathing entity such as fountains, ponds and atriums, not connected to or part of a swimming pool, used for aesthetic purposes only.

NOTE: Judges reserve the right to combine above classes if insufficient entries are received.



Glossary of Terms

Here are the definitions to some of the terms used to describe certain categories:

Concrete Pool – Installation that is constructed out of concrete (gunite, shotcrete, etc.).

Vinyl Liner Pools – Installation which features a vinyl liner which forms the finish on the wall frame & floor.

Aboveground/Onground Swimming Pool— A removable pool of any shape that can be readily Disassembled or stored and reassembled.

Pool Restoration – An installation that has undergone cosmetic changes, accessory add-ons or modernizations. The original pool must be in some existence.

Commercial / Semi-Public Pool – Any municipal, county or state pool, community pool, school pool, institutional pool and all other pools to which the public is admitted. Included are country club, cabana, beach clubs, hotel, motel and apartment pools.

Fiberglass Pool – Includes pools made of a one-piece shell, as well as pools with fiberglass and/or metal walls and concrete or rolled glass floor.

Spa/Hot Tub – A unit with hydro massage jets that is manufactured from prefabricated materials at a factory. Hot tubs may be “self-contained” or “non-self-contained.”

Other Miscellaneous Definitions

Non-self-contained Spa/Hot Tub – Also known as a “hot tub shell,” this type of hot tub is permanent once Installed. The pump, heater and filter are located separately—they are not an integral part of the unit.

Self-contained Spa/Hot Tub – Also known as a “portable hot tub.” Surrounded by a cabinet that houses the controls, the pump, heater and filter. Portable hot tubs can be moved to another location and reinstalled.

Automatic Safety Cover – A power cover with tracks that can be operated by a key or by an electronically controlled electric motor.

Classic Residential Pool – A pool ten or more years old that has not had any significant cosmetic changes, accessory add-ons or modernizations.

Concrete Spa – A permanently installed unit with hydromassage jets that is constructed out of concrete (gunite, shotcrete, etc.). May or may not be attached to a pool.



Freeform – Refers to a style of design that combines non-geometric curves and/or straight lines to form the pool's shape.

Geometric – Refers to a style of design that combines straight lines and angles, and/or radius curves to form the pool's shape.

Man-made – Made by humans rather than occurring in nature.

Natural – Refers to a pool of any shape or design that incorporates a natural setting (e.g., woods, desert, or mountain setting) and natural water and/or landscape features (e.g., rock waterfalls, streambeds, koi Ponds).

Swim Spa – Hot tub or spa that has swim jets in a portion of the vessel. Can be manufactured from prefabricated materials at a factory or constructed out of concrete (gunite, shotcrete, etc.).

Traditional – Refers to pools with the following shapes: "rectangle," "Roman-ended," "Grecian-ended."

Vanishing Edge – Water feature detail in which water flows over the edge of at least one of the pool walls and is collected in a catch basin.

Water Feature – Nonbathing entity such as a fountain or an atrium, not connected to or part of a swimming pool, used only for aesthetic purposes

