



Award Categories

Notice...There have been major changes to the categories and descriptions for the Southwest Pool & Spa Show Award of Excellence. Vanishing Edge categories have been expanded and a Perimeter Overflow category has been added. Also photo requirements have changed in the renovation category.

In addition, ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED IN THE CORRECT CATEGORIES. That means any vanishing edge pool must be entered in the appropriate vanishing edge category. Any vanishing edge or perimeter overflow pool entered in a non-vanishing edge category will be disqualified and removed.

Please be sure to read each category carefully to insure your entries are in the right category.

RESIDENTIAL POOLS

Residential Concrete Pools valued at \$90,000 and above and include the Total backyard experience: Pool and deck structure, landscaping, kitchens, fireplaces and other additions.

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1. **Freeform Pools 600 sf or less** - combination of curves, (and may include some straight lines)
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3. **Geometric** -(e.g., rectangle, Roman-/Grecian-ended) or combination of straight lines, angles, and/or curves, **600 sq. ft. or less** of water surface area.
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5. **Freeform Pools with a Vanishing Edge 600 sf or less** - combination of curves, (and may include some straight lines) of water surface area. 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 or lower pool.
6. **Freeform Pools with a Vanishing Edge 601 sf or more** - combination of curves, (and may include some straight lines) of water surface area. 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 or lower pool.
7. **Geometric Pools with a Vanishing Edge 600 sf or less** - e.g., rectangle and/or combination of straight lines and angles, (may include some curves). 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 or lower pool.
8. **Geometric Pools with a Vanishing Edge 601 sf or more** - e.g., rectangle and/or combination of straight lines and angles, (may include some curves). 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 or lower pool.

Residential Concrete Pools built for less than \$90,000.

(To qualify, contract for pool structure, equipment and deck cannot exceed \$90,000.)

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Residential Vinyl–Lined Pools

All Vinyl Lined pool may contain vanishing edges in either category.

1. **Freeform Pools Vinyl Lined** - any size - combination of curves, (and may include some straight lines)
2. **Geometric Vinyl Lined** – any size -(e.g., rectangle, Roman-/Grecian-ended) or combination of straight lines, angles, and/or curves.

SPECIALTY POOL CATEGORIES

1. **Residential Aboveground/Package Pools**—Oval/Round/Rectangular with added accessories/equipment (i.e., decking, heater, etc.) and landscaping.
2. **Residential Fiberglass Pools** – Any Size any Shape
3. **Residential Pools with Automatic Covers**—any size any type of construction. Must submit: two separate photographs, one showing pool covered, and one showing pool uncovered.
4. **Pool Renovations** – Residential -Construction with some aspect of the original pool still in existence. “Before” and “After” photographs must be submitted. Photographs taken during renovation are not acceptable as “Before” photos. Before and after photos should be of the same view of the project. Be sure to label “Before” or “After” in file name of photo as outlined in the Rules & Regulations PDF.
5. **Pool Renovations** – Commercial, Semi Public, and Public -Construction with some aspect of the original pool still in existence. “Before” and “After” photographs must be submitted. Photographs taken during

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6. **Semipublic Pools** —country, cabana and beach clubs, hotel/motel, and apartment/condominium Pools and any other nonresidential pools with limited or membership admission.
7. **Public Swimming Pools**—constructed for competitive swimming and/or recreational use. Includes water parks.
8. **Technical/Engineering Achievement**—swimming pools of any size or type constructed under unusual circumstances requiring unique technical/engineering expertise. Must include photos taken during construction highlighting the technical expertise/unusual circumstances.
9. **Perimeter Overflow Pools** —A Perimeter-overflow swimming pool design (also referred to as a knife edge swimming pool or a wet edge swimming pool) incorporates the infinity-edge look but differs in that the design allows water to spill over all four sides. For a pool to be eligible for this category, at least 60% of the pools perimeter must be a perimeter overflow.

HOT TUBS, SPAS AND WATER FEATURES

1. **Exterior/Interior Portable Hot Tubs and Swim Spas** —Hot tubs -self-contained units with hydromassage jets that are manufactured from prefabricated materials at a factory. Units are made of an acrylic or thermoplastic shell and are surrounded by a cabinet that houses the controls, the pump, heater and filter. Portable hot tubs can be moved to another location and reinstalled.
2. **Swim Spas**—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.).
3. **Concrete Spas NOT attached to a swimming pool** —a permanently installed unit with hydro massage jets that are constructed out of concrete (gunite, shotcrete, etc.) Not connected to or part of a swimming pool. May not share pool circulation system.
4. **Concrete Spas attached to a swimming pool** —a permanently installed unit with hydro massage jets that are constructed out of concrete (gunite, shotcrete, etc.) that is part of a swimming pool.
NOTE...Entries in this category can not be entered in any other category in the same year.
5. **Residential Water Features**—non-bathing entity such as fountains and atriums, not connected to or part of a swimming pool, used only for aesthetic purposes.
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