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Lumberjack World Championships Foundation Reschedules 61st Annual Lumberjack World Championships

Annual Hayward International Timber Sports Competition Rescheduled Until Summer 2021

Hayward, Wis. (May 5, 2020) – The Lumberjack World Championships Foundation (LWCF), and its board of directors, today announced that the 61st Annual Lumberjack World Championships competition and festival has been rescheduled from July 30, 31, & August 1, 2020, to July 29, 30, 31, 2021. The Lumberjack World Championships (LWC), held each summer in historic Lumberjack Bowl on the shores of Lake Hayward in Hayward, Wisconsin, is the oldest and most revered timber sports competition in the United States. With the uncertainties associated with the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the nation and around the globe, LWCF officials were forced to make the difficult decision to reschedule the 61st annual LWC international competition.

"The LWCF Board of Directors took many scenarios into consideration and this decision was not arrived at lightly," said Eric Maki, LWCF board member. "After much deliberation, we knew it was the only responsible decision to make for all involved. We look forward to returning next year with good wood, sharp edges and all cylinders firing,"

"On matters of public health and safety we take our guidance from the officials entrusted with protecting the public," said Ben Popp, executive director, LWCF. "No one is more disappointed about this decision than the athletes, staff, board, volunteers, and greater Hayward area community. We will be back and better than ever in 2021!"

Since 1960, the Lumberjack World Championships has been a staple summertime event in Hayward, WI. Each year, an estimated 12,000 spectators and fans flock to the Lumberjack World Championships to experience the fierce competition and to celebrate the historic timber sports legacy of the region. What began as a small competition has grown into a three-day festival of competition, music, food, demonstrations, and entertainment.

"The safety of our competitors, spectators, sponsors, volunteers, and staff is paramount," said DJ Aderman, LWC Chief of Competition. "We are simply unable to provide those assurances in our tightly-packed competition venue and on our festival grounds. Like the Olympics, the LWC will be back with vengeance in July of 2021!"

All pre-purchased individual, group, and reserved tickets will be honored at the 2021 LWC event. Additional information is available at www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com.

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About the Lumberjack World Championships Foundation, Inc.

The Lumberjack World Championships Foundation (LWCF) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit located in Hayward, WI. The Lumberjack World Championships (LWC) began in 1960 to acknowledge the rich history of the logging industry across the United States. Workday skills that were perfected in the forests of the nation became a past-time and soon grew into an exciting and growing sporting event. The LWC is a three-day festival of timber sports held in Hayward, WI.

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