



SOUTHWEST POOL & SPA SHOW
Award of Excellence

Award Categories

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

RESIDENTIAL POOLS

Residential Concrete Pools valued at \$500,000 and over. This will only include the Pool and deck structure. All Outdoor Living spaces should be submitted separately and will be judged separately.

**If there is a question regarding the true value of the project, you may be asked to submit a copy of the original contract.*

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

Residential Concrete Pools valued between \$200,000 and \$500,000. This will only include the Pool and deck structure. All Outdoor Living spaces should be submitted separately and will be judged separately.

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4. **Freeform Pools (any size)** - combination of curves, (and may include some straight lines)
5. **Geometric (any size)** - (e.g., rectangle, Roman-/Grecian-ended) or combination of straight lines, angles, and/or curves.
6. **Vanishing Edge (any size)** - 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.

Residential Concrete Pools valued less than \$200,000.

(To qualify, contract for pool structure, equipment and deck cannot exceed \$149,000.)

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SPECIALTY POOL CATEGORIES

1. **Residential Fiberglass Pools** – Any Size any Shape
2. **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.
3. **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 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.
4. **Semipublic Pools** —country, cabana and beach clubs, hotel/motel, and apartment/condominium Pools and any other nonresidential pools with limited or membership admission.
5. **Public Swimming Pools**—constructed for competitive swimming and/or recreational use. Includes water parks.
6. **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.
7. **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 pool’s perimeter must be a perimeter overflow.
8. **Residential Splash Pad** – A stand-alone splash pad in a residential setting. A residential splash pad is defined as zero-depth water feature containing multiple spray points and above ground spray features specifically designed for a residential property.
9. **Commercial/Public Splash Pad** – A stand-alone splash pad in a commercial or public community setting. A commercial/public splash pad is defined as zero-depth water attraction that contains multiple spray points and above ground spray features specifically designed for commercial use.

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 cannot 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.
6. **Commercial Water Features**—non-bathing entities such as fountains and atriums, not connected to or part of a swimming pool, used only for aesthetic purposes.

OUTDOOR LIVING

The following are the kinds of areas we are looking for in the Outdoor Living category. (Solid roof structures/cabanas, Open air structures/Pergolas, Fire Features, Grills: Gas/Ceramic/Cast-Iron/Smoker-Pellets/Pizza Ovens/Griddle, Outdoor Lightning (Landscape & Hardscape) and Gaming Area: Putting Green/Synthetic Turf/Sports Court/ Bocce Court/Volleyball)

1. **Outdoor Living Space under \$70,000 - In conjunction with a Pool Build** – (Pool not judged in this category and the cost of the pool may not be included in the amount listed. Please remember, only pictures with the outdoor living space will be considered, however, if it is attached to a pool that is acceptable.
2. **Outdoor Living Space over \$70,000 - In conjunction with a Pool Build** – (Pool not judged in this category and the cost of the pool may not be included in the amount listed. Please remember, only pictures with the outdoor living space will be considered, however, if it is attached to a pool that is acceptable.
3. **Stand Alone Outdoor Living Space under \$70,000** – A Stand-Alone Outdoor Living Space is defined as not being attached to a pool or water feature.
4. **Stand Alone Outdoor Living Space over \$70,000** - A Stand-Alone Outdoor Living Space is defined as not being attached to a pool or water feature.