



Glossary of Terms

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

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

Concrete Spa— A permanently installed unit with hydro massage jets that is constructed out of concrete (gunite, shotcrete, etc.).

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.

Freeform— Refers to a style of design that combines curves and/or some straight lines to form the pool's shape.

Geometric —Refers to a style of design that combines straight lines and angles, and/or some curves to form the pool's shape or "rectangle. Includes "Roman-ended & Grecian-ended".

Hot Tub— A unit with hydro massage jets that is manufactured from prefabricated materials at a factory.

Non-self-contained 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 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.

Perimeter Overflow Pool – Any pool that water flows over the coping into a concealed drain system or trough. Overflow edge must equal at least 60% of the pool perimeter. If a Perimeter overflow pool also has a full vanishing edge on one or more side it must be entered in the Vanishing Edge category if the 60% threshold is not met.

Pool Renovation— An installation that has undergone cosmetic changes, accessory add-ons or modernizations. Includes both residential and commercial installations. The original pool must be in some existence. Before and After photos must be submitted showing the same viewpoint in both photos so the judges can see the changes made.

Public Pool— Open to the public and constructed for recreational use and/or competitive swimming. Includes water parks.

Semipublic Pool—Nonresidential pool such as a pool built for a hotel/motel or apartment complex.

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.).

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 or lower pool. Note: Any pool with a vanishing edge must be entered in a vanishing edge category unless the pool also incorporates a perimeter overflow that is greater than 60% of the pool perimeter. In this case the pool must be entered into the Perimeter Overflow Pool category

Vinyl-lined Pool—Installation which features a vinyl liner which forms the finish on the wall frame and floor.

Water Feature—Non-bathing entity such as a fountain or an atrium, not connected to or part of a swimming pool, used only for aesthetic purposes.