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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a w_a}{r_a h_a} \geq \frac{r}{R - r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{If } p \rightarrow \text{semi-perimeter}, \frac{m_a w_a}{r_a h_a} \stackrel{\text{Lascu + A-G}}{\geq} \frac{pa(p-a)^2}{2r^2 p^2} \\
 &= \frac{a(p-a)^2}{2(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)} = \frac{a}{2p} \cdot \frac{p(p-a)}{(p-b)(p-c)} = \frac{a}{2p} \cdot \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{r}{R - r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}} \Leftrightarrow R - r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2pr}{a} \cdot \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow R - 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} + R \sqrt{1 - 4sc + c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\
 & \frac{2 \cdot 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \cdot 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \frac{s^2}{1 - s^2} \left(s = \sin \frac{A}{2} \text{ and } c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 1 - 2s(c-s) + \sqrt{1 - 4sc + c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(s+c)(c-s) \cdot \frac{s^2}{1 - s^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{1 - 4sc + c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(s+c)(c-s) \cdot \frac{s^2}{1 - s^2} - 1 + 2s(c-s) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\sqrt{1 - 4sc + c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2s^2c^2 + 2c(s-s^3) - (s^2+1)}{1 - s^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

We note that for an equilateral triangle, $c = 1$ and $s = \frac{1}{2}$ and then : LHS of $(*) =$ RHS of $(*) = 0$ and moreover, if LHS of $(*) \leq 0$, then $(*)$ is evidently true and so, we now consider the case when : $2s^2c^2 + 2c(s-s^3) - (s^2+1) > 0$ and then :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) &\Leftrightarrow 1 - 4sc + c^2 \geq \frac{(2s^2c^2 + 2c(s-s^3) - (s^2+1))^2}{(1 - s^2)^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow -c^4s - 2c^3(1 - s^2) + c^2(3s - s^3) + 2c(1 - s^2) + s^3 - 2s \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow -c^4s + (2c - 2c^3)(1 - s^2) + s^3(1 - c^2) + s(3c^2 - 2) \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow s(3c^2 - 2 - c^4) + (1 - c^2)(s^3 + 2c(1 - s^2)) \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow s(1 - c^2)(c^2 - 2) + (1 - c^2)(s^3 + 2c(1 - s^2)) \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \boxed{(1 - c^2)(sc^2 - 2s + s^3 + 2c(1 - s^2)) \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0}
 \end{aligned}$$

We have : $c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{b+c}{a} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} > \sin \frac{A}{2} = s \Rightarrow c > s$ and so, LHS of $(**)$ >

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$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - c^2) \left(s^3 - 2s + s^3 + 2s(1 - s^2) \right) \left(\because 1 - c^2 = 1 - \cos^2 \frac{B - C}{2} > 0 \right) \\ & = (1 - c^2) \cdot 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (**) > 0 \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true (strict inequality)} \\ & \quad \text{and hence, combining both scenarios, } (*) \text{ is true } \forall \Delta ABC \\ \therefore & \frac{m_a w_a}{r_a h_a} \geq \frac{r}{R - r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, ''='' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$