



The 18th Junior U.S. Open Water Ski Championships will be a two-day/two-round World Record Capability competition with a preliminary and final round. This event is sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association, a sports discipline of USA Water Ski. Current IWWF rules apply in all cases, except as listed herein.

Divisions

There will be four divisions: Boys, Girls, Junior Men and Junior Women.

1. Boys and Girls must have been born in the year **2001** or more recently.
2. Junior Men and Junior Women must have been born between **1996** and **2000** inclusive.

Preliminary round event qualification and seeding

There are no minimum qualifications. Each athlete, even those automatically qualified in overall, must submit two scores per event performed at two separate AWSA Class E or above or IWWF sanctioned Tournaments between Friday, **April 21, 2017** and Wednesday, **May 23, 2018**. The following performances may be used: (1) scores posted on USA-WS' online ranking system at 5 p.m., **Wednesday, May 30, 2018** from tournaments that fall between the specified dates above (scores posted after 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, 2017 are not valid); (2) scorebooks posted on iwwfed.com at 5 p.m., **Wednesday, May 30, 2018** from tournaments that fall between the specified dates above (scores posted after 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, 2018 are not valid); (3) World Junior and U21 Rankings Lists dated November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017 or a later ranking list if available and posted as final (as long as the date of the tournament falls within the time period listed above); (4) documentation with a Chief Judge's signature, performance, date and location; or (5) a copy of an AWSA Official Seeding Record. Please submit proof of performance with entry form. Scores from the latest IWWF Junior and U21 World Ranking Lists posted as final will be used if an entry is submitted without proof of performance.

Number of competitors in each event of the preliminary round

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Boys	7	7	7
Girls	7	7	7
Jr. Men	7	7	7
Jr. Women	7	7	7

These numbers include overall skiers described in provision #1 below.

Method of filling the list:

1. The top three skiers on the latest IWWF Junior and U21 World Ranking Lists in overall available as of **January 1, 2018** and posted as final will be selected first and seeded in the final running order according to the average of the two scores submitted in each event.
2. The remaining positions (up to seven) in each event will be filled according to the average of the two scores submitted in each event.
3. All ties, whether for a seeding position or for the last qualifying position, will be broken by looking at first the highest individual score, then the most current published IWWF Ranking List score.
4. Where there are still ties for a seeding position, the position will be determined by random draw.
5. Where there are two skiers still tied for the last qualifying position, both will be entered.
6. Where there are more than two skiers tied for the last qualifying position, the position will be dropped completely unless two of the tied skiers are among the top three overall skiers cited in provision #1 in

which case provision #5 will apply. If one of the skiers is among the top three overall skiers, that skier will be entered.

7. If, in any of the four divisions, slots remain unfilled in one or more events, additional competitors will be entered in those events in the same division where there are more than seven entries so that each of the four divisions contains twenty-one (21) competitors as long as there are not more than twenty-one (21) competitors in one or more of the other divisions in which case these slots will remain unfilled.
8. If, after this process, in any of the four divisions, there still remain unfilled slots, the tournament committee may decide to enter more skiers in another division without exceeding a maximum of eighty-four (84) rides in the preliminary round.
9. Using the above procedures, replacements will be made due to withdrawal at the end of the 6:00 p.m. mandatory skiers meeting at the tournament site the day before the start of the event. No further changes will be made after that time.

Overall

If the event qualification process does not produce at least three (3) overall competitors in each of the four divisions for the preliminary round, additional overall competitors will be invited to compete in all three events of the preliminary round. These overall competitors will be selected according to the highest overall score, second highest, etc., on the latest IWWF Junior and U21 Ranking Lists in overall available as of **January 1, 2018** and posted as final until three competitors are confirmed in each of the four divisions. Overall skiers will only ski in the final round if they make the cut for that round. The overall skier's highest event score from either round in each event will be used in the calculation for overall placement with the thousand points attributed to the top score by an overall skier only.

Final Round

The following number of skiers from Saturday's preliminary will advance to the final round held on Sunday.

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Boys/Jr. Men	4	4	4
Girls/Jr. Women	4	4	4

Seeding for Sunday's final round will be based on Saturday's preliminary round results with the skier with the best score skiing last. Ties in seeding will be based on the competitor with the higher seeded position in the preliminary round. Ties for the last qualifying position will be run off according to IWWF rules.

Registration

All entries must be on the Official Junior U.S. Open Entry Form. No other entry will be accepted. All entries must be received at USA Water Ski **by 5:00 p.m. E.D.T., Tuesday, June 5, 2018** (email, fax, or U.S. mail). **No late entries will be accepted without exception.** Proof of performance MUST accompany entry form.

Mail: USA Water Ski
ATTN: Junior U.S. Open
1251 Holy Cow Road
Polk City, FL 33868

Email: entry@usawaterski.org

Fax: (863) 325 – 8259

Skiers will be able to confirm that USA-WS HQ has received their entries and that the requested information (proof of performances, etc.) is complete by checking www.USAWATERSKI.org. The final list of skiers will be published at www.USAWATERSKI.org by Friday **6 p.m., June 8, 2018**. There will be a mandatory skiers meeting on Friday **at 6:00 p.m., June 22, 2018** at the Ski Site. Tricks lists will also be collected to allow for timelier scoring for spectator appeal. Roll call will be taken at this meeting. Unless a skier or his representative (on an exception basis) is present to sign in, the skier will be scratched and replacements to the running order made with no further changes after the conclusion of the mandatory

skiers meeting. If a representative will be present to sign a skier in, that skier should advise the tournament coordinator Anne Henley (jrhenley@bellsouth.net / 251 379-1383) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to indicate that the skier will be unable to attend and provide the tournament director with the name of the skier's representative.

Hotels

The host hotel will be the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott located at 2950 Township Blvd., Saraland, Alabama 36571. Tel: (251) 406-8572. Rate will be \$99 per night. Other hotels in the immediate vicinity include Holiday Inn Express, La Plaza, Comfort Suites, Econo Lodge, Days Inn and others.

Additional Notes

1. Entry fee is \$265.00. Included in the entry fee are:
 - a. Meal and refreshments on Friday evening, lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday
 - b. Saturday night event at Fairfield Inn and downtown Mobile.
 - c. T-shirt
2. Paid practice at \$25 per set will be available from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday June 19 through 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday June 22 (4 slalom passes, 4 trick passes, 3 jumps). Practice reservations will be required and may be arranged by sending an e-mail to (TBD).
3. For additional details about the site (including a site map **and directions to the site**) and the event, visit SkiChasteLake.com.
4. For updates, please check usawaterski.org.
5. Refund Policy: There will be a refund processing fee of \$75 for all those who enter, are selected to compete and choose not to do so. All requests for refunds must be submitted within 24 hours after the completion of the tournament to be considered. Refunds will be paid by USA Water Ski within 60 days after the conclusion of the tournament.
6. Skiing for the press will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director and Chief Judge.
7. Current IWWF Rules will apply, other than any exceptions noted herein.
8. Minimum slalom speeds: All divisions will be at division maximum speeds on a 16m (22' off) or shorter line except Girls who may start at an 18.25m (15' off) line length during the preliminary rounds. For the final round, Jr. Women & Jr. Men only must start at 14.25m (28' off) or shorter. Depending on conditions, the appointed judges could elect to lower or increase starting speeds.
9. For overall calculations using the 1000 point system, 18 slalom buoys are subtracted for Boys/Girls; 24 for Jr. Men/Jr. Women.
10. The ramp heights are listed in IWWF Rule 13.01 for both U17/Junior Competition & U21/U17-21 Men & Women.

Awards

Awards will be based on final round results only except for overall (to be scored as described above in the Overall section) and given to first, second and third in each event and overall.