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PRESS RELEASE

2019 U.S. Pan American Water Ski Team Selected To Compete In XVIII Pan American Games

Six-member team will compete July 27-30 in Lima, Peru

POLK CITY, Fla. – USA Water Ski & Wake Sports is pleased to announce the selections for the 2019 U.S. Pan American Water Ski Team that will compete in the XVIII Pan American Games in Lima, Peru. The 2019 Pan American Games will take place July 26-August 11. The water ski competition will take place July 27-30.

Water ski athletes selected to the 2019 U.S. Pan American Water Ski Team were: Taylor Garcia (Winter Garden, Fla.), Regina Jaquess (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.), Erika Lang (Gilbert, Ariz.) and Adam Pickos (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.). The American Water Ski Association’s International Activities Committee selected the water ski athletes based on a pre-determined selection criteria. Andrew Adkison (Chipley, Fla.) and Mary Morgan Howell (Dothan, Ala.) were selected by USA Wakeboard to represent the team as the wakeboard athletes following the 2018 Pan American Wakeboard Championships last November in Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico. The 2019 U.S. Pan American Water Ski Team is subject to final approval by the United States Olympic Committee.

Jay Bennett (Zachary, La.) will be the water ski coach, Cathy Williams (Orlando, Fla.) will be the wakeboard coach, Scott Greenwood (Little Rock, Ark.) will serve as team captain, and Dr. Brad Harman (Alvarado, Texas) will be the team physician.

The Pan American Games take place every four years, in the year preceding the Olympic Games and is the third-largest multi-sport event in the world behind the Summer Olympic and Winter Olympic Games.

Five U.S. Pan American Water Ski Team members combined to win eight medals, including three gold, in respective events at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The U.S. Pan
American Water Ski Team finished with three gold medals, three silver medals and two bronze medals during the four-day competition.

USA Water Ski & Wake Sports is affiliated with the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (world governing body) and is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee and Pan-American Sports Organization as the national governing body of organized water skiing and wakeboarding in the United States.

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