

AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION
2012 35+ PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM
(For 35 year old skiers and above only)
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. The Team for the 2012 Pan American (dates and location still to be determined) will be selected by the AWSA International Activities Committee based on scores taken from the 2011 Calendar Year National Ranking List as of November 1, 2011. Skiers must notify the Competition Department at AWSA no later than October 1, 2011 of their desire to compete to be considered in the team's selection process.
2. USA-WS may provide team clothing. The skiers will be responsible for all other expenses
3. The Pan Am Championships will have 2 Veteran Teams selected as follows:
 - A) 2012 Pan Am Veteran Team 1 (Ages 35-44/ 4-member team)
 - B) 2012 Pan Am Veteran Team 2 (Ages 45+ / 4 member team)
4. Gender Distribution will be 2/2 or 3/1 for each team.
5. Even though skiers of the same gender may be competing in different National age divisions, they will be considered as having skied in the same division of each of the two 35+ age divisions for selection scoring purposes. The scoring adjustments and process are explained below.
6. The skier's age division is determined by his age/her age as of December 31, 2011.
7. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor for making any U.S. Teams. The policy of the IAC is always to send the best possible team.
8. Disclaimer: In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the unanimous opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may, with the approval of the President of AWSA, amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program.
9. To adjust for different AWSA speed and ramp heights in slalom and jump the following adjustments will be made as necessary in selecting the teams:

Even though skiers of the same gender may be competing in different AWSA age groups they will be considered as having skied in the same division for selection purposes with the following adjustments:

Slalom

 - 1) Scores run at 52 kph will be reduced by 6 buoys.
 - 2) Scores run at 58 kph will be increased by 6 buoys.

Jump

Unless jumping under the rules of the division the skier is attempting to qualify for:

 - 1) All Men 2, Masters Men and Open Men will have their distances reduced based on the speed and ramp height used for their ranking list scores per the below:
 - a. 1.80 m @ 57 kph or slower -subtract 9.8m;
 - b. 1.65 m @ 57 kph or slower – subtract 6.1m;
 - c. 1.5 m @ 54 kph or slower – no reduction
 - 2) All Women 2 and Open women will have their distances reduced based on the speed and ramp height used for their ranking list scores as per the below:
 - a. 1.65 m @ 54 kph or slower –subtract 6.1m;
 - b. 1.5 m @ 54 kph or slower – subtract 2.4 m;
 - c. 1.5 m@ 51 kph or slower- no reduction.
 - 3) Men 3 vying for Division 2 will have their distances reduced by 2.4 m.

- 4) Women 3 vying for Division 2 will have their distances reduced by 2.4 m.
- 5) Men 6 and above will have their distances increased by 2.4m.

10. The U.S. 35+ Pan American Championship Team selection shall be designated as the U.S. Pan American 35+ Championship Team until the next selection.

11. Selection Process:

- a. This Team is comprised of men and women in two age divisions. The skier's age division is determined by his age/her age as of December 31, 2011.
Division 1 - 35-44 years inclusive
Division 2 – 45+ years
- b. An "event score" is the score for the skier as computed in (c) below and not the points in the event.
- c. Event Scoring shall be based on the current AWSA NOPS scores for each division as follows:
Event Scores must be from two Class E, L, or R tournaments at two separate sites. The scores do not have to come from the same tournament or the same round.
 - 1. Division 1 will be based on AWSA Men/Women 3 NOPS points.
 - 2. Division 2 will be based on AWSA Men/Women 4 NOPS points.
- d. The top man and woman skiers based on "total score" in each of the two age divisions will be selected first. "Total score" is computed as the sum of one, two or three "event scores". A skier entered in 1 or 2 events may obtain a "total score".
- e. The third and fourth skiers will be the skiers with the next two highest "total scores" in the two age divisions regardless of sex. No alternates will be selected at this time. If team vacancies occur, replacements will be chosen from the original list of candidates so as to maximize team scoring potential.