

2016 35+ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qualifications and Procedures

USA Wild Card Entries

As a special exemption to the rules, the 2016 35+ World Championships will allow each national federation to enter five wild card competitors in addition to the Federation team and any qualified individual skiers as shown in the current rules. In addition to these five wild card entries, the IWWF tournament council is also allowing each national Federation to enter five wild card entries for the 65+ division.

USA Water Ski will enter up to five wild card entries total for the 35+, 45+, and 55+ age divisions and an additional five wild card entries for the 65+ under the following criteria:

1. All members with appropriate tournament scores may request to be considered as a wild card entry. Wild card competitors must be U.S. Citizens and members of USA Water Ski in good standing.
2. Wild card scores will be taken from two E, L, or R tournaments (C, E, L or R for 65+ division wild card positions) during the period beginning May 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. Two scores will be considered. The two scores shall be obtained at two separate sites.
3. Scores shall be scored on the current AWSA NOPS format as follows:
 - (A) 35-44 divisions-AWSA MEN & WOMEN 3
 - (B) 45-54 divisions-AWSA MEN & WOMEN 4
 - (C) 55-64 divisions-AWSA MEN & WOMEN 5
 - (D) 65+ divisions-AWSA MEN & WOMEN 7
4. The four skiers with the highest NOPS score shall be selected and may participate in one, two, or three events in the tournament, provided their score in every event entered at the tournament meets the minimum standards as shown in section 4 of the rules. In the case of ties, the highest score will be used. If there is still a tie, subsequent scores will be used until the tie is broken.
5. If overall skiers sign up, at least one overall skier shall be selected based on their NOPS overall scores from two tournaments at different sites. If no overall skiers sign up, the five skiers with the highest single event NOPS score will be chosen.
6. A skier qualifying in one or two events as an individual skier on the IWWF Rankings List may elect to be placed in the wild card pool and treated as any other non-qualifying member in the pool. If selected as a wild card the individual qualifier would thereby become eligible to ski three events in the tournament provided minimum standards are met.

7. If not selected as a wild card, qualified individual skiers would revert back to their qualified status per the rules.
8. Those wishing to be considered as a wild card entry shall email their intent and events to be considered no later than June 15, 2016 to Jill Smith at bsmith32946@yahoo.com and to Stan Switzer at ds.switzer@verizon.net.
9. Certain adjustments to scores to equal speed or ramp differences as shown in the 35+ Team Q and P for 2016 on the USA-WS website will be followed.
10. Participants shall be selected by the IAC 35+ sub committee subject to approval by the IAC Committee. 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. In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the opinion of the IAC, render these procedures clearly ineffective, the Committee may amend these procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program with two-thirds affirmative vote of the full committee.

If a skier only intends to ski in events wherein they qualify on IWWF Ranking List, they should not indicate interest as a Wild Card Entry.