

AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION
2016 U.S. CAN AM U14 WATER SKI TEAM
(for skiers 13 and under)
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES
January 30, 2016

1. The 2016 U.S. Can Am Challenge U14 Team will be selected based on the AWSA National Ranking List (12-month average) as of July 1, 2016. The Can Am Challenge will be held near Edmonton, Canada on August 19-21, 2016.
2. Each skier must be 13 or under as of December 31, 2015. Current junior team members are not eligible for this team.
3. A total of 6 skiers will be selected to the team, with at least 2 skiers (at least one male and one female) being 12 years old or under as of December 31, 2015. The number of U13 skiers may be more than 2, and will be determined in the discretion of the IAC. The first four slots will be awarded based upon gender distribution (2/2) & three-event overall NOPS. The final two slots will be given to the highest two skiers (boy or girl) based upon a two-event "NOPS" determination. Additional selection information is given in Article 5.
4. Notification of interest should be sent to **Nicole Baird, International Activities Committee U13 Development Subcommittee Chair, via email at njg_b@yahoo.com** no later than June 24, 2016 (eight weeks before tournament start), in which at least one parent must agree to attend the event with the child and cover all costs including sharing in the cost of the team staff, provide all necessary supervision and take full responsibility for the child's welfare.
5. The IAC will consider the following Selection Criteria for the 2016 U.S. Can Am U14Team (subject to the above age and gender criteria):
 - 5.1. Top 4 slots (gender distributed 2/2): The two highest ranked Boys 2 and Girls 2 Overall skiers on the National Ranking List as of July 1, 2016 that meet the above criteria will be selected. The selection committee will work down the National Ranking List until there are two skiers of each gender meeting the above criteria. If National Ranking List Overall scores are not available for the assessment of a skier's qualification, the individual event(s) National Ranking List scores for the same period will be used to determine a calculated NOPS value and the skier will be ranked accordingly.
 - 5.2. Final 2 slots: The two highest ranked U14 skiers based upon a calculated two-event NOPS on the National Ranking List as of (July 1, 2016) that meet the above criteria will be selected. The selection committee will determine the equivalent "two-event" NOPS based upon a skier's two best events, using his or her NRL scores for each of the selected events. The skiers with the highest two-event NOPS score will be selected to the 5th & 6th team slots.
6. The skiers will be responsible for all other costs.
7. The IAC may designate alternates to the U.S. Can Am U14 Water Ski Team at the recommendation of the Subcommittee. The selection method will be at the discretion of the IAC and not based on any fixed formula.
8. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor for making any U.S. Team. The policy of the IAC is always to send the best possible team.

9. 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.

10. The list of those who have shown interest will be posted on the USA-WS web page and sent out in an E-blast twelve weeks (May 27, 2016) before the start of the tournament with a reminder of the deadline due for submission in four weeks from the posting.

11. The team will be announced six weeks (July 8, 2016) before the start of the tournament.