

**2016 U.S. Junior Pan Am TEAM**  
**QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES**  
**2016 U.S. Pan Am Championships Junior Team**

2/25/16

1. **Team Description.** A four-member team will be chosen to compete at the 2016 Junior Pan Am Championships to be held on November 14-20 2016, at Boca Laguna, Chapala, Mexico.
  
2. **Qualifications to be considered for the Team:**
  - a. U.S. citizen.
  - b. Member of USA Water Ski in good standing born in 1999 or later.
  - c. **Notification of interest should be sent to Mike Hayes, International Activities Committee member, via email at [mikehayeski@msn.com](mailto:mikehayeski@msn.com), and Larry Downes, International Activities Committee member, via email at [larrydownes@miamioh.edu](mailto:larrydownes@miamioh.edu) on or before July 1, 2016.**
  
3. The International Activities Committee (IAC) is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on the U13, Junior, U21, 35+, and Elite Waterski Teams that will represent the United States in International Competitions. The committee's primary goal in this process is to select teams that will have the greatest opportunity to win each of the international competitions. In this selection process there are numerous considerations that the committee will utilize in the effort to select the best combination of athletes for each tournament, with the ultimate goal to win the target event. These elements include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Numerical Division of Male / Female athletes to make up the team,
  - b. Numerical scores from selected tournaments that precede the target event and are close enough in time to the target competition to produce the most viable team. These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced using the existing scores for comparison,
  - c. Each individual skier's past performance in recent premier tournaments, to include any issues that may or could possibly affect anticipated scores in the target international competition,
  - d. The ability of any skier to function in a team atmosphere, contribute to a team effort, and other positive or negative factors that may exist.
  
4. **Team Selection Procedures.** Selection procedures for the U.S. Junior Pan Am Team:
  - a. Gender distribution shall be 3/1 or 2/2.
  - b. "Team Selection Scores" shall be the average of the each skier's two best tournament scores from separate sites in each event (the "events" being slalom,

trick, and jump) which shall be extracted from USA Water Ski and International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF)-sanctioned Class E, L and R tournaments performances from the 12-month Ranking List as of 9 weeks prior to the tournament. If the skier has scores from overseas tournaments, it is the skier's responsibility to submit those scores with the notification of interest. The team will be announced at least 8 weeks prior to the tournament.

- c. Team Selection Scores shall be based on the 1,000 point system where 1,000 points is the **greater of the average of the top two** Ranking Values on the most recent "officially posted as final" IWWF-Pan Am Rankings List (excluding those who have aged out), **the highest score among US scores posted for this selection process, and any other known scores higher than those stated above of athletes from the Pan Am Confederation who may be on a team. This score will be the "1000 point base."** The goal is to use the best possible score as the base for 1,000 points. The Team Selection Scores shall be computed in accordance with IWWF Rule 5.01 as follows:

Men's Tricks:  $(\text{Skier's Score Average}) / (\text{Average of Top Two Scores of IWWF Pan Am Ranking Values, highest US skier score, or highest other known score}) \times 1000$

Women's Tricks:  $(\text{Skier's Score Average}) / (\text{Average of Top Two Scores of IWWF Pan Am Ranking Values, highest US skier score, or highest other known score}) \times 1000$

Men's Slalom:  $(\text{Skier's Score Average} - 18) / ((\text{Average of Top Two Scores of IWWF Pan Am Ranking Values, highest US skier score, or highest other known score}) - 18) \times 1000$

Women's Slalom:  $(\text{Skier's Score Average} - 18) / ((\text{Average of Top Two Scores of IWWF Pan Am Ranking Values, highest US skier score, or highest other known score}) - 18) \times 1000$

Men's Jump:  $(\text{Skier's Score Average} - 20) / ((\text{Average of Top Two Scores of IWWF Pan Am Ranking Values, highest US skier score, or highest other known score}) - 20) \times 1000$

Women's Jump:  $(\text{Skier's Score Average} - 13) / ((\text{Average of Top Two Scores of IWWF Pan Am Ranking Values, highest US skier score, or highest other known score}) - 13) \times 1000$

The scores resulting from these calculations (including an overall score computed based on the sum of these Team Selection Scores (from each event), in accordance with IWWF Rule 5.03) shall be used to select the team.

- d. The top male and female skiers based on "overall score" will be selected first provided that the skier contributes to the team score in at least one event. "Overall score" is computed as the sum of three event scores.

- e. The next skier will be the male or female skier with the next highest "overall score" provided that the skier contributes to the team score in at least one event.
  - f. The fourth skier will be the male or female skier with the highest "two event score" not already selected on the team. "Two event score" is defined as the sum of the two highest "event scores" for a skier.
  - g. If the fourth skier does not use tricks as one of his/her two events, then his/her "two event score including tricks" will be calculated. The skier with the highest "two event score including tricks", not already on the Team, will be substituted for the fourth skier provided that his substitution does not decrease the team score, as computed under IWWF Rule 5.05, by more than 50 points.
  - h. **The IAC reserves the right to choose another combination of athletes who create a higher team overall score than that chosen using the above steps 3a-d of this Q&P. This team shall be designated as the official U.S. Junior Pan Am Team.**
  - i. The IAC may designate alternates to the **U.S. Junior Pan Am Team**. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and will not be based on any fixed formula.
  - j. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor in making any U.S. Teams.
  - k. Disclaimer: 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.
5. The skiers will be responsible for all costs.
6. The **U.S. Junior Pan Am Team** selection for the 2016 Pan Am Championships and the alternates shall be designated as the **U.S. Junior Pan Am Team** until the next **U.S. Junior Pan Am Team** selection has occurred.