

**AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION
2018 35+ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM
(For 35 year old skiers and above only)
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

1. The Team for the 2018 World 35+ Championships (**Santiago, Chile, November 26-December 2, 2018**) will be selected by the AWSA International Activities Committee **based on scores taken from the AWSA Data Base from the period May 1, 2017 to August 13, 2018, with a minimum of one score from calendar year 2018.** The team will be announced on or about August 22, 2018.
2. Qualifications to be considered for the Team:
 - a. U.S. citizen or otherwise qualified to ski as a member of the U.S. Team (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events),
 - b. Member of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports in good standing and qualified (by age) for the relevant age division,
 - c. **Skiers must notify two members of the 35+ International subcommittee no later than July 1, 2018 of their desire to be considered in the team's selection procedure. Stan Switzer at (ds.switzer@verizon.net) and Jill Smith at (bsmith32946@yahoo.com) must be notified by e-mail.**
 - d. **Independent (non-team) skiers are also required to be registered by USA Water Ski & Wake Sports, and all independent (non-team) skiers must also notify Stan Switzer and Jill Smith of their intent to ski no later than July 1, 2018.**
3. 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 four 35+ World age divisions for selection scoring purposes. The scoring adjustments and process are explained below.
5. The IAC is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on waterski teams which will represent the United States in International Competitions. The IAC'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 the event, with the ultimate goal to win the 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 event and are close enough in time to the event 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 event,
 - 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.
 - e. 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.
6. 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.
7. In the event that 2 skiers may have similar scores, a consideration will be given to the skier who skied in the 2017 US Water Ski Nationals.
8. Adjustments shall 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:

Jump: Unless jumping under the rules of IWWF for the division the skier is attempting to qualify for, adjustments may be made:

1) All Men 2, Masters Men and Open Men attempting to be selected to the 35+ Division will have their distances reduced based on the speed and ramp height used for the selection list scores per the below:

A. 1.80 m @ 57 kph - subtract 9.8m;

2) All Men 3, Masters Men and Open Men attempting to be selected to the 45+ Division 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. 1.50 m @ 57 kph – subtract 3.0m

3) All Women 2 and Open women attempting to be selected for the 35+ Division 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 – subtract 6.1m;

B. 1.5 m @ 54 kph – subtract 2.4 m;

9. Partial funding is available to assist with tournament entry fees, but the skiers will be responsible for all costs beyond any funding that is available.

10. The team selected shall be designated as the U.S. World 35+ Championship Team until the next selection.

11. Selection Process:

a. This Team is comprised of men and women in four age divisions. The skier's age division is determined by his/her age as of December 31, 2017.

Division 1 - 35-44 years inclusive

Division 2 - 45-54 years inclusive

Division 3 - 55-64 inclusive.

Division 4 - 65 and over

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 a 1,000 point method published in the most current IWWF rule book. 1,000 points in each event shall be calculated for team athletes from the U.S. and likely team skiers from other countries, using scores "officially posted as final" on the IWWF Ranking List (excluding those who have aged out) from the 2017 and 2018 AWSA ski years (through the team selection score cutoff date). Predicted scores for making this calculation shall be based on the average of the two highest Ranking Values for likely team skiers. The highest predicted team skier score in each event (slalom, trick, jump) will be the "1,000 point base." The goal is to use the best possible score as the "1,000 point base."

Tentative scoring, subject to change based on IWWF 2018 rule book:

For Tricks: Event score = (average of skier's top 2 scores x 1000) / best overall skier's score

For Slalom: Event score = (average of skier's top 2 scores x 1000) / best overall skier's score
(score from 43/18.25 for Women; score from 46/18,25 for Men)

For Jump:

Men: Event score = 1000 X (average of skier's top 2 scores - 20m)/(best overall skier's score -20m)

Women: Event score = 1000 X (average of skier's top 2 scores - 14m)/(best overall skier's score-14m)

Event Scores must be from two Class E, L, or R tournaments at two separate sites **with at least one score to be used in the calculation from calendar year 2018**. The scores do not have to come from the same tournament or the same round. Scores will be from May 1, 2017 to August 13, 2018 and taken from the AWSA data base. Starting speeds for scoring slalom will be adjusted to conform with the IWWF rules for the 35+ World Championships when calculating event scoring.

d. "Total score" is computed as the sum of one, two, or three "event scores". A skier entered in one or two events may obtain a "total score".

e. The top man and woman skiers based on "total score" in each of the four age divisions (35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+) will be selected first. "Total score" is computed as the sum of one, two, or three "event scores". A skier entered in one or two events may obtain a "total score". This will constitute 8 of the 10 members of the Team. There is a maximum of 4 skiers in any age category and a maximum of 3 skiers of the same sex in any category.

f. The next two skiers will be the man or woman skiers with the next highest "total score" in the four age divisions. 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. In an emergency situation, such as on site at the tournament, an alternate may be selected from the independents at the site. The Manager and the Captain shall make the decision.

