

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

1. The Team for the 2018 Pan American Championships (**November 12-18, 2018, Santiago, Chile**) 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.** We will announce the team approximately August 22, 2018.
2. Qualifications to be considered for the Team:
 - a. US 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.
 - c. **Skiers must notify International Activities Committee Members Stan Switzer ds.switzer@verizon.net and Jill Smith, bsmith32946@yahoo.com by e-mail no later than **July 1, 2018** of their desire to compete to be considered in the team's selection process.**
3. The IAC is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate in the 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 tournament that precede the target event and are close enough to the time of 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.

The 35+ subcommittee for 35+ international competition shall make recommendations to the IAC for the members of the 35+, 45+ and 55+ teams, based on the criteria set forth in this qualifications and procedures document. 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.

4. The Pan Am Championships will have 3 Veteran Teams selected as follows:
 - a. 2018 Pan Am Veteran Team 1 (Ages 35-44/ 4 member team)
 - b. 2018 Pan Am Veteran Team 2 (Ages 45-54 / 4 member team)
 - c. 2018 Pan Am Veteran Team 3 (Ages 55+ / 4 member team)

The skier's age division is determined by his age/her age as of December 31, 2017.

5. Gender Distribution will be 2/2 or 3/1 for each team.
6. 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 three 35+ age divisions for selection scoring purposes. The scoring adjustments and process are explained below.
7. 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.

8. 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) Men 5 and above will have their distances increased by 2.4m.

9. Selection Process:

- a. The Veteran Teams will be selected by the AWSA International Activities Committee based on scores taken from the AWSA database from the period May 1, 2017 through August 13, 2018. The teams will be announced at least after all team selection scores have been determined and reviewed.
- b. *Scoring: Scoring shall be based on a 1,000 point method. 1,000 points in each event shall be taken from the highest score in each event by the top ranked overall skier from the Pan American Federation on the latest IWWF Ranking List (Spring 2018).*

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. "Total Score" is defined as the sum of each skier's slalom, trick, and jump scores.

- c. 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 one or two events may obtain a "total score". The "event score" is the score from tricks, from slalom and from jump separately.

- d. The third and fourth skiers will be the skiers with the next two highest "total scores" in the two age divisions regardless of sex.
 - e. No alternates will be selected at this time. If team vacancies occur, replacements will be chosen from the original list of candidates, if possible, so as to maximize team scoring potential.
10. Partial funding may be available to assist with expenses, but the skiers will be responsible for all costs beyond any funding that is available.
11. The team selected shall be designated as the U.S. Pan American 35+ Championship Team until the next selection.

