

American Water Ski Association
2018 U.S. ELITE PAN AM TEAM
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. **Team Description.** A six member team will be chosen to compete at the 2018 Elite Pan Am Championships to be held in **Santiago, Chile on November 12-18, 2018**. The team will be selected approximately 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 in good standing and,
 - c. **Notification of interest should be sent to International Activities Committee members, Lisa Steiner, lsteiner1@me.com and Larry Downes, larrydownes@miamioh.edu on or before July 29, 2018.**
3. The International Activities Committee (IAC) is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on 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 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. Elite Pan Am Team:
 - a. Gender distribution shall be 3/3 or 4/2.
 - 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 August 13, 2018 (reported by 8/14) 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.
 - c. Team Selection Scores shall be based on the IWWF 1,000 point system (IWWF 5.05) as calculated for team athletes from the U.S. and likely team skiers from other Pan American Federation countries, using scores "officially posted as final" on the IWWF Pan American Rankings list as of the Team Selection Score cut-off 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." The Team Selection Scores shall be computed in accordance with IWWF Rule 5.03 as follows:
 - Men's Tricks: per IWWF Rule 5.03
 - Women's Tricks: per IWWF Rule 5.03
 - Men's Slalom: per IWWF Rule 5.03
 - Women's Slalom: per IWWF Rule 5.03
 - Men's Jump: per IWWF Rule 5.03
 - Women's Jump: per IWWF Rule 5.03

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 and fifth skiers will be the male and/or female skiers with the highest "two event score" not already selected on the team, provided that the skier contributes to the team score. "Two event score" is defined as the sum of the two highest "event scores" for a skier.

g. If the fourth & fifth skiers do 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 this substitution does not decrease the team score, as computed under IWWF Rule 5.05, by more than 50 points.

h. The sixth skier will be the male or female skier with the highest "one event score" not already selected on the team, provided that the skier contributes to the team score.

i. 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-g of this Q&P. This team shall be designated as the official U.S. Elite Team for the Pan Am Championships.

j. The IAC may designate alternates to the U.S. Elite Team. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and will not be based on any fixed formula.

k. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor in making any U.S. Teams.

l. 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 team selected shall be designated as the U.S. Pan Am Elite Team until the next team selection has occurred.