

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM Qualifications & Procedures (Revised February 2020)**

### **Qualifications:**

To be eligible for the National Junior Ski Team, a skier must:

1. be a U.S. Citizen,
2. be a member of USA Water Ski in good standing,
3. competed in the Boys 2, Boys 3, **Boys 4, Boys 5**, Girls 2, Girls 3, **Girls 4 or Girls 5** division in at least (3) separate Class "C" or higher tournaments in the **Previous** Ski Year, excluding those skiers who have aged up into M1/W1.

### **Selection Procedures:**

1. A team of at least **(25)** individuals will be selected to be designated as the National Junior Team. This Team is chosen to recognize top performing juniors, and will not necessarily represent the U.S. at any time in international competition.
2. "Ranking List Score" shall be the average of the best three slalom, tricks and jump tournament performances (as calculated in the National Rankings List using one score per tournament) in **the Previous Ski Year**. "Event Score" shall be the **Normalized Overall Performance Score (NOPS)** for each event, relative to standards for that specific division and event, using a smooth curved mathematical fit to those standards, and as calculated for the **National Ranking List for the previous ski year**.
3. "Overall Score" shall be the sum of all 3 "Event Scores." The "2 Event Score" shall be the sum of the skier's two highest "Event Scores." The top twenty skiers based on "Overall Score" will be selected first.
4. The 21<sup>st</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> skiers will be selected on the basis of the "2 Event Score."
5. Any skier whose performance constitutes the highest "Event Score Standard" in any event (Boy or Girl) and is not already included in the **25** selected skiers will be selected as an additional Junior Team member.

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### **Notes:**

By using **NOPS** scores for the calculations for team selection, we simplify the selection process, make the process more transparent and understandable than the 1,000 point standard that has been used previously. The **NOPS** score for a skier's performance can be easily found on the ranking list website. Gender and age division distribution is already accounted for in the normalized **NOPS** scores, resulting in a team with similar diversity without the need to specify a minimum number for each gender.

There is now only one National Junior Team, expanded to at least 25 members. We will no longer be selecting a 12 member Junior Team and a 24 member Junior Development Team. The total number of juniors on a team is being reduced from at least 36 to at least 25.

The Members of the National Junior Team are now eligible to be selected for their region's All Star Team.