

United States Olympic Committee



ATHLETE
SELECTION PROCEDURE FORM
for the

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

April 2009



**USA Water Ski
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2011 Pan American Games
USA Wakeboard
April 28, 2010**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be a citizen of the United States at the 2011 International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) Pan Am Region Wakeboard Championships and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) (PAG only) standards for participation (if any):

N/A

3. Other requirements (if any):

Must be a current, active USA Water Ski/Wakeboard member.

B. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

2011 Pan American Games Team selection will be based on performances at the 2011 IWWF Pan Am Region Wakeboard Championship held April 2011.

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any "preliminary or qualifying" events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the trials, events or camps listed above in B. 1 (if any).

N/A



- C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (including maximum Team size).

Maximum Team Size will consist of up to 1 male and 1 female rider.

2011 Pan American Games Team selection will be based on performances at the 2011 IWWF Pan Am Region Wakeboard Championship held in April 2011. The tournament will consist of 4 rounds (quarterfinals, last chance qualifier (LCQ), semifinals and finals) conducted according to USA Wakeboard Class W rules.

1. ***Seeding***: Riders will be seeded for the quarterfinals according to the 2010 IWWF World Cup Ranking List. All riders not listed on the 2010 IWWF World Cup Ranking list will be seeded by the Pan Am Random Draw List held at registration, prior to the start of the tournament:

2. ***Quarterfinals***: The quarterfinals will consist of heats based on the number of entries received (Example with 40 riders). Competitions will use a heat system. Number of riders in each heat is based upon the number of riders who enter the 2011 IWWF Pan Am Region Wakeboard Championship.

Example of pattern of heats with 40 riders (top seed is #1; last seed is #40):

Heat #1: Seeds 8, 9, 24, 25, 40 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #2: Seeds 7, 10, 23, 26, 39 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #3: Seeds 6, 11, 22, 27, 38 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #4: Seeds 5, 12, 21, 28, 37 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #5: Seeds 4, 13, 20, 29, 36 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #6: Seeds 3, 14, 19, 30, 35 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat # 7: Seeds 2, 15, 18, 31, 34 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat # 8: Seeds 1,16, 17, 32, 33 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)



*Top rider from each heat of the Quarterfinals will advance into the semifinals.
All others will go to the LCQ round.

3. *Last Chance Qualifier (LCQ)*: Number of riders in each heat is based upon the number of riders who moved into the LCQ round from the quarterfinals. The LCQ will consist of heats (Example with 32 riders):

Heat #1: Seeds 8, 9, 24, 25 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #2: Seeds 7, 10, 23, 26 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #3: Seeds 6, 11, 22, 27 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #4: Seeds 5, 12, 21, 28 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #5: Seeds 4, 13, 20, 29 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #6: Seeds 3, 14, 19, 30 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #7: Seeds 2, 15, 18, 31 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #8: Seeds 1, 16, 17, 32 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

*Top rider from each heat of the LCQ will advance to the semifinals. More than one rider from each heat may advance if necessary in order to fill all 16 slots in the Semifinals. Should more than one rider advance, the rider(s) with the highest score from the LQC will advance until there are 16 riders in the Semifinals. This decision will be made by the Chief Judge and Scorer based on the number of heats we have in the LCQ, which is based on the number of entries into the tournament. The number of riders advancing from the LCQ will be posted prior to the start of the event.

4. *Semifinals*: The semifinals will consist of 4 heats (Example with 16 riders):

Heat #1: Seeds 4, 5, 12, 13 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #2: Seeds 3, 6, 11, 14 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #3: Seeds 2, 7, 10, 15 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)

Heat #4: Seeds 1, 8, 9, 16 (running order; you reverse seeds so higher seed go last)



*Top two riders in each heat of the semifinals will advance to the Final Round.

5. ***Finals:*** The finals will consist of 8 riders in one heat. Higher seed will go last. The top U.S. Men's and Women's Pro rider from the 2011 IWWF Pan Am Region Wakeboard Championship will be nominated to the 2011 Pan American Games Team. The 2nd place U.S. Men's Pro rider will be named as the 1st replacement for the male rider position, and the 3rd place U.S. Men's Pro rider will be the 2nd replacement for the male rider position. The 2nd place U.S. Women's Pro rider will be named as the 1st replacement for the female rider position, and the 3rd place U.S. Women's Pro rider will be the 2nd replacement for the female rider position.

LCQ, Semifinals and Finals Seedings: are determined by the position finish in previous round. If riders have identical final positions in the previous round, refer back to the previous round. If riders still have identical positions, refer to the 2010 IWWF World Cup Ranking List or the Pan Am Random Draw. For example, if rider A and rider B both finish first in their heats in the semifinals, to determine the top seed in the finals, you refer to the quarterfinals results. If, both A and B finished first in that round, refer back to the seeding on the IWWF World Cup Ranking List or the Pan Am Random Draw List used for the quarterfinals to determine seeding.

****Example of Seeding for each round:***

1. Rider A and Rider B both are 1st place in their heats in the semifinals
2. Rider A is seeded 3rd in his heat in the quarterfinals and Rider B is seeded 2nd in his heat. Rider B would be the higher seed going into the Final round.
3. If rider A and B are both seeded the same in the quarterfinal round, you go back to the original seeding list (based off the 2010 IWWF World Cup Ranking List and the Pan Am Random Draw List) to break the tie.

****Example with LCQ:***

1. Rider A and Rider B both are 1st place in their heats in the semifinals.
2. Rider A is seeded 1st in his heat in the quarterfinals and Rider B has to compete in the LCQ, Rider A would be the higher seed going into the Final round.

- D. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the names and titles of the current members.

USA Water Ski (USAWS) International Activities Committee (IAC)



Committee	Name	Title
USAWS IAC	Bill Bowness	Athlete Rep
USAWS IAC	Russell Gay	Athlete Rep
USAWS IAC	Christopher Rossi	Athlete Rep
USAWS IAC	John Haile	AKA Rep
USAWS IAC	Dawn Farrell	ABC Rep
USAWS IAC	Frank Harrison	AWSA Rep
USAWS IAC	Phil Chase	NCWSA Rep
USAWS IAC	Janifer Ellis	USAWB Rep
USAWS IAC	Gary Heinbuch	NWSRA Rep
USAWS IAC	Rhonda VanDyk	WSDA Rep
USAWB Board	Dan Levine	Board Member

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

N/A

B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

N/A

C. Discretionary Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members currently serving on the committee and their titles:

N/A

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and their background or NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

N/A

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA-WS has



jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA-WS may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA-WS:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA-WS CEO/Executive Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA-WS physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA-WS physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the USA Water Ski's Code of Conduct (Attachment A), USA Wakeboard's U.S. Team Agreement (Attachment B) and/or USA Wakeboard's Anti-Doping Policy (Attachment C).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Water Ski Constitution and Bylaws (Article 9) or the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- B. After acceptance of nominations by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- C. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

Finals: The finals will consist of 8 riders in one heat. Higher seed will go last. The top U.S. Men's and Women's Pro rider from the 2011 IWWF Pan Am Region Wakeboard Championship will be nominated to the 2011 Pan American Games Team. The 2nd place U.S. Men's Pro rider will be named



as the 1st replacement for the male rider position, and the 3rd place U.S. Men's Pro rider will be the 2nd replacement for the male rider position. The 2nd place U.S. Women's Pro rider will be named as the 1st replacement for the female rider position, and the 3rd place U.S. Women's Pro rider will be the 2nd replacement for the female rider position.

B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

i. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Please see IV. A. above.

ii. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Please see IV. A. above.

C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

N/A

ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the Team:

a. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

N/A

b. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

N/A

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA-WS will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition



of nomination to the Pan American Games and are included as attachments:

- USA Water Ski's Code of Conduct (Attachment A)
- USA Wakeboard's U.S. Team Agreement (Attachment B)
- USA Wakeboard's Anti-Doping Policy (Attachment C)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA-WS in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

- A. USA-WS Web site: www.usawaterski.org
These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.
- B. USA-WS Official Publication (if any): The Water Skier
- C. Other: www.usawakeboard.com

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on: 14 May 2011.

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Athletes will be notified of any programs of training and/or competition at least 30 days prior to the start of the mandatory training/competition.

N/A

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.



XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

USA Wakeboard Board	Dan Levine	Member
USA Wakeboard Board	Janifer Ellis	Member
AAC	Freddy Krueger	Chair
USA Wakeboard Board	Tara Mikacich	Athlete Rep
USA Water Ski Staff	Brandon Wolf	Director of Competition

XII. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA-WS Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.usawaterski.org/graphics/downloads/2005USAWSBylaws.pdf>

<http://www.usawaterski.org/graphics/downloads/USAWSPandPRev10ApprovedJan08.pdf>

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IWWF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IWWF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA-WS. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA-WS may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John W.

Ruger, by:




- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org



- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF and/or CF (PAG only), if applicable, standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA-WS.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
President	Jim Grew		4-29-10
Director of Competition	Brandon Wolf		4-29-10
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Freddy Krueger		4-29-10

*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB/PSO. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance representative.



Attachment A, B, & C

The USA Water Ski Code of Conduct (Attachment A), the USA Wakeboard U.S. Team Agreement (Attachment B), and USA Wakeboard's Anti-Doping Policy (Attachment C) are currently under review by USA Water Ski. Upon approval, these attachments will be added as an endorsement to these procedures and must be signed as a condition of nomination to the Pan American Games.