

**AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION**  
**2023 SENIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**  
**AND**  
**INDEPENDENT SKIER NOTIFICATION**  
**(For 35 year old skiers and above only)**  
**QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

1. The Team for the 2023 Pan American Championships (**September 18-24**, Skyview Lake Water Ski Club, Harmony, NC) will be selected by the AWSA International Activities Committee **based on scores taken from the AWSA Data Base from the period May 1, 2022 to August 10, 2023, with a minimum of one score from calendar year 2023**. We will announce the team approximately August 15, 2021.
2. Qualifications to be considered for the Team:
  - a. US citizen (meets USA Water Ski & Wake Sports team requirements).
  - b. Member of USA Water Ski and Wake Sports.
  - c. **Notification of Interest to be selected as a *member* of the US Team (athletes must indicate the event(s) they are in interested in competing in), or to be entered to ski as an *independent* U.S. athlete (denote what events) must notify International Activities Committee Members Stan Switzer [ds.switzer@verizon.net](mailto:ds.switzer@verizon.net) and Jill Smith, [bsmith32946@yahoo.com](mailto:bsmith32946@yahoo.com) by filling out the form <https://forms.gle/nCi5dmcQivfkiMmK7> no later than **August 10, 2021** of their desire to compete to be considered in the team's selection process.** Primary consideration will be given to those individuals that have submitted timely notifications of interest, but the IAC reserves the right to consider other individuals. All independent U.S. Athletes must be entered through this process.
  - d. **All entry fees (\$300) must be received by Jill Smith on or before the "notice of interest" deadline. No payment extensions will be granted. If your entry fee has not been received, you will not be considered for this team, and you will not be entered as an independent athlete. Entry fees are non-refundable.**
  - e. All athletes **must comply with USA-WSWS SafeSport training and applicable background check requirements prior to the event.** See <https://www.usawaterski.org/safe-sport>.
3. The IAC is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate in the Water Ski 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+, 55+, and 65+ 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 4 Veteran Teams comprised of 6 skiers in each of the following age divisions.
  - a. Division 1 ages 35+
  - b. Division 2 ages 45+
  - c. Division 3 ages 55+
  - d. Division 4 ages 65+

The skier's age division is determined by his age/her age as of December 31, 2022.

5. Gender Distribution will be 3/3 or 4/2.
6. Even though skiers of the same gender may be competing in different AWSA age divisions/groups, 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. 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:

#### Slalom

1) Scores will be equalized for skiers performances under AWSA Rules, where AWSA speeds are different than IWWF speeds.

#### 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 Team 2 will have their distances reduced by 2.4 m.

#### 8. Selection Process:

- a. 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 2023**. 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, as adjusted under IWWF Over 35 Competition Rule 5.03.
- b. The top man and woman skiers based on "total score" in each of the 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.
- c. The next skier will be the male or female skier with the highest "total score" provided that the skier contributes to the team score in at least one event.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.

Team selection “event scores” will be based on the IWWF 1,000 point system where 1,000 is the top Ranking Value on the most recently posted IWWF Pan American Rankings List (dynamic list), excluding those who have aged out.

9. 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.
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. Senior Pan American Championship Team until the next selection.

