

American Water Ski Association
2024 U14 Pan Am Championships Team
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. **Team Description.** A six-member team will be chosen to compete at the 2024 U14 Pan Am Championships to be held in Bogotá, Columbia from October 7 to October 13, 2024. The team will be selected on approximately August 1, 2024.
2. **Eligibility.** Eligibility for selection to the USA U14 Pan Am Team shall be:
 - a) U.S. citizen and Passport holder;
 - b) Active member of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports (USA-WSWS) in good standing;
 - c) Age qualification will be based on each athlete's "2024 Age"; for the 2024 U14 team this means participants must be 13 years or younger as of December 31, 2023.
3. **Notice of Interest Requirements and Procedures.**

To be considered for a position on this team, **ALL ATHLETES MUST FULLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS BY JULY 15, 2024:**

- a) Notice of Interest to be selected as a member of the USA U14 Pan Am Team must be submitted via an online form at <https://forms.gle/b7X7PEDQUgkYwJPA6>. Athletes must indicate which team(s) they are interested in competing in.
- b) The parent/guardian of all minor athletes **must acknowledge and agree to the USA-WSWS Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement**, on behalf of the minor athlete. Those documents are available for review online at USA-WSWS' website.
- c) Full payment of all entry and team fees must be received by the team manager (to be announced), not later than the deadline for submitting a Notice of Interest. Entry and team fees will be refunded for athletes not selected for the team.
- d) **At least one parent must agree to attend the event with the child and provide all necessary supervision and take full responsibility for the child's welfare.** Parents delegating guardianship responsibility for the child during the event must comply with all documentation required by applicable U.S. and Columbian laws (for which USA-WSWS shall have no responsibility). Parents and guardians attending the tournament with an athlete must comply with USA-WSWS' SafeSport Policy, including all training requirements.
- e) Skiers (and their parents, as to all minor athletes) are responsible for all costs of attending and participating in this tournament, except to the extent that any team funding is available.
- f) Primary consideration will be given to those individuals who have completed this process on a timely basis. The IAC reserves the right to consider other individuals for the team.
- g) All completed athlete Notices of Interest will be acknowledged.
- h) Questions regarding this process, or these qualifications and procedures, should be directed to Nicole Baird, International Activities U14 Development Subcommittee Chair via email (njg_b@yahoo.com). Questions about the organization of the tournament can be

sent to Dana Garcia, USA-WSWS Pan American Tournament Council Representative (Danagarciawaterski@gmail.com).

4. **Team Selection Considerations and Requirements**

- a) Eligible skiers may submit notices of interest for both USA U14 and U17 Pan Am teams; however, skiers are limited to participating in only one age category;
- b) Athletes selected for the 2024 U17 World Championships Team are not eligible for this team;
- c) Gender distribution shall be 3/3 or 4/2.
- d) It is the intention for the six-member team to be comprised of four three-event overall skiers (highest ranking two boys and two girls) and two two-event skiers as determined by two-event NOPS scores (based upon a skier's two best events) (one boy and one girl). **The selection committee will work down the National Ranking List (published as of July 28, 2024) until there are skiers of each gender meeting the above criteria.**
- e) If National Ranking List Overall scores are not available for the assessment of a skier's qualification, **the individual event(s) National Ranking List scores for the same period will be used to determine a calculated NOPS value** and the skier will be ranked accordingly.
- f) The IAC may designate alternates to the USA Pan Am U14 Water Ski Team at the recommendation of the Subcommittee. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and not based on any fixed formula.
- g) Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor for making any USA Team. The policy of the IAC is always to send the best possible team.

5. The team shall be designated as the USA U14 Pan Am Team until the next team selection has occurred.

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.