

Junior U.S. Open Fact Sheet

June 28-30, 2024

The Junior U.S. Open Water Ski Championships will be a three-day/three-round World Record Capability competition with two preliminary rounds and a final round. The event will take place at the San Marcus River Ranch in Martindale, Texas. This event is sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association – a sport discipline organization of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports. Current International Waterski & wakeboard Federation rules apply in all cases, except as listed herein.

Divisions

There will be four divisions: Boys, Girls, Junior Men and Junior Women.

1. Boys and Girls must have been born in the year **2007** or more recently.
2. Junior Men and Junior Women must have been born between **2002** and **2006** inclusive.

Preliminary round event qualification and seeding

There are no minimum qualifications. Each athlete **MUST SUBMIT** two scores per event performed at two separate AWSA Class E or above or IWWF sanctioned Tournaments between **May 1, 2023** and **May 17, 2024 to kateknafla@gmail.com**. The following performances may be used: (1) scores posted on USA Water Ski & Wake Sports' online ranking system from tournaments that fall between the specified dates (2) scorebooks posted on www.iwsf.com from tournaments that fall between the specified dates (3) World Junior and U21 Rankings Weekly rankings (last one before above score end dates). 4) Scores from (3) above will be used if an entry is submitted without proof of performance.

Proof of performances MUST BE submitted to kateknafla@gmail.com. Please put in the subject line of the email – “JR US Open”.

Number of competitors in each event of the preliminary round

	<u>Slalom</u>	<u>Tricks</u>	<u>Jump</u>
Boys	7	7	7
Girls	7	7	7
Junior Men	7	7	7
Junior Women	7	7	7

These numbers include overall skiers described in provision #1 below.

Method of filling the list

1. The #1, #2, and #3 ranked skiers on the April 2024 IWWF Junior and U21 World Ranking Lists in overall and posted as final will be selected first and seeded in the final running order according to the average of the two scores submitted in each event.
2. The remaining positions (up to seven) in each event will be filled according to the average of the two scores submitted in each event.
3. All ties, whether for a seeding position or for the last qualifying position, will be broken by looking at first the highest individual score, then the World Junior and U21 Rankings Weekly rankings (last one before above score end dates).
4. Where there are still ties for a seeding position, the position will be determined by random draw.
5. Where there are skiers still tied for the last qualifying position, all will be entered.
6. If the event qualification process does not produce at least three (3) overall competitors in each of the four divisions for the preliminary round, additional overall competitors will be invited to

compete in all three events of the preliminary round. (This may exceed the 84 total pulls for the tournament.)

7. These overall competitors will be selected according to the highest overall score, second highest, etc., on the World Junior and U21 Rankings Weekly rankings (last one before above end dates) in overall and posted as final until three competitors are confirmed in each of the four divisions. Overall skiers will only ski in the final round if they make the cut for that round. The overall skier's highest event score from either round in each event will be used in the calculation for overall placement with the thousand points attributed to the top score by an overall skier only.
8. Using the above procedures, replacements will be made due to withdrawal by the end of the 6:00 p.m. mandatory skiers meeting at the tournament site the day before the start of the event. No further changes will be made after that time.

2 Preliminary Rounds

One preliminary round will take place on Friday and one preliminary round on Saturday. Seeding for Saturday's round will be based on scores from the preliminary round on Friday. If there is still a tie the competitor with the highest seeded position in Friday's preliminary round will determine the skier's seeded position. The best score of either round will be used to determine who advances to the Final Round.

Final Round

The following number of skiers from Friday and Saturday's preliminary rounds will advance to the final round held on Sunday: Boys/Junior Men Slalom (4), Tricks (4), Jump (4); Girls/Junior Women Slalom (4), Tricks (4), Jump (4).

Seeding for Sunday's final round will be based on the two preliminary rounds results with the skier with the best score skiing last. Ties in seeding will be based on the competitor's back up score from the preliminary rounds. If there is still a tie the seeding position will be based on the higher seeded position in the preliminary round on Friday. Ties for the last qualifying position will be run off according to IWWF rules. In the finals any ties other than first will be awarded to the higher seed. Ties for first in slalom will be a one time run-off where the top skier has the choice to go 1st or 2nd and whoever skis 2nd must beat whoever skis first.

Registration

All entries must be done online at www.usawaterski.org. No other entry will be accepted. All entries must be received **by 5:00 p.m. EDT, Sunday, May 19, 2024**. Entry fee is \$300.

There will be a mandatory skiers meeting on Thursday at **6:00 p.m., June 27, 2024** at the Ski Site. Roll call will be taken at this meeting. Unless a skier or his representative (on an exception basis) is present to sign in, the skier will be scratched and replacements to the running order made with no further changes after the conclusion of the mandatory skiers meeting. If a representative will be present to sign a skier in, that skier should advise the tournament coordinator Chip Chipman (Chipc333@outlook.com) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to indicate that the skier will be unable to attend and provide the tournament director with the name of the skier's representative.

Hotels - When making reservations, reference JR US Open

Official Hotel: The Wingate by Wyndham, 108 IH 35 North San Marcos (512)754-662, use code 24JRSKI

Second Hotel: Small Hotel and short golf cart ride to the site with only 5 rooms. Western 1924 Luxury Lofts 420 Main St. Martindale, TX (408)356-1115 Maury

Space and power for a few RV's \$50.00, a deposit will confirm one of the limited spots available.

For either RV space or golf cart rental contact Chip Chipman (281)358-7884

Additional Notes

1. Entry fee is \$300.00. Included in the entry fee are: Meal and refreshments on Friday evening, lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday
2. Paid practice (\$30 per set) will be available from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 27. Practice may also be available Monday June 24 thru Wednesday June 26 by special reservation. Information on how to sign up for practice will be posted on the USAWSWS Website search for Junior U.S Open.
3. Questions regarding the tournament and practice can be directed to Chip Chipman at Chipc333@outlook.com. Questions regarding skier selection should **NOT** be directed to the LOC. Please email for Kate Knafla at kateknafla@gmail.com for skier selection questions.
4. For updates, please check usawaterski.org.
5. Refund Policy: There will be a refund processing fee of \$75 for all those who enter, are selected to compete and choose not to do so if the LOC is notified prior to June 19, 2024. No refunds will be granted after June 19, 2024. Refunds will be paid by USA Water Ski within 60 days after the conclusion of the tournament.
6. Skiing for the press will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director and Chief Judge.
7. Current IWWF Rules will apply, other than any exceptions noted herein. IWWF Rule 15.04 will be used to determine overall results.
8. Minimum slalom speeds: NONE
9. For overall calculations using the 1000 point system, 18 slalom buoys are subtracted for Boys/Girls; 24 for Jr. Men/Jr. Women.
10. The ramp heights are listed in IWWF Rule 13.01 for both U17/Junior Competition & U21/U17-21 Men & Women.

Awards

Awards will be based on final round results only except for overall (to be scored as described above in the Overall section) and given to first, second and third in each event and overall.