

**American Water Ski Association**  
**2022 U.S. TEAM SELECTION**  
**and**  
**INDEPENDENT SKIER**  
**QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES**  
**Under 17 World Championships**  
**Revision 1: Wild Card Entries**

**A. Team Description.** A six-member team will be selected to compete at the 2022 Under 17 World Championships. The tournament will be held **January 5-8, 2023** in Santiago, Chile. The team will be announced on or about **November 8, 2022**.

**B. Eligibility.** Eligibility for selection to the U.S. Team shall be:

1. U.S. citizen or otherwise qualified to ski as a member of the U.S. Team (see IWWF Rules of Eligibility for World and Confederation Titled Events);
2. Active member of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports in good standing.
3. Age qualification will be based on each athlete's "2022 Age." Note that this is a 2022 event, so all skiers must have been "16 years old or younger as of December 31, 2021," as defined by IWWF Rules 2.03 and 16.01.

**C. Notice of Interest Requirements and Procedures.** To be considered for a position on this team, **to compete as an independent athlete (see IWWF eligibility rules for independent athletes at IWWF Rule 16), or to be considered as a wild card athlete (IWWF Rule 14.14), ALL ATHLETES MUST FULLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS BY October 15, 2022:**

1. **Notice of Interest to be selected as a member of the U.S. Team (athletes must indicate the event(s) in which they are interested in competing) must be submitted;**
2. **Notice of intent to participate as an independent athlete must be submitted (independent athletes can only participate in the tournament through this process; independent athletes not completing this process will not be entered).**
3. **Requests to participate as a wild card athlete must be made to IAC members Lyman Hardy or Lori Krueger (see contact information below).**
4. **These notice forms are online at <https://forms.gle/YnFtiFKbwtTTdskY7>.**
5. The parent/guardian of all minor athletes **must acknowledge and agree to the USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement**, on behalf of the minor athlete. **USA-WSWS' SafeSport Policy must also be complied with.** Those documents are available for review online at USA-WSWS's website.
6. **Full payment of all entry and team fees must be received by the team manager, not later than the Notice of Interest deadline. All athletes filing a Notice of intent to participate will be advised of the entry and team fees in advance of the payment deadline.** All fees are non-refundable (for any reason) except: (a) full or partial refunds will be made to athletes selected as team members in the event/to the extent that team funding is available; and (b) refunds will be made to athletes who only express interest in being selected to the team, i.e., no refund will be made to athletes submitting a Notice of Interest and also indicating an intent to participate as an independent athlete. Forfeited fees will be used to fund team expenses, as determined by the IAC and Team Manager.
7. All completed athlete Notices of Interest will be acknowledged.

8. A list of all submitted athlete Notices of Interest (who have filed a Notice of Interest and paid all fees) will be available online beginning approximately four (4) weeks before the Notice of Interest deadline. Notices of Interest will not be considered as received unless the Notice of Interest form has been completed and payment of all fees has been received.
9. **Primary consideration will be given to those individuals who have completed this process on a timely basis, but the IAC reserves the right to consider other individuals for the team.**
10. **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 (if any) is available.**
11. Questions regarding this process should be addressed to IAC members Lyman Hardy ([lymanlandusa@gmail.com](mailto:lymanlandusa@gmail.com)) or Lori Krueger ([kruegerski@gmail.com](mailto:kruegerski@gmail.com)).

#### **D. Team Selection Considerations**

The AWSA International Activities Committee (IAC) is tasked with the responsibility of selecting athletes to participate on 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 team title. These elements include, but are not limited to:

1. Numerical Division of Male / Female athletes to make up the team;
2. Numerical scores from selected tournaments that precede the event and are close enough in time to the event to produce the most viable team (see Team Selection Score procedures below). These scores are compared to expected scores from other international teams to predict the anticipated scores that may be produced;
3. 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;
4. 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 IAC reserves the right to rely on all of these factors in selecting this team. In the event of unforeseen circumstances which, in the judgment of the IAC, render these considerations and procedures clearly ineffective, the IAC may (by a two-thirds vote of the full IAC committee) amend these qualifications and procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program.

#### **E. Team Selection Procedures and Score Calculations (Team Athletes Only)**

1. The team will be selected based on the above process. No team trials will be held.
2. Sex distribution for the team shall be 3/3 or 4/2.
3. Each athlete's "Team Selection Score" shall be determined. The Team Selection Score shall be the average of each skier's **two** best tournament scores in each event (the "events" being slalom, tricks, and jump) which shall be extracted from USA-WSWS and International Water Ski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) sanctioned Class E, L and R tournament performances during the period beginning on **January 1, 2022** and ending on **November 6, 2022** (inclusive). Each round score must be from a different site. To be considered, all scores must be reported (through each tournament's local organizing committee or scorer) to USA Water Ski & Wake Sports not later than Monday, November 7, 2022 at 11:59 PM (PDT). It is each athlete's responsibility to ensure that all eligible scores are submitted in a timely manner. No late-reported scores, or scores

which cannot be verified, will be considered. **The IAC reserves the right to give preference to scores achieved closer to the team selection date.**

4. Team Selection Scores shall be based on the IWWF 1,000 point system (IWWF Waterski Competition rule 16) as calculated for team athletes from the U.S. and likely team skiers from other countries, using scores "officially posted as final" on the IWWF Rankings List as of the Team Selection Score cut-off date, and excluding athletes who have aged out. Predicted scores for making this calculation shall be based on the average of the two highest Ranking Values for likely team skiers. The highest predicted team skier score in each event (slalom, trick, jump) will be the "1,000 point base." The goal is to use the best possible score as the "1,000 point base."
5. The top male and female skiers based on "overall score" will be selected first provided that the skier contributes to the team score in at least one event. "Overall score" is computed as the sum of the Team Selection scores from each of the three events.
6. The next skier will be the male or female skier with the next highest "overall score" provided that the skier contributes to the team score in at least one event.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The six skiers chosen following the above criteria will be Team 1. Then other combinations of six U.S. skiers will be identified and shall be hereafter referred to as "Team X." Each Team X shall meet the gender requirements above, and shall have at least three skiers in each event (slalom, tricks and jump). The Team Score for Team X will be calculated by summing the best three individual Team Selection Scores from each gender in each division (3 slalom, 3 tricks, and 3 jump). Consideration will be given to the number of scores per event, with the preference of at least four scores in each event (4 slalom, 4 tricks, and 4 jump). Team X having the highest Team Score will be named the U.S. Junior World Championships Team.
10. If there are no qualifying overall scores meeting some or all of the criteria (male and/or female) set forth in any of the above steps (steps (E.5-8), the IAC will consider alternative criteria and procedures as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AWSA International Competition Program.
11. The IAC reserves the right to choose another combination of athletes who create a higher team overall score than chosen using the above steps.
12. The team selected through this process will be designated as the official 2022 Under 17 World Championships Team.

#### **F. Other Information**

1. **The selection of wild card athletes (up to five [5] event entries) is solely at the discretion of the IAC, including consideration of athlete performances during the 2022 ski year. It is anticipated that wild card athletes will be selected at the same time as the team.**
2. The IAC may (but may not) designate alternates to the U.S. Team. The method of selecting these alternates will be at the discretion of the IAC and will not necessarily be based on any fixed formula.
3. Excellence in competition is the sole determining factor in making any U.S. Team. The policy of the IAC is always to send the best possible team.