



Pan American Region

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Rules of Policy for the Pan Am Water Ski Championships – All Divisions

**The current IWWF Rule Book will be used in all cases other than those set forth below by
the Pan American Tournament Council
(established as of January 2, 1992 with amendments noted)**

OPEN DIVISION

- a) A country may have a team of 3 skiers regardless of qualifications, and a maximum of 6 skiers per IWWF Championships rules. (2021)
- b) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- c) Finals will be one half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a max of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2006)

Under 21

- a) Rules as per IWSF rulebook, with noted exceptions (started this Division in Chile 1996).
- b) Four skiers total, three maximum of any one gender. The best three scores to count towards team score.
- c) Best three scores count towards team score.
- d) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- e) Finals will be one half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a maximum of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2021)

Under 17

- a) Rules identical to the rules used for the Junior World Championships, with noted exceptions.
- b) Six skiers, four of any one gender. The best three scores to count towards team score. (2018)
- c) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- d) Finals will be one half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a max of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2021)

Under 14 (2018)

- a) Rules identical to the rules used for the Junior World Championships, with noted exceptions.
- b) Six skiers, four of any one gender. The best three scores to count towards team score. (2021)
- c) The maximum age of any skier participating is 13 years as of December 31 preceding the Tournament.
- d) In slalom prelim: Boys: 43k-55k; Girls: 40kph-52kph (2006). In finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- e) Finals will be half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a max. of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2021)

+35, +45, +55, +65 Divisions

- a) Rules identical to those used for the World 35+ Championships (IWWF rulebook)
- b) Six skiers total from each Age Category (+35, +45, +55,+65), Four maximum of any one gender. (2019)
- c) The best three scores from each Age Category to count towards each Age Category team score. For example, one country could win the +35 Age Division and another country could win the +45 Age Division.
- d) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- e) Finals will be one half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a max of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2019)
- f) The first 5 of the Pan Am Ranking List in a discipline in any divisions may ski as an Individual Skier. (2019)
- g) Slalom (2019)

(1) 2 Rounds Semi-Finals and 1 Round Finals

- (2) Slalom Finals Selection- 1st half from the best score and the 2nd half from the best average score. If odd number- then last in based on best average score.
- (3) Min Starting Speeds for All Divisions: Women (43k), Men (48k)
- h) No Skier can be part of two divisions. (2019)

ALL DIVISIONS

The tournament should be run, if possible, with the classification of at least “L”

The Pan Ams will be seeded.(2006)

JUMP HEIGHTS: (Minutes Aug 1998) For advancing from 1.65m ramp height to 1.80, it takes a proven performance of 50m. For advancing from 1.50m to 1.65m ramp height, it takes a 38m proven performance. Should be sent in with the entry (i.e. IWWF rule)

CHIEF JUDGE will set the ultimate deadline for declaring jump heights. (Aug. 1998)

ONE SKIER from each country may ski in both their divisional team (by age) and on the Open Team, if so qualified. (1994)

PRACTICE:

Practice at the Pan Am Championships

Must be fair and equal for all Federations

Must be listed in the bulletin with details of how it will run

No skiing during any Awards Ceremony

No skiing during the Opening Ceremony

No skiing after the competition until the first segment is complete

After a segment of the competition starts, no participating athlete will practice on the competition site

Rule 14.14 Wild Cards- will be determined by a vote of the Pan Am TC after the intent to enter deadline has passed and the number of entries has been determined. If there is sufficient time remaining to conduct the tournament; Wild Cards should be considered.