

2012 World Team Selection Procedure approved changes

XXVI. World Team Selection Procedures

1. Skier selection will be based on a minimum of 7 races and a maximum of 10 sanctioned races leading up to the next World Championships. When possible, all selection races will be conducted during the same season (calendar year) as the upcoming World Championships. When not possible, selection races will begin no sooner than 1 calendar year prior to the first race of the next World Championships. (Example, if World Championships are held in October, all selection races should be held in that calendar year. If the first race of the World Championships is held on April 15th, no selection race should be held prior to April 15th of the prior year. No selection races will be held less than 90 days from the date of the first race of the World Championships unless the minimum number of selection races has not been met prior to that 90 day deadline. The following spots will be selected as members of the US Team.

3 - Male F1 Skiers, and 1 Alternate
3 - Female F1 Skiers, and 1 Alternate
3 - Male F2 Skiers, and 1 Alternate
3 - Female F2 Skiers, and 1 Alternate
3 - Junior Boy Skiers, and 1 Alternate
3 - Junior Girl Skiers, and 1 Alternate
2. All skiers seeking consideration for selection to the US Team, must race in selection races for the next World Championships behind a boat which is legal to race in a World Championships in their respective category, abiding by all boat requirement rules stated in the IWWF Racing Rule Book.
 - A. F1 skiers can ski any age, open, or boat class in the selection races and seek consideration to be selected for the F1 Mens and Womens Team.
 - B. F2 skiers can only be selected if registered in the F2 boat class for the selection races to be considered.
 - C. Junior skiers must race selection races behind a F2 legal boat to be considered.
 - D. If any category does not have a full team, exceptions to these rules can be made to allow vacant spots to be filled.
4. The **two** skiers with the most combined points (after dropped races; see below) will earn automatic qualification on the Mens and Womens F1 and F2, and Junior Boys and Junior Girls teams by way of the 1000 point system. F1, F2 and Juniors will be scored separately using the 1000 point system just as it is done in World Championship Competition. (Example, F2 winner finishes 5th overall, but 1st in F2, this skier will get 1000 points.)

Note: F2 and Junior skiers will be scored separately only for team selection purposes, for marathon high point trophies all skiers will be scored off the overall winner.

Each skier will drop their lowest point total in 2 or 3 races based on the criteria below.

Criteria: If there are 7 selection races, skier will only count their 5 highest point totals (drop 2 lowest point totals)

If there are 8 selection races, skier will only count their 6 highest point totals (drop 2 lowest point totals)

If there are 9 selection races, skier will only count their 6 highest point totals (drop 3 lowest point totals)

If there are 10 selection races, skier will only count their 7 highest point totals (drop 3 lowest point totals)

5. The third skier for the Mens, Womens F1 and F2, along with the Junior Boys and Junior Girls teams will be selected by a committee chosen by the NWSRA Board.
 - A. The voting will take place within 2 weeks of the final selection race and will be administered by the Team Captain, Asst. Team Captain, or Team Manager.
 - B. Criteria to be used by the selection committee when voting for the third skier...
 - a. Skier must earn points in a minimum of 3 selection races to be considered.
 - b. Skier's overall finish in each and all selection races
 - c. Skier's points earned in each and all selection races
 - d. Past International experience
 - e. Ability to represent the United States with dignity and pride
 - f. If any category does not have a full team, exceptions to these rules can be made to allow vacant spots to be filled.
6. The Alternate position will be filled on an overall points basis after the 3rd skier has been selected by the selection committee.

Example: If the skier who finished 5th in combined overall points for F1 is voted in as the #3 skier, the skier who finished 3rd in combined overall points for F1 will then be the alternate.
7. The top 3 F1, F2 and Junior skiers will be re-seeded by the Team Captain at his/her discretion prior to the first race at the World Championships. The alternate skier will remain the alternate.
8. If a skier declines their position, the decision is effective immediately. The skier's declination of their position is final and the next eligible skier will be moved into the vacated position.