

FACT SHEET
2009 JUNIOR U.S. OPEN WATER SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS
Lago Santa Fe
Santa Fe, Texas
May 30-31

The 2009 Junior U.S. Open Water Ski Championships will be a two-day/two-round, world-record capability competition with a preliminary and final round. The event is sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association, a sport discipline of USA Water Ski. International Water Ski 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 1992 or more recently
2. Junior Men and Junior Women must have been born between 1987 and 1991 inclusive

Preliminary round event qualification and seeding

There are no minimum qualifications. Each athlete, even those automatically qualified in overall, must submit two scores per event that were performed at two separate AWSA Class E or above or IWSF sanctioned Tournaments between May 2, 2008 and May 11, 2009. The following performances may be used: (1) scores posted on USA Water Ski's online ranking system at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2009 from tournaments that fall between the specified dates above (scores posted after 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2009 are not valid); (2) scorebooks posted on IWSF.com at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2009 from tournaments that fall between the specified dates above (scores posted after 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2009 are not valid); (3) World Junior Rankings List dated November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008 or a later ranking list if available and posted as final (as long as the date of the tournament falls within the time period listed above); (4) documentation with a Chief Judge's signature, performance, date and location; or (5) a copy of an AWSA Official Seeding Record. Please submit proof of performance with entry form. Scores from the latest IWSF Junior and U21 World Ranking Lists posted as final will be used if an entry is submitted without proof of performance.

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
Jr. Men	7	7	7
Jr. Women	7	7	7

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

Method of filling the list:

1. The top three skiers on the latest IWSF Junior and U21 World Ranking Lists in overall available as of May 11 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 most current published IWSF Ranking List score.
4. Where there are still ties for a seeding position, the position will be determined by random draw.
5. Where there are two skiers still tied for the last qualifying position, both will be entered.
6. Where there are more than two skiers tied for the last qualifying position, the position will be dropped completely unless two of the tied skiers are among the top three overall skiers cited in provision #1 in which case provision #5 will apply. If one of the skiers is among the top three overall skiers, that skier will be entered.
7. If, in any of the four divisions, slots remain unfilled in one or more events, additional competitors will be entered in those events in the same division where there are more than seven entries so that each of the four divisions contains twenty-one (21) competitors as long as there are not more than twenty-one (21) competitors in one or more of the other divisions in which case these slots will remain unfilled.

8. If, after this process, in any of the four divisions, there still remain unfilled slots, the tournament committee may decide to enter more skiers in another division without exceeding a maximum of eighty-four (84) rides in the preliminary round.
9. Using the above procedures, replacements will be made due to withdrawal up to 5 p.m. tournament site time the day before the start of the event.

Overall

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. These overall competitors will be selected according to the highest overall score, second highest, etc., on the latest IWSF Junior and U21 Ranking List in overall available as of May 11 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.

Final Round

The following number of skiers from Saturday's preliminary will advance to the final round held on Sunday.

	<u>Slalom</u>	<u>Tricks</u>	<u>Jump</u>
Boys/Jr. Men	4	4	4
Girls/Jr. Women	4	4	4

Seeding for Sunday's final round will be based on Saturday's preliminary round results with the skier with the best score skiing last. Ties in seeding will be based on the competitor with the higher seeded position in the preliminary round. Ties for the last qualifying position will be run off according to IWSF rules.

Registration

All skiers must submit a completed Official Junior U.S. Open Entry Form to: USA Water Ski Headquarters, 1251 Holy Cow Road, Polk City, Florida 33868-8200 by **5 p.m. May 11, 2009**. Proof of performance **MUST** accompany entry form. Entries must be sent via US Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, etc. Faxed entries will not be accepted. **There will be a mandatory skiers meeting at 5:00 p.m., May 29** at the jump dock on site where bibs will be distributed. Tricks lists will also be collected to allow for timelier scoring for spectator appeal. Athlete weigh-in will take place at the starting dock. Skiers will be able to confirm that USA Water Ski headquarters has received their entries and that the requested information (proof of performances, etc.) is complete by checking www.USAWATERSKI.org.

Hotel

The name of the official hotel is Hilton Houston Nasa Clear Lake. The rate is \$89.00, mention Jr. Water Ski tournament. **Skiers are advised to book early especially as cancellations may always be made later. This is a busy weekend in the area.**

Additional Notes

1. Paid practice at \$30 per set will be available on site, 10:00AM – 4:00PM, Friday, May 29 (4 slalom passes, 4 trick passes, 3 jumps) and may be arranged by sending an e-mail to Lori Kruger at LoriKSki@aol.com or calling 832-309-8823.
2. Skiing for the press will be at the discretion of the tournament director and chief judge.
3. IWSF Rules will apply, other than any exceptions noted herein.
4. Minimum slalom speeds*: All divisions will be at division maximum speeds on a 16m or shorter line except Girls which may start at an 18.25m line length. For the final round, the Junior Women & Junior Men only must start at 14.25m or shorter.
*Depending on conditions, the appointed judges could elect to lower or increase starting speeds.
5. The Official Towboat will be announced at a later date.

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.

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