

Missouri Junior Team

Purpose: The purpose of having a Missouri Junior Team is to promote the sport of waterskiing, encourage camaraderie and participation, and improve skills and abilities. The goal of the Missouri Junior Team is to help qualify skiers for, and participate in the Midwest Regional Championships each year.

The Junior Development Coordinator will compile a list of qualified Missouri skiers from USAW website and present it to the MWSF Board by December each year. The board and coordinator will choose the team members per guidelines below, and announce the team at the winter meeting.

To be eligible for the Junior Team, the skier must pass the performance standard as follows:

1. Be a USAW and MWSF member in good standing
2. Be a resident of the state of Missouri
3. Be in the Boys 1-3, or Girls 1-3 age groups (Juniors) for the upcoming year.
4. The skier must have competed at minimum, in the Missouri State tournament and one additional tournament in the previous year and have registered scores on USAW website from those tournaments (class C or above).
5. The skier must have completed one full pass in slalom at or above the minimum starting speed in a qualifying tournament, or registered a trick score in a qualifying tournament, or completed a scoring jump in a qualifying tournament.

Junior skiers who meet the above criteria are considered to be on the Missouri Junior Team.

The Missouri Junior team consists of two classes: Missouri Junior Elite Team and Missouri Junior Development Team.

The Missouri Junior Elite Team members are chosen based on tournament performance. The team of 8 includes the top two skiers in each age division (B2,3, and G2,3). The two skiers from each division will be picked in order of total NOPS score. If there are not two skiers in a given age division that meet the minimum standard, then skiers from another division may be chosen.

The Missouri Junior Development Team shall consist of skiers who meet the performance standard above but are not chosen for the Elite team. The purpose of the Development team is to help increase the skills of interested skiers who have the desire to be on the Elite Team in the future.

Each year prior to the winter meeting (typically 2 weeks in advance) the Junior Coordinator will notify skiers who satisfied the performance standard and are eligible for the team. The teams will be announced at the winter meeting. Once the teams have been selected, the Junior Development Coordinator, and the Federation board will decide what activities each team will participate in. Typically the Elite team participates in a week long training camp. The Development team will have a shorter

camp, typically a weekend, for the purpose of improving skills. The Elite team members may be required to assist with Development camps.

Camps and training opportunities for both the Elite and Development teams will vary year to year, based on available Federation funds, the number of team members, and the availability of training sites. There is a fee to attend camps that will be discussed at the winter meeting, and finalized before camps begin.

When we announce the teams and camp dates, we ask parents or guardians to commit their child's attendance by May 1, so we have an accurate count and can adjust accordingly.