

Amendment to the 2009 USA Whitewater Slalom National Team Selection Criteria:

Section III.C.2.b.1 of the 2009 USA Whitewater Slalom National Team Selection Criteria states: In the event that the World Ranking is not available immediately after the Tacen World Ranking race, the alternative ranking system approved by USAWS will be used. The alternative ranking system must be approved by USAWS by April 30, 2009. This amendment establishes the alternative ranking system.

- I. Athletes that make the 2009 National Team are pre-qualified to race in the 2009 World Championship if they are ranked top 20 in 2008 ICF World Ranking.
- II. In the event that there are still remaining 2009 World Championship spot(s) that were not awarded under section I, the spots will be awarded to World Cup athletes that have one top 10 finish in a final at one of the three World Cups in 2009. The three 2009 World Cups are Pau France, Augsburg Germany, and Bratislava Slovakia. The Continental Championships do not count.
 - a. In the event that more athletes qualify under section II than there are places available on the 2009 World Championship Team, athletes with the best individual result qualify.
 - i. Example: If athlete A places 8th at Pau World Cup, athlete B places 6th at Augsburg World Cup, and athlete C places 3rd at Bratislava World Cup, but there is only one 2009 World Championship spot available then athlete C will be awarded the one 2009 World Championship spot.
- III. In the event that there are still 2009 World Championship spot(s) that were not awarded under section I and II, the spots will be awarded to World Cup athletes that have two top 20 finishes at two of the three 2009 World Cups. Continental Championship races do not count.
 - a. In the event that more athletes qualify under section III than there are places available on the 2009 World Championship Team, athletes with the best individual result qualify.
 - i. Example: If athlete A places 19th at Pau World Cup and athlete B places 17th at Bratislava World Cup, but there is only one 2009 World Championship spot available then athlete B will be awarded the spot.
- IV. In the event that there are still 2009 World Championship spot(s) that were not awarded under section I, II, and III then additional athletes will be selected using the ICF World Ranking formula. Athletes' three best points, out of all the World Ranking Races are added together. The World Ranking Races that can be used to accumulate points are any World Ranking Race that takes place after 2009 U.S. National Team Trails and before, but including the Tacen Pre-

World Championships. Athletes with the best points are awarded the remaining 2009 World Championship spot(s).

- a. In the event that an athlete does not make a semifinal, points will be calculated using the qualification result.
- b. In the event that an athlete makes it to the semifinal, points are calculated for both their qualification race and then separately for the semifinal race. Per race, the athlete can only use the best points from either the qualification or semifinal run.
- c. In the event that an athlete makes it to the final (World Ranking Race Only), points are calculated for their qualification race and then separately for the semifinal race and final race. Per race, the athlete can only use the best points from one run per race, the qualification run, semifinal run, or Final run.
 - i. The purpose behind this rule is to not penalize an athlete if they had a great qualification result, but a poor semifinal or final result.
- d. Any athlete who competes at World Ranking Races is eligible to gain position for the Worlds Team under section IV., not just top three athletes from 2009 U.S. National Team Trial. Providing the athletes are in the top 25% class adjusted. C1W will have no performance standard requirements.