



2019 Can-Am Team Challenge U14 Team Selection Criteria

Key Information

Location : Edmonton, Alberta
Competition Dates: August 31 to September 1, 2019
Travel Dates: TBD
Funding: 100% self-funded

Tournament Overview

The Can-Am Team Challenge is a three event, two round team tournament between Canada and the United States. Team scores will be calculated using the three highest overall scores in each event.

The U14 Team will consist of six athletes (maximum of four of one gender).

Goal

The goal for this competition is to maximize Canada's U14 Team placement.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection, athletes must be: (a) members in good standing of Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC); and (b) 13 years of age or younger on December 31, 2018 (born in 2005 or later).

Athletes interested in being selected to the U14 Team should compete at the 2019 Western or Eastern Championships and must compete at the 2019 National Championships. If extenuating circumstances prevent an athlete from competing at the 2019 National Championships, the athlete must send a letter to the National Team Coach (NTC) as stated below under the heading Extenuating Circumstances.

Athletes interested in being selected to the U14 Team are asked to send an email to the NTC at sbush53@gmail.com with the subject heading "2019 Can-Am Team Challenge" indicating the name of the athlete who would like to be considered for selection to the U14 Team. This is not mandatory, but will help with team selection.

Cost

Selected athletes will be responsible for paying 100% of their expenses for this event. The expenses include travel, accommodation, meals and tournament registration.

Selection Criteria

The WSWC High Performance Committee (HPC) reserves the right to change the following criteria if: (a) the format or technical rules of the tournament are changed; or (b) unusual circumstances would result in the application of the criteria being unfair.

Calculation of Selection Overall Scores

The average of each athlete's two best scores in each event during the period from August 13, 2018 to August 10, 2019 will be calculated. The two scores must be from separate tournaments, the results from which qualify for the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation's (IWWF) World Rankings List, and from different sites. One score must be from a 2019 tournament.

Each athlete's two score average will be converted to overall points (the Selection Overall Score) using the IWWF overall formulas set out below. The 1,000 point score to be used for each event in the overall formulas will be the Benchmark Scores set out below.

Team Selection

The following parameters will be used to select six athletes for Canada's U14 Team:

- (a) there can be no more than four athletes of one gender;
- (b) the third highest Selection Overall Score of the previously selected athletes will be used to determine if another athlete's Selection Overall Score can improve the team score; and
- (c) the HPC may select an athlete to provide a backup score even if the athlete has no Selection Overall Score that is higher than the third highest Selection Overall Score of the previously selected athletes; the HPC may exercise its discretion under this clause even if another athlete's Selection Overall Score is higher than the third highest Selection Overall Score of the previously selected athletes.

Selection of Alternates

The HPC may name up to two alternates to the athletes selected to the U14 Team based on the foregoing criteria. The alternates may be selected at the time the U14 Team athletes are selected or may be selected at a later date.

Deadline for Submitting Results

A copy of the results for the entire tournament or a ratings sheet, in either case signed by the Chief of Competition or Chief Judge of each tournament an athlete wants to be used in the selection process must be received by WSWC by email at info@wswc.ca or by fax at 613.701.0385 before the close of business on August 1, 2019. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that all results or rating sheets are received by WSWC by the deadline.

Despite the foregoing paragraph, the HPC may, but is not obligated to, use tournament results posted on the internet if it believes the posted results are credible.

Timing of Selection

The athletes selected to the U14 Team will be announced at the 2019 National Championships.

Extenuating Circumstances

If extenuating circumstances prevent an athlete from competing in the required number of tournaments or adversely affect the athlete's performances, the HPC may make exceptions to the selection criteria. If an athlete wants the HPC to consider making exceptions to the criteria, the athlete must make a written submission to the HPC. The written submission must be received by the NTC at sbush53@gmail.com before the close of business on July 10, 2019. Following receipt of the submission, the HPC may require additional written information from the athlete. The HPC's decision will be communicated to all athletes who may be affected by the decision.

Competition Readiness

The HPC may, at any time, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the team or remove an athlete after selection if, due to illness, injury, lack of physical fitness or other reason that affects the athlete's ability to perform, the HPC believes it unlikely that the athlete will be able to perform at the Can-Am Team Challenge at a level consistent with the scores upon which the selection of the athlete to the team would be or was based. The HPC will advise the affected athlete of its decision.

Code of Conduct

The HPC may, at any time, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behaviour of the athlete that is inconsistent with WSWC's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available from WSWC upon request. The HPC will advise the affected athlete of its decision.

Appeals

An athlete may appeal any decision made pursuant to this document. Appeals will be made and dealt with in accordance with the most recent version of WSWC's Appeals Policy. A copy of the Appeals Policy is available from WSWC upon request and is posted on WSWC's website (www.waterski-wakeboard.ca).

As a result of the short period of time between the day on which the athletes to attend the Can-Am Team Challenge will be selected and the start of the tournament, the normal time lines in the Appeals Policy for considering an appeal will have to be shortened in order for the appeal to be completed prior to the start of the tournament. An appeal should therefore be filed as soon as possible following the team's selection. An appeal filed too close to the start of the tournament may not be able to be completed before the start of the tournament.

IWWF Overall Formulas	
Slalom ¹ and Tricks	athlete's score x 1000 ÷ Benchmark Score
Jump - Boys	(athlete's score – 10) x 1000 ÷ (Benchmark Score – 10)
Jump - Girls	(athlete's score – 7) x 1000 ÷ (Benchmark Score – 7)
¹ Slalom scores will be based on the IWWF scoring system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete 13 m = 48 buoys complete 12 m = 54 buoys complete 11.25 m = 60 buoys complete 10.75 m = 66 buoys 	

Benchmark Scores			
	Slalom ¹	Tricks	Jump
Boys	TBD	TBD	TBD
Girls	TBD	TBD	TBD
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