



## Water Ski National Team Program Structure and Funding Overview

### NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM

The National Team program provides financial and other support to athletes in the following eight categories.

Athletes who qualify will normally remain in the program for two years (the qualification criteria is based on the two year cycles of the World Championships, Can-Am Challenge and Pan American Championships). However, the High Performance Committee (HPC) may disqualify an athlete from being included in the program or remove an athlete after qualification if any past or current conduct of the athlete violates WSWC's Code of Conduct.

The HPC may include an athlete in the program if the athlete is unable to meet the qualification criteria due to a health related issue (e.g. injury, illness, pregnancy).

To receive the financial support indicated below, athletes in categories 1 to 4 and 6 must submit a yearly training plan to the National Team Coach (NTC) and athletes in categories 5 and 7 must submit a yearly training plan to the Junior National Team Coach.

Athletes in categories 1 to 7 must attend the National Championships and athletes in categories 1 to 6 must attend the spring and fall sport science camps. An athlete's financial support will be reduced by one third for each of those events the athlete does not attend, unless the athlete's absence is approved by the NTC.

An athlete who chooses not to participate in this National Team program will not be eligible for any National Team program or Sport Canada funding.

Category	Qualification Criteria	Financial Support
1. National Team - Podium	Athletes who placed first, second or third in slalom, trick, jump or overall at the last World Championships.  If an athlete who qualifies for this category as a result of a podium placement at more than one past World Championships does not place first, second or third in an event at the next World Championships, the NTC may permit that athlete to remain in this category for the next two years if the NTC believes that the athlete remains capable of a podium placement at the following World Championships.	Enriched funding and full funding for all National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.
2. National Team - Carded	Athletes who receive carding support from Sport Canada. Water ski has seven cards available.	Enriched funding and full funding for all National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.
3. National Team - World Team	The six athletes whose scores at the last World Championships were used to determine the Canadian Team score at the Championships.	Enriched funding and full funding for all National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.



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4. National Team - Elite Exceptional Performance	Athletes who in the prior calendar year: qualified for the US Masters; placed first, second or third in slalom, trick or jump at a professional event; are in the top eight for slalom, trick or jump or the top three for overall on the prior calendar year's October World Ranking List; or placed in the top eight in slalom, trick or jump or the top three in overall at the last World Championships.	Full funding for all National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.
5. National Team - U21 Exceptional Performance	Athletes under 21 at December 31 of the prior calendar year who competed in the last Junior or U21 World Championships and also competed in the last Open World Championships.	Full funding for Nationals and sport science camps and partial funding for Pan American Championships and World Championships.
6. National Team - World Independents	Athletes who competed in the last Open World Championships through their placement on the World Ranking List and whose scores were not used to determine the Canadian Team score at the Championships.	Partial funding for Nationals, Pan American Championships and World Championships, but full funding for the Pan American Championships, if the athlete is selected to the six-person elite Canadian team.
7. Junior National Team	Athletes who competed in the last Junior or U21 World Championships. These athletes will normally be in the program for two years provided they show continued improvement in performance and remain eligible to compete in the next U21 World Championships.	If an athlete is in the top 12 for slalom, trick or jump or the top six for overall on the most recent Junior or U21 World Ranking List, partial funding for Junior and U21 Pan American Championships and Junior and U21 World Championships. Athletes who compete in the Junior or U21 World Championships, but are not in the top 12 or six on those ranking lists will not receive any funding.
8. Development Team	Athletes who compete for Canada in the U14 or U17 division at the Can-Am Challenge or Pan American Championships. These athletes will normally be in the program for two years provided they show continued improvement in performance. If the Can-Am Challenge is not held, then the NTC, in consultation with the Junior National Team Coach, may select athletes for this category based on performance, commitment and any other criteria the NTC considers relevant.	No direct funding. However, a coach will be provided for the Can-Am Challenge and Pan American Championships and, depending on commitment, the Junior National Team Coach may assist the athletes in designing a yearly training plan.