



## **2019 Pan American Games Team Canada Nomination Criteria - Water Ski**

### **Key Information**

<b>Location:</b>	Lima, Peru
<b>Competition Dates:</b>	July 27 - 30, 2019
<b>Travel Dates:</b>	TBD

### **Contact**

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### **Tournament Overview**

The Pan American Games are open to all members of the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) within North, South and Central America.

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 skiers in each event (male and female). There will be a separately skied overall event in which medals will also be awarded to the top 3 skiers (male and female).

The IWWF has established the following team selection and event format rules:

- (a) maximum of four athletes, with no more than three athletes of one gender;
- (b) each gender must compete in the slalom, trick and jump events;
- (c) no more than one athlete may compete in only one event;
- (d) no less than one athlete must compete in the slalom, trick and jump events;
- (e) an athlete who competes in two or three events is eligible for the overall final; and
- (f) a maximum of two athletes of each gender per country may participate in the finals of an event.

This document is based on the IWWF Qualification System found at <https://bit.ly/2WqsFm7>. If there are any discrepancies between this document and the IWWF Qualification System, the IWWF Qualification System will govern. If the IWWF makes any changes to its selection and eligibility criteria, this document will be amended to conform to those changes and Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC) will inform the membership as soon as possible.

### **Goal**

The goal for this competition is to maximize the number of individual medals, provided that for the purpose of team selection the potential to win gold medals will be given more weight than the potential to win silver and bronze medals and the potential to win silver medals will be given more weight than the potential to win bronze medals.

### **Nomination Process**

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) controls Canadian participation in the Pan American Games. As the recognized national sport association, WSWC has entered into arrangements with the COC that entitle WSWC to nominate Canadian water ski athletes to participate in the Games. The final selection of the

Canadian water ski athletes who will participate in the Games will be made by the COC on June 21, 2019.

### **General Eligibility Requirements**

All Canadian citizens who are members in good standing of WSWC are eligible for nomination and selection to the team. In addition, eligible athletes must:

- (a) remain in good standing with WSWC through to the conclusion of the Pan American Games;
- (b) have a Canadian passport valid until February 11, 2020 (six months after the Games); and
- (c) sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Lima 2019 Conditions of Participation Form.

### **Nomination of Athletes**

Taking into account the team and entry restrictions set out under the heading Tournament Overview above, the National Water Ski Team Coach (NTC) will select the four athletes to be nominated to participate in the Pan American Games who, in the opinion of the NTC, have the greatest potential to win medals at the Games.

Factors relevant to the NTC's decision will include:

- (a) potential to win gold medals will be given more weight than potential to win silver and bronze medals;
- (b) potential to win silver medals will be given more weight than potential to win bronze medals;
- (c) tournament performances and placements, with more weight being given to the most recent performances and placements;
- (d) IWWF World Ranking;
- (e) prior experience in Major and World Tournaments;
- (f) consistency of tournament performances, particularly in past Major and World Tournaments;
- (g) the athletes from other countries who are expected to participate in the Games (depth of field);
- (h) competition readiness; and
- (i) team cohesiveness.

Barring extenuating circumstances, during the period from June 1, 2018 to June 2, 2019, the NTC expects all skiers interested in being selected to the team to have competed in: (a) at least one Major Tournament and (b) three other tournaments, the results from which qualify for the IWWF's World Rankings List. The list of Major Tournaments is set out in Table 1 below.

### **Selection of Alternates**

The NTC may select alternates to the team at the same time as the four athletes are selected. Selection of alternates will be based on the same nomination criteria as stated above. Substitutions after June 26, 2019 are subject to the PASO Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

### **Deadline for Submitting Results**

A copy of 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 wishes to be used in the selection process must



be received by WSWC by email at [info@wswc.ca](mailto:info@wswc.ca) prior to the close of business on June 3, 2019. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that all results or rating sheets are received by WSWC by the deadline.

### **Timing of Selection**

The NTC will complete the nomination of athletes to represent Canada at the Pan American Games and form the Canadian Team promptly following the June 3, 2019 results submission deadline.

### **Extenuating Circumstances**

If extenuating circumstances prevent an athlete from competing in the required number of tournaments or adversely affect the athlete's performances, the NTC may make exceptions to the selection criteria. If an athlete wants the NTC to consider making exceptions to the selection criteria, the athlete must make a written submission to the NTC. The written submission must be received by WSWC by email at [info@wswc.ca](mailto:info@wswc.ca) no later than the close of business on June 3, 2019. Following receipt of the submission, the NTC may require additional written information from the athlete. The NTC's decision will be communicated to all athletes who may be affected by the decision.

### **Appeals**

An athlete may appeal any decision made pursuant to this document. An appeal shall 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 the WSWC's website at [www.wswc.ca](http://www.wswc.ca).

As a result of the short period of time between the date on which the athletes to attend the Pan American Games will be nominated and the team's departure for the Games, the normal time lines in the Appeal Policy for considering an appeal will have to be shortened in order for the appeal to be dealt with prior to the team's departure. Any appeal should therefore be filed as soon as possible following the team's nomination.

If both parties agree, the WSWC Appeals Policy may be bypassed and the matter may be brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada which will then manage the appeal.

### **Code of Conduct**

The NTC may, at any time, and at his discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behavior 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 NTC shall advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his decision.

### **Competition Readiness**

The NTC may, at any time, and at his discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian 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 NTC believes it unlikely that the athlete will be able to perform at the event at a level consistent with the scores upon which the nomination of the athlete to the Team would be or was based. The NTC shall advise the affected athlete of his decision.

Any athlete removal or replacement following nomination must be approved by the COC Team Selection Committee. Replacements after June 26, 2019 are also subject to the Lima 2019 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

**Event Participant’s Contract**

Each athlete nominated to represent Canada at the Pan Am Games must sign an Event Participant’s Contract agreeing to adhere to all WSWC rules and regulations, including WSWC’s Code of Conduct. A copy of the Event Participant Contract is available from WSWC upon request. In addition, nominated athletes will be required to sign the COC Athlete Agreement as well as an Eligibility and Conditions form.

**Support Staff Selection**

The support staff (e.g. technical coach, sport medicine/psychology personnel) to accompany the nominated athletes will be selected by the NTC. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections must be approved by the COC.

**Table 1 - List of Major Tournaments <sup>1</sup>**

Priority 1	Priority 2 (in alphabetical order)	Priority 3
The Masters (US)	California Cup Canadian Open IWWF Pan Am Championships King of Darkness Malibu Open Moomba Masters all World Cup tournaments all tournaments the results from which qualify for the IWWF’s World Rankings List (a list of those tournaments is posted on the IWWF web site)	Canadian Championships
<sup>1</sup> Only results that qualify for the IWWF’s World Rankings List will qualify as a Major Tournament score. For example, a World Cup tournament the results from which do not qualify for the IWWF’s World Rankings List will not qualify as a Major Tournament score.		
From time to time the NTC may add or delete a tournament to or from the List of Major Tournaments.  An athlete may apply to have a tournament added to the List of Major Tournaments by submitting (or having a coach or tournament organizer submit) to WSWC a written request for the inclusion of the tournament at least one month in advance of the tournament. The NTC will determine if the tournament should be added to the list.  If any changes are made to the List of Major Tournaments as a result of a decision by the NTC, the above list will be updated and a revised Nomination Criteria will be posted on the WSWC web site. It is responsibility of each athlete to be aware of the tournaments on the List of Major Tournaments by checking for updated information on the IWWF web site (with respect to the IWWF’s World Rankings List tournaments) and the WSWC web site (with respect to updates to the above List of Major Tournaments).		