



2021 IWWF World Water Ski Championships Athlete Selection Criteria

Key Information

Location:	Groveland Florida (Lake County Florida)
Competition Dates:	Oct. 11 th – 17 th , 2021
Travel Dates:	TBD
Host:	Jack Travers Water Ski School (USA Water Ski)

Tournament Overview

The World Water Ski Championships are open to all members of the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF).

All competitive license holders who are eligible to represent Canada at an IWWF event and are members in good standing of Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC) are eligible for selection to represent Canada at the Championships.

Goals

The goals for this competition are to:

- (a) maximize Canada's team placement; and
- (b) ensure that all athletes who qualify to enter the Championships based on the IWWF individual skier entry criteria are included in the contingent of Canadian athletes selected to represent Canada at the Championships.

Attached to this document is a summary of WSWC's National Team program and the funding available to athletes selected for the program.

Selection Process

At the Championships, team scores are calculated using the three highest overall scores in each event of the six athletes (maximum of four of one gender) named by each country for purposes of determining the team score.

The athletes to represent Canada at the Championships and form the Canadian Team will be:

- (a) the six athletes whose scores will be used to determine Canada's team score at the Championships; and
- (b) the additional athletes who qualify to enter the Championships as individual skiers.



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.

In addition, travel and other public health restrictions imposed because of the COVID pandemic may: (a) adversely affect an athlete’s training, tournament scores and competition readiness; and (b) reduce the number of tournaments in which an athlete participates. The HPC may therefore make exceptions to the following criteria when selecting the six athletes whose scores will be used to determine Canada’s team score and may: (a) select athletes whose tournament scores have been adversely effected by those restrictions; and (b) not select athletes whose training and competition readiness have been adversely effected by those restrictions. That may result in an athlete with the highest tournament scores not being selected.

Calculation of Selection Overall Scores

Subject to the restrictions stated below, the average of each athlete’s three best event scores from three tournaments, the results from which qualify for the IWWF’s World Rankings List;

during the period from Sept 11th 2020 to Sept 13th 2021 will be calculated. The three scores to be used must be one of the combinations of scores from the different eligibility periods set out in the following table.

Eligibility Period 1 June 15 th 2021 Sept 13 th 2021	Eligibility Period 2 Jan 1 2021, to June 14 th 2021	Eligibility Period 3 Jan 1 2020 to Dec 31 2020
3 scores	0 scores	0 scores
2 scores	1 score	0 scores
2 scores	0 scores	1 score
1 score	2 scores	0 scores
1 score	1 score	1 score

Each athlete’s three score average in each event will be converted to overall points (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 average of the scores of the top three athletes in each event listed on the May 2021 IWWF World Rankings List whose scores the HPC anticipates will be used in determining a country’s team score at the Championships. Those average scores are set out below under the heading “Benchmark Scores”. The Benchmark Scores may be revised if the selected athletes from the other participating countries are different from the athletes the HPC anticipated.

Additional Restrictions on Scores

Each of the athlete’s event scores to be used to calculate a Selection Overall Score must be from a separate tournament and a different site.

Selection of the Team Score Athletes

The following parameters will be used to select six athletes whose scores will be used to determine Canada's team score at the Championships:

- (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 will improve the team score; and
- (c) the HPC may, but is not obligated to, 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, but is not obligated to, name up to two alternates to the six athletes whose scores will be used to determine Canada's team score at the Championships based on the foregoing selection criteria. The alternates may be selected at the time the six athletes are selected or may be selected at a later date.

Selection of Individual Athletes

All other athletes who qualify to enter the Championships based on the IWWF individual skier entry criteria will be selected to represent Canada at the Championships and will be part of the Canadian Team. The individual skier entry criteria are set out in the IWWF 2021 Tournament Water Ski Rules. Athletes may review the criteria on the IWWF web site.

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 wants to be used in the selection process must be received by WSWC by email at info@wswc.ca prior to the close of business on Sept 13th, 2021. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that all results or rating sheets are received by WSWC by the deadline.

Despite the foregoing paragraph, for the purposes of this selection criteria the HPC may, but is not obligated to, use tournament results posted on the internet if it believes the posted results to be credible.

Timing of Selection

The HPC will complete the selection of athletes to represent Canada at the Championships and form the Canadian Team promptly following the Sept 13th 2021 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 HPC may make exceptions to the selection criteria. If an athlete wants the HPC to consider making exceptions to the selection criteria, the athlete must make a written submission to the HPC. The written submission must be received by WSWC by email at info@wswc.ca no later than the close of business on Aug 16 , 2021 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.

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 web site (www.wswc.ca).

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

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.

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 Championships 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.

Event Participant's Contract

Each athlete selected to represent Canada at the Championships 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 that contract is available from WSWC upon request.

IWWF Overall Formulas	
Slalom ¹	$(\text{athlete's score} + 12) \times 1000 \div (\text{Benchmark Score} + 12)$
Tricks	$\text{athlete's score} \times 1000 \div \text{Benchmark Score}$
Jump - Men	$(\text{athlete's score} - 25) \times 1000 \div (\text{Benchmark Score} - 25)$
Jump - Women	$(\text{athlete's score} - 17) \times 1000 \div (\text{Benchmark Score} - 17)$
¹ Slalom scores will be based on the IWWF scoring system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete 13 m = 24 buoys complete 12 m = 30 buoys complete 11.25 m = 36 buoys complete 10.75 m = 42 buoys complete 10.25 m = 48 buoys 	

Benchmark Scores			
	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Men	TBD	TBD	TBD
Women	TBD	TBD	TBD