



## Water Ski National Teams Program Structure and Funding Overview

### NATIONAL TEAMS PROGRAM

The National Teams Program provides financial, coaching, medical, insurance and other support to athletes selected to the following three teams:

1. National Team: This team supports the top athletes and is divided into six tiers. All tiers are part of the National Team, with the various tiers determining the level of financial and other support.
2. Junior National Team: This team supports athletes in the U17 and U21 age groups.
3. Development Team: This team is for U14 and U17 athletes who have competed for Canada in international events.

An athlete who declines an invitation to participate in the National Teams Program will not be eligible for any National Teams Program, Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC) or Sport Canada funding or support, including Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) funding (carding). AAP funding is administered through WSWC's carding policy and has its own set of guidelines and requirements. For details on the AAP, please go to **WSWC AAP CRITERIA**

To receive National Teams Program financial and other support:

- (a) all National Team athletes (other than those in tier 5) must submit a yearly training plan to the National Team Coach (NTC); and
- (b) all National Team tier 5 athletes and all Junior National Team athletes must submit a yearly training plan to the Junior National Team Coach.

Depending on an athlete's commitment, and if requested, the Junior National Team Coach and support staff will assist Development Team athletes in designing their yearly training plans.

**Athletes on the National Team and Junior National Team must attend the National Championships and athletes on the National Team 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.**

### TYPES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

(see detailed criteria and support levels below)

- enriched funding for National Team training and competition support
- program and event funding for National Team programs and events
- Canadian Athlete Insurance Program (CAIP) bronze insurance package: The CAIP 'In Canada' bronze package benefits can be viewed at **CAIP BENEFITS**. As CAIP is only available for Canadian residents, any National Team members living abroad will be provided with equivalent funding based on the current annual cost of the Bronze CAIP package.
- CAIP Travel Medical Coverage: travel medical insurance for athletes when they travel to team



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programs and events (as identified by the NTC).

### NATIONAL TEAM SUPPORT SNAPSHOT

(see detailed criteria and support levels below)

Category	Enriched Funding Eligibility	Program and Event Funding	CAIP Bronze Insurance Package	CAIP Travel Medical Coverage	Safe Sport Training
National Team Tier 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Team Tier 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Team Tier 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Team Tier 4	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Team Tier 5	X	partial	✓	✓	✓
National Team Tier 6	X	partial	✓	✓	✓
Junior National Team	X	limited	X	✓	✓
Development Team	X	X	X	✓	✓



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Category	Qualification Criteria <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Financial Support Criteria
National Team Tier 1: Podium	Athletes who place first, second or third in slalom, trick, jump or overall at the last World Championships.  If an athlete who qualified for this category because of a podium placement at more than one past World Championships does not place first, second or third in an event at the last 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.	<p>Eligible for enriched funding for training and competitions.</p> <p>Full funding for all National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.</p> <p>Canadian Athlete Insurance Plan (CAIP) bronze insurance package coverage for athletes living in Canada or the equivalent payout for athletes living outside of Canada.</p> <p>CAIP travel/medical insurance for athletes when they travel to National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.</p>
National Team Tier 2: Carded	Athletes who receive Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) carding support from Sport Canada. Water ski currently has seven cards available.	
National Team Tier 3: World Team	The six athletes whose scores at the last World Championships were used to determine the Canadian Team score at the Championships.	
National Team Tier 4: Elite Exceptional Performance	Athletes who in the prior calendar year: (i) qualified for the US Masters; (ii) placed first, second or third in slalom, trick or jump at a professional event; (iii) 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 (iv) placed in the top eight in slalom, trick or jump or the top three in overall at the last World Championships.	<p>Full funding for all National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.</p> <p>CAIP bronze insurance package coverage for athletes living in Canada or the equivalent payout for athletes living outside of Canada.</p> <p>CAIP travel/medical insurance for athletes when they travel to National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.</p>
National Team Tier 5: U21 Exceptional Performance	Athletes under 21 on December 31 of the prior calendar year who competed in the last U17 or U21 World Championships and also competed in the last Open World Championships.	<p>Full funding for Nationals and sport science camps and partial funding for Pan American Championships and World Championships.</p> <p>CAIP bronze insurance package coverage for athletes living in Canada or the equivalent payout for athletes living outside of Canada.</p> <p>CAIP travel/medical insurance for athletes when they travel to National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.</p>



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<p>National Team Tier 6: World Independents</p>	<p>Athletes who qualified for the last Open World Championships under section 15.02 of the IWWF rule book (e.g. six person national teams; top 20 men, 15 women, 10 overall rankings list athletes); competed as an independent and whose scores were not used to determine the Canadian Team score at the Championships. Wild card entries do not qualify for National Team qualification.</p>	<p>Partial funding for Nationals, Pan American Championships and World Championships</p> <p>Full funding for the World Championships and Pan American Championships, if the athlete's scores will be used to determine the Canadian Team score at the Championships</p> <p>CAIP bronze insurance package coverage for athletes living in Canada or the equivalent payout for athletes living outside of Canada.</p> <p>CAIP travel/medical insurance for athletes when they travel to National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.</p>
<p>Junior National Team</p>	<p>Athletes who competed in the last U17 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 U17 or U21 World Championships.</p>	<p>If an athlete is in the top 12 for slalom, trick or jump or the top six for overall on the most recent U17 or U21 World Ranking List, partial funding for U17 and U21 Pan American Championships and U17 and U21 World Championships.</p> <p>Athletes who compete in the U17 or U21 World Championships but are not in the top 12 or six on those ranking lists will not receive any funding.</p> <p>CAIP travel/medical insurance for athletes when they travel to Junior National Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.</p>
<p>Development Team</p>	<p>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, the NTC, in consultation with the Junior National Team Coach, may select athletes for this team based on performance, commitment and any other criteria the NTC considers relevant.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>CAIP travel/medical insurance for athletes when they travel to Development Team program events (as identified by the NTC), including Nationals, Pan American Championships, World Championships and sport science camps.</p>

<sup>1</sup> WSWC's High Performance Committee (HPC) may select an athlete for a team if the athlete is unable to meet the qualification criteria because of a health-related issue (e.g., injury, illness, pregnancy).

<sup>2</sup> The HPC may disqualify an athlete from being included in the program or remove an athlete after qualification if: (a) the athlete's past or current conduct violates WSWC's Code of Conduct, WSWC's Social Media Guidelines, the athlete's Athlete Agreement; or (b) the athlete does not complete all mandatory training and education (e.g. Safe Sport modules, anti-doping courses, concussion education).

<sup>3</sup> Travel and other public health restrictions imposed because of the COVID pandemic may: (a) adversely affect an athlete's training and tournament scores; and (b) reduce the number of tournaments in which an athlete participates. The HPC may therefore make exceptions to these criteria when selecting athletes to participate in the National Teams Program if the HPC believes an athlete's training or tournament scores have been adversely affected by those restrictions.