



2021 IWWF Under 21 World Water Ski Championships Athlete Selection Criteria

Key Information

Location:	Destin, Florida
Competition Dates:	August 22 - 25, 2021
Travel Dates:	TBD
Host:	USA Waterski (Cory Pickos Water Ski School)

Tournament Overview

The U21 World Water Ski Championships are open to all members of the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (**IWWF**) who are 20 years old or younger on December 31, 2020, that is born in 2000 or later.

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

Cost to Athlete

Attached to this document is a summary of WSWC's National Team program and the funding available to National Team program athletes who are selected to represent Canada at the Championships.

Except for the funding available to National Team program athletes, all team score and individual entry athletes selected to represent Canada at the Championships will be required to pay their own flight and baggage costs associated with travel to the Championships. Other costs associated with participation at the Championships may be covered by WSWC; however, if WSWC funding is not sufficient to cover those costs, they will have to be paid by the selected athletes.

Flights must be approved by the National Team Coach prior to booking.

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.

Selection Process

At the Championships, team scores will be 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 the purpose 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 Championships 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

The average of each athlete's three best event scores from three tournaments held between January 1, 2020 and July 19, 2021 will be calculated. The three scores must be either:

- (a) one score from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and two scores from January 1, 2021 to July 19, 2021; or
- (b) three scores from January 1, 2021 to July 19, 2021.

In addition, each of the athlete's event scores must be from: (a) a tournament the results from which qualify for the IWWF's World Ranking List; (b) a separate tournament; and (c) a different site.

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 Ranking 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.

Selection of the Team Score Athletes

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

- (a) there may 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 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 team score 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 Tournament Water Ski Rules. Athletes may review the criteria on the IWWF website.

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 July 19, 2021. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that all results or rating sheets are received by WSWC by that 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 to be credible.

Timing of Selection

The HPC will select the athletes to represent Canada at the Championships and form the Canadian Team promptly after the July 19, 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 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 by the close of business on July 19, 2021. Following receipt of the submission, the HPC may require additional



information from the athlete. The HPC's decision will be communicated to all athletes affected by the decision.

Appeals

An athlete may appeal a 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 (www.wswc.ca).

Because of the short period between the day on which the athletes to attend the Championships will be selected and the team's departure for the Championships, the normal timelines 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 after 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			
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Women	TBD	TBD	TBD
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