



2021 Can Am Challenge U-14 Selection Criteria

Key Information

Location: Harmony, North Carolina (Skyview Lake)

Competition Dates: August 27-29th, 2021

Travel Dates: TBD

More Information: This is a 100% self-funded project.

Tournament Overview

The Can-Am Invitational is a three-event, two-round tournament between Canada and the United States.

The U14 Team (skiers 13 & under) will consist of up to six (6) athletes.

To be eligible for selection, athletes must be members in good standing of Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada ("WSWC"). Athletes must be 13 years of age or younger on December 31, 2020, that is, born in 2007 or later.

Goal

The goal for this competition is to provide promising U14 athletes with a high level competitive experience in a team based environment.

Selection Process

The U14 athletes to attend the tournament will be selected by the WSWC High Performance Committee ("**HPC**"). Given the young age of these athletes, they will not be selected based solely on past tournament scores. While tournament scores will be considered, criteria such as the commitment of the athlete to the sport, the future potential of the athlete, the number of events in which an athlete competes and other matters considered relevant by the HPC will also be considered in the selection process. It is recognized that criteria such as the commitment and potential of an athlete are very subjective criteria, but they will nonetheless form a major component of the selection process. As a result of the subjectivity of the selection process, those athletes with the highest current tournament scores may not be selected to attend the tournament.



Athletes interested in being selected to attend the tournament are encouraged to compete in their respective Provincial Championships the 2021 Eastern or Western Championships and the National Championships.

Cost

Athletes are required to pay 100% of their expenses for this event. The expenses include travel, accommodation, meals, and tournament registration.

Intent to Participate

Athletes are requested to advise the National Team Coach (**NTC**) if they are interested in attending the tournament. This is not mandatory, but will help with team selection. Please send an email to the NTC at sbush53@gmail.com with the subject heading "Declaration of Intent to Participate" and indicate the name of the athlete who would like to be considered for participation.

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 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 the deadline.

Despite the foregoing, 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 Can Am Invitational and form the Canadian Team promptly following the **July 19 2021** results submission deadline.

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.

As a result of the short period of time between the date on which the athletes to attend the Can-Am Invitational will be selected and the Team's departure for the Can Am Invitational, the
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normal time lines in the Appeal Policy for considering an appeal would 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 selection. Any appeal filed too close to the Team's departure may not be able to be dealt with.

Code of Conduct

The HPC may, at any time, and at its discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection based on behaviour of the athlete which 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, in writing, of its decision.

Competition Readiness

The HPC may, at any time, and at its discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection if, due to illness, injury, lack of physical fitness or other reason which affects the athlete's ability to perform, the HPC believes it unlikely that the athlete will be able to perform at the Can Am Invitational 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, in writing, of its decision.