



2027 IWWF World Water Ski Championships Athlete Selection Criteria

Key Information

Location: Max Kirwan Lakes Mulwala , Victoria, Australia
Competition Dates: February 16th-22nd, 2027
Travel Dates: TBD
Host: Waterski Australia

Declaration of Intent to Participate

All athletes who want to participate as **Wild Card Athletes** in the 2027 World Water Ski Championships must complete and submit a declaration of intent to participate (DIP) to Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC). The completed DIP must be received by WSWC by 4:00 p.m. Ottawa time on, November 10th, 2026, and may be submitted by email to kyle@swc.ca.

The DIP may be obtained by requesting a copy from Kyle Hunter at kyle@swc.ca or downloaded from this [link](#).

Wild Card Athletes who do not submit a DIP by the deadline will not be able to participate in the championships. This means that athletes who do not submit a DIP by the deadline will not be considered for selection as one of Canada's wild card entries; even if they meet the applicable selection or entry criteria.

Goals

WSWC's High Performance Committee's (HPC) goals for this event are:

- (a) maximize Canada's team placement; and
- (b) ensure that all athletes WSWC enters in the championships are included in the team representing Canada.

Tournament Overview

WSWC members who are: (a) in good standing; (b) are eligible to represent Canada at an IWWF event; and (c) submit a completed DIP by the deadline; are eligible for selection to represent Canada at the championships.

WSWC may enter in the championships:

- (a) six athletes (**Team Score Athletes**) whose scores will be used to determine Canada's team placement;
- (b) athletes who qualify for entry under the IWWF individual skier entry criteria (see the eligibility chart in IWWF rule 14.15 here [link](#)) (**Individual Entry Athletes**); and
- (c) the number of athletes (**Wild Card Athletes**), if any, determined by the IWWF; WSWC currently believes that number will be five.



Each Wild Card Athlete will be able to compete in only one event.

The Canadian team will consist of all athletes entered by WSWC in the championships.

Event Funding

Athletes who are part of the National Team Program may be eligible to receive funding under that program. A copy of the National Team Program may be requested from WSWC and may be viewed here [link](#).

Before booking, all flights must be approved by the manager or coach appointed by WSWC for the event.

Team Score Athletes Selection Criteria

At the championships, each country's team score will be calculated using the three highest overall scores in each event of the six athletes (maximum of four of one gender) named by that country for the purpose of determining its team score.

Calculation of Selection Scores

The average of each athlete's three best event scores from tournaments held between November 11th, 2025, and November 10th, 2026, will be calculated. 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. The three scores must be one of the combinations of scores from the different eligibility periods set out in the following table.

Eligibility Period 1 November 11 th , 2025 – May 4 th , 2026	Eligibility Period 2 May 5 th , 2026 – November 10 th , 2026
0 scores	3 scores
1 score	2 scores
2 scores	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 in the IWWF Overall Formulas table. 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 IWWF's October 31st, 2026, ranking lists 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 in the Benchmark Scores table. The Benchmark Scores may be revised if the selected athletes from the other participating countries are different from the athletes the HPC anticipated.

Selection Parameters

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 select an athlete to provide a backup score even if: (i) that athlete has no Selection Overall Score that is higher; and (ii) another athlete's Selection Overall Score is higher; than the third highest Selection Overall Score of the previously selected athletes.

Individual Entry Athletes

An athlete who is not selected as a Team Score Athlete and who qualifies to enter the championships under the IWWF's individual skier entry criteria (see the eligibility chart in IWWF rule 14.15 here [link](#)) will be entered in the championships and will be part of the Canadian team.

Selection of Wild Card Athletes

There are 5 Wild Cards available to Canada for this event. The selection criteria for Wild Card Athletes are described in Appendix A.

Selection of Alternates

The HPC may name alternates to either or both: (a) the selected Team Score Athletes; and (b) the selected Wild Card Athletes; based on the foregoing selection criteria. The alternates may be selected at the time the Team Score Athletes and Wild Card Athletes are selected or later.

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 to kyle@wswc.ca by 4:00 p.m. Ottawa time on November 10th, 2026. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that all results or rating sheets are received by WSWC by that time.

Despite the foregoing paragraph, the HPC may use tournament results posted on the internet if it believes those results are credible.

Timing of Selection

The HPC will name the Team Score Athletes, Individual Entry Athletes and Wild Card Athletes promptly after the November 10th, 2026, results submission deadline.

Extenuating Circumstances

The HPC reserves the right to change the following criteria if either or both: (a) the format or technical rules of the championships are changed; and (b) unusual circumstances would result in the application of the criteria being unfair.

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 to kyle@wswc.ca by 4:00



p.m. Ottawa time on November 10th, 2026. 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 must be made and will be dealt with in accordance with the most recent version of WSWC's Appeals Policy. A copy of WSWC's current Appeals Policy is available from WSWC upon request and may be viewed here [link](#).

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 Appeals Policy for considering an appeal will have to be shortened for the appeal to be completed prior to the team's departure. An appeal should therefore be filed as soon as possible after the athletes' 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 for entry to the championships 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 and may be viewed here [link](#). 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 entry to the championships 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 or criteria upon which the selection of the athlete would be or was based. The HPC will advise the affected athlete of its decision.

Event Participant's Contract

Each athlete selected for entry to 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: - 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 ²	TBD ²	TBD ²
Women	TBD ²	TBD ²	TBD ²
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² The average of the scores of the top three athletes in each event listed on the IWWF's October 31 st , 2026, ranking list whose scores the HPC anticipates will be used in determining a country's team score at the championships. The Benchmark Scores may be revised if the selected athletes from the other participating countries are different from the athletes the HPC anticipated.			

Appendix A

The Wild Card selection only applies to athletes who:

- (a) are not selected as one of the six (6) Team Score Athletes; and
- (b) do not qualify to enter the championships, in a particular event (Slalom, Trick, Jump), as an Individual Entry Athlete.

Wild Card athletes will be required to submit a Declaration of Intent to Participate (DIP) and their three scores. You can find the DIP at the following [link](#) or from Kyle Hunter at kyle@wswc.ca. DIPs must be received prior to 4 pm on November 10th, 2026.

The first three (3) Wild Cards will be distributed as follows:

1. The highest Selection Overall Score Athlete in Slalom, (Male or Female) not including the 6 Team Score Athletes or Individual Entry Athletes, as calculated in the **“Team Score Athletes Selection Criteria”** section of this document.
2. The highest Selection Overall Score Athlete in Trick (Male or Female) not including 6 Team Score Athletes or Individual Entry Athletes, as calculated in the **“Team Score Athletes Selection Criteria”** section of this document.
3. The highest Selection Overall Score Athlete in Jump (Male or Female) not including 6 Team Score Athletes or Individual Entry Athletes, as calculated in the **“Team Score Athletes Selection Criteria”** section of this document.

All ties for the first 3 Wild Cards will be broken using the IWWF World Ranking List procedures.

For the remaining two (2) Wild Cards, the HPC may or may not choose to select Athletes based on internal discussions. The decision to use the cards and the selection of Athletes for the final two (2) Wild Cards will be fully subjective and at the discretion of the HPC. The HPC will provide details of their decision upon request. As a result of the subjectivity of the selection process, athletes with the highest Selection Overall Scores may not be selected as Wild Card Athletes.

However, nothing in the foregoing paragraph prevents the HPC from selecting the final two (2) Wild Card Athletes based solely on athletes' Selection Overall Scores.