



2023 Pan American Games Team Canada Nomination Criteria – Wakeboard

Key Information

Location:	Santiago, Chile
Competition Dates:	<i>Games</i> – October 20 th -November 5 th , 2023 <i>Wakeboard Competition</i> - October 21 st -24 th , 2023
Travel Dates:	TBD

Contact

For questions or clarifications on the contents of this document, please contact WSWC at 613-526-0685.

Competition Overview

The Pan American Games are open to all members of the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) within North, South and Central America.

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each event (male and female).

The IWWF has established the following team selection and event format rules:

- (a) teams will consist of a maximum of one male and one female wakeboard athlete
- (b) each country may enter a maximum of one male and one female athlete

This document is based on the [IWWF Qualification System](#). If there are any discrepancies between this document and the IWWF Qualification System, the IWWF Qualification System will govern. If the IWWF makes any changes to its selection and eligibility criteria, this document will be amended to conform to those changes and Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC) will inform the membership as soon as possible.

Goals

The goal for this competition is to maximize the number of individual medals, provided that for the purpose of team selection the potential to win gold medals will be given more weight than the potential to win silver and bronze medals and the potential to win silver medals will be given more weight than the potential to win bronze medals.

Nomination Process

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) controls Canadian participation in the Pan American Games. As the recognized national sport association, Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC) has entered into arrangements with the COC which entitle WSWC to nominate Canadian wakeboard athletes to participate in the Games. The final selection of the Canadian wakeboard athletes who will participate in the Games will be made by the COC on September 26th, 2023.

General Eligibility Requirements

All Canadian citizens who are members in good standing of WSWC are eligible for nomination and selection to the team. In addition, eligible athletes must:

- (a) remain in good standing as a member of WSWC through to the conclusion of the Pan American Games.
- (b) have a Canadian passport valid until May 5th, 2024 (six months after the Games); and
- (c) sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Santiago 2023 Conditions of Participation Form.

Nomination of Athletes

Taking into account the team and entry restrictions set out under the heading Competition Overview above, the “Wake Canada” National Wakeboard Team Selection Committee (NTC) comprised of Erika Langman, Steve Jarrett, Sean Flemming, Leslie Sparkes will select the two athletes to be nominated to participate in the Pan American Games who, in the opinion of the NTC, have the greatest potential to win medals at the Games.

Factors relevant to the NTC’s decision will include:

- (a) potential to win gold medals will be given more weight than potential to win silver and bronze medals.
- (b) potential to win silver medals will be given more weight than potential to win bronze medals.
- (c) prior event results highest level Open/Pro events.
- (d) prior experience in highest level Open/Pro Events.
- (e) consistency of performances, particularly in past highest level Open/Pro Events.
- (f) the athletes from other countries who are expected to participate in the Games (depth of field).
- (g) competition readiness
- (h) Results at the 2023 Canadian National Championships Open/Pro category will be weighted heavily in the selection process

Open/Pro BOAT events that may be considered by the NTC as part of its selection include, but are not limited to the below. Note that results from more recent events will be weighted heavier in the selection criteria:

- 2023 Canadian National Wakeboard Championship
- WWA World Wakeboard Championship
- WWA Wakeboard World Series
- IWWF Pan Am Championship
- 2022 Canadian National Wakeboard Championship

Should a rider so qualified decline the nomination to the Canadian Team, their spot will be filled by the next highest ranked rider based on an established priority order.

The NTC reserves the right to change the process and / or criteria if:

- (a) The format or technical rules of the tournament are changed; and / or
- (b) Unusual circumstances would result in the application of the process and / or criteria being unfair.

Selection of Alternates

The NTC may, but is not obligated to, select up to two male and female alternates to the team. The alternates may be selected at the time the two athletes are selected or may be selected at a later date. Substitutions after September 26th, 2023 are subject to the PASO Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Timing of Selection

The NTC will complete the nomination of athletes to represent Canada at the 2023 Pan American Games and form the Canadian Team by September 8th, 2023.

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 <https://wswc.ca/policies/appeals-policy/>

As a result of the short period of time between the date on which the athletes to attend the Pan American Games will be nominated and the team's departure for the Games, the normal timelines 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 nomination. Any appeal filed too close to the team's departure may not be able to be dealt with.

If both parties agree, the WSWC Appeals Policy may be bypassed, and the matter may be brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada which will then manage the appeal.

Code of Conduct

The NTC may, at any time, and at its discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behavior 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 NTC will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision.

Competition Readiness

The NTC may, at any time, and at its discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination 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 NTC believes it unlikely that the athlete will be able to perform at the event at a level consistent with the scores upon which the nomination of the athlete to the Team would be or was based. The NTC will advise the affected athlete of its decision.

Any athlete removal or replacement following nomination must be approved by the COC Team Selection Committee. Replacements after September 26th, 2023 are also subject to the Santiago 2023 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Event Participant's Contract

Each athlete nominated to represent Canada at the Pan Am Games 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 the Event Participant Contract is available from WSWC upon request. In addition, nominated athletes will be required to sign the COC Athlete Agreement as well as an Eligibility and Conditions form.

Support Staff Selection

The support staff (e.g. technical coach, sport medicine/psychology personnel) to accompany the nominated athletes will be selected by the NTC. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections must be approved by the COC.