



2025 Junior Pan American Games Team Canada Nomination Criteria - Wakeboard

Key Information

Location:	Asuncion, Paraguay
Competition Dates:	<i>Games:</i> August 9 th -23 rd , 2025 <i>Wake Competition:</i> August 18 th -21 st , 2025
Travel Dates:	August 15 th -21 st , 2025

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Section 1- Event Overview

The 2025 Junior Pan American Games are open to all members of the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) within North, South and Central America.

All athletes must be in the U22 age category (athletes born in 2004 or after); that is, athletes must not be older than 21 years old in 2025.

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 riders in Wakeboard for both males and females.

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

1. Each NOC may have a maximum of two athletes, with a maximum of one per gender.
2. There is a maximum of 8 men and 8 women (16 total) in the Wakeboard competition.

This document is based on the [Waterski & Wakeboard Qualification Document for the 2025 Junior Pan Am Games](#). If there are any discrepancies between this document and the IWWF Qualification Document, the Qualification Document will govern. If any changes are made to the Qualification Document, this criteria document will be amended to conform to any relevant changes and Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC) will inform the membership as soon as possible.

Under the Qualification Document and based on results at the 2024 Pan American Wakeboard Championships, Canada is eligible to enter 2 athletes (one male and one female) into the 2025 Junior Pan Am Games. The Canadian Olympic Committee has final authority on the number of athlete quota spots that will be available to Wakeboard athletes.

NOTE: As of the finalization of this document, the COC has allocated 2 Wakeboard athlete quota spots (1 male and 1 female) to be part of the Canadian team. The COC has also allocated 2 Staff Positions total for Water Ski and Wakeboard.

Section 2- Goals

The goal for this competition is to send the athletes with the greatest medal potential.

Gold medal potential will be weighted heavily, as the Pan Am Sports Organization (PASO) has stated that all gold medalists in each event (male and female) will obtain direct qualification for the Lima 2027 Pan American games.



As such, Wake Canada reserve the right to select fewer athletes than the maximum quota provided to Canada by the IWWF. Rationale for this decision may include:

- a. There are no athletes, or future athletes, who meet the eligibility requirements who have the requisite performance(s) within the designated competition period to satisfy the selection process for nomination.

Section 3- Canadian Team Nomination Guidelines

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) controls Canadian participation in the Junior Pan American Games. As the recognized national sport association, WSWC has entered into arrangements with the COC that entitle WSWC to nominate Canadian wakeboard athletes to participate in the Games. The final selection of the Canadian Wakeboard Team who will participate in the Games will be made by the COC on or before July 15th, 2025.

Section 4- 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) Be in compliance with all relevant COC, IWWF, and IOC or PASO requirements for eligibility.
- (c) Be a Canadian citizen and have a Canadian passport valid until February 23rd, 2026 (six months after the Games).
- (d) Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Eligibility form no later than June 26th, 2025. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, their parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.

Section 5- Selection Process

Taking into account the team, entry, and eligibility requirements set out under the Section 1 and 4, the Wake Canada High Performance Manager (HPM) will create a selection pool of athletes who will then be ranked based on the ranking criteria detailed in this document.

Being added to the selection pool of athletes does not guarantee nomination to the Junior Pan Am Games Team. The selection pool athletes will be ranked based using the priorities outlined in Section 5.2. Ranking will be made starting at the highest priority level (Priority 1) unless there are no athletes, or until there are no further athletes, who have the requisite performance(s) within the designated competition period at the priority level, in which case the Wake Canada High Performance Committee will move to the next priority level (e.g Priority 2), and so on.

5.1- Selection Pool

A selection pool of wake athletes for the Junior Pan American Games will be created as follows:

- The top 2 male and top 2 female athletes from the July 1st, 2025, IWWF Overall Ranking lists.
- The top 2 male and top 2 female athletes who have competed in 2024 Wake Canada Nationals.
- The top 2 male and top 2 female athletes who have competed in the 2024 Pan American Championships

5.2 Ranking Criteria

As outlined in Section 2, the overall goal of the competition is to maximize the number of individual medals, with a strong focus on gold medal potential. As such, the objective of the athlete ranking order is to evaluate the medal potential of the selection pool athletes, subject to the team composition restrictions in place for wake athletes.

1. Priority 1: Athletes will be ranked based on their IWWF points.
2. Priority 2: Athletes will be ranked based on their percentage of field calculation on their performance at the 2024 Wakeboard Canada Nationals.
3. The rankings will also take into consideration the following competition restrictions:
 - (a) There must be an athlete of each gender in each event.
 - (b) Consideration will also be given to competition readiness and the athlete's contribution to team cohesiveness.

Section 6- Nomination of Athletes

Using the athlete Ranking Order determined in Section 5.2, the HPM will provide the nomination recommendations of athletes to the HPC based on the following principles:

- (a) Consideration of the factors outlined in Section 5.2.
- (b) Athletes with the highest Gold Medal potential will be prioritized where possible.
- (c) There must be one male, and one female athlete selected for the team.

6.1 Selection of Alternates

The HPM will recommend alternates (one male and one female) to the team as part of the nomination process. Selection of alternates will follow the principles established in Sections 5 and 6. Substitutions after July 19th, 2025, are subject to the PASO Late Athlete Replacement Policy. Alternates are not anticipated to travel with the team to the Games or pre-Games training camp unless there is injury to a previously selected athlete (or athletes).

6.2 Re-Allocated Quota Spots

In the event that the Pan Am IWWF reallocates any unused quota spots to Canada, and they are accepted by the COC, those additional spots will be added to this criteria document. The deadline for Pan Am IWWF quota reallocation is November 8th, 2024.

6.3 Timing of Selection

The HPC will review the Selection Pool athletes and provide the names of the nominated athletes to the COC within 7 days of the publishing of the July 1st, 2025, IWWF World Ranking Lists.

6.3 Team Announcement Date

WSWC will announce the Junior Pan Am Games Team on or before the 15th of July 2025.

Section 7- Extenuating Circumstances

If extenuating circumstances prevent an athlete from competing in the required number of competitions 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 selection criteria, the athlete must make a



written submission to the HPC. The written submission must be received by WSWC by email at wakecanada@wswc.ca no later than the close of business on June 30th, 2025. Following receipt of the submission, the HPC may require additional written information from the athlete. The HPC's decision will be communicated to all athletes who may be affected by the decision.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances that would have a significant impact on the Junior Pan Am Games selection process (i.e., major shutdowns due to a global pandemic, cancellation of numerous events etc.), the HPC reserves the right to modify the athlete nomination process accordingly.

Section 8- 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 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 will 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.

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.

Section 9- Code of Conduct

The HPC may, at any time, and at their 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 that is inconsistent with WSWC's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available from WSWC upon request. The HPC shall advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision.

Section 10- Competition Readiness

The HPC may, at any time, and at their 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 that affects the athlete's ability to perform, the HPC 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 HPC shall advise the affected athlete of their decision.

Any athlete removal or replacement following nomination must be approved by the COC Team Selection Committee. Replacements after July 19th, 2025, are also subject to the Asuncion 2025 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Section 11- Event Participant's Contract

Each athlete nominated to represent Canada at the Junior 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.

Section 12- Support Staff Selection

The support staff (e.g., technical coach, sport medicine/psychology personnel) to accompany the nominated athletes will be selected by the HPC. 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.

The support staff must:

1. Be a registered or chartered professional coach with the CAC by June 26th, 2025 (if a coach).
2. Have a valid passport that does not expire before February 23rd, 2026.
3. Be in compliance with all relevant COC, IWWF, and PanAm Sports requirements for eligibility.
4. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Eligibility form no later than June 26th, 2025.
5. Be 18 years of age or older.
6. Be a member in good standing of Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada. (WSWC)

Publication Date

This document will be published to the Wake Canada website at: <https://wakecanada.ca/athletes/selection-criteria/senior-team/on> or before February 9th, 2025. It will also be posted to the Wake Canada Facebook and Instagram pages.

Funding

Funding for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games will be dependent on the allocation of resources by the Canadian Olympic Committee based on their Team Selection Policy. WSWC will endeavour to secure funding to support Athlete participation costs for the 2025 Junior Pan Am Games. Athletes may be required to pay for any travel costs and participation fees not covered by the COC.

Timelines

June 30 th , 2024- July 1 st , 2025	Competition period for required number of events for selection
October 18 th – 20 th , 2024	2024 IWWF Pan American Wakeboard Championship
October 25 th , 2024	IWWF Panam will confirm to Panam Sports and to the NOCs the places they have qualified
November 4 th , 2024	NOCs will confirm to Panam Sports and to the IWWF Panam the places they will use
November 8 th , 2024	Reallocation of unused quotas
November 15 th , 2024	NOCs that received reallocated quotas must confirm their participation
February 9 th , 2025	Public posting of 2025 Junior Pan Am Games Criteria
May 9 th , 2025	Entry by number deadline
June 30 th , 2025	Deadline for athletes to request extenuating circumstances exemption
July 1 st , 2025	IWWF Ranking List date for selection pool
July 15 th , 2025	Nomination Deadline