



**HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL
WAKE CANADA NATIONAL TEAM & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
2025-2026**

This document outlines the criteria by which the 2025 Wake Canada National team shall be selected. The Wake Canada High Performance Committee (HPC) shall have the authority to make all decisions with respect to the criteria.

The Team Selection will be made by the Wake Canada High Performance Committee guided by the Criteria outlined in this document. There will not be an application process utilized. The number of team quota spots is at the discretion of the HPC.

Introduction

Wake Canada's National Team program goal is to support our country's top riders as they strive to achieve success at the highest level of competition in Wakeboard Boat; Wake Park Cable, Wakesurf and Wakeskate.

The Wake Canada National Team program consists of two teams:

- National Team members
 - National Team members will be split into Tier 1 and Tier 2 based on where they are in the Long Term Development Framework.
- National Development Team members (up to age 21).

Note: Wake Canada support of Elite Team athletes and program, may be limited based on available financial resources and funding allocation constraints of WSWC (Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada).

National Team Goals:

To achieve the highest level of international success in the Open/Pro categories of world titled events and highest-level international championships.

National Development Team Goals:

To foster the development of 21 & Under riders who demonstrate the potential to achieve the highest level of success targeted for National Team members while vying for podiums in respective age and/or pro-open categories at provincial, national and international level events.

Prerequisites for Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration to the Canadian Wake National and National Development Team the rider must be:

- A member in good standing with WSWC
- A member in good standing with their Provincial Sport Organization
- Are deemed eligible by the International Water ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF)
- Are deemed eligible by the WWA (World Wake Sports Association) and/or CWSA (Competitive Wakesurf Association), as case may be
- Hold a valid Canadian passport

Selection Term

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Subject to the wider signing a WSWC Athlete Agreement, the term of the team selection shall be for on year, from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Selection Criteria

Selection to the 2025 Wake Canada National Team and National Development Team will be determined on the demonstration of individual competition performances, training commitment, and international competition plans. A significant factor will be the results at the 2024 IWWF World Championships, and Wake Canada National Championships*. As last season was a transitional season where Wake Canada is aligning with the IWWF, results from WWA World Series will also be taken into consideration.

Development Team members will generally be selected from the 14-21 year old age group, although exceptions may be made for younger riders with exceptional results.

**Athletes who did not attend Wake Canada National Championships in their respective discipline because they were participating on the same day at an event of higher ranked status will be taken into consideration.*

Selection Process

Except as otherwise stated herein, the order in which eligible athletes are selected to be named to the National or National Development Team will be based on the criteria below. 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 that priority level, in which case the HPC will move on to the next priority level (e.g. Priority 2), and so on.

Eligible athletes will be ranked by IWWF/ WSWC declared gender and in descending order based on the order of priorities. Once the Quota has been met in a gender or discipline, remaining eligible athletes will no longer be considered for nomination regardless of their performance(s) or ranking.

National Team: Athletes will be ranked in order of their IWWF Ranking*. Should an athlete not have a ranking, they will then be ranked based on their percentage of field calculation at 2024 Wake Canada Nationals.

Priority 1: Athletes who have attended IWWF, WWA, CWSA, or WSWC World Championships

Priority 2: Athletes who have attended 2024 Pan Am Championships (if applicable for discipline).

Priority 3: Athletes who have placed within the top 3 at Wake Canada Nationals

Only results from the Open/Pro divisions (including Junior Pro) will be taken into account for the selection process. The events to be considered must be in the same wake discipline.

Should an athlete so qualified decline the National Team selection invitation, vacant spots may be filled by the next highest ranked qualifying athlete at the sole discretion of the HPC.

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*Currently there is no IWWF ranking for Wake Surf, so the ranking will be based on the percentage of field calculation of their top result.

National Development Team: Athletes will be ranked in order of their IWWF Ranking. Should an athlete not have a ranking, they will then be ranked based on their percentage of field calculation at 2024 Wake Canada Nationals.

Priority 1: Athletes who have attended IWWF World Championships.

Priority 2: Athletes who have attended 2024 Pan Am Championships (if applicable for discipline).

Priority 3: Athletes who have placed within the top 3 at Wake Canada Nationals in their respective age categories.

Athlete Requirements:

Athletes must confirm their team position by completing the Wake Canada Athlete agreement within 2 weeks of selection notification.

Athletes must always act and participate in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner while representing Wake Canada.

Adherence to the WSWC Code of Conduct and Safe Sport Policy is mandatory.

Athletes agree to attend Wake Canada Nationals in their perspective discipline*.

Athletes must submit a yearly training program, or a list of events and training camps they will be attending to the Wake Canada High Performance Manager.

Athletes must complete and sign following documents:

- WSWC Social Media Guidelines
- Medical consent and medical information forms at their discretion
- Canadian Center of Ethics in Sport Canadian Safe Sport Program

Athletes must purchase CAIP Insurance

*Unless the athlete is attending a higher-level event scheduled during the same dates.

Competition Readiness

The HPC may, at any time, at their discretion, disqualify a rider/athlete from being considered for selection to the National Team or remove a rider/athlete after selection if, due to illness, injury, lack of commitment to compete and/or train, or other reason which affects the athlete's ability to perform, or if the HPC believes it unlikely that the athlete will be able to perform at a level consistent with the scores upon which the selection of the rider/athlete to the Team would be or was based. The HPC will advise the affected rider/athlete of the decision. Such a decision may be appealed in accordance with WSWC's Appeal Policy.

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Extenuating Circumstances

If extenuating circumstances prevents an athlete from competing in selection events (outlined above) 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 submitted by email to: WakeCanada@wswc.ca by September 1, 2025. Following receipt of the submission, the HPC may require additional written information from the athlete. The HPC's decision will be communicated to riders/athletes who may be affected by the decision.

Appeals

A rider/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 HPC / WSWC upon request and is posted on the WSWC's website at www.wswc.ca.

Communications: Please direct communications via email to: WakeCanada@wswc.ca