



2026 IWWF Wake Surf World Championships Team Canada Nomination Criteria - Wakeboard

Key Information

Location:	Hangzhou, China
Event Dates:	October 9-17, 2026
Competition Dates:	October 12-17, 2026
Travel Dates:	TBD
Intention to Enter Deadline:	August 13, 2026
Final IWWF Entry Deadline:	Sept 28, 2026

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Section 1: Event Overview

The 2026 IWWF World Wakesurf Championships will be held from October 9–17, 2026, at Xiang Lake, Xiaoshan, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, China.

The Championships include both Surf and Skim disciplines in the following categories:

- Grom Girls / Boys (Under 14)
- Junior Women / Men (Under 18)
- Open Women / Men
- Master Women / Men (30+)
- Veteran 1 Women / Men (40+)

Athletes may enter either their appropriate age-group category or a higher level of difficulty category. Athletes may compete in both Surf and Skim.

Under the 2026 IWWF World Wakesurf Rules, each National Federation may enter a maximum of 14 athletes with a total of 14 qualification rides. The Organizing Committee may also close registration early if the maximum number of participants that can be accommodated within the event schedule is reached.

This document is based on the 2026 IWWF World Wakesurf Rules and official event bulletins. Where there is a discrepancy between this document and the applicable IWWF rules or event bulletins, the IWWF rules and bulletins will govern.

Section 2: General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to represent Canada at the 2026 IWWF Wakesurf World Championships, an athlete must:

1. Be a Canadian citizen and a member in good standing of Water ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC)
2. Compete at the 2025 Wake Canada Wakesurf National Championships
3. [Compete the Expression of Interest](#) to Wake Canada by Aug 13, 2026
4. Hold a valid Canadian Passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into

China

5. Sign and comply with all applicable WSWC and IWWF agreements, waivers, policies, and preparation requirements

2.1: Selection Process

Canada is allocated a maximum of 14 qualification rides at the 2026 IWWF Wakesurf World Championships across the Surf and Skim disciplines.

An athlete selected to compete in one discipline will use one qualification ride. An athlete selected to compete in both Surf and Skim will use two qualification rides.

All athletes who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Section 2 will be considered for selection.

Where the total number of requested qualification rides from eligible athletes does not exceed 14, all eligible qualification ride requests will be approved.

Where the total number of qualification rides requested exceeds 14, the qualification rides will be allocated in accordance with the Ranking Criteria outlined in Section 2.2.

Athletes requesting qualification rides in both Surf and Skim will be considered independently for each discipline and may be selected for one or both disciplines.

Section 3: Ranking Criteria

Where the number of qualification rides requested by eligible athletes exceeds the 14 qualification rides available to Canada, athletes will be ranked according to the following priorities. Athletes meeting the criteria under Priority 1 will be selected ahead of athletes under Priority 2, and athletes under Priority 2 will be selected ahead of athletes under Priority 3.

- Priority 1: Athletes will be ranked based on their current IWWF Wakesurf Ranking points in the applicable discipline as of the Expression of Interest deadline.
- Priority 2: Results from the 2025 Wake Canada Wakesurf National Championships will be considered using the athlete's percentage-of-field result within their respective category and discipline.
- Priority 3: Where athletes cannot be differentiated through Priorities 1 and 2, consideration will be given to the composition of the Canadian Team and the athlete's potential contribution to Canada's overall team score.

3.1 Timing of Selection

Wake Canada will review all eligible athletes who have submitted an Expression of Interest following the Expression of Interest deadline.

Where the number of requested qualification rides exceeds the 14 qualification rides available to Canada, athletes will be ranked in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2.

Selection decisions will be finalized prior to WSWC submitting Canada's Intention to Enter to the IWWF.

3.2 Team Announcement

Wake Canada will announce the 2026 IWWF Wakesurf World Champion team on or before the 28th of September 2027.



Section 4: Code of Conduct

The Wake Canada committee 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 Wake Canada Committee shall advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision.

Section 5: Funding

The 2026 IWWF Wakesurf World Championships is a self-funded event. Athletes are responsible for all costs associated with their participation, including registration fees, travel, accommodation, meals, insurance and other related expenses.

Should the Wake Committee allocate funding to support participation at the 2026 IWWF Wakesurf World Championships, athletes selected to the Canadian National Team will be prioritized for funding. The availability and amount of funding are not guaranteed and will be communicated to athletes if funding becomes available.

Timelines

- Aug 13, 2026:
 - Intention to enter deadline at 5:00pm MST
 - Athletes notified of selection
- Sept 28, 2026:
 - Final Entry into IWWF EMS
 - Wake Canada to invoice registered athletes for registration fees