2027 Pan American Games
Team Canada Nomination Criteria - Wakeboard

Key Information

Location:	Lima, Peru
Competition Dates:	*Games:* July 21st – August 8th
	Wakeboard Competition: July 23th – 27th
Travel Dates:	Arrival after July 18th

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Section 1: Event Overview

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

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 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.

Under the Qualification Document and based on results at the 2026 Pan American Wakeboard Championships, Canada is eligible to enter 2 athletes (one male and one female) into the 2027 Pan Am Games. The Canadian Olympic Committee has final authority on the number of athlete quota spots that will be available to Wakeboard athletes.

Section 2: Goals

The goal for this competition is to send the athletes with the highest medal potential (gold, then silver, then bronze).

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: Nomination Process

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) controls Canadian participation in the Pan American Games. As the

recognized national sport association, WSWC has entered into arrangements with the COC that entitle WSWC to nominate Canadian water ski athletes to participate in the Games. The final selection of the Wake Canada athletes who will participate in the Games will be made by the COC on or before June 17th, 2027.

Section 4: Decision Making Authority

The Wake Canada Committee and WSWC High-Performance Director will have final authority for the application of this Internal Nomination Procedure and the nomination of athletes and alternates to the Canadian Olympic Committee.

The Wake Canada Committee and WSWC High-Performance Director are responsible for ensuring that the nomination criteria outlined in this document are applied consistently and objectively and that all nomination decisions are made in accordance with the procedures established in this INP.

All athlete and staff nominations are subject to final approval by the Canadian Olympic Committee.

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2027 Pan American Games, final decision-making authority for matters relating to the Wakeboard team will reside with the appointed Team Leader**,** or the Head Coach in the absence of the Team Leader.

Section 5: 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 IWWF, and IOC or PASO requirements for eligibility.

(c) have a Canadian passport valid until February 8th, 2028 (six months after the Games).

(d) Compete in 2026 Wake Canada Boat National Championships.

(e) Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form (or Eligibility Conditions form for Pan Am Games) no later than June 17th, 2027. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.

Section 6: Nomination Process

Taking into account the team and entry restrictions set out under the heading Event Overview above, the Wake Canada committee or assigned sub-committee will select the four athletes to be nominated, based on the nomination criteria below, to participate in the Pan American Games who, in the opinion of the committee, have the greatest potential to win medals at the Games.

6.1: Nomination Pool

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

- The top 2 male and top 2 female athletes from the July 1st, 2026, IWWF Overall Ranking lists.
- The top 2 male and top 2 female athletes from the 2026 WWA Global Ranking List
    - Pro Division will be ranked highest
- The top 2 male and top 2 female athletes from the 2026 Pro Wake Tour Ranking List

- Pro Division will be ranked highest

- The top 2 male and top 2 female athletes who have competed in 2026 Wake Canada Nationals.
- The top 2 male and top 2 female athletes who have competed in the 2026 Pan American Championships

6.2: Nomination Criteria

Athletes identified in the Selection Pool under Section 6.1 will be evaluated based on their demonstrated potential to achieve a podium performance at the 2027 Pan American Games, consistent with the objectives outlined in Section 2.

The following factors will be considered:

a) Current rankings and results from IWWF, WWA Global Rankings, and the Pro Wakeboard Tour, with priority given to Open/Pro divisions.

b) Results, experience, and consistency of performance at the highest level of Open/Pro competition.

c) Results at the 2026 Canadian National Championships, with significant consideration given to Open/Pro performances.

d) Strength of the competitive field, including athletes expected to participate in the 2027 Pan American Games.

e) Competition readiness, as outlined in Section 12.

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.

6.3 Nomination of Athletes

Using the athlete Ranking Order determined in Section 6.2, Wake Canada will provide the nomination recommendations of athletes to the Wake Committee based on the following principles:

(a) Consideration of the factors outlined in Section 6.2.
(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.

Section 7: Selection of Alternates

The Wake Canada Committee may select alternates to the team at the same time as the four athletes are selected. Selection of alternates will be based on the same nomination criteria as stated above. Substitutions after July 2nd, 2027, are subject to the PASO Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Section 8: Re-Allocated Quota Spots

In the event that the Pan Am IWWF reallocates any unused quota spots to Canada, those additional spots will be added to this criteria document. The deadline for Pan Am IWWF quota reallocation is April 20, 2027.

Section 9: Timing of Selection

Wake Canada will review the Selection Pool athletes and provide the names of the nominated athletes to

the COC within 7 days of June 3rd, 2027.

Section 10: Team Announcement Date

The COC will work with WSWC on a joined Team Announcement, on or before June 17, 2027. No public announcements from athletes, coaches or NSO can be made until this date.

Section 11: Extenuating Circumstances

If extenuating circumstances prevent an athlete from competing in the required number of tournaments or adversely affect the athlete's performances, the Wake Canada committee may make exceptions to the selection criteria. If an athlete wants the Wake Canada committee to consider making exceptions to the selection criteria, the athlete must make a written submission to Wake Canada. The written submission must be received by WSWC by email at kyle@wswc.ca no later than the close of business on May 1st, 2027. Following receipt of the submission, the Wake Canada Committee may require additional written information from the athlete. Wake Canada's decision will be communicated to all the athletes who may be affected by the decision.

In the case of an athlete who was unable to attend an event due to approved injury leave which would affect ranking, the athletes will submit a video submission of two contest passes for the Wake Committee and a selection of judges to review. The videos must be filmed between May 1-May 30, 2027. The filming location must be taken from the boat. Video must be a continuous 8 trick line with no breaks or edits in the film or video. Allowance for boat to turn around but must be continuous.

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

Section 12: 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 with a deadline of June 10, 2027.

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 13: 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 14: Competition Readiness

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 if, due to illness, injury, lack of physical fitness or other reason that affects the athlete's ability to perform, the Wake Canada committee 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. Wake Canada 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 2nd, 2027, are also subject to the Lima 2027 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Section 15: 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.

Section 16: Support Staff Selection

The support staff (e.g., technical coach, sport medicine/psychology personnel) to accompany the nominated athletes will be selected by Wake Canada. 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 14th, 2027 (if a coach).
2. Have a valid passport that does not expire before February 9rd, 2027.
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 14th, 2027.
5. Be 18 years of age or older.
6. Be a member in good standing of Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada. (WSWC)

Section 17: Publication Date

This document will be published to the Water Ski Canada website at: https://wakecanada.ca/athletes/selection-criteria/ on or before July 23rd, 2027. It will also be posted to the Wake Canada Facebook and Instagram pages.

Section 18: Funding

Funding for the 2027 Pan American Games will be dependent on the allocation of resources by the Canadian Olympic Committee based on their Team Selection Policy. WSWC will cover any participation costs required by the COC for selected Athletes.

Section 19: Timelines

- On or before December 1, 2026
  - Publication of Pan Am Games criteria to website and community
  - Pan Am IWWF Quota reallocation deadline
- May 1, 2027
  - Deadline for athletes to request consideration for extenuating circumstances
- Prior to June 17, 2027:
  - Wake Canada to provide nominations to COC

- June 10, 2027:
    - Deadline to appeal
- Prior to June 17, 2027
    - WSWC to announce 2027 Pan Am Games Team
- June 14, 2027
    - Deadline for COC Athlete Agreement and Conditions of Participation
    - Athlete substitution deadline
- July 23- 27, 2027
    - Wakeboard Competition at Pan Am Games