



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM 2024 SELECTION CRITERIA

This document outlines the criteria by which the 2024 (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025) Wake Canada National **Development Team** shall be selected. The Wake Canada National Team Committee (WCNTC) shall have the authority to make all decisions with respect to the criteria.

2024 DEVELOPMENT Team

Team Selection will be made by the Wake Canada National Team Selection Committee guided by the Criteria outlined in this document. There will NOT be an Application Process utilized. The number of **DEVELOPMENT** Team spots is at the discretion of the WCNTC.

National DEVELOPMENT Team

Introduction

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

The Wake Canada National Team program consists of two teams:

- (1) National ELITE Team members (see separate selection criteria for national Development team)
- (2) National DEVELOPMENT Team members (up to age 21 & under)

Athletes are only eligible to be selected to one team, "ELITE" or "DEVELOPMENT", within the National Team program.

Note: Wake Canada does not provide direct athlete funding of National Development Team members, but may support Training Camp coaching subject to available financial resources and funding allocation constraints of WSWC (Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada).

Development Teams' Goal

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 **DEVELOPMENT Team**, the rider must be:

- A member in good standing with their provincial wake sports provincial sport organization or Wake Canada / WSWC (Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada)
- Are deemed eligible by the WWA (World Wake Sports Association) and/or IWWF (International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation) and/or CWSA (Competitive Wakesurf Association), as case may be
- Hold a valid Canadian passport

Selection Term

Subject to the rider/athlete signing a Team Athlete Agreement, the term of team selection shall be for one year, from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Selection Criteria

Selection to the 2024 Wake National **DEVELOPMENT Team** will be determined on demonstration of individual competition performances, training commitment and national and international competition plans. A significant factor will be the results at the 2023 Wake Canada National Championship* for Wakeboard Boat; Wake Park Cable; Wakeskate. And 2023 Provincial Championships and international events for Wakesurf (in consideration that a 2023 Wakesurf Nationals was not held).

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.

**If an athlete did not attend a National Championship in their respective discipline because they were participating on the same day at an event of higher ranked status they can submit a letter to the WCNTC for consideration via email to: wakecanadateam@gmail.com by December 15, 2023.*

Selection Process

The following criteria shall be considered for 2024 Wake Canada National **Development Team** selection purposes:

- Results from 2023 Wake Canada National Championship as outlined above, with noted exception re Wakesurf.
- Results from a 2023 World Championship or similar highest level international championships
- Results from 2023 Provincial Championship or Provincial Series
- Results from other high level 2023 regional, national or international events
- Level of **commitment to training, competing and potential**, as determined by the WCNTC.
- Qualities of fair-play

Should a rider so qualified decline the National **DEVELOPMENT Team** selection invitation, vacant spots may be filled by the next highest ranked qualifying rider at the sole discretion of the WCNTC, which may or may not take into account results used in the above criteria.

Competition Readiness

The WCNTC 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 WCNTC believes it unlikely that the athlete will be able to perform at a level consistent with the scores upon which the selection of the athlete to the Team would be or was based. The WCNTC will advise the affected rider/athlete of this decision. Such a decision may be appealed in accordance with WSWC's Appeal Policy.

Extenuating Circumstances

If extenuating circumstances prevent a rider/athlete from competing in selection events (outlined above) or adversely affect the athlete's performances, the WCNTC may make exceptions to the selection criteria. If a rider/athlete wants the WCNTC to consider making exceptions to the selection criteria, the rider/athlete must make a written submission to the WCNTC. The written submission must be submitted by email to wakecanadateam@gmail.com by December 15, 2023. Following receipt of the submission, the WCNTC may require additional written information from the athlete. The WCNTC's decision will be communicated to 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 WSWC upon request and is posted on the WSWC's website at www.wswc.ca.

Communications: Please direct communications via email to: wakecanadateam@gmail.com.