

2012 World Barefoot Water Ski Championships
Open Team Selection Criteria

Key Information

Location:	Barefoot Ski Ranch - Waco, Texas USA
Competition Dates:	August 26 – September 2, 2012
Travel Dates:	TBD
Host:	Barefoot Ski Ranch
More Information	www.WorldBarefootCouncil.com and www.barefootskiranch.com

Tournament Overview

The World Barefoot Water Ski Championships are open to all members International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF).

All competitive license holders who are Canadian citizens and are members in good standing of Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC) are eligible for selection to the National Team. In the event an athlete is not a Canadian citizen but a resident of Canada they may be considered for the team selection by meeting the conditions set forth by the IWWF WBC Barefoot Rule Book.

For purposes of team scoring, the size of the National Team at the 2012 World Barefoot Water Ski Championships shall consist of up to six (6) members. There are no age restrictions to qualify for the “Open” Division. The Open Division will refer to athletes having met the selection criteria outlined in this document and will make up the Canadian National Team. Any referral to the National Team in these criteria will mean athletes in the “Open” Division of the World Championships.

Selection to this team will also mean selection to the 2012 National Open Barefoot team.

Goal

The goal for this competition is to select the team that will achieve the **highest team placement** at the 2012 World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.

Selection Process

Using these overall scores for each athlete and the selection parameters set out below, the six athletes whose event overall scores will result in the **highest team score** will be named to the team representing Canada at the 2012 World Barefoot Water Ski Championships.

The selection parameters are:

- (a) all athletes must have achieved at least one Open rating, during the selection period, to be eligible to be named to the Team;
- (b) the team can have no more than 5 athletes of the same gender;
- (c) the third highest event overall score will be used as the base to determine if another athlete's performance can improve the **team score**. The NTC may elect to



use the fourth highest event overall score if they believe that the fourth highest score is a reasonable back-up score;

- (d) the NTC may (but is not obligated to) select an athlete to provide a back up score even if the athlete has no Selection Overall Score that is higher than the third highest Selection Overall Score of the previously selected athletes; the NTC may exercise his discretion under this clause even if another athlete's Selection Overall Score is higher than the third highest Selection Overall Score of the previously selected athletes;
- (e) if no athlete has a performance capable of improving the team score, the procedure set out in "Selection of Alternates" will be implemented.

The National Team Coach (the "NTC") reserves the right to change the following process and/or criteria if:

- (a) the format or technical rules of the tournament are changed; and/or
- (b) unusual circumstances would result in the application of the following process and/or criteria being unfair.

Selection Criteria

Minimum Ratings

Athletes having achieved at least one the following Canadian Open Division Ratings, during the selection period, are eligible to be selected to the National Team.

Canadian Open Division Ratings

	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Women	8.0	1450	8.0m
Men	12.0	2000	15.0m

Event Overall Score Calculations

An overall score in each event will be calculated using the average of the athlete's best (2) Standing List performances related to the #1 placement on the 2011 IWWF World Rankings List. **To be released in January of 2012. This criterion will be updated with the applicable scores at that time.*

#1 placements on the 2011 IWWF Open World Rankings

	Slalom	Trick	Jump
Men			
Women			

** If it is known that the athlete with the #1 or highest ranking score on the 2011 IWWF ranking List will not be competing at the 2012 World Championships then the next highest score of a known competitor will be used for the selection criteria.*



Calculation of Event Overall Scores

International Water Ski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) overall formulas will be used. They are:

Slalom = Athlete's score x 1000 / #1 placement from 2011 IWWF Rankings list

Trick = Athlete's score x 1000 / #1 placement from 2011 IWWF Rankings list

Jump = Athletes score x 1000 / #1 placement from 2011 IWWF Rankings list

Eligible Results/Tournaments

Tournament results MUST be from WSWC standing list tournaments - or equivalent. Scores from any tournaments from outside of Canada that are IWWF Standings List or IWWF Record Capability shall also be eligible for this selection criterion. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that a FULL set of results signed by the Chief Judge of the qualifying tournaments, and a properly certified Competitive License ratings sheet, are submitted to the WSWC National Office prior to the selection deadline. This will have to be done for out-of-country tournaments only. See instructions that accompany your WSWC Competitive License.

Eligible Canadian Tournaments (as at June 1, 2011)

2011 BC Provincial Championships	2011 Canadian National Championships*
2011 Ontario Provincial Championships	2011 Canadian Open Championships*
	2011 Canadian "Challenge"*

** Only one score may be taken from National Championships series of tournaments (Canadian Nationals, Canadian Open, Canadian Challenge) This is to ensure consistency over varying conditions.*

In order for a Canadian tournament, which meets the standard of the events above, to be considered for the above list the following procedure must be followed:

- a. The athlete, coach or tournament organizer must submit a request for its inclusion in writing to WSWC at least 21 days prior to the tournament. *(Sanction deadline)
- b. The NTC will then determine if the tournament in question is eligible for the above list. If the tournament is eligible, Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada will notify the Canadian water ski community. If it is not, the individual making the request will be notified of the decision.

Eligibility Period

The Eligibility Period runs from **July 9, 2011 to July 9, 2012**

Deadline for submission of results is ***Monday, July 9, 2012 at 5 p.m. EST.***



Selection of Alternates

The NTC **may** elect to name up to two (2) alternate(s) to the 2012 Barefoot World Championships Team. The alternate(s) may be named at the time that the six-member team is selected or may be named at a later date. The NTC will select the alternate(s) with a view to ensuring that **maximum team placement is maintained**.

The NTC may make the selection:

- (a) Based upon a review of the events(s) in which the team is the weakest; and/or
- (b) By naming as the alternate(s) the next best three-event athlete(s), based on each athlete's three-event overall score; and/or
- (c) Other considerations based on team composition. (i.e. Gender)

Timing of Selection Decisions

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that all eligible tournament results are received at the National Office, either by mail or electronic transmission, by 5:00 p.m. (EST) of the closing date of the eligibility period, **Monday July 9, 2012**. The NTC will make the selection decision following the closing deadline.

Extenuating Circumstances

If extenuating circumstances prevent an athlete from competing in the required number of tournaments, or adversely affect his or her performances, the NTC may make exceptions to the above selection criteria under the following guidelines.

1. If an athlete has been adversely affected by "extenuating circumstances" as above, that athlete must make a written submission to WSWC, in order to be considered for selection. This written submission must be received in the National Office, no later than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the deadline on Monday July 9, 2012.

The written submission must outline what the extenuating circumstances were which prevented the athlete from attaining the required performances and why they wish to be considered under this clause. The NTC will consider the request (within 7 days of receiving the request).

2. When the NTC renders a decision about the "extenuating circumstances" request, that the decision will be immediately communicated in writing, by email to all athletes who may be potentially affected by the decision. Under no circumstances will this process delay the final selection of the team.

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 web site at www.waterski-wakeboard.ca.



Code of Conduct

The NTC may at any time, at their discretion, disqualify an athlete from selection to a team based on behaviour inconsistent with the published Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada Code of Conduct. This can be done based on the NTC's decision that the athlete has the potential, based on previous experience, of bringing the name of Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada into disrepute. The NTC will advise that affected athlete, in writing, of its decision.

Competition Readiness

The NTC may, at any time, and at his discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection if, due to illness, injury, lack of physical fitness or other reason which affects the athlete's ability to perform, the NTC believes it unlikely that the athlete will be able to perform at the World Championships at a level consistent with the scores upon which the selection of the athlete to the Team would be or was based. The NTC will advise the affected athlete of his decision.

Event Participant's Contract

Each athlete selected to represent Canada at the World Championships 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's Contract is available from WSWC upon request.