



2012 Can-Am Invitational U17 Team Selection Criteria

Key Information

- Location: St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- Competition Dates: September 1st and 2nd, 2012
- Travel Dates: August 30th and September 2nd, 2012
- More Information: This is a 100% self-funded project.

Tournament Overview

The Can-Am Invitational is a three-event, two-round tournament between Canada and the United States.

The junior team will consist of up to six (6) athletes, with a maximum of four (4) of any one gender.

All competitive license holders who are eligible to represent Canada at an IWSF event and are members in good standing of Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (“**WSWC**”) are eligible for selection to represent Canada at the Can-Am Invitational.

To be eligible for selection to Team Canada, athletes must be 16 years of age or younger on December 31, 2011, that is, born in 1995 or later.

Goal

The goal for this competition is to maximize Canada’s team placement.

Selection Process

At the Can-Am Invitational, team scores are calculated using the three highest overall scores in each event.

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.



Calculation of Selection Overall Scores

Subject to the restrictions listed below, the average of each athlete's three best event scores from three World Rankings List record capability tournaments during the period from August 5, 2011 to August 6, 2012 will be calculated. The three scores to be used must be any one of the combinations of scores from the different eligibility periods set out in the following table.

Eligibility Period 1 (May 8 to August 6, 2012)	Eligibility Period 2 (February 7 to May 7, 2012)	Eligibility Period 3 (August 5 2011 to February 6 2012)
3 scores	0 scores	0 scores
2 scores	1 score	0 scores
2 scores	0 scores	1 score
1 score	2 scores	0 scores
1 score	1 score	1 score

Each athlete's three score average in each event will be converted to overall points (the "**Selection Overall Score**") using the IWSF overall formulas set out below. The 1,000 point performance to be used for each event in the overall formulas will be the Benchmark Scores set out below.

Additional Restrictions on Scores That May Be Used

Each of the athlete's event scores to be used to calculate a Selection Overall Score must be:

- (a) from a separate tournament;
- (b) from a different site, except that if a Major Tournament and a World Rankings List record capability tournament that is not Major Tournament are held at the same site, scores from both the Major Tournament and the World Rankings List record capability tournament may be used;
- (c) obtained at a tournament at which a speed control system acceptable to the NTC is used; and
- (d) obtained at a tournament at which a six buoy slalom course is used.

In addition, for multi-round tournaments, only scores which qualify for inclusion on the World Rankings List under the rules and policies of the IWSF may be used to calculate an athlete's Selection Overall Score.



Selection of the Team Score Athletes

The following parameters will be used to select up to four athletes whose scores will be used to determine Canada's team score at the Can-Am Invitational. The objective is to maximize Canada's team score at the Can-Am Invitational.

The selection parameters are:

- (a) there can be no more than four athletes of one gender;
- (b) the third highest Selection Overall Score of the previously selected athletes will be used to determine if another athlete's Selection Overall Score can improve the team score; and
- (c) 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.

To be eligible for selection, an athlete must pay a \$500 deposit to WSWC to cover costs which require WSWC prepayment on behalf of the athlete or for more cost effective team coordination, such as entry fees, ground transportation and uniforms. An accounting for the deposit will be provided to the athlete by WSWC, and any unused amount will be returned. A cheque or credit card payment must be received by WSWC **no later than Friday July 20, 2012** in order for an athlete to be eligible for selection. Cheques will be deposited only if the athlete is selected to the Team.

Selection of Alternates

The NTC may, but is not obligated to name up to two alternates to the athletes whose scores will be used to determine Canada's team score at the Can-Am Invitational based on the foregoing selection criteria. The alternates may be selected at the time the team athletes are selected or may be selected at a later date.

Deadline for Submitting Results

A copy of results for the entire tournament or a ratings sheet, in either case, signed by the Chief of Competition or Chief Judge of each tournament an athlete wishes to be used in the selection process must be received by WSWC at 210 - 223 Colonnade Road South, Ottawa, Ontario, K2E 7K3 (fax: (613) 526-4380) **prior to the close of business on August 5, 2012**. Athletes are responsible for ensuring that all results or rating sheets are received by WSWC by the deadline.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the purposes of this selection criteria the NTC may, but is not obligated to, use tournament results posted on the internet if he believes the posted results to be credible.



Timing of Selection

The NTC will complete the selection of athletes to represent Canada at the Can-Am Invitational and form the Canadian Team promptly following the August 6, 2012 results submission deadline.

Extenuating Circumstances

If extenuating circumstances prevent an athlete from competing in the required number of tournaments or adversely affect the athlete's performances, the NTC may make exceptions to the selection criteria. If an athlete wants the NTC to consider making exceptions to the selection criteria, the athlete must make a written submission to the NTC. The written submission must be received by WSWC at 210 - 223 Colonnade Road South, Ottawa, Ontario, K2E 7K3 (fax: (613) 526-4380) **no later than the close of business on July 20, 2012**. Following receipt of the submission, the NTC may require additional written information from the athlete. The NTC's decision will be communicated to all athletes who may be affected by the decision.

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.

As a result of the short period of time between the date on which the athletes to attend the Can-Am Invitational will be selected and the Team's departure for the Can-Am Invitational, the normal time lines in the Appeal Policy for considering an appeal would 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 selection. Any appeal filed too close to the Team's departure may not be able to be dealt with.

Code of Conduct

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 based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with WSWC's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available from WSWC upon request. The NTC will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his 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 Can-Am Invitational 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, in writing, of his decision.



Event Participant's Contract

Each athlete selected to represent Canada at the Can Am Invitational 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.

IWSF Overall Formulas	
Slalom and Tricks:	athlete's score x 1000 ÷ Benchmark Score
Jump - Boys:	(athlete's score – 20) x 1000 ÷ (Benchmark Score – 20)
Jump - Girls:	(athlete's score – 13) x 1000 ÷ (Benchmark Score – 13)
Note that slalom scores will be based on the IWSF scoring system: (a) complete 13 m = 48 buoys; (b) complete 12 m = 54 buoys; (c) complete 11.25 m = 60 buoys; and (d) complete 10.75 m = 66 buoys.	

Benchmark Scores			
	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
Boys	1.00 @ 11.25 m (55 buoys)	6000 points	50.0 m
Girls	3 @ 12 m (51 buoys)	5000 points	39.6 m
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