



2009-2011 Selection Criteria **Canadian Adaptive Water Ski Team**

Statement of Principle: The goals of the Canadian Adaptive Water Ski Team are:

- a) to increase athletes' exposure to international competition and to prepare athletes to execute internationally competitive scores;
- b) to maximize Canada's team placement at international competitions;
- c) to develop high performing athletes who show potential to achieve podium finishes at World Championships;
- d) to ensure that all athletes who qualify to enter the World Championships based on the IWWF individual skier entry criteria are included in the contingent of Canadian athletes selected to represent Canada at the Championships;
- e) to provide non-financial support to athletes, through Canadian multi-sport organizations like Athletes CAN and Canadian Sport Centers who offer benefits and programs to National Team athletes;
- f) to involve National Team members in WSWC fundraising activities and assist in mentoring, supporting and promoting towed water sports in Canada.

Term of Selection: Subject to the rider signing a WSWC Athlete Agreement, the term of team selection shall be for two (2) years, from the close of the 2009 National Adaptive Water Ski Championships through to the close of the 2011 National Adaptive Water Ski Championships, after which time they must re-qualify for selection in accordance with the criteria that will have been established.

Additional team members may be selected at any point during the 2009-2011 term at the discretion of the National Adaptive Team Coach (NATC). The same selection process and the same eligibility apply.

Selection to the National Adaptive Water Ski Team does not guarantee selection to event teams such as the World Disabled Water Ski Championship Team.

Eligibility: All competitive license holders who are Canadian Citizens, who are members in good standing of WSWC and who are deemed eligible by the International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) are eligible for selection to the National Team. Athletes must have a valid passport.

**Disability Categories (Consistent with IWWF Classification):**

Arm Amputation (A)
Above/Below Knee Amputation (L)
Above/Below Knee Amputation w/prosthesis (LP)
Arm and Leg Impairment (A/L)
Multiple Plegics (MP-1)
Multiple Plegics (MP-2)
Multiple Plegics (MP-3)
Totally Blind (V-1)
Partially Sighted (V-2/3)

Minimum Qualifications: Qualifications are based on probable potential for internationally competitive scores.

Slalom A/L inner/outer based on classification 31/28k 18.25 (6 buoys)

	Male	Female
Slalom MP2	inner 31k 18.25 (6 buoys)	inner 28k 18.25 (6 buoys)
Slalom MP3	outer 31k 18.25 (6 buoys)	inner 28k 18.25 (6 buoys)
Slalom V	outer 31k 18.25 (3 buoys)	outer 28k 18.25 (3 buoys)

Tricks MP2	500 pts	320 pts
Tricks MP3	600 pts	520 pts
Tricks V/A/L	200 pts	200 pts

Jump MP2	10 m	8 m
Jump MP3	12 m	8 m
Jump V/A/L	5 m	5 m

These jumps may be done on any ramp height as provided for within the IWWF rules for disabled water skiing (1.0m, 1.25m, 1.5m, 1.65m):

http://www.waterskidisabled.eu/pages/iwsf_disabledpag.html

These performances must have been performed at a minimum of two WSWC/IWWF sanctioned tournaments, between June 2008 to September 2009. Achieving these qualifications does not necessarily earn selection. Selection is subject to the further process outlined below.

Selection Process: Each skier's best 4 scores from the above eligible competitions will be averaged for each event. An athlete may be selected to compete in one (1) event.



The NATC shall select those athletes whose average scores represent (a) in first priority, the most probable medal potential at a world championship, and (b) secondarily, the highest placements at an international event. Special consideration will be given to those athletes who show overall potential. In so determining such placement probability, the NATC shall reference the results from the previous two IWWF World Disabled Water Ski Championships for their respective classification.

The NATC will also review reports from the athlete's personal coach on the overall conduct and abilities of the athlete.

An athlete who has previously represented Canada at an IWWF sanctioned international event can be selected for the 2009-2011 Adapted National Team after consultation with the NATC.

Selection is conditional upon the athlete signing a WSWC-Athlete Agreement and being officially classified by a WSWC recognized agent.

Authority: The selection criteria are under the authority of the NATC. WSWC has authorized the NATC to establish criteria to make all decisions with regard to implementation of the criteria.

Commitment: Athletes selected to the National Adaptive Water Ski Team must be fully committed to the team program which will include the following:

1. adhering to WSWC/Sport Canada Code of Conduct;
2. attendance at the Regional and National Championships, Provincial Championships if possible, and all other tournaments deemed necessary by the NATC;
3. attendance at National Adaptive Water Ski Team Training Camps arranged by the NATC;
4. adhering to individualized training programs throughout the year (including winter) as determined by the NATC in conjunction with sport science experts. This will be monitored on an on-going basis by the NATC in conjunction with the athlete's personal coach;
5. responding within one week to all NATC correspondence.

Lack of commitment to any of the above may result in the athlete's removal from the team

Funding: WSWC will provide financial assistance towards identified training and competitive opportunities extended to the National Adaptive Water Ski Team, in accordance with and within the limitations of the adaptive water ski high performance program budget. Funding is re-evaluated each fiscal year.



Extenuating Circumstances: If extenuating circumstances prevent an athlete from competing in the required number of tournaments or adversely affect the athlete's performances, the NATC may make exceptions to the selection criteria. If an athlete wants the NATC to consider making exceptions to the selection criteria, the athlete must make a written submission to the NATC. The written submission must be received by the WSWC National Office no later than the close of business on February 10, 2010. Following receipt of the submission, the NATC may require additional written information from the athlete. The NATC's decision will be communicated to all athletes who may be affected by the decision.

Athlete Cost: Selected athletes as of November 12, 2009 will be required to pay a \$1000 team fee per year payable to Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada. A cheque or credit card payment must be sent along with a signed Athlete Agreement due no later than February 1st of each fiscal year. The team fee is subject to increase depending on Sport Canada financial support and WSWC fundraising. The team fees are collected to help offset training camp costs, tournament fees, travel costs, and other team related expenses.

Major Benefits to Team Selection

- Status as a member of the National Adaptive Water Ski Team Program, and all such publicity and personal sponsorship privileges that may be enjoyed.
- Enrollment in basic accident insurance coverage through and paid for by WSWC within the Canadian Athletes Insurance Program (C.A.I.P).
- Financial assistance towards identified training and competitive opportunities extended to the Adaptive National Team, in accordance with and within the limitations of the adaptive high performance program budget.
- Possibility of selection to the Canadian National Team to represent Canada at identified international events.
- Benefit from services from the Canadian Sport Centers and Athletes CAN, amongst others. It is up to the athlete to communicate with WSWC head office or the associations directly to inquire about the services they are eligible for.

WSWC National Team Agreement: All National Adaptive Water Ski Team Program members shall sign and abide by the WSWC 2009 Athlete Agreement prior to admittance into the program.

Petition for Exemption from Activities/Documentation Requirements

In order for the NATC to approve of an athlete's absence from a required event (Nationals, Sport Science Camp) the athlete must abide by the following:

1. The athlete shall submit to the NATC via WSWC, no later than two (2) months prior to the start of the activity, a written request for exemption. The letter shall contain the reasons for the requested exemption.



2. The letter shall be considered a petition for exemption and shall be deliberated and ruled on at least 6 weeks in advance of the start of the activity.

Termination, Suspension or Withdrawal: An athlete's membership to the 2009-2011 WSWC National Team may be terminated, suspended or withdrawn for the following reasons:

- a. voluntary withdrawal and/or retirement;
- b. failure to meet training or competitive commitments;
- c. violation of the WSWC 2009-2011 Athlete Agreement;
- d. gross breach of discipline, as outlined in the WSWC Code of Conduct Policy;
- e. fraudulent misrepresentation;
- f. doping violations.

Declaration of Intent: To assist with tracking of athlete results, preparations for training and competition entry, it is important for the NATC to be aware of athletes who intend to vie for a spot on the 2009-2011 National Adaptive Water Ski Team. Consequently, athletes are asked to declare their intent the Declaration of Intent to Qualify for Selection found on the next page.

Declaration of Intent forms must be received at the WSWC office.



**2009 – 2011 National Adaptive Team
DECLARATION OF INTENT TO QUALIFY FOR SELECTION**

I hereby declare my intent to earn selection to become a member of the 2009 – 2011 National Adaptive Development Team.

Athlete's Contact Information

SURNAME	FIRSTNAME	TITLE (Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

APARTMENT #	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS

D.O.B. (YYYY-MM-DD)	SHIRT SIZE (XL, L, M, S, XS)

HOME WATER SKI CLUB OR SCHOOL (Name & Address)	
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EVENTS YOU SKI IN?			
	SLALOM	TRICK	JUMP

Coach's Contact Information

SURNAME	FIRSTNAME	TITLE (Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

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HOME WATER SKI CLUB OR SCHOOL (Name & Address)	
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EVENTS YOU CAN COACH?			
	SLALOM	TRICK	JUMP

NCCP CERTIFICATIONS	
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