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DATE: April 12th, 2019

TO: All Canadian Athletes

COPY: Martin Leprohon, Sport Commissioner

FROM: Laura Tracey, High Performance Manager

RE: Revised Call for Athletes – Royal Life Saving Society Festival of Lifesaving 2019

In line with its commitment to offer international exposure to its high performance athletes, the Lifesaving Society is pleased to announce its intent to field a team to attend the following international lifesaving championship:

Name: Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) Festival of Lifesaving 2019
Location: Leeds, United Kingdom
Dates: November 21-23, 2019 (tour November 18-November 24, 2019, subject to change)
Type: Pool lifesaving
Teams: National Team – 5 female, 5 male
Development Team – 5 female, 5 male (if enough applicants for national team)

Following an initial call for athletes, we are revising it based on comments from athletes to include a single week tour. Athletes willing to stay for an extra training week can also indicate their interest and fee will be developed based on the number of athletes interested by this option.

This festival (website: <http://www.rlsscommonwealth.org/festival-of-lifesaving/> and <https://www.rlss.org.uk/commonwealth-festival-of-lifesaving-event-information>) involves two components: the traditional Commonwealth Championships plus an individual skills Lifesaving Challenge held on day 3. Canada's athletes are expected to compete in both components.

Commonwealth Championship events include (maximum 5 competitors in each individual event, with maximum 2 competitors in finals):

- 50m Manikin carry
- 100m Manikin carry with fins
- 100m Manikin tow with fins
- 200m Super lifesaver
- 4 x 25m Manikin carry relay
- 4 x 50m Medley relay

Lifesaving Challenge events include (all individual events with no maximum number of competitors):

- Aquatic Simulated Emergency Response Competition
- Dry Simulated Emergency Response Competition (includes resuscitation)
- 50m Non-Contact Tow
- 12.5m Line Throw (individual)
- 100m Lifesaving Medley Swim

The selection criteria are consistent with RLSS rules and eligibility criteria at the time of their publication and may be subject to change. The National Sport Commission will make reasonable efforts to advise athletes if it becomes aware of a change to rules that would in turn impact these selection criteria.

Based on the athletes wishing to stay an extra week,

Eligible athletes must submit an email of intent highlighting interest to join this delegation by **11:59pm (EDST) on June 1, 2019 to Brian Miess, Technical Leaders Committee Chair at brianm@lifeguarding.com**. Selection of the teams will be announced at the conclusion of the 2019 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships. For further information or clarification, please contact Laura Tracey, High Performance Manager at lssmanagerlaura@gmail.com



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ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY FESTIVAL OF LIFESAVING 2019 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Name:	Royal Life Saving Society Festival of Lifesaving 2019
Location:	John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds, United Kingdom
Dates:	November 21-23, 2019 (tour November 18 – November 24, 2019, subject to change)
Teams:	National Team – 5 female, 5 male Development Team – 5 female, 5 male
Fees:	\$2,400 without airfare / \$3,200 including airfare (extra for additional training camp week. To be confirmed)

Eligibility

The RLSS Festival of Lifesaving (the “Championships”) is intended for bona fide lifesavers who have demonstrated a commitment to lifesaving – people who are lifesavers first, competitors second.

To be eligible to compete as a member of the Canadian National or Development Team at this festival, the athlete shall:

- Be a bona fide lifesaver in good standing with the Lifesaving Society of Canada.
- Be a registered athlete with the Lifesaving Society of Canada **by June 1st 2019**.
- Be a Canadian citizen, by birth or naturalization; or landed immigrant of Canada.
- Comply with anti-doping rules and policies set by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and the ILS.
- Hold a **current** Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross or National Lifeguard certification that is dated no more than two years prior to the last day of the Championships.
- Be a minimum of 16 years of age as of 31 December 2019.
- For Development Team members only, they must not have ever been a member of a National Team (Senior) at World Championships nor on a National Team at Commonwealth Championships or World Games. Competitors may be selected to a Development Team multiple times.
- Be willing to participate in designated training camps or regimens as required by the Team Coach.
- Be available for the duration of the tour.
- Submit an email highlighting your interest in qualifying for the National or Development Team **by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDT) on June 1, 2019 to the attention of Brian Miess, Technical Leaders Committee Chair, at: brianm@lifeguarding.com**.

Selection Philosophy

Selection criteria are aimed at selecting the team that will provide the best overall outcome for the teams. Meeting a criterion does not grant an automatic selection to the team as a given athlete's contribution to the team will need to be assessed against what other athletes meeting one or more of the criteria can bring to the team.

Selection Criteria National and Development Team:

National team athletes shall be selected based on their past performance in events listed in the Program of Events for the RLSS Festival of Lifesaving. Past performances will be evaluated by one of the two following ways:

- 1- Athletes who wish to be selected must compete in at least one sanctioned competition or time trial event between September 2, 2018 and June 1, 2019, which includes the 2019 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships, 2018 Lifesaving World Championships (LWC), and National Sport Commission sanctioned events (e.g. domestic time trials).
- 2- Otherwise, an athlete may submit a formal expression of interest to the **High Performance Manager, Laura Tracey, at lssmanagerlaura@gmail.com by June 1, 2019** outlining performances achieved outside of the scope defined above. To be eligible, the performance must have occurred at an internationally sanctioned competition or time trial event by ILS or another international sporting body held between September 2, 2018 and June 1, 2019. If the athlete is competing in another sport, the event must be transferable to an event listed in the Program of Events of the Festival.

Eligible athletes must receive a unanimous nomination from all members of the selection committee.

Primary consideration for team selection will be in the following order:

- Performance equal to a top 32 finish (based on LWC 2018 National Teams preliminary times) in any individual ILS pool event from the Commonwealth Championship program performed.
- A 2019 Canadian Pool Championship top three performance in the open or 15-18yr age category in any individual event on the Program of Events of the Festival from the Commonwealth Championship program.
- In the event that the above criteria are deemed by the selection committee to be insufficient to finalize the selection of the team, alternative consideration will be given at the discretion of the selection committee to:
 - Best sanctioned times in any individual ILS pool event from the RLSS Commonwealth Festival of Lifesaving program achieved between September 2, 2018 and June 1, 2019.
 - Results from sports outside of lifesaving (sanctioned by the appropriate international sporting body) between September 2, 2018 and June 1, 2019.
 - Past international results from a recognized competition in the Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) event.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will proceed with the selection at the conclusion of the 2019 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships on June 1, 2019.

Alternates

The selection committee may select one or more alternates at their discretion to ensure that a number of athletes are competition ready and prepared to assume a position on the team in the event that a previously selected athlete was to pull out (due to health or other reasons) or be removed from the team.

Decisions

All decisions of the selection committee are considered to be unanimous and final.

Appeals

An aggrieved athlete may appeal against a failure of the selection committee to comply with the procedures as set down in this policy. That is, an appeal may be made on procedural grounds, but not on the merits of a particular selection decision.

This appeal must be made to the Sports Commissioner within ten (10) days of public announcement of the National and Development Teams.

This appeal must be in writing setting out:

1. The particular alleged failure of the selection in question;
2. Grounds on which the appeal is made; and,
3. The reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged appeal attaching all supporting documentation/evidence, if applicable.

The appeal must be accompanied by a \$100 deposit in Canadian funds, refundable in the case of a successful appeal.

The appeal will be reviewed by the Sports Commissioner and two available members of the National Sport Commission who shall have no significant relationship with the affected parties and shall have no involvement with the decision being appealed, and shall be free from any other actual or perceived bias or conflict.

Withdrawal of Participation

These selection criteria do not guarantee that Canada will attend this event with a complete delegation. This could in turn affect how the criteria are applied in order to reflect these changes. The Lifesaving Society of Canada is committed to providing this international sporting experience to its members and will therefore seek to avoid changes unless essential to ensure the safety and quality of the experience provided to its members.