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## ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2023 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

In line with its commitment to offer international exposure to its high-performance athletes, the Lifesaving Society is announcing the eligibility and selection criteria for the following event:

Name:	Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth games 2023
Location:	Windsor, Ontario
Dates:	September 13-17, 2023 (tour September 12 – September 17, 2023)
Teams:	National Team – 5 female, 5 male Development Team – 5 female, 5 male
Fees:	TBD

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### Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to compete as a member of the Canadian National or Development Team at this championship, 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 8, 2023**;
- 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 2023;
- For Development Team members only, they must not have ever been a member of a National Team (Open) at World Championships nor on a National Team (Open) at Commonwealth Championships or World Games. Competitors may be selected to a Development Team multiple times;

- Be available to participate in designated training camps or regimens as required by the Team;
- Be available for the duration of the tour;
- Respect the term of the tour agreement and the athlete agreement;
- 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 9 June 2023 to the attention of Pierre Tabah, National Team Head Coach at [headcoach@lifesaving.ca](mailto:headcoach@lifesaving.ca).**

### **Selection Philosophy**

Selection criteria are aimed at selecting the team that will provide the best overall outcome for the teams at the Commonwealth Championship and to develop lifesaving sport in Canada. 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 and what the team needs to perform.

### **Selection Criteria's National and Development Team:**

National and Development team athletes and alternates shall be selected based on their actual performance in events listed in the Program of Events for the Commonwealth Championship 2023. Their presence at the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship in Windsor' Ontario from June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> 2023, is mandatory.

If and only if the selection committee is not able to fill a team with the participant at the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship 2023, then the Selection Committee may refer to past performances or may decide to send not a full team (not filling all positions). This past performance will then be evaluated by one of the two following ways:

- ❖ Athletes who wish to be selected must have competed in at least one sanctioned competition or time trial event between June 1, 2022 and June 8, 2023, which includes the 2022 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships, 2022 Lifesaving World Championships (LWC), and National Sport Commission sanctioned events (e.g. domestic time trials).
- ❖ Otherwise, an athlete may submit a formal expression of interest to Pierre Tabah before 17:00 on 11 June 2023 as 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 1, 2022 and June 8, 2023. If the athlete is competing in another sport, the event must be transferable to an event listed in the Program of Events of the Championship.

Eligible athletes must receive a majority nomination from the members of the selection committee. The selection guidelines for the team selection are:

- The athlete's potential for achieving the best result across the range of events.
- The athlete's potential for qualifying for finals.
- The overall balance of the team required for the championship.
- The athlete's contribution to the team overall, to foster a positive team culture and experience.

To respect the selection guidelines, the Selection Committee will take into consideration (but are not limited to), the following;

- Performance equal to a top 24 finish (based on LWC 2022 National Teams preliminary times) in any individual ILS pool event from the Commonwealth Championship program performed [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- Two (2) wins in the 2023 Canadian Pool Championship in the Open or 15-18 yr age category in any individual event on the Program of Events of the Commonwealth Championship program - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- A Canadian record performance in the 2023 Canadian Pool Championship in the Open or 15-18 yr age category in any individual even on the Program of Events of the Commonwealth Championship program - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];

In the event that the above criteria are deemed by the selection committee to be insufficient to finalize the selection of the team, the committee will take into consideration:

- An Outstanding performance in the 2023 Canadian Pool Championship in the Open or 15-18 yr age category in any individual event on the Program of Events of the Commonwealth Championship program - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- Best sanctioned times in any individual ILS pool event achieved between September 1, 2022 and June 8, 2023.
- Best results from sports outside of lifesaving (sanctioned by the appropriate international sporting body) between September 1, 2022 and June 8, 2023.
- Past international results from a recognized competition in the Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) event;
- Past international results from a recognized competition in the Line throw event [Thrower only].

### **Selection Committee**

The selection committee will proceed with the selection of the National Open and Development Team selection at the 2023 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship. The selection will be announced at the conclusion of the Championships.

### **Alternates**

The selection committee will 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.

### **Appeal**

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 only, not on the merits of a particular selection decision.

This appeal must be made to the Lifesaving Sport Commissioner within ten (5) days of public announcement of the National and Youth-Development Teams.

This appeal must be in writing setting out:

1. The particular alleged failure of the selection committee to comply with the procedure 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, or a person designated by the Sport Commission 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.

All decisions of the Appeal panel are considered to be unanimous, final and without appeal.

**Withdrawal of Participation**

These selection criteria do not guarantee that Canada will attend one or both events and/or attend these events 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.