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## LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024 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: Lifesaving World Championships 2024  
Location: Gold Coast, Australia  
Dates: August 20 – September 8, 2024 (Tour TBD)  
Type: Pool and surf lifesaving  
Teams: National Open Team – 6 male, 6 female  
National Youth Team – 6 female, 6 male

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The National Teams competition is a main event during the Lifesaving World Championships 2024 to which Canada will send one Open Team and one Youth Team.

The selection criteria are consistent with International Lifesaving Society (ILS) 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.

Selection is to be held in the following venues:

- Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship 2023: <sup>1</sup>Preselection of the Pool athletes – Windsor, Ontario ;
- Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship 2024: Final selection of the Pool athletes - TBD.
- Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championship 2023: <sup>2</sup>Preselection of the Surf athletes – Martinique and Rainbow Haven Beaches, Nova Scotia;

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<sup>1</sup> Pre-selection consists in naming individuals to the Performance program (previously known as “The roster”) that meets the primary criteria to the National Team with the obligation to report to the coaches according to their demand and to keep their level of performance in accordance with their selection performance. If they respect the condition of the pre-selection they will then be considered for a final nomination to the National team for this tour, all in accordance with the criteria set in this document. The final selection is to be held at the 2024 Pool championship and at the Training/Selection camp to be held in May/June 2024 in a location to be decided later. **The final announcement of the team will be made at the 2024 Canadian Lifesaving Pool Championship.**

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

- Canadian National Team Surf Training and Selection Camp May 2024: Final selection of the Surf athletes – TBD.

The pre-selection and the final selection of the Open and Youth Team athletes will be announced on the last day of the selected venue.

To be considered for the positions being named to the LWC 2024 Team, eligible athletes must submit an email of intent highlighting interest to join this delegation and their birthdate by **11:59pm (Eastern time) on June 9, 2023 for Pool pre-selection, August 24, 2023 for Surf pre-selection, May 31st,2024 for Pool final selection and for Surf final selection to Brian Miess, National Team Administrator at: [brianm@lifeguarding.com](mailto:brianm@lifeguarding.com)** For further information or clarification, please contact Pierre Tabah, National Team Head Coach at [headcoach@lifesaving.ca](mailto:headcoach@lifesaving.ca)

### Eligibility

To be eligible to compete as a member of the National Open Team or the National Youth Team representing Canada at the Championships, the athlete shall:

- Be a bona fide lifesaver in good standing with the Lifesaving Society of Canada;
- Be a registered and eligible athlete with the Lifesaving Society of Canada;
- 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 International Life Saving Federation (ILS);
- Hold a **current** Lifesaving Society Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross or National Lifeguard certification that is dated no more than two years prior to December 31, 2024;
- For the National Open Team, be a minimum of 16 years of age as of December 31, 2024. There is no maximum age;
- For the National Youth Team, be a minimum of 15 years of age and a maximum of 18 years of age as of December 31, 2024;
- Be available to participate in designated training camps or regimens as required by the Team Coach or risk removal from the team;
- Be available for the duration of the tour;
- Be named to the National Team Performance Program;
- Respect the terms of the Athlete Agreement and the Tour Agreement.

### Selection Philosophy

Selection criteria are aimed at selecting the team that will provide the best overall outcome for the National Open and National Youth Team categories. **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.**

The athlete wishing to be part of the tour must report to Canada as per request from the Head Coach and-or appear in a training camp or designated National team event chosen by the Head Coach in or outside Canada. Failure to comply with this rule will automatically result in removal from the list of athletes who can participate in the tour.

**Selection Criteria National Team Open and National Team Junior:**

Eligible athletes must receive a majority nomination from the members of the selection committee. Considerations for the team selection will be:

- 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 event.
- The athlete's contribution to the team overall, to foster a positive team culture and experience.

To respect the consideration mentioned above, 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 Open or Youth Teams preliminary times) in any individual ILS pool event performed [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- A Canadian record performance in the 2023 or 2024 Canadian Pool Championship in the Open or 15-18 yr age category and the 14 year old exhibition<sup>3</sup> events in any individual even on the Program of Events of the LWC - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC]
- A win in at least two individual events at the 2023 and/or 2024 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- A win in at least two of the following events at the 2023 Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships and/or at the 2024 Selection/Training camp of the National team Surf athletes to be held in May/June 2024 (TBD):
  - Surf Swim, Beach Flags, Beach Sprint, Board, Surf Ski, Oceanman/woman.

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 and/or 2024 Canadian Pool Championship in the Open or 15-18 yr age category or 14 year old exhibition events<sup>4</sup> in any individual event on the Program of Events of the Commonwealth Championship program - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];

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<sup>3</sup> This athlete would need to meet the age criteria for the LWC 2024 eligibility to be considered.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

- An Outstanding performance in the 2023 Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships in the Open or 15-18 yr age category or 14 year old exhibition events<sup>5</sup> and/or at the 2024 Selection/Training camp of the National team Surf athletes to be held in May/June 2024 (TBD):
  - Surf Swim, Beach Flags, Beach Sprint, Board, Surf Ski or Oceanman/woman.
- Best sanctioned times in any individual ILS pool event achieved between June 1, 2023 and June 24, 2024.
- Best position in any individual ILS surf event achieved between June 1, 2023 and June 24, 2024.
- Contribution in team events at the 2023 or 2024 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships and/or the Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships 2023.
- Best rankings in any individual “other sport” directly related to lifesaving sport (i.e., swimming, track and field, kayak) achieved at a National Sport Commission approved, national or international sporting body sanctioned competition or time trial event between June 1, 2023 and June 24, 2024.
- 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 as a thrower.

The selection Committee could decide to name an athlete to the final list prior to the final selection date if this athlete achieved exceptional international performances in an ILS Championship (depending on the venue).

### **Selection Committee**

The selection committee will proceed with the selection of the National Open and Youth Team pre-selection and final selection at the respective venues. The selection will be announced at the conclusion of the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships: 2023 (pre-selection), 2024 (final selection) and at the conclusion of the Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships 2023 (pre-selection) and of the Training Selection camp for Surf Athletes in May/June 2024 (TBD). The final team will be announced at the conclusion of the Canadian Lifesaving Pool Championship 2024.

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

## **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. Alternates may be named at the conclusion of the selected venues acting as pre-selection and or final selection.

## **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 document. 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 Sports Commission within ten (5) days of public announcement of the National Open and Youth 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.