



## 2023 IWWF Over 35 Pan American Championships Selection Criteria

### Key Information - details to follow

Location: Harmony, NC, USA

Competition dates: Sept 20-24, 2023

### Tournament Overview

The 2023 IWWF Over 35 Pan American Championships are open to all members of IWWF federations within North, South and Central America.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for selection the Senior A, B, C or D, 70+ team, the athlete must:

- (a) be a member in good standing of Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada (WSWC);
- (b) be eligible to represent Canada at an IWWF event (competition license);
- (c) be between 35 and 44 years of age on December 31, 2022, to be eligible for selection to the Senior A team;
- (d) be between 45 and 54 years of age on December 31, 2022, to be eligible for selection to the Senior B team;
- (e) be 55 years of age or older on December 31, 2022, to be eligible for selection to the Senior C team;
- (f) be 65 years of age or older on December 31, 2022, to selection to the Senior D team
- (g) be 70+ years of age or older on December 31, 2022 will not counted towards Team points.

### Cost to Athlete

This is a self-funded event. Athletes selected to the Senior A, B, C or D team plus others will be required to pay all of their expenses (e.g. travel, accommodation, meals, entry fees, etc.).

### Goal

The goal for this competition is to maximize the placement of the Senior A, B, C and D teams and to be a cohesive team regardless of the athlete as a Team or a Wildcard member.

### Selection Criteria

- (a) there can be no more than four athletes of one gender in a category: 6 skiers per age category.
- (b) Canadian team will be selected with two score average from Record Capable (RC) tournaments. The athlete's best two event scores during the period from June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to



August 13th, 2023, will be calculated for an average. The scores can be from the same site but different sanction numbers.

- (c) Intent to Compete must be submitted (via form) to WSWC 90 days (June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023) prior to competition with registration fee (refundable under extenuating circumstances). Fee due no later than August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. No official training/familization will be charged until on site/per user at a later date.

#### *Selection of Individual Event Athletes (Wildcards)*

Each event in each category can have the 5 top ranked athlete on the PanAm Ranking list. These athletes (if not selected on the Team) would be competing for Canada on an Individual basis and their scores cannot be counted towards the team overall scores. These athletes are still part of the Canada Team and will be called Wildcards. Changes to criteria/rules may change according PanAm bulletins and IWWF notices. (PanAm ranking list eligibility will be up to July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023).

#### **Timing of Selection**

Selection of athletes to represent Canada at the Pan Am Championships will be made public after the Canadian Nationals August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

A grid will be available for all 35+ Intent to Compete athletes that will show where they stand as a possible team member and/or in ranking. This grid will be sent to all skiers 2 or 3 times within the selection phase to help with travel plans and work-related issues.

#### **Selection Committee**

A committee of 3 persons will be organizing and linked with WSWC to ensure all WSWC rules are followed and IWWF information is received. Those persons (representing both the West and East of Canada) can be expanded for an additional 2 persons to assist if they are familiar with 35+ team.

#### **Code of Conduct**

Code of Conduct states that a coach can disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to a 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 athlete will be advised in writing.

#### **Competition Readiness**

A team or wildcard athlete can remove themselves or be asked to step down if, due to illness, injury, lack of physical fitness or other reason affecting the athlete's ability to perform at the event at a level consistent with the scores upon which the selection of the athlete to the team would be or was based.

#### **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 website at [www.wswc.ca](http://www.wswc.ca)