

LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

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
Tour Dates:	August 18 to September 2, 2024
Type:	Pool and surf lifesaving
Teams:	National Open Team – 6 male, 6 female National Youth Team – 6 female, 6 male

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 Federation (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 that to rules that would in turn impact these selections criteria.

To allow the National Team to prepare well, all in consideration of the price changes for means of transport and the multiple costs associated with setting up a national team, it has been decided to modify the selection process.

Since the intention of the National team management is to allow the best possible preparation and the most time for the athletes to prepare between the moment of their selection and the holding of LWC 2024, it was decided to modify the selection criteria but above all to give more opportunities to athletes to demonstrate their skills. Consequently, the modifications are as follows.

The following events will be taken into consideration for the selection of the LWC 2024 National teams:

2023

- Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship 2023: Pool athletes – Windsor
- Commonwealth Championship 2023: Pool athletes – Windsor
- International Surf Rescue Challenge 2023: Surf Athletes – Texas
- Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championship 2023: Surf athletes – Martinique Beach

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2024

Any competition sanctioned by a province will be considered for time evaluation, however priority will be given to the 50m competitions. The 50 m Pool Championship available, as of today are:

- February 11th, 2024, Calgary, Alberta
- February 24th, 2024, Gatineau, Québec
- March 16th, 2024, Markham, Ontario (invitation only)

The results need to be officialized by the meet manager of the specific competition.

Note: The 2024 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship could be used for the LWC 2024 if and only if there is a vacancy in the national team(s) LWC 2024 and it is the intention of the National Team Coach to fill this vacancy. The Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship will be used for future time reference and preselection purposes for the 2025 Commonwealth Championships Canadian National Team.

The National Team reserves the right to run a selection event before April 28, 2024 to evaluate performance that are not requiring a pool. After April 28, 2024, if the team is not completed, for the following reasons: it is impossible at this stage to complete the teams based on the published criteria's or a selected athlete withdraws from the process and there is no substitute for this athletes' profile (swim, craft, run), the National Team Head Coach could decide not to bring a full team to the LWC 2024.

The preselection of the of the National Team athletes will be announced before April 28, 2024, the final selection will be announced on April 29,2024.

To be considered for the LWC 2024 Canadian National Team Open or Junior, eligible athletes must submit an email of intent highlighting interest to join this delegation and their birthdate by 11:59pm (Eastern time) before April 1st 2024, to Brian Miess, National Team Administrator at brianm@lifeguarding.com.

For further information or clarification, please contact Pierre Tabah, National Team Head Coach at headcoach@lifesaving.ca.

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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:

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Dates:	August 26 to September 2024, (Tour Dates August 18 to September 2, 2024, subject to change)
Teams:	National Open Team – 6 female, 6 male National Youth Team – 6 female, 6 male
Fees:	\$5,000.00

Eligibility

The Lifesaving World Championships (the “Championships”) are intended for bona fide lifesavers who have demonstrated a commitment to lifesaving – athletes who are lifesavers first, competitors second.

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 athlete with the Lifesaving Society of Canada.
- Be a Canadian citizen, by birth or naturalization; or landed immigrant of Canada.
- Hold a current Canadian Passport by May 1, 2024 that has an expiry date no earlier than March 2, 2025
- 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.

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- 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 willing 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 Program.
- Agree to respect 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 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 this tour must report to Canada at the request of the head coach and/or participate in a designated national team training camp or event chosen by the head coach in Canada or abroad. Failure to comply with this rule will automatically result in removal from the list of athletes eligible to participate in that round.

Selection Criteria National Open Team and National Youth Team

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] between June 1, 2023 and April 28, 2024;
- A Canadian record performance in a competition between June 1, 2023 and April 28, 2024 in the Open or 15-18 yr age category events in any individual even on the Program of Events of the LWC 2024 [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];

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- A win in at least two individual events at the 2023 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships Open or 15-18 yr age category and/or the 2023 Commonwealth Championship [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 in the age group in which the athlete would compete at the LWC 2024;
Surf Swim, Beach Flags, Beach Sprint, Board, Surf Ski, Oceanman/woman.
- An Outstanding performance in the 2023 Canadian Pool Championship or in the 2023 Commonwealth Championship in the Open or 15-18 yr age category in any individual event on the Program of Events of the LWC 2024 program - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- An Outstanding performance in the 2023 Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships in the age category in which the athlete would compete at the LWC 2024:
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 April 28, 2024.
- Best position in any individual ILS surf event achieved between June 1, 2023 and April 28, 2024.
- Contribution in team events at the 2023 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships or the Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships 2023 or in an International ILS sanctioned competition between June 1, 2023, and April 28, 2024.
- 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 April 28, 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).

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If an athlete is selected on a time or a performance achieved in 2023, the athlete must be able to demonstrate that he/she has maintained his/her level of performance by submitting recent times equivalent to or greater than the times achieved in 2023 and must pass the performance evaluation tests required by the National Team coaching staff.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will proceed with the selection of the National Open and Youth Team (pre-selection and final selection) before April 28, 2024. The final selection will be announced on April 29, 2024.

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 not been involved 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.

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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.