2018 Team Canada Selection Protocol

PREAMBLE
1. Surf Canada will select athletes to compete in all the 2018 International Surfing Association (ISA) and Pan American Surfing Association (PASA) events. ISA and PASA competitions include Shortboard, Longboard, Bodyboard, SUP Surfing, SUP Racing, Prone Racing, and Adaptive/Para categories for both Men and Women. All selections will be administered by Surf Canada.
2. The ISA, PASA, and International Olympic Committee (IOC) determine the number of athletes that may compete at their events by establishing quotas per discipline for each country participating. Those quotas guide Surf Canada's Qualification System.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
3. The following guiding principles have been taken into consideration in the development of the 2018 Surf Canada selection protocol:
   a) To select the best athletes to represent Canada at the ISA and PASA events
   b) To provide a clear pathway for athletes who strive toward being selected to represent their country

OBJECTIVES
4. Surf Canada's primary objective is to place within the Top 6 final Team standings in the 2018 PASA Surfing Games in order to qualify Team Canada for the 2019 PanAm Games, as well as Top 10 individual and Team results at ISA World Surfing Games (WSG) for Olympic 2020 Qualification pathway.
5. Secondary objective is to place within the Top 10 in all ISA events to qualify eligible athletes for Sport Canada Athlete Assistance, and to prove to the Canadian Sports System that Surf Canada athletes have the ability to win medals and/or demonstrate the potential to win medals at future major events i.e. Lima 2019, Tokyo 2020

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY – Team Canada
6. To be eligible for selection to Team Canada an athlete must:
   a) Be a Canadian Citizen with a valid Canadian Passport or a Canadian Citizenship Card/Certificate and will have a Canadian Passport at least 6 weeks prior to registration of International event(s)
   b) Born on the year or before 2004
   c) Comply in all respects with the Anti-doping policy of ISA and the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) Code
   d) Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Surf Canada or any other surfing authority having jurisdiction over the Athlete or the competition i.e. ISA, Pan American Surfing Association (PASA), World Surf League (WSL)

SELECTION FORMAT
7. **Method A** – Result Based Nomination – selection period: 2018
   Priority 1: Win at Surf Canada National Championships
Priority 2: Next Podium result at Surf Canada National Championships (if applicable, see Appendix “A” - ’18 Quota)

Priority 3: In the unlikely event that Method A can not be implemented, Method B will be used

8. **Method B – Merit Based Nomination** – selection period: Jan.1 2017 to 60 days before competition

   Priority 1: Podium result, in order of importance: WSL, ISA, PASA, Surf Canada, or other eligible and approved events. Athletes with multiple podiums will be ranked higher

   Priority 2: Demonstrates medal potential to The Board as determined by the Athletes performance curves, Surf Canada’s Gold medal profile, and Podium pathway

   Priority 3: Best 2 results within the top ½ of the field size at eligible competitions, in order of importance from Priority 1, during the selection period

9. In the event of a tie in the result(s) in the implementation of the above nomination process, the tie will be broken by the tied athlete’s single best percentile of field placing, then 2nd best, 3rd best, and so on, until the tie is broken. Only results from eligible competitions will be considered. Percentile of field placing is calculated according to the following formula: (Field size - Placing) / Field Size x 100

10. Athlete rankings based on the selection process will ordinarily determine the order of selection for available High-Performance Program (HPP) positions. However, Surf Canada’s HPP Management and Coaching staff has the right to recommend athletes to The Board for selection in an order other than that indicated by the rankings

**ALTERNATES**

11. Surf Canada may choose to identify alternate athletes who, because of quota limitations, cannot be initially offered Team positions.

12. Should an athlete decline an offered Team position, that position can then be offered to the highest ranked alternate. The alternate shall have one (1) week in which to confirm their acceptance of the position.

**APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS**

13. Final decisions on athlete selection shall be ratified by The Board of Directors of Surf Canada, on the basis of recommendations by the Sport & HPP Director, in consultation with Surf Canada coaching staff.

14. The Board of Directors of Surf Canada, in consultation with the Sport & HPP Director, shall resolve issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol.

15. Decisions made pursuant to this Selection Protocol document may be appealed in accordance with the Surf Canada Appeal Policy.

*The publication of Surf Canada polices will be in the English and French languages. In the case of conflicting interpretations, the English version will prevail.*
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APPENDIX “A”

2018 EMBRASSED QUOTAS

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