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2019 Team Canada Selection Protocol – non Olympic pathway

1.0 PREAMBLE

Surf Canada will select athletes to compete in all the 2019 International Surfing Association (ISA) and Pan American Surfing Association (PASA) events. ISA and PASA competitions in Junior Shortboard U18 & U16, Longboard, Bodyboard, SUP Surfing, SUP Racing, Prone Racing, Masters Shortboard and Adaptive/Para categories for both Men and Women. All selections will be administered by Surf Canada.

The ISA and its member organizations (i.e. PASA) 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.

2.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following guiding principles have been taken into consideration in the development of the 2019 Surf Canada selection protocol:

- To select the best athletes to represent Canada at the ISA and PASA events.
- To provide a clear pathway for athletes who strive toward being selected to represent their country

3.0 OBJECTIVES

- Surf Canada's primary objective is to select Canada's best surfers to compete at ISA sanctioned events and will make a positive and lasting contribution for the next generation of Canadian surfers.
- Secondary objective is to finish within the Top 10 in all ISA events to provide evidence based data 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.

4.0 IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY – Team Canada

To be eligible for selection to **Team Canada** an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian Citizen with a valid Canadian Passport or a Canadian Citizenship Card/Certificate, and will have Canadian Passport 6 weeks prior to registration of International event(s).
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-doping policy of ISA, Canadian Anti Doping Program (CADP) and the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) Code
- Not subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by the 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)

5.0 SELECTION FORMAT

Method A – Result Based Nomination – selection period 2019

Priority 1: Win at Surf Canada National Championships

Priority 2: Next Podium result at Surf Canada National Championships (if applicable, see '19 Quota spots document)

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

Method B – Merit Based Nomination – selection period Jan.1 2018 to 60 days prior to 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.

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: $(\text{Field size} - \text{Placing}) / \text{Field Size} \times 100$.

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.

5.0 ALTERNATES

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

6.0 APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

- Final decisions on athlete selection shall be ratified by The Board of Directors of Surf Canada, on the basis of recommendations by the E.D., in consultation with Surf Canada coaching staff.
- The Board of Directors of Surf Canada, in consultation with the E.D., shall resolve issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol.
- Decisions made pursuant to this Selection Protocol document may be appealed in accordance with the Surf Canada Appeal Policy.