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2019-2020 ISA Team Canada Selection Criteria | Olympic Pathway National Team

A. Introduction

According to Section B(2) of the Olympic Qualification System established by the International Surf Association (“ISA”),¹ each National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) can qualify a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (“Tokyo Olympics”).

Athletes may qualify for the Tokyo Olympics at the following events:²

- 2019 World Surf League Championship Tour
- 2019 and 2020 ISA World Surfing Games
- 2019 Pan American Games

In addition, in order to be eligible to participate in the Tokyo Olympics, athletes must fulfill the minimum participation requirements in the ISA World Junior Surfing Championships (as applicable) and the 2019 and 2020 ISA World Surfing Games, in accordance with the relevant and applicable ISA regulations.³

On the basis of the above, Surf Canada must select athletes to participate in the 2019 and 2020 ISA World Surfing Games (“WSG”) in order to ensure that it satisfies the ISA’s Tokyo Olympics eligibility requirements and to attempt qualify the maximum number of athletes per gender for Canada for the Tokyo Olympics.⁴

Surf Canada may select a maximum of three athletes per gender to participate in the 2019 and 2020 ISA WSG. Selection be conducted in accordance with the criteria detailed in these 2019-2020 ISA Team Canada Selection Criteria (the “**Selection Criteria**”). Athletes selected to

¹ The ISA’s Olympic Qualification System can be found here: <http://isasurf.org/downloads/FINAL-2018-03-16-Tokyo-2020-Qualification-System-Surfing-eng.pdf>

² Please see Section B(3) of the ISA’s Olympic Qualification System.

³ The relevant and applicable ISA regulations can be found here: http://isasurf.org/ISA_Olympic_Eligibility_and_Nomination_Requirements_Tokyo_2020.pdf.

⁴ It should be noted that, while the 2019 Pan American Games are a qualification event for the Tokyo Olympics, in accordance with Section D of the ISA’s Olympic Qualification System, satisfying the Tokyo Olympics qualification requirements at the 2019 and 2020 World Surf Games will take precedence over qualification at the 2019 Pan American Games.



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participate in the 2019 and 2020 ISA WSG will be considered to be a member of Surf Canada's Olympic Pathway National Team.

It should be noted that, while Surf Canada will select three athletes per gender for the Olympic Pathway National Team, as indicated above and in the ISA's Olympic Qualification System, a maximum of two athletes per gender can qualify to participate at the Tokyo Olympics for Canada.

For the avoidance of doubt, these Selection Criteria only apply to selection to the Olympic Pathway National Team. Surf Canada will publish separate selection criteria for nomination and selection to the Tokyo Olympics.

B. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection to the Olympic Pathway National Team, athletes must:

- Be a Canadian Citizen (in accordance with Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter);
- Be born before December 31, 2003;
- Be a member in good standing with Surf Canada;
- Must compete at the 2019 National Team Trials;
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the ISA, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program ("CADP") and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation; and
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Surf Canada or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.

C. Selection Events and Competition Format

1. Events

Athletes will be selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team on the basis of their performances at the following events:

- 2019 Rip Curl National Championships, May 10-12, 2019, Wickaninnish Beach in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, BC;
- 2019 National Team Trials, May 13-14, 2019, Wickaninnish Beach in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, BC; and



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- 2019 Pan American Games, Lima, Peru, July 26-August 11, 2019.⁵

IMPORTANT: participation in the 2019 National Team Trials is by invitation based on results achieved at the 2019 Rip Curl National Championships. Please see subsection 2 below for the performance requirements that athletes must achieve at the 2019 Rip Curl National Championships in order to be invited to the 2019 National Team Trials.

2. 2019 Rip Curl National Championships

i. Women

The Top 6 ranked Women's Open Athletes from the 2019 National Championships plus two wildcards as selected by the Executive Director⁶ will be invited to compete at the 2019 National Team Trials.

ii. Men

⁵ Two athletes have already been selected for the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru on the basis of their 2018 results and no other athletes may be selected for this event. These athletes are Cody Young (Men; selected for the 2019 Pan American Games based on 2018 PASA results) and Bethany Zelasko (Women; selected for the 2019 Pan American Games based on 2018 WSG results) (referred to as the "**Male Pan American Games Entry**" and "**Female Pan American Games Entry**"). It should be noted that pursuant to Section D of the ISA's Olympic Qualification System, the highest placed athlete at the Pan American Games 2019 that has not yet qualified will obtain one quota place. Consequently, Surf Canada will utilize the opportunity of the 2019 Pan American Games and the above-mentioned athletes who have already qualified to compete at the 2019 Pan American Games in order to attempt to qualify an athlete in each gender for the Tokyo Olympics.

However, as indicated in Section C of the ISA's Qualification System, should either the Male or Female Pan American Games Entry (or both) qualify a quota spot for Canada at the 2019 Pan American Games, they must also compete at the 2019 and 2020 WSG in order to be eligible to participate in the Tokyo Olympics. On the basis of the above, the Male and Female Pan American Games Entries will be given priority selection status for the Olympic Pathway National Team provided that they place in the top 10 at the 2019 Pan American Games in their respective events if they do not place in the top 2 at the 2019 National Team Trials.

⁶ Wildcard invitations are reserved for targeted athletes who, due to circumstances beyond their control, fail to achieve results that they have previously demonstrated. Wildcard invitations will be issued by the Executive Director following consultation with the Head Coach.



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The Top 10 ranked Men’s Open Athletes from the 2019 Rip Curl National Championships plus two wildcards as selected by the Executive Director will be invited to compete at the 2019 National Team Trials.⁷

3. 2019 National Team Trials

i. National Team Trials Grand Final

In accordance with the Point Score Table below, points obtained at the 2019 Rip Curl National Championships and the results of the National Team Trials will be combined to identify the Top 4 athletes in each gender who will compete in the National Team Trials Grand Final.⁸

In the event of a tie going into the National Team Trials Grand Final in either the men’s or women’s event, prior to the Grand Final there will be a single heat surf-off and the winner will earn the spot in the Grand Final.

Every heat will include four athletes and will run for 20 minutes. The Top 2 from each heat advance.

Note that the Grand Final heats will be run for 25mins.

The ISA rulebook for competition rules will apply to the National Team Trials: http://www.isasurf.org/downloads/ISA_Rulebook_7_21_16.pdf

ii. Point Score Table

Rank	Points
1	1000
2	860
3	730
4	670
5	610
7	555
9	500

⁷ Please see footnote 6.

⁸ Please note that the Men will compete in two sets of trials, on May 13 and 14, 2019, respectively, while the women will compete in one set of trials on May 13, 2019.



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D. Selection Authority

The Executive Director (“ED”) is responsible for developing and approving these Selection Criteria.

The ED, in consultation with the Head Coach, is responsible for the implementation of these procedures. All Olympic Pathway National Team nominations will be approved by the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach.

The ED is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.

E. Performance Criteria

Surf Canada will select three athletes per gender to the Olympic Pathway National Team. Athletes who achieve the following results will be selected:

1. Men

- The top two male finishers in the Grand Final at the 2019 National Team Trials will be automatically selected to the Olympic Pathway;
 - o If the Male Pan American Games Entry finishes in the top two in the Grand Final at the 2019 National Team Trials, the third highest male finisher in the Grand Final at the National Team Trials will also be automatically selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team.
- If the Male Pan American Games Entry finishes in the top 10 at the 2019 Pan American Games but is not one of the top 2 male finishers in the Grand Final at the 2019 National Team Trials, he will be selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team;
- If the Male Pan American Games Entry does not finish the top 10 at the 2019 Pan American Games and did not finish in the top 2 in the Grand Final at the 2019 National Team Trials, the third highest finisher in the Grand Final at the National Team Trials will be selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team.

NOTE: If the Male Pan American Games Entry does not finish in the top 10 at the 2019 Pan American Games but is the third highest male finisher in the Grand Final at the National Team Trials, he will be selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team).

2. Women



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- The top two female finishers in the Grand Final at the 2019 National Team Trials will be automatically selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team;
 - o If the Female Pan American Games Entry finishes in the top two in the Grand Final at the 2019 National Team Trials, the third highest female finisher in the Grand Final at the National Team Trials will also be automatically selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team.
- If the Female Pan American Games Entry finishes in the top 10 at the 2019 Pan American Games but is not one of the top 2 female finishers in the Grand Final at the 2019 National Team Trials, she will be selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team;
- If the Female Pan American Games Entry does not finish the top 10 at the 2019 Pan American Games and did not finish in the top 2 at the 2019 National Team Trials in the Grand Final, the third highest female finisher in the Grand Final at the National Team Trials will be selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team.

NOTE: If the Female Pan American Games Entry does not finish in the top 10 at the 2019 Pan American Games but is the third highest female finisher in the Grand Final at the National Team Trials, she will be selected to the Olympic Pathway National Team.

F. Injuries, Illness or Change in Training Status

Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training status that could affect their ability to compete at either the 2019 Pan American Games (in the case of the Male or Female Pan American Games Entry) or at the 2019 or 2020 WSG. Failure to properly report injury or illness prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected from the Olympic Pathway National Team. Notification must be sent immediately to the ED and Head Coach.

Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness or change in training status that could affect their performance, Surf Canada will work with the athlete, Head Coach and available IST resources to ensure that a complete injury and illness assessment has occurred and a recovery plan is in place. This assessment will include a determination of the athlete's potential for recovery and ability to compete at their best.

If, in the case of an injury or illness only and following the assessment above, it is considered that the athlete is unable to compete at either the 2019 or 2020 WSG but would, if they qualify, be able to compete at the Tokyo Olympics in their normal state of health and at their usual performance level, Surf Canada will file a request to a review panel appointed by the ISA



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Executive Committee, which may exercise its discretion to decide that the athlete, who otherwise satisfies all of the other eligibility criteria, is considered eligible for nomination for and participation at the Tokyo Olympics.

However, if, following the assessment above, the athlete is deemed unfit to resume training/competition, the athlete will be declared unready for competition and may, by decision of the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach, be removed from the Olympic Pathway National Team in accordance with Section G below.

G. Removal from Olympic Pathway National Team

Once selected, an athlete may be removed from the Olympic Pathway National Team in the following circumstances:

- They incur an injury or illness or undergo a change in training status that, in the opinion of the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach and any available IST, renders them unfit or unready for competition, as detailed in Section F above;
- They are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation and will be serving a period of ineligibility during either the 2019 Pan American Games (in the case of the Male or Female Pan American Games Entry) or the 2019 or 2020 WSG; or
- They are found to have breached any of Surf Canada's policies or the policies of any other sport organization that has jurisdiction over them and have had a suspension imposed against them that will be served during either the 2019 Pan American Games (in the case of the Male or Female Pan American Games Entry) or the 2019 or 2020 WSG.

In addition to following the requirements detailed above, as applicable, or in any other relevant and applicable section of these Selection Criteria, any decision to remove an athlete from the Olympic Pathway National Team will be made by the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach.

H. Athlete Replacement – Injuries, Illness or Removal

In the event that an athlete is injured, ill, or otherwise removed from the Olympic Pathway National Team in accordance with Section G above, they will be replaced by the next highest finisher at the 2019 National Team Trials, subject to any restrictions (entry or otherwise) imposed by the Pan American Sport Organization (in the case of the Male or Female Pan



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American Games Entry), the ISA or any other sport organization that has jurisdiction over the athlete.

I. Unforeseen Circumstances

These Selection Criteria are intended to apply where fair competition conditions exist, and specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated circumstance(s). Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Surf Canada's control do not allow competition to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these Selection Criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in these Criteria to be applied.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances, the ED will, where possible, consult with the Head Coach to determine if the circumstances justify that competition or selection should take place in an alternative manner, which will be communicated to any affected athletes as soon as possible.

J. Amendments to Selection Criteria

Surf Canada may amend these Selection Criteria in the following circumstances:

1. When any amendments are made to the ISA's Olympic Qualification System that impact the Tokyo Olympics qualification criteria or any of the criteria detailed in these Selection Criteria;
2. Surf Canada receives information from an external party, such as (but not limited to) an event organizing committee (i.e., the Pan American Sport Organization), the ISA, Sport Canada, the COC or any other relevant organization; and
3. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in these Selection Criteria.

Any changes made to these Selection Criteria are deemed to come into effect immediately upon publication on Surf Canada's website. Surf Canada will publish the amended Selection Criteria by whatever means and wherever the original Selection Criteria were published and will inform any affected athletes as soon as possible.

K. Appeals



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Any athlete that is directly affected by a selection decision of Surf Canada may appeal that decision pursuant to Surf Canada's [Appeal Policy](#).

Notwithstanding the above, Surf Canada may direct the appeal to be heard first under its [Dispute Resolution Policy](#). The parties may also agree to resolve the matter using the Early Resolution Facilitation services offered by the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada ("SDRCC").

Alternatively, the Surf Canada and the Appellant may agree to bypass the internal appeal procedure and have the appeal heard directly before the SDRCC.

L. Approval and Effective Date

These Selection Criteria were approved by the ED on May 7, 2019 and were published on Surf Canada's website and communicated to athletes on the same date. They are effective as of May 7, 2019.