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ANOC WORLD BEACH GAMES 2023 Internal Nomination Protocol (INP)

PREAMBLE

1. Surf Canada will select athletes to compete in all the 2023 International Surfing Association (ISA) events and included Shortboard (WSG) and Longboard (WLSC) events. All selections will be administered by Surf Canada.
2. The ISA and Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) 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 2023 Surf Canada selection protocol:
 - a) To select the very best surf athletes to represent Canada at the ANOC World Beach Games (WBG)
 - b) To provide a clear pathway for surf athletes who strive toward being selected to represent their country

OBJECTIVES

4. Surf Canada's primary objective is to maximise the NOC athlete quota by placing within the:
 - a) 23 highest ranked eligible athlete standings per division in the 2023 ISA World Surfing Games (WSG) Maximum 2 per Female and Male divisions.
 - b) The single highest ranked Continental eligible athlete not yet qualified 4 a) respecting maximum NOC quota
 - c) top 9 highest ranked eligible athlete standings 2023 ISA World Longboard Surfing Championships (WLSC) in order to qualify the maximum athlete quota for the 2023 ANOC WBG. Maximum 1 per Female and Male divisions.
 - d) The single highest ranked Continental eligible athlete not yet qualified 4 c) respecting maximum NOC quota

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY - Team Canada

5. To be eligible for selection to **Team Canada** an athlete must:
 - a) Be a Canadian Citizen (as per the regulations of the ANOC WBG)
 - b) Have a Canadian Passport that is valid until at least February 12, 2024
 - c) Born on the year or before 2007
 - d) Be a member in good standing with Surf Canada
 - e) Sign, submit and comply with COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee Conditions of Participation by June 15, 2023
 - f) Comply in all respects with the Anti-doping policy of ISA and the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) Code
 - g) 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, PASA

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY (DMA)

6. The *Executive Director (ED)* is responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the COC for the *2023 ANOC WBG*.
7. The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) mandates *Surf Canada* to determine the Internal Nomination Procedures for the athletes and staff that will be nominated to the COC for the *2023 ANOC WBG*.
8. The E.D. in consultation with the Head Coach are responsible for the implementation of these procedures. All team nominations, including alternates and staff, will be ratified by the ED.
9. The Executive Director 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.
10. All *Surf Canada* nominations are also subject to the approval of the COC.
11. The ED has the final jurisdiction over the selection of the team. After the selection process is completed, if any spots remain unfilled, the ED has the authority to fill those spots. Where there is a lack of clarity or if unanticipated circumstances arise that are not covered in the selection criteria, a final and binding decision will be made by the ED.
12. The ED will confirm the final team composition for all major championships and Games using the criteria published in this document.

ON-SITE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

13. During the actual competition period onsite at the *2023 Games*, all final decision-making authority will reside with the head coach or the team leader in the absence of the head coach.
14. The seeding order will be made by the *head coach* in the exercise of his/her discretion. This decision will be a subjective judgment entrusted to him/her in his role with the team. The timing of this decision will be in accordance with any *ISA and ANOC* rules/regulations.
15. As per competition regulations, the team members and the seeding order of competition for each, shall be decided *5 days* prior to the competition. Any final changes of the team will be made by the head coach (*or the team leader*).

ATHLETE SELECTION & PROCESS

16. Period of qualification

The *Surf Canada 2023 ANOC WBG* qualification is based on the ANOC WBG Qualification System (attached). Should there be a discrepancy between this document and the Qualification System, the Qualification System shall prevail. In the event of changes by ISA or ANOC to the eligibility or selection criteria, Surf Canada is bound by these changes and will inform its members as soon as possible.

All athletes must have obtained a qualifying result at 2023 ISA World Surfing Games or 2023 ISA World Longboard Surfing Championships.

17. Process that will used

- A) Surf Canada will identify the eligible athletes it will nominate in the following ways, in the priority order listed below, until all quota places are filled.
 - As per ANOC WBG Qualification System, Athletes that earned qualification directly through ISA have priority
 - Highest ranked eligible athlete at the *2023 ISA WSG* and *WLSC* automatically qualifies to be nominated to the COC for the *2023 Bali World Beach Games*.
- B) To be eligible, an athlete must meet the *ISA and ANOC* criterion, in each event for which he or she is being nominated.



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ALTERNATE POSITIONS

18. It is the intention of the *Surf Canada* high performance program to identify 2 alternates per gender following the *2023 National Team Selections* in order to create a more optimal training group and to adequately prepare substitutes in the eventuality of an injury prior to the 2023 ANOC WBG. These alternates will be identified by *the 2023 Team Selection Protocol with the Executive Director*, following the subjective criteria identified in this INP and will train as the “*Games Squad*” right until the nomination deadline for the *2023 ANOC WBG*.
19. Surf Canada shall identify all athletes who meet the criteria for nomination set out in this INP, but who cannot be nominated due to quota limitations, as alternates in their specific event or events. The alternate athletes will not have the status, privileges, and obligations of a team athlete are not anticipated to travel with the team to the Games or pre-Games training camp.

PERFORMANCE READINESS & INJURIES

20. “Competitive ready” is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made by the ED, in consultation with the head coach, using all available information at his/her disposal including performance results and progress from *Jan.1, 2023 – July.1, 2023*, the suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other competitive readiness indicators, submitted medical documentation, consultation with the athlete’s personal coach, and any other relevant performance related information.
21. Athletes must agree to participate in any *Surf Canada* designated camps related to this event. Failure to comply will lead to removal from the team.
22. Mandatory training camps will be scheduled (*TBD*) for evaluation and preparation for the *2023 ANOC WBG*. Any athlete who does not attend these camps may have their selection revoked by *the ED*.
23. Once chosen, North American (excluding Hawaii) based athletes on the *Surf Canada 2023 Games Team* will be required to demonstrate their continued preparation, soundness and ability by participating in the *2023 Games* preparation program comprised of training sessions and competitions to be held (*TBD*). Athletes named to the *Surf Canada 2023 Games Team* that are not based in North America will be required to submit a complete preparation program including training and competition plan to be approved by *the ED*. The continued preparation, soundness and ability of non-North American based athletes will be monitored by the ED throughout the preparation period therefore athletes must maintain active communication with *the ED* or risk having their selection be revoked.
24. It is implicit that all athletes selected to the *2023 Games* team will prepare in such a way as to be at peak fitness for the Games. Surf Canada reserves the right to perform testing on athletes nominated for the *2023 Games* in order to assess their fitness. Surf Canada also reserves the right to remove an athlete from the team in case of injury or inability to perform at an appropriate level, and to replace that athlete with a nominated reserve athlete or to not replace that athlete at all.
25. Athletes being considered for selection to the *2023 Games* team must confirm their willingness to comply with the team preparation plans as set forth by executive director and to make themselves available if selected.

INJURIES

26. Once selected, athletes who do not remain competitive ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2023 Games. Notification must be sent to ED.
27. In the case of injury or illness, the ED will consider medical recommendations in making a final decision. Injured or ill athletes may be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the team head coach in consultation with the athlete's personal coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. This trial will have a predetermined expected outcome and will take place in Canada. These athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the athlete is not competition ready once onsite at the event, or has not disclosed an injury or illness, he/she may be asked to return home immediately.
28. Under extenuating circumstances an injured athlete who is unable to compete at the 2023 ISA WSG will be allowed to submit a petition to be reviewed by the Executive Director with the following conditions:
 - A) An athlete that qualified through the 2023 National Championships, and qualified for the 2023 ISA WSG but is unable to compete in those *Games* due to illness or injury will be able to petition for a special "*match*" if he or she has achieved a top 10 on the final 2022 WSL *Qualifying ranking* and no Canadian athlete in that discipline made the top 10 at 2023 ISA WSG.
 - B) A medical certificate must accompany the petition; however, Surf Canada may request a medical examination by a *Surf Canada* designated physician.
 - C) If multiple injury provisions occur in one *discipline*, the injured athletes must compete against each other first to determine who will compete for a spot on the 2023 *Games* team.
 - D) If an athlete is injured during a portion of the qualification period and unable to compete, the ED may elect to consider results from the 2023 *ISA World Surfing Games* in making its nomination decisions.

REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE ONCE SELECTED/NOMINATED

29. The ED, in consultation with the head coach may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with *Surf Canada's* Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available at www.csasurfcanda.org. Surf Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.
30. An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Surf Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).



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31. Prior to Team Nomination to the COC, the executive director will have the final authority over dismissal of any athlete from the athlete pool and/or *2023 Games* Team. Following nomination to the COC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. After July 8, 2023, any changes are also subject to the ANOC WBG Late Athlete Replacement Policy. Reasons for dismissal include, but are not limited to:
- Inability to maintain high training standards
 - Inability to meet performance expectations in competition
 - Inability to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reasons as determined by *Surf Canada's* medical staff
 - Violation of team rules
 - Violation of the National Team Code of Conduct
 - Detrimental conduct to the team and/or the image of *Surf Canada* or the national team program
 - Failure to adhere to all WADA, CCES, and COC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including participation in out of competition testing as required by WADA, CCES, and COC Rules
32. All nominated athletes may have their injury/health status assessed by the *ED* prior to the *COC nomination deadline/team selection date*. In the event that an athlete is deemed injured (or ill) by the *ED* as a result of having completed this assessment, the *ED* shall decide if the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to be nominated to the Bali 2023 Team.
33. The *ED* reserves the right to withdraw an athlete from nomination:
- A) If the athlete has not taken part in the mandatory training camps organized by Surf Canada prior to the event.
 - B) If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the Surf Canada Athlete Agreement
 - C) If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in Surf Canada's Code of Conduct.

AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

34. In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be fairly and objectively applied, the *ED*, in consultation with the *head coach*, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

APPEALS

35. *Surf Canada* nominations to the COC for the *2023 WBG* may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the *Surf Canada* Appeal Policy. Any dispute relating to Surf Canada Internal Nomination Procedures for the *2023 WBG* must be brought according to said Policy, or may be brought directly to the SDRCC with the consent of all parties.
36. If both parties are in agreement, Surf Canada Appeals Policy can be bypassed and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada who will then manage the appeals process.

COMMUNICATION

37. The Internal Nomination Procedures for the *2023 ANOC WBG* will be communicated through *Surf Canada's* official website and distributed by email to *2023 Surf Canada* national team members competing at the WBG and will be published prior to *Mar.1, 2023*.

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Timelines Summary*

ISA World Longboard Championships (TBC) 2023

Surf Canada Nationals/ISA World Team Selections April-14-16, 2023

ISA World Surfing Games May 30 - June 7, 2023

ANOC World Beach Games Quota Confirmation June 14, 2023

ANOC World Beach Games Team Canada Nomination(s) and Notification(s) June 14, 2023

ANOC World Beach Games August 5-12, 2023

*Subject to change