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Paris 2024 Olympic Games INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Event: Olympic Games

Dates: July 26th – August 11th, 2024

Competition Venue Location: Tahiti, French Polynesia

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Surf Canada for determining the athletes who will be nominated to represent Canada at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (“**Paris Olympics**”).

1.2 Objectives

Surf Canada’s objectives are to qualify the maximum of four (4) surfers permitted through the International Surf Association (“**ISA**”) Olympic Qualification System, except where additional quotas are earned pursuant to the Olympic Qualification System, and reach the podium at the Paris Olympics.

1.3 Team Size

Surf Canada’s team size at the Paris Olympics will be determined by the ISA qualification process, which is outlined [here](#). Except as otherwise provided in the ISA’s Olympic Qualification System, the maximum number of athletes that are able to qualify for the Paris Olympics per country is ordinarily two (2) women and two (2) men.

1.4. Timeline

Date	Milestone
September 2022 – June 2024	Qualification Period
1) September 16 - 24, 2022 2) May 30 - Jun 7 2023 3) January 2023 – September 2023 4) October 20 th , 2023 – November 8 th , 2023 5) February 26 th – March 2 nd 2024	1) 2022 ISA World Surfing Games 2) 2023 ISA World Surfing Games 3) World Surf League Championship Tour 4) Pan American Games 5) 2024 ISA World Surfing Games
On or before June 2024 (exact date TBC)	ISA will publish results on its website (www.isasurf.org) and inform Surf Canada of its allocated quota places, conditional



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	upon an athlete earning the allocated quota and fulfilling all eligibility requirements
June, 2024 (exact date TBC)	ISA to reallocate all unused quota places.
June, 2024 (exact date TBC)	Surf Canada Team Nomination Date
July 3 rd , 2024	Canadian Olympic Committee Nomination Deadline
July 8 th , 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries Deadline

*Surf Canada will update this Timeline as dates become available. Surf Canada may adjust this Timeline pursuant to Section 7 below and, in view of the external nomination and entry deadlines, to establish a deadline for appeals (as described in Section 8) to be filed.

1.5. General

Surf Canada will publish this Paris Olympics Internal Nomination Procedure (“INP”) on the Surf Canada website. It will also be emailed to all relevant members, athletes and coaches upon publication.

SECTION 2: DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

The Executive Director of Surf Canada (“ED”) is responsible for developing and approving this INP.

The ED, in consultation with the Head Coach, is responsible for the implementation of the procedures set out in this document and for ensuring that the process outlined herein is properly followed and is fair and equitable for all candidates. All Paris Olympics nominations will be approved by the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach.

SECTION 3: ON-SITE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

The ED is responsible for On-Site decision-making at the Paris Olympics. In the absence of the ED, the Head Coach will have decision-making authority.

SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA

This INP is based on the ISA Olympic Qualification System, as linked above, as it may be amended by the ISA. In the event of a discrepancy between this INP and the Olympic Qualification System, the Olympic Qualification System will prevail.

According to Section B.2. of the Olympic Qualification System, each National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) can ordinarily qualify a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender for the Paris Olympics. This number could increase to three (3) athletes per NOC for the highest ranked teams per gender in the 2022 and/or 2024 ISA World Surfing Games.



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Quota places are allocated to athletes by name for the following events:

- 2023 World Surf League Championship Tour
- 2022, 2023 and 2024 ISA World Surfing Games
- 2023 Pan American Games

Quota places allocated by NOC are as indicated in Section B.3. of the ISA's Olympic Qualification System.

In order to be eligible to participate in the Paris Olympics, athletes must also satisfy the additional ISA Athlete Eligibility criteria, including:

1. Be in good standing with Surf Canada and the ISA in accordance with the ISA Rule Book in force at the time of the Paris Olympics.
2. Have fulfilled the minimum participation requirements in the 2023 and 2024 ISA World Surfing Games.

Surf Canada will select athletes to participate in the 2024 ISA World Surfing Games (“**WSG**”) in order to fulfil their participation requirements and attempt to qualify the maximum number of athletes per gender for Canada for the Paris Olympics.

SECTION 5: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

In addition to satisfying the criteria established by the ISA's Olympic Qualification System, in order to be eligible to compete at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, athletes must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of Surf Canada and a member in good standing.
- Hold Canadian citizenship, as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- Accept nomination to the team by the deadline that has been or will be specified by Surf Canada.
- Maintain Olympic eligibility in accordance with the IOC and ISA guidelines for athlete eligibility within the sport.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (“**COC**”) Athlete Agreement and Tokyo 2024 Conditions of Participation form by the deadline (June 24, 2024).
- Possess a valid passport that does not expire on or before February 11, 2025.
- Be part of the Olympic Pathway National Team selected in February 2024, unless being named as an Alternate or Late Athlete Replacement (see Section 6.2).
- 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



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- has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation;
- Be in compliance with the vaccination policies and requirements of Surf Canada, the COC, the ISA, the IOC, and the host country of the event (if applicable); and
 - Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Surf Canada or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them, including Abuse-Free Sport/the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner.
 - Sign and submit an Abuse-Free Sport Participant Consent Form if requested to do so by Surf Canada or the COC

SECTION 6: SURF CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA

6.1 Selection Process

Surf Canada will use the ISA's Olympic Qualification System to determine athlete qualification for the Paris Olympics, as detailed in Section 4 of this document.

Surf Canada will nominate athletes who qualify by name through the ISA's qualification process to the Paris Olympics Games Team.

In the event that Surf Canada earns a third quota allocation through the team results of the 2024 ISA WSG, and subject to all eligibility criteria established by the ISA and Surf Canada, the additional Quota allocation will be awarded to the eligible athlete of that gender with the highest individual finish at the 2024 ISA WSG, who has not otherwise qualified by name through the Olympic Qualification System.

All Surf Canada nominations are subject to the approval of the COC.

6.2. Alternate/Late Athlete Replacement

Surf Canada will only nominate alternate athletes who have qualified by name according to the ISA policy for alternates and late athlete replacement.

Substitutions after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after July 8, 2024 are also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

6.3. Performance Readiness

It is expected that all athletes selected to the Paris Olympics Team will prepare in such a way as to be at peak fitness for the Games. Surf Canada will provide a preparation environment to



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ensure peak performance for its athletes but accepts that some athletes may choose to conduct some or all of their preparation outside the Surf Canada program. The ED, in consultation with the Head Coach, must approve programs of those training outside of the Surf Canada program. Surf Canada reserves the right to remove an athlete from the team in case of injury, illness or inability to perform at an appropriate level, and to replace that athlete with a nominated alternate athlete or to not replace that athlete at all.

6.4. Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated

Once selected, an athlete may be removed from the Paris Olympics Team in the following circumstances:

- They incur an injury or illness or undergo a change in training status in the immediate lead up to and/or during Games-time that, in the opinion of the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach and on the advice of the Surf Canada Chief Medical Officer*, renders them unfit or unready for competition, as indicated in Section 6.3. above;
- They are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation and will be serving a period of ineligibility, or will be serving a provisional suspension for an asserted anti-doping rule violation, that will be in force during the Paris Olympics; 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, including Abuse-Free Sport/the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner, and have had a suspension or provisional measures imposed against them that will be in force during the Paris Olympics.

Any decision to remove an athlete from the Paris Olympics Team will be made by the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach.

6.5. Injury, 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 the Paris Olympics. Failure to properly report injury, illness or a change in training status prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected from the Paris Olympics 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.

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



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of the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach and on the advice of the Surf Canada Chief Medical Officer* be removed from the Paris Olympics Team.

**If the CMO is unavailable, this decision can be made in consultation with the COC doctor or other member of the Integrated Support Team (“IST”) assigned to Team and approved by Surf Canada.*

SECTION 7: AMENDMENTS AND UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

The ED, in consultation with the Head Coach, reserves the right to make changes to this document which are, in their discretion, necessary to ensure selection of the most competitive athletes for the Paris Olympics.

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all relevant athletes as soon as possible. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the selection criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may result from typographical errors or a lack of clarity around definitions or wording before they have an impact on athletes.

In addition, in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Surf Canada that prevents Surf Canada from fairly implementing this INP as written, the ED, in consultation with the Head Coach, shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, changes to the ISA Olympic Qualification System or Quota reallocations.

If there are changes made to the document, Surf Canada will inform the COC of the reasons behind the change as soon as possible.

SECTION 8: APPEALS

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

SECTION 9: STAFF SELECTION

In order to be eligible to be selected as staff for the Paris Olympics, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of Surf Canada and a member in good standing.



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- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Team Agreement and Paris 2024 Conditions of Participation form by the required (June 24, 2024).
- Possess a valid passport that does not expire on or before February 11, 2025.
- Be a member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada
- Complete all training required by the COC (e.g. safe sport) by the required deadline
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the ISA, the 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
- Be in compliance with the vaccination policies and requirements of Surf Canada, the COC, the ISA, the IOC, and the host country of the event (if applicable); and
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Surf Canada or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them, including Abuse-Free Sport/the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner.

Surf Canada's ED has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including Team Leader, Coach and IST for the Paris Olympics. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

SECTION 10: LANGUAGE

This INP was originally drafted in English and translated to French. Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document which may be due to translation, the English version shall be used to understand the intent of the French version.

SECTION 11: CONTACT INFORMATION

For clarification regarding questions related to the INP, please contact:

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