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## 2024 ISA World Surfing Games TEAM CANADA SELECTIONS INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURE

**Dates:** January 31 – February 4, 2024

**Competition Venue Location:** Arecibo, Puerto Rico

### SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Purpose

With the ISA World Surfing Games (WSG), February 23 – March 3, 2024 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, this document outlines the qualification process and selection procedures of Surf Canada for determining the athletes who will be nominated to represent Canada at the 2024 ISA World Surfing Games (“WSG”) final Qualification event for 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 to reach the podium at the Paris Olympics.

#### 1.3 Team Size

Surf Canada’s team size at the ISA WSG is determined by the ISA, maximum of 3 women and 3 men. As per 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
January 28 – February 5, 2024	Surf Canada Team House available
1) January 29 – 30, 2024	1) Site Familiarization
2) January 31 – February 4, 2024	2) Team Canada WSG Selections
3) February 7, 2024	3) ISA The LineUp athlete registration deadline
4) February 18 – March 4, 2024	4) Surf Canada WSG Team House available
5) February 18 – 22, 2024	5) Team Training Camp
6) February 23 – March 3, 2024	6) ISA WSG

On or before June 2024 (exact date TBC)	ISA will publish results on its website ( <a href="http://www.isasurf.org">www.isasurf.org</a> ) and inform Surf Canada of its allocated Olympic quota places, conditional upon an athlete earning the allocated quota and fulfilling all eligibility requirements
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**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 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. 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 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.

**SECTION 5: INVITED SURFER SHORT-LIST**

Surf Canada’s High-Performance Staff have identified and compiled a short-list of Canada’s best competition surfers determined by priority hierarchy rankings as detailed in

**2024 Team Canada Selection Protocol:  
ISA World Championship Pathway - WSG**

Surfers on this short-list are invited to compete for available Women’s and Men’s ISA WSG Team Canada quota spots.

With the ISA registration deadline February 7, 2024 and the WSL QS in Pismo Beach January 22-28 and WSL QS in Dominican Republic February 7-11, we are limited with available opportunities to run a 4-day Team Selection Camp: Date is set for **January 31 – February 4**. Please make any necessary arrangements to compete.

Please read below to see specific format details and run dates (\*subject to change).



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## **Women Surfer Short-List:**

- Sanoa Olin – '24 Team Quota spot earned from qualifying for '23 Pan American Games and Olympic Games (participation is optional)
- Erin Brooks – '24 Team Quota spot earned from qualifying for '23 Pan American Games (\*eligibility TBD, participation is optional)
- Mathea Olin
- Ocea Green
- Paige Alms
- Ellie Brown
- Bethany Zelasko

## **Men Surfer Short-List:**

- Cody Young – '24 Team Quota spot earned from qualifying for '23 Pan American Games (participation is optional)
- Wheeler Hasburgh
- Levi Young
- Reed Platenius
- Sean Foerster
- Shane Campbell

## **SECTION 6: TARGETED DATES:**

Familiarization Camp: January 29 – 30, 2024

WSG Team Canada Selections: January 31 – February 4, 2024

The following number of Olympic qualification quotas will be earned at the 2024 ISA WSG:

- o Men: Top 6 eligible ranking men + 1 spot for the NOC of highest ranked men's team
- o Women: Top 8 eligible ranking women + 1 spot for the NOC of highest ranked men's team

## **SECTION 7: 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 ISA WSG and 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.
- 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;
- 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 8: 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 ISA WSG and 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.



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## SECTION 9: WAVE LOCATIONS:

In order to determine Canada's best potential performers at the upcoming ISA WSG, Surf Canada will be delivering its Team Selections at the same venues. See map overview of each of the 3 podiums. Surf Canada will be running Selections at the same 3 ISA WSG podiums (Rastrial, El Pico & Margara). The podiums will be decided each day based on swell and conditions, with the objective of competing at each.

These breaks were strategically selected by the ISA and Local Hosts in Puerto Rico to emphasize the importance of the 2024 WSG venue having similar characteristics to Teahupo'o, the Paris 2024 Olympic Venue for Surfing. The 2024 WSG venue is unique in nature and requires a higher level of expertise than previous WSG venues, which is why Team Selections are at the same locations to ensure the performance and safety for all invited HP athletes.

Detailed wave information and Team Accommodation location ★



## Podiums 1 & 2 Rastrial & El Pico



Red lines indicate rocky shallow shore line with urchins. Podium 1 (Rastrial), the farthest East wave, is mainly a left-hand reef break that also offers some shorter right waves. It is not recommended that surfers paddle straight in or out from the sandy beach at Rastrial especially on low tide it can be very dangerous due to sea urchins and the shallow reef. The paddle out for Podium 2 (El Pico) is at the same spot as for El Rastrial. El Pico is an A Frame Peak also reef bottom. That offers barrels and good sections Right and Left with the left being the main wave.





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## Podium 3 Margara



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Podium 3 (Margara) is the farthest west peak. It is a heavy water A-Frame reef break with good barrel sections going left or right. The paddle out area is marked in blue. Although there are other key holes to paddle in at Margara, we recommend competitors use the marked paddle out/in spot through the channel of the Left-hand break.

## **SECTION 10: TEAM ACCOMODATIONS:**

Accommodations will be provided by Surf Canada from January 28 – February 5 for Team Selections, as well as February 18 – March 4 for ISA WSG. Each selected athlete has the discretion to opt-out of the Team Accommodations and are therefore responsible for the full cost. Any Guests of Athletes will be responsible to secure their own accommodations at their cost.

### *Surf Adventure Base*

*Address: 41 Calle Juan Colon Padilla, 00612 Arecibo,*

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*GPS coordinates: N 018° 28.399, W 66° 43.331*

### **Six-Bedroom House**

**Guest name:** Domagoj Domic

**Number of guests:** 9 adults

**Meal Plan:** There is no meal included in the rate for this house.

Air conditioning • Kitchen • Washing machine • Towels • Linen • Desk • Private entrance  
• Refrigerator • Tea/Coffee maker • Iron • Microwave • Flat-screen TV • Hairdryer •  
Dishwasher • Tumble dryer • Oven • Stovetop • Toilet paper

**Bed Size(s):** 4 double beds (131-150 cm wide), 1 sofa bed (Variable Size), 5 large double beds (151-180cm wide).

## **SECTION 11: SELECTION FORMAT '24 ISA WSG National Team Selections**

All invited surfers compete against each other for the available Team quota spots with this Incentivized Selection format that rewards consistent performance-on-demand in a variety of conditions over multiple days, accordant with ISA WSG.

### **11.1 JUDGING PANEL:**

In order to avoid any perceived or real Conflict of Interest from Surf Canada HP Staff, Surf Canada will be hiring three qualified and experienced WSL/ISA Surfing judges, who will be utilizing ISA judging criteria, for this Team Selection. Judges' scores/rankings of each surfer and subsequent results cannot be disputed and will be considered final.

### **11.2 HEAT FORMAT:**

The length of time of each round, timing of each round, as well as the location (Podiums 1,2,3), will be determined by the on-site staff, and will be taking into account the conditions and crowd.

All invited athletes will surf together, 2 rounds per day, over 4 days, for a total of 8 rounds. Each round will be filmed with 2 cameras, from the same point on land, to capture every wave surfed





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by every surfer (to the best of their abilities). After each round, the coaching staff will review with all athletes, all waves surfed, and it will be each surfer's decision, which 2 waves they will select to be judged remotely by WSL/ISA judges. Each judge will provide a rank of the combined 2 waves surfed against the others by gender. Those rankings are awarded points per round (see Point Score table 11.3), and points from each judge's ranking of each athlete will be added together for each round.

All rounds count towards each surfer's total. As per available quota spots, the top surfer(s) with the highest accumulated totals are selected for the '24 ISA WSG Canadian National Team. The 1<sup>st</sup> spot outside of available quota is the reserve surfer, and in the event that a Team surfer is deemed incapable of competing by either the ISA or Surf Canada's E.D., the reserve surfer will replace that Team surfer (as per section 12).

### **11.3 Points Per Round:**

In accordance with the Point Score Table below (per round), total accumulation of points over 8 rounds obtained at Team Canada Selections will definitively identify the Top surfer(s) for nomination to the National Team to compete at the '24 ISA WSG.

1st = 5

2nd = 4

3rd = 3

4th = 2

5<sup>th</sup> = 1

6<sup>th</sup> = 0

Eg. A winning round from all 3 judges, totals 15 points.

In the event of a tie for the final team spot, there will be a single heat surf-off, and the winner will earn the final team nomination.

### **SECTION 12: Alternate/Late Athlete Replacement**

Surf Canada will only nominate alternate athletes who have qualified by name, and are also subject to the ISA Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

#### **12.1 Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated**

Once selected, an athlete may be removed from the ISA WSG 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;

- 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 WSG and 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 WSG and Paris Olympics.

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

Please respond to this email with a YES if you intend to compete or NO

**SECTION 13: CONTACT INFORMATION**

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