



## **SURF CANADA - SHORTBOARD QUALIFICATION CRITERIA – 2026**

### **Senior (Open) Shortboard Qualification Criteria**

#### **1. NOMINATION DATE**

1.1. The Nomination Date will be 90 days before the 2026 Senior/Open Shortboard ISA World Championships (*Nomination Date*).

#### **2. ATHLETE NOMINATION**

2.1. Further to sections 5.5 and 5.6 of the 2026 *Canadian National Team Nomination Framework*, the *Selection Committee* will nominate three athletes to each of men's and women's senior shortboard teams based on the following criteria for each team:

2.1.1. Two athletes will be selected based on the highest World Surf League (WSL) rankings as of the *Nomination Date*.

2.1.1.1. If an athlete selected based on the highest WSL ranking declines their nomination to the *Canadian National Team*, the athlete with the next highest WSL ranking will be selected.

2.1.2. One athlete will be selected based on their performance at a 2026 team trial (*Wild Card Position*) to be held 30-45 days after the *Nomination Date* (*Team Trials*)

2.1.2.1. If the athlete selected to the *Wild Card Position* declines their nomination to the *Canadian National Team*, the *Selection Committee*, in consultation with the *Head Coach*, will nominate the next highest ranked athlete at the *Team Trials*.

#### **3. INVITATION TO THE TEAM TRIALS**

3.1. The *Selection Committee*, in consultation with the *Head Coach*, will invite up to five athletes to compete for each of the men's and women's *Wild Card Position* at a location identified by the *Head Coach*.

3.2. Athletes will be invited to compete for the *Wild Card Position* at the *Team Trials* according to the following:



3.2.1. The athlete placing first in the 2026 Canadian National Championship will be invited to the Team Trial;

3.2.1.1. In the event that the athlete finishing in first place declines the invitation to the Team Trials, the athlete ranking second will be invited to the Team Trials. If the athlete ranking second declines the invitation, the Selection Committee has the discretion to invite the athlete ranking third to participate in the Team Trials.

3.2.2. Up to four other athletes will be invited to participate in the discretion of the *Selection Committee*, in consultation with the *Head Coach*, taking into account:

3.2.2.1. each athlete's ranking, in order of priority, in the WSL Championship Tour (CT), WSL Challenger Series (CS), the 2026 Surf Canada Nationals, WSL Qualifying Series (QS) and any other events sanctioned by ISA recognised national sports federations;

3.2.2.2. each athlete's best two results within the top 25% of the field size at events identified in s. 3.2.2.1, taking into account the depth, quality and strength of the competitive field, the surf conditions and type of surf break and how closely it relates to the conditions expected at the 2026 ISA World Championship event, and medal potential.

#### **4. WILD CARD SELECTION PROCESS**

4.1. The Head Coach and Selection Committee will select the athlete for the Wild Card Position based on a combination of the following:

4.1.1. Each athlete's overall performance throughout the Team Trials;

4.1.2. Each athlete's skills, experience, fitness and performance indicators;

4.1.3. A review by the *Selection Committee* of each athlete's submission of video tape of up to three waves during the Team Trials; and

4.1.4. In the discretion of the *Selection Committee* and *Head Coach*, a surf-off competition.

4.2. Surf Canada will inform each athlete selected to the Wild Card Selection Process at least 30 days before the ISA World Championship event. (*Wild Card Selection Date*).



## Junior Shortboard Qualification Criteria – 2026

### 1. NOMINATION DATE

- 1.1. The Nomination Date will be at least 30 days before the 2026 Junior Shortboard ISA World Championships (*Nomination Date*).

### 2. ATHLETE NOMINATION

- 2.1. Further to sections 5.5 and 5.5 of the 2026 *Canadian National Team Nomination Framework*, the *Selection Committee* will nominate two athletes to each of the boy's and girl's U16 and U18 junior shortboard teams based on the following criteria for each:
  - 2.1.1. The top two ranked athletes at the 2026 Canadian National Championships will be selected to the U16 and U18 Junior Canadian National Team.
  - 2.1.2. One athlete will be selected to each of the U16 and U18 Junior Canadian National Team, in the discretion of the Selection Committee, in consultation with the Head Coach based a consideration of the athlete's results in completion over the last 12 months, including ISA results, National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) and WSL QS results and rankings in national or regional completion as well as athlete skill, experience, fitness, and development potential.
- 2.2. Surf Canada will inform the athletes selected to the U16 and U18 Junior Canadian National Team on or before the *Nomination Date*.