

2011-2013 WSWC National Team Program Outline

Program Goals

1. To place classic water skiers on the podium at the World Championships, Pan American Games and other notable international competitions.
2. To develop high performing classic water skiers in World Championships and Pan American Games podium finishers.
3. To offer support to athletes non-financially, as well as through Canadian multi-sport organizations like Athletes CAN and Canadian Sport Centres who offer benefits and programs to National Team athletes.
4. To involve the National Team members in WSWC fundraising activities and assist in mentoring, supporting and promoting water ski in Canada.

Program Period

2011 IWWF World Championships (July 2011) to the 2013 IWWF World Championships.

Athletes Eligible for Selection

To be eligible for the Classic Water Ski Senior National Team, the athlete must be a WSWC member in good standing, must meet all Canadian and IWSF eligibility requirements for participation in national and international competition and is prepared to commit to the National Team program.

Athletes will be selected to the 2011-2013 National Team Program on a two-tiered basis. Tier 1 National Team Athletes will consist of those athletes selected to the 2011 IWSF World Championships AND who are Sport Canada AAP carded. Tier 2 National Team Athletes will consist of those athletes selected to the 2011 IWSF World Championships.

In order to remain a member of the Tier 1 Classic Water Ski Senior National Team in the second year of the program, athletes will need to maintain their carding status in the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program. Should carding status not be maintained the athlete will be classified as a Tier 2 National Team Athlete.

WSWC National Team Agreement

All Classic Water Ski National Team members shall sign and abide by the WSWC 2011 Athlete Agreement prior to admittance into the program.

WSWC Tier 1 National Team Members Benefits

- A. Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada support
- B. Canadian Sport Community multi-sport organization benefits, services and support
- C. CAIP Insurance

A. Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada Support

WSWC will support National Team athletes with coverage of their yearly competitive licence, and travel to the Canadian Classic Water Ski Championships. Athletes must still purchase their Provincial memberships. Provincial memberships must be renewed before Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada will renew competitive licences.

Athletes participating in this program will also be monitored and supported by WSWC's National Team Head Coach throughout the year.

Members of the National Team will have the opportunity to attend testing and technical information sessions, follow and be monitored as part of a year-round strength and conditioning program.

B. Canadian Sport Community multi-sport organization benefits, services and support

As members of the WSWC National Team, athletes will benefit from services from the Canadian Sport Centres and Athletes CAN, amongst others. It is up to the athlete to communicate with WSWC head office or the associations directly to inquire about the services they are eligible for.

C. Canadian Athlete Insurance Program

WSWC will enrol National Team athletes in the In Canada coverage at the Bronze level for the duration of this program. This insurance differs from most basic medical insurance because it recognizes most accidents and injuries related to sport activities.

WSWC will also purchase out of country insurance for activities that are part of the National Team Program.

In order to be eligible, athletes must show proof of a valid provincial health card. Athletes who do not have a valid provincial health card must purchase their own insurance at their own cost.

WSWC Tier 2 National Team Members Benefit

- A. Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada support
- B. CAIP In-Canada Insurance - valid provincial health card required.

A. Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada Support

WSWC will support Tier 2 National Team athletes with coverage of their travel (airfare or ground transportation) to the Canadian Classic Water Ski Championships. Athletes must still purchase their Competitive Licences and Provincial memberships.

Athletes participating in this program will also be monitored and supported by WSWC's National Team Head Coach throughout the year.

Members of the Tier 2 National Team will have the opportunity to attend testing and technical information sessions (travel is self-funded), follow and be monitored as part of a year-round strength and conditioning program.

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Petition for Exemption from Activities/Documentation Requirements

In order for the NTC to approve of an athlete's absence from a required event (National Championships, Sport Science Camp) the athlete must abide by the following:

1. The athlete shall submit to the NTC, no later than two (2) months prior to the start of the activity, a written request for exemption. The letter shall contain the reasons for the requested exemption.
2. The letter shall be considered a petition for exemption and shall be deliberated and ruled on at least 6 weeks in advance of the start of the activity.

Termination, Suspension or Withdrawal

An athlete's membership in the 2011-2013 WSWC National Team Program may be terminated, suspended or withdrawn for the following reasons:

- a. Voluntary withdrawal and/or retirement;
- b. Failure to meet training or competitive commitments;
- c. Violation of the WSWC 2011-2013 Athlete Agreement;
- d. Gross breach of discipline, as outlined in the WSWC Code of Conduct Policy;
- e. Fraudulent misrepresentation;
- f. Doping violations.