

2024 Criteria - WSWO Water Ski Team

Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario is pleased to announce the criteria for the **2024 Ontario Water Ski Team**. Below you will find information on different team levels and the team selection process. It is our hope that we will continue to give our competitive water skiers an opportunity to push themselves further, with hopes of one day competing on the Junior, U21 and Elite Canadian National Water Ski Teams.

As part of a training plan for the Ontario Water Ski Teams, formal training camps have been set up and will be regulated by the current **Ontario Provincial Team Coach (PTC), Jason McClintock**, in order to provide continual professional training to our athletes and help them achieve their own personal goals within our sport. *Athletes are not required to attend these team training camps, but are encouraged to seek out quality training from an NCCP Competitive Certified Water Ski Instructor if they are unable to attend.*

How does funding work?

Due to ever-changing provincial grants and fundraising opportunities, each season's funding may vary. We aim to do our best as an organization to maintain these funding levels and increase funding opportunities. Finalized funding information will be sent out to all successful applicants prior to accepting a named position on the **2024 Ontario Water Ski Team** once we can assess team size and demand. Funding will go towards, but is not limited to, tournament entry fees, team uniforms and training incentives.

Tournament and training funding will be void if you do not meet the team criteria for the current season in your respective team level. Team members are required to send the PTC their proof of tournaments at the end of the season in order to receive their funding.

How are the Ontario teams selected?

All interested athletes must apply by filling out the application form attached. All applications must be submitted to the **Provincial Team Coach (PTC)** within the deadline emailed by WSWO and/or the PTC, which are also posted on the Team Application page. All Canadian and International sanctioned event scores will be used for team placement.

To apply online please visit: www.skimclintocks.com/water-ski-team-application

All team applications will be verified and approved by **WSWO Water Ski Committee Chair, Stephen Collins**. Teams will be selected based on athlete score percentage and will follow strict fair practice guidelines.

Tier 1: Ontario Provincial Team

Team Eligibility Criteria

All athletes must meet the following Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario athlete eligibility criteria during both the **current (2024)** and **previous year (2022)**. Any exception submissions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the PTC and WSWO. All exception submissions must be sent to the Ontario PTC along with your team application within the deadline emailed by WSWO and/or the PTC, which are also posted on the Team Application page.

Send athlete exception submissions to:

Ontario Provincial Team Coach

Jason McClintock

jmac@skimclintocks.com

AGE

- Athlete must be **under 21 years old** as of **January 1, 2024**.

PERFORMANCE

- Top 12 Ontario skiers with the highest score percentages based on *the athletes' top (3) scores averaged* versus the *top (3) scores from the National Ranking List in their age division*. *If a multi-event athlete their highest percentage will be used in team selection*. Athletes must have a minimum of (3) scores from separate WSWO sanctioned (C1, RC, WRL) tournaments the year prior, however all Canadian and International scores may contribute to athlete score average.

Athlete Percentage Average Calculation Example:

· Skier 'A'

Athlete Slalom Score Average in (UW): 45

Top (3) Score Averages in (UW) Div.: 52

$45 \div 52 = 0.865$

Athlete score percentage = **86.5%** of division

- Athletes must have a minimum average score of 50% of their division average scores per event based on the most recent WSWC ranking list. Overall scores will not be included in score calculation;
- Athlete score average will be calculated as the average of their top (3) scores from (3) separate Canadian sanctioned (C1, RC, WRL) or Internationally sanctioned tournaments from the previous year;
- Second or third event funding will require a MINIMUM:

THREE scores from a C1 or RC tournament for Slalom

TWO scores from a C1 or RC tournament for TRICK;

ONE score from a C1 or RC tournament for JUMP;

- These scores must meet the WSWC regional minimums.
- You must declare your number of intended events in your team application
- NO elite or nationally funded team members are eligible, regardless of age or monetary amount of national funding;
- Athlete team selection subject to year over year performance evaluation by the PTC based on improvements.

EXCEPTION(S)

- Athletes may apply via written submission to the PTC for performance exemptions based on injury, education, or matters outside athlete control which prevented them from competing in the previous year. *If exceptions are approved your score percentage will be based on your last three competitive scores versus the current national average*

TRAINING

- Athletes must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program, maintaining the goal of continued personal growth and hopes of training towards a national team position;
- Athletes must maintain a positive team mentality towards their fellow team members, coaches and provincial organization;
- Athletes will be invited to attend future off-season camps during the early spring in Florida. These camps may be partially funded, but are not guaranteed;

TOURNAMENTS

- Athletes must compete in at least **half of all WSWO sanctioned (C1, RC, WRL) tournaments, with a minimum of (3) tournaments**, in the current season. Eastern's and National's apply towards WSWO tournament totals regardless of location;
- Athletes must compete **in Ontario's** of the current year while representing Ontario.
- **Eastern's OR Nationals are mandatory**
 - **If Eastern's or Nationals are HOSTED by Ontario are mandatory**
- Ontario's, Eastern's, and Nationals require qualification scores. Tournaments prior to these majors may be necessary in order to enter.

EXCEPTION(S)

- Athletes may apply via *written submission* to the PTC (jMac@skimclintocks.com) for failed tournament attendance based only on injury or emergency matters.

RESIDENCY

- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Athlete must be a permanent resident of Ontario, and continue to be a permanent resident throughout the term of the athlete contract;
- Athletes must be living in and continuing to train in Ontario within the summer months.

EXCEPTION(S)

- Full time enrollment in a post-secondary education institution (*Proof of enrollment required*)
- Full time enrollment in an educational program out-of-country for the sole purpose of advancement in water skiing (*Proof of enrollment required*), **although maintaining an Ontario Residence is still required.**
- No other exceptions will be made for residency for funding purposes

ATTITUDE, COACHABILITY AND TEAMWORK

- Athletes must maintain a positive attitude, be willing and receptive to the training and recommendations provided by approved coaches, and must maintain good sportsmanship both with fellow Ontario skiers, as well as skiers across Canada;
- Athletes will be subject to the WSWC code of conduct;
- Athletes must be positive role models for all Ontario skiers.

COMMITMENT

- Athletes must maintain steady commitment to training, camps and athletic development both on and off the water throughout the year;
- Athletes must maintain the goal of continued personal growth and training towards a national team position.

WSWO TEAM CRITERIA

- Athletes must be members in good standing with WSWO and must not be under a sanction that prohibits competition as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy;
- Athletes must meet all terms and conditions of current team athlete agreement, and have previously been in full compliance with any former agreements;
- Athletes must comply with the WSWC Code of Conduct.

Tier 2: Ontario Development Team

Team Eligibility Criteria

All athletes must meet the following Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario athlete eligibility criteria during both the **current (2024)** and **previous year (2022)**. Any exception submissions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the PTC and WSWO. All exception submissions must be sent to the Ontario Provincial Team Coach along with your team application within the deadline emailed by WSWO and/or the PTC, which are also posted on the Team Application page.

Send athlete exception submissions to:

Ontario Provincial Team Coach

Jason McClintock

jmac@skimcclintocks.com

AGE

- Athlete must be **under 21 years old** as of **January 1, 2024**

PERFORMANCE

- Top 12 (non-Tier 1) Ontario skiers with the next highest score percentages based on *athletes' top (3) scores averaged* versus the *top (3) scores from the National Ranking List in their age division*. *If a multi-event athlete their highest percentage will be used in team selection*. Athletes must have a minimum of (2) scores from separate WSWO sanctioned (C1, RC, WRL) other Canadian and/or International sanctioned tournaments from the year prior.

Athlete Percentage Average Calculation Example:

Skier 'A'

Athlete Slalom Score Average in (UW): 45

Top (3) Score Averages in (UW) Div.: 52

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Athlete score percentage = **86.5%** of division

- Athletes must have a minimum average score of 50% of their division average scores per event based on the most recent WSWC ranking list. Overall scores will not be included in score calculation;
- Athlete score average will be calculated as the average of their top (3) scores from (3) separate Ontario, Canadian or Internationally sanctioned (C1, RC, WRL) tournaments from the previous year;
- Second or third event funding will require a MINIMUM:

THREE scores from a C1 or RC tournament for Slalom

TWO scores from a C1 or RC tournament for TRICK;

ONE score from a C1 or RC tournament for JUMP;

- These scores must meet the WSWC regional minimums.
- You must declare your number of intended events in your team application
- NO elite or nationally funded team members are eligible, regardless of age or monetary amount of national funding;
- Athlete team selection subject to year over year performance evaluation by the PTC based on improvements.

EXCEPTION(S)

- Athletes may apply via written submission to the PTC for failed tournament attendance based only on injury or emergency matters.

TRAINING

- Athletes must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to a proper training and competitive program, maintaining the goal of continued personal growth and hopes of training towards a provincial team position;
- Athletes will be invited to attend future off-season camps during the early spring in Florida. These camps may be partially funded, but funding is not guaranteed;

TOURNAMENTS

- Athletes must compete in a **minimum of (3) separate WSWO sanctioned** (C1, RC, WRL) tournaments in the current season. Eastern's and National's apply towards WSWO tournament totals regardless of location;
- Athletes must compete **in Ontario's** of the current year while representing Ontario.
- **If Eastern's or Nationals are HOSTED by Ontario are mandatory**
- Ontario's, Easterns, and Nationals require qualification scores. Tournaments prior to these majors may be necessary in order to enter.

EXCEPTION(S)

- Athletes may apply via written submission to the PTC for failed tournament attendance based only on injury or emergency matters.

RESIDENCY

- Athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Athlete must be a permanent resident of Ontario, and continue to be a permanent resident throughout the term of the athlete contract;
- Athletes must be living in and continuing to train in Ontario within the summer months.

EXCEPTION(S)

- No exceptions will be made for lack of residency for funding purposes.

ATTITUDE, COACHABILITY AND TEAMWORK

- Athletes must maintain a positive attitude, be willing and receptive to the training from the PTC, and must maintain good sportsmanship both with fellow Ontario skiers, as well as skiers across Canada.
- Athletes will be subject to the WSWC code of conduct;
- Athletes must be positive role models for all Ontario skiers.

COMMITMENT

- Athletes must maintain **steady commitment to training and athletic development both on and off the water throughout the year;**
- **Athletes must show a dedication to compete, with goals of making the Provincial Team.**

WSWO TEAM CRITERIA

- Athletes must be a member in good standing with WSWO and must not be under a sanction that prohibits competition as per the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy;
- Athletes must meet all terms and conditions of current team athlete agreement, and have previously been in full compliance with any former agreements;
- Athletes must comply with the WSWC Code of Conduct.

Tier 3: Ontario Grassroots Team

Team Eligibility Criteria

All applications must be submitted to the Provincial Team Coach within the deadline emailed by WSWO and/or the PTC, which are also posted on the Team Application page.

AGE

- Athletes must be **17 and under** as of **January 1, 2024**.

TRAINING

- Athletes must know the fundamentals of slalom, and/or trick, and/or jump;
- Athletes will be welcomed to all training camps where they will train alongside Tier 1: Provincial and Tier 2: Development team members.

TOURNAMENTS

- Athletes **must compete in a minimum of (2) WSWO sanctioned (LTC, C1, RC, WRL) tournaments in the current season**. Eastern's and Nationals apply towards WSWO tournament totals regardless of location;

COMMITMENT

- Athletes must show a desire to advance their competitive development and a willingness to compete in WSWO sanctioned tournaments.

WSWO TEAM CRITERIA

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with WSWO