

**NWT SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
2011 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES
TEAM SELECTION PROCESS & TIME STANDARDS
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The NWT Swimming Association (NWTSA) and Sport North Federation will be sponsoring a swimming team at the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games (WCSG) in Kamloops, British Columbia. The NWTSA has established the following standards to select NWT Swim Team representatives.

Philosophy

The NWTSA supports the principles of broad based participation in sport and will seek to select as many swimmers for the WCSG as time standards and other limitations allow.

Selection Basis

The NWTSA is obligated to follow all of the rules and regulations related to swimming as outlined in the Technical Packages for the WCSG. As these documents have not yet been finalized the NWTSA policy for the selection of swimmers and coaches may be adjusted as required to comply with any changes in these documents.

Participants

Western Canada Summer Games

Based on the draft 2011 Technical Package:

12 Female

- 2 positions reserved for swimmers with a disability
- 2 positions reserved for Special Olympics swimmers

12 Male

- 2 positions reserved for swimmers with a disability
- 2 positions reserved for Special Olympics swimmers

Year of Birth – 1994 or later (1992 or later for swimmers with a disability and 1982 for Special Olympics swimmers)

Swimmer Exclusions

See the technical package

Competitor Eligibility

In addition to the conditions outlined in the technical package, swimmers must meet the following requirements before being considered for membership on the NWT Swim Team for the 2011 WCSG.

General

1. Swimmers must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. Swimmers must be members in good standing of NWT Swimming by December 31, 2010 for the WCSG.
3. Swimmers must participate in a prescribed training program developed by their coach in consultation with the NWTSA Head Coach selected for each Games. The swimmer must attend 80% or more of the prescribed practices and competitions detailed in this plan.

Time and Point Standards

4. Swimmers must achieve a minimum of two (2) NWT Swimming Time Standards (B or A times) to be eligible to be selected to the NWT Swim Team for the WCSG. These time standards must be achieved at a sanctioned swim meet or time trials within the 18 months prior to the Games and before the 3rd Tuesday in June 2011 to be considered for selection.

Team Selection

5. Swimmers who meet all of the conditions noted above and are interested in applying for selection must do so in writing (signed Code of Conduct) and submit proof of times achieved to the Head Coach if these are not available on the Swim Canada website.
6. The Head Coach will review all swimmer applications to insure compliance with the conditions noted above and then select the NWT Swim Team as follows:
 - a. If there are fewer swimmers qualifying the team than allowed for in the appropriate technical package then all swimmers meeting the

standards shall be named to the team provided they comply with the membership requirements outlined below.

- b. If there are more swimmers qualifying for the team than allowed for in the appropriate technical package then the swimmers with the highest total Swim Natation Canada point scoring system (as detailed on the SNC website) for their best three sanctioned swims will be selected until all of the available positions are filled provided they comply with the membership requirements outlined below.

Any swimmers not selected will be listed as alternates and may be selected at a later date should a selected swimmer not be able to continue on the NWT Swim Team.

Team Membership Requirements

In order to maintain their position on the NWT Swim Team, all swimmers named to the team must:

1. Sign a copy of and comply with the NWTSA and Sport North code of conduct and discipline policies.
2. Continue to comply with the selection conditions noted above
3. Assist with fund raising initiatives as approved by NWTSA
4. Pay any fees required by NWTSA or Sport North
5. Attend and participate in the NWTSA 7-10 day training camp in 2011 (time / date to be determined)

Swimmers failing to comply with these conditions may be removed from the team and an alternate named in their place. The Head Coach shall determine if any swimmer has failed to comply with any of the conditions noted and if they should be removed from the NWT Swim Team.

Appeal Process

Any swimmer (or their representative) not selected to the NWT Swim Team may appeal this decision to the NWTSA Team Selection Appeals Committee (TSAC). All appeals must be presented in writing and provide specific information on why the individual should have been selected to the NWT Swim Team.

The NWTSA TSAC shall include three individuals selected by NWTSA in cooperation with Sport North Federation. No member of the TSAC shall be directly involved in the related Games team as a coach, manager or parent of one of the selected swimmers.

The appeals committee shall operate under the conditions as outlined in Attachment 'A'.

Attachment 'A'
Northwest Territories Swimming Association
Western Canada Summer Games and Canada Games
Team Selection Appeals Committee

1. The Northwest Territories Swimming Association (NWTSA) Team Selection Appeals Committee (TSAC) shall convene to deal with matters properly brought to its attention as soon as is practical. The TSAC may meet in person or by other means agreed to by TSAC members.
2. The TSAC shall follow the rules of procedural fairness including:
 - a. Informing any individual(s) directly affected by the appeal of the process to be used to consider the appeal and render a decision
 - b. Allowing the individual(s), lodging the appeal to make a presentation him or herself or have a representative do so at the TSAC meeting convened to consider the matter
 - c. Informing the individual(s) lodging the appeal of the TSAC decision as soon as is practical after the decision has been made
3. A TSAC decision can only be appealed on the basis of an error in fact or a lack of procedural fairness. Any such appeals can only be made to a Special Review Committee (SRC) consisting of three individuals selected by NWTSA in cooperation with Sport North Federation. No member of the SRC shall be directly involved in the related Games team as a coach, manager or parent of one of the selected swimmers. No member of the SRC can be a member of the TSAC.
4. The SRC will determine whether or not there are sufficient grounds for an appeal. All appeals must:
 - a. Be submitted by the individual(s) directly affected (or their representative) by the TSAC decision.
 - b. The appeal must be submitted to the President of the NWTSA in writing and state the exact reasons for the appeal
 - c. The appeal must be submitted within three days of the TSAC decision being announced.
5. The Appeals Board shall follow the rules of procedural fairness as detailed above. No appeals of SRC decisions will be allowed.